

# Varsity Hoopmen Retain Lead Despite Cougars' Second Night Cage Win

By FRED TREADGOLD

Oregon's dashing ducks, after knocking over two opponents in three games, finally were tripped up, and by those fast-coming Washington State Cougars, 46 to 40. The scene was set at a Pullman locale, Saturday. Oregon appeared to have all but stepped through victory door with another game in their hind pocket.

But just as quickly as you could say "Jack Robinson," the door banged shut in the Ducks' astonished faces. Those upstart Cougars had sneaked past when the Webfoots weren't looking, and our boys were out there in the cold.

It was their first loss of the conference year.

Oregon still leads the loop with a three and one record.

Saturday's casaba scramble was a stereotyped copy of the first tilt, Friday—only this time Oregon faltered in the stretch and had to be content with a second-best finish.

After WSC center, Bob Sheridan, had flopped home a pair of gift tosses, Hobby's fired Ducks leaped back in their typical determined style with a small flurry to forge in front, 7 to 2. On the business end of this minor salvo were Warren Taylor, Captain Don Kirsch, and Roger Wiley.

Jack Friel's crafty Cougars then recaptured command, temporarily at least, 8 to 7, when Scott Witt, one of the top scorers for the night, Al Akins, and Gail Bishop creased the cords.

From that moment on it was ding-dong, with first one outfit seizing control of the game, only to relinquish it beneath a sustained counter-attack.

When halftime halted hostilities the teams straggled off to their dressing quarters, with WSC's hometowners clinging tenaciously and precariously to a paper thin 20-19 advantage.

Back onto the hardwoods after their brief respite, it was hammer-and-tongs again, neither team able to count up an appreciable lead.

Then came the pay-off. Ore-

gon, drooping after a four-games-in-three-nights stint, couldn't match the Cougars basket for basket any more.

Washington State waxed hot; Oregon stumbled. Scott Witt, that lanky junior from Longview, went on a point "bender" to pace the booming Cougars in a terrific 19-point uprising.

Oregon salvaged just two points during the rush.

Point-conscious Mr. Witt, however, had to surrender top scoring rights for the evening to his fellow forward, Gail Bishop. This all-conference point-demon canned 16 tallies while Witt ran second with 14 to his credit.

None of Oregon's varsity men were on very friendly terms with the hoop. Roger (Big Boy) Wiley, the capable frosh center, again was best on the Duck score pro-

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## Frosh Cagers Face 'Rubes' Tonight At McArthur

Into the second quarter of what was to have been a "No Name-No Game" league, an offensive minded frosh squad turn their talents toward the Junior Rubensteins this evening when they

match strategies in McArthur court with the Rubes at 7:30. The contest will be the first meeting of these two local quintets.

Not only do the freshmen take on an opponent when they meet the Rubes this p.m., but they take the floor opposite a team that has played some of the top teams of the state casaba association. The Junior Rubensteins are the last organized basketball team under the management of the same men who saw Bobby Anet and Wally Johanson, as well as the frosh mentor, Earl Sandness, play ball under that banner. So far this season, the Rubes have met ten opponents, and have defeated all of them once.

### Reports Good

Albany, University high school (twice), Cottage Grove, Springfield, Lebanon, St. Mary's, Moss-suffered defeat at the hands of hawk, and Junction City have the Rubes. Junction City, however, was able to salvage a portion of their series with the Juniors when they came back to break the Rubes unbeaten record by bouncing them in their second game together. Wally Mould, Hal Hagg, Stan Williams all are outstanding ball handlers, according to the reports of the Junior team. Lou Blais and Al Weinstein team to take care of the fall in their foe's fore-court are at the two guard positions.

The freshman starting line-up cannot definitely be decided upon, according to Frosh Coach Sandness. The close race for each position on the team is still going on at a furious rate. Speed in the practices as well as during the game is one of the favorite tactics of the Ducklings, and as yet they have to be shown how to compliment the speed they show on the floor. Because the starting lineup has not been released for the game, everything is pointing to a surprising evening.

### The March of Dimes

The March of Dimes drive will start rolling to Washington this week when every resident of the state is asked to donate one or more dimes to the national infantile paralysis relief fund.

