



Hec Edmundson, Washington's genial, gum-munching hoop mentor who is one of the easiest-going guys in the coaching business on the coast, seems to have suffered a complete change of heart. For scooting down on the press wires from Seattle this week was a protest instigated by genial Hec concerning the validity of Roger Wiley's actions under the hoop last Saturday night at the Igloo.

Those who saw the Washington series can recall the activity of said Mr. Wiley. What it amounted to was Wiley merely stretching his 6 foot 7½ inch frame to its fullest height and batting down the Husky shots before they had neared the rim.

The elongated freshman center spoiled eight or nine well-cast Washington howitzers just before they could plunk through the hemp.

Irked the Players

Naturally this would rouse the ire of any coach and especially the player who, after drawing an accurate bead on the bucket, would see his best efforts go crashing to the floor.

There is a rule in the official basketball guide which states that a player cannot touch the rim or reach above the basket to bat down the ball.

But, Wiley was no-ways guilty of such a perpetration. His actions were strictly ethical, else Emil Piluso, one of the best referees in the Pacific northwest, surely would have reprimanded him. Piluso has no lost love for any player who tries to pull a "fasty" which is a rule infraction.

Hec Wails to Commissioner

Yet, from his Seattle camp, Edmundson sends up this moan, directed at Basketball Commissioner Rich Fox. Edmundson directed that Fox make an official ruling on Wiley's "bat-'em-out-before-they-get-there" stuff before Washington plays Oregon again Friday, this time at Seattle.

Trouble was brewing in the Washington dressing room Friday night after the Huskies had clipped our Ducks, 52 to 48. Bill Morris, Washington's aggressive guard, we distinctly remember, beefed to Edmundson regarding Wiley's tip-'em-out policy. Hec remained silent, evidently brooding over it till this week.

"It came as a surprise," Howard Hobson, Oregon's basketball boss, declared Wednesday. "Edmundson and I were talking after the game Friday night and he didn't even make any mention of it."

"It was the first time I have ever been accused by an opposing coach of such tactics," Hobby said, "and there was no reason for such a protest."

Wiley Didn't Touch Hoop: Hobson

The Oregon hoop mentor backed up his previous statement with "Wiley didn't even touch the basket."

Most logical explanation for the sudden outburst on the part of Edmundson was attributed by Hobson to the fact that the Huskies "must be worried about our series with them."

Just what action Commissioner Fox will take remains to be seen, but this corner feels certain that he will merely uphold the rulings of Referees Piluso and Bob Luete, and that they would have called Wiley on it had it been illegal.

Oregon on Spot

As the Oregons shove off from Eugene this morning they are definitely situated squarely behind the old eight ball. With their season over a third of the way along the Ducks already have three defeats and a like number of wins.

Washington, naturally has the jump on all league members concerned with their record of three victories and just one reversal.

But far from out of the picture are Washington State who has a record of two-and-one, and Oregon State with a split in their first two outings. The Beavers stand a good chance of enhancing their position if they can carve out two wins over Idaho this weekend. Considering Idaho's past showings, the Vandals seem to hold nothing but a slim chance of slapping down those upstart Beavers.

Upsets seem to be the rule rather than the exception in this year's cock-eyed sports season, so don't sell our darling Ducks short. Experience is their greatest need and with each ensuing contest should be just that much tougher to pin.

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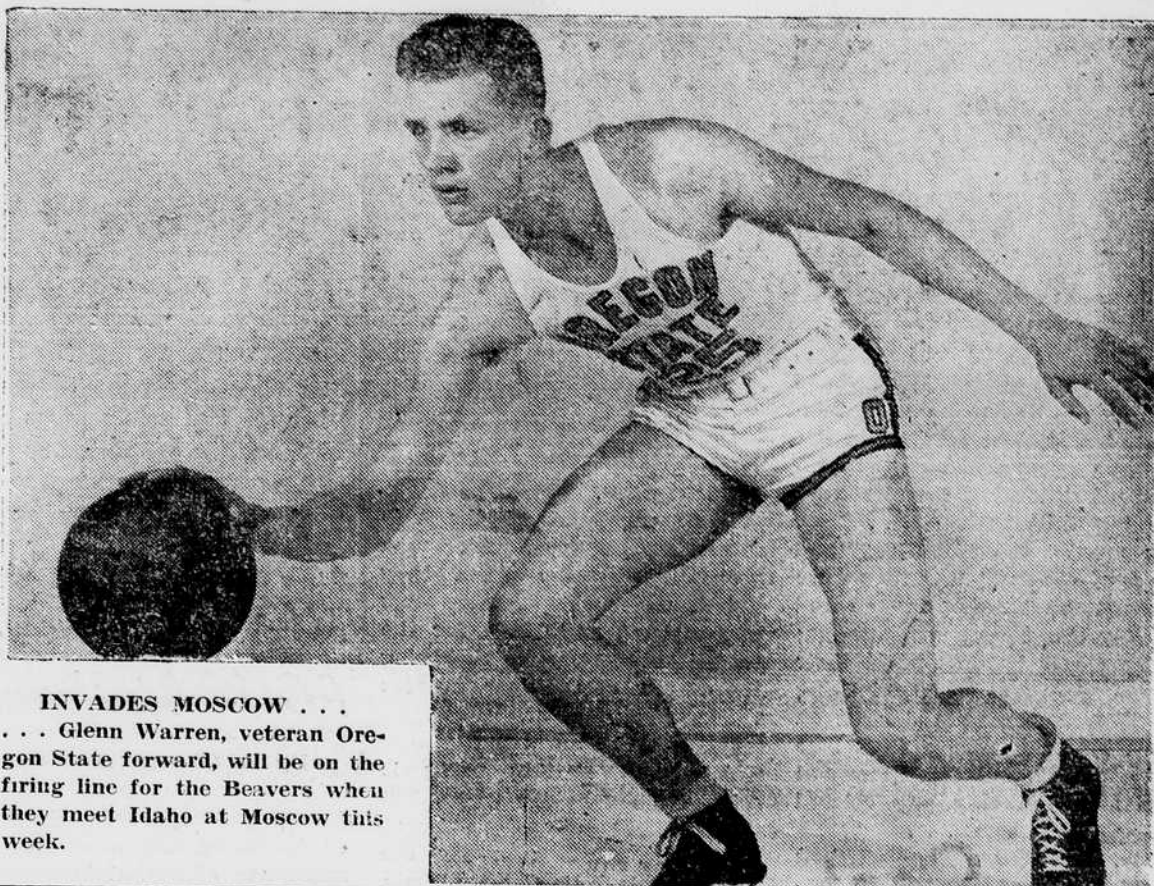
consistency but short on height, and tiny Stan Williamson completed the guard round-up.

It was the 5-foot 6-inch 130-pound Williamson who glittered brilliantly though briefly in his short stint against Washington Saturday. Freshman Williamson

received his hoop background at Astoria high (that qualification speaking for itself) and was named on the all-state prep first team last year.

Three for Two Positions

Among Bob Newland, erstwhile regular guard who has been ailing recently, Roy Seeborg, and Al Popick, the battle rests for the two berths left on the traveling squad. A shaft of optimism shot



INVADES MOSCOW Glenn Warren, veteran Oregon State forward, will be on the firing line for the Beavers when they meet Idaho at Moscow this week.

'Hec' Protests On Wiley; Charge 'Surprises' Hob

Coach Hoyman In 8th Year

This year marks the eighth one that Coach Mike Hoyman has stilled the troubled waters for the University of Oregon's swimming team in competition against the Oregon State fluid