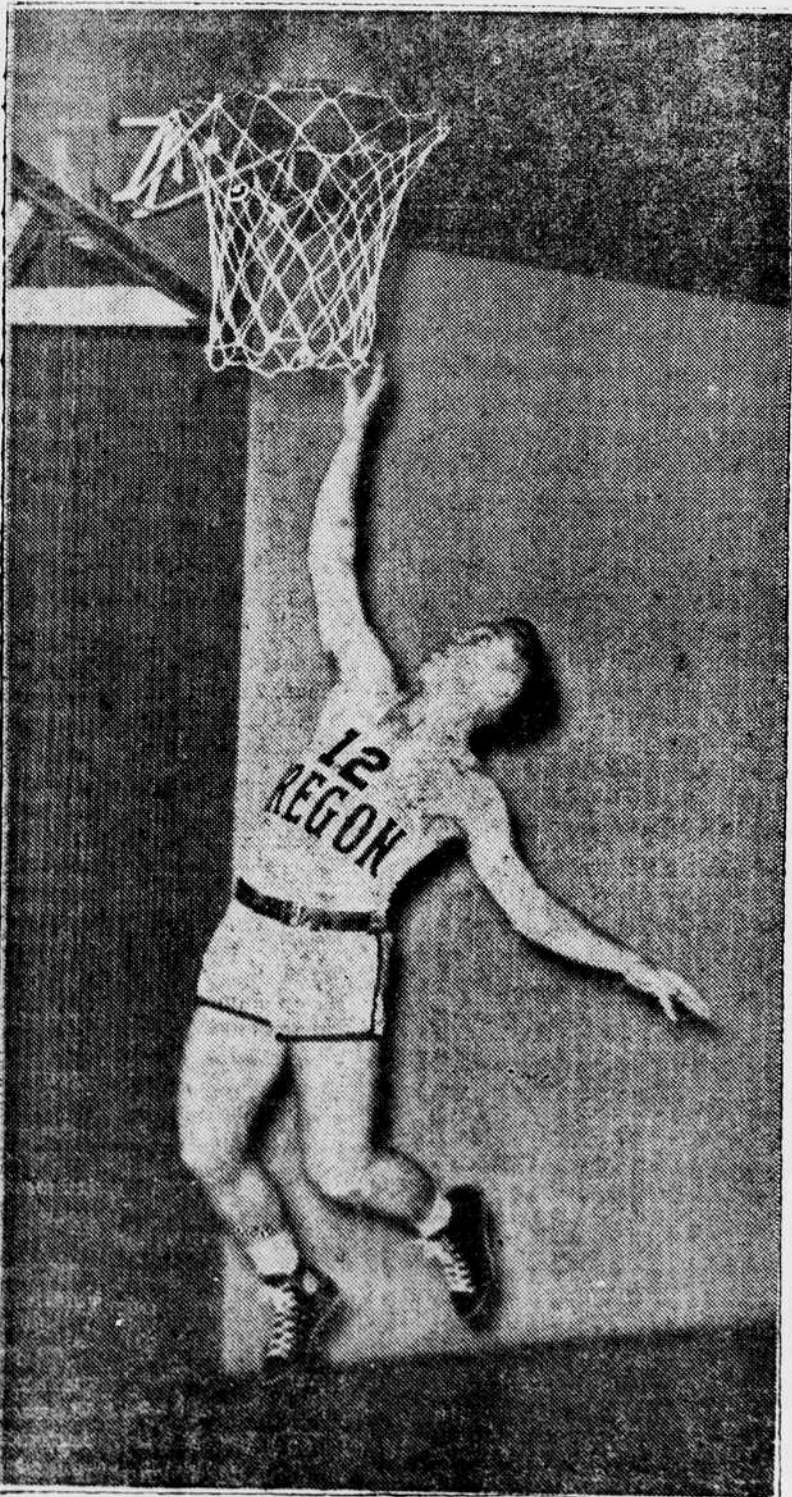
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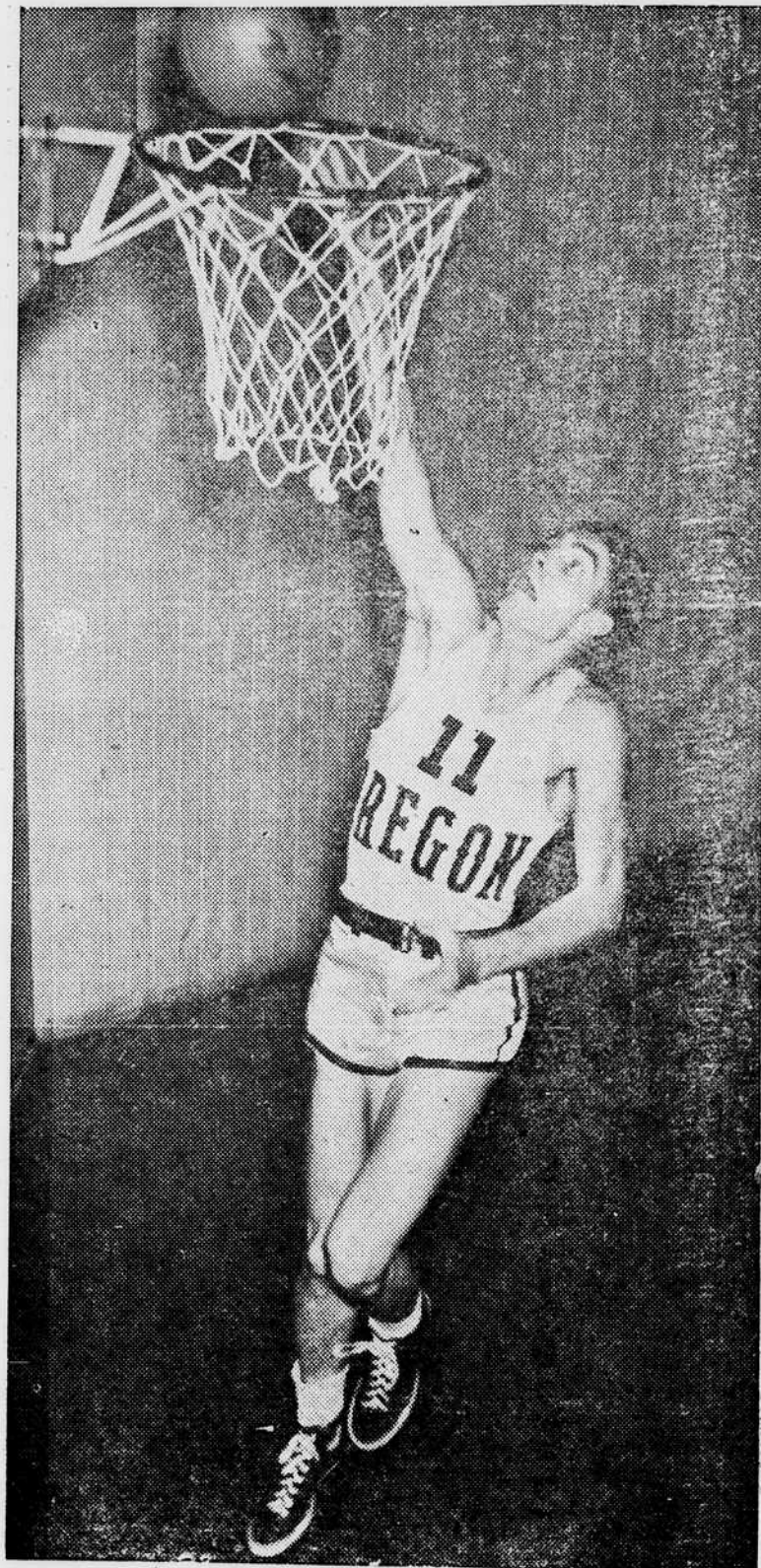
### NOTICE: ORDER OF "O"

There will be a meeting Wednesday noon at the Phi Delta Theta house. Pictures for the Oregana will be taken at that time.



LEADS THE WAY . . .

. . . Captain Don Kirsch has been one of the big guns in the Duck victory parade lately.



AMONG THE SCORERS . . .

. . . In the varsity's winning circles of late has been Rolph Fuhrman, veteran forward.

## Wiley Holds Scoring Lead

Gigantic Roger Wiley, the freshman striping who has added height and scoring punch to the Duck attack, still retained his grasp on the lead among the Oregon individual players.

In the race of games against WSC, Roger was able to toss in 16 points—considerably below his previous average, but still good enough to give him a 9.3 game average. Wiley's total for the four games to date is 39.

Warren Taylor, battling back-

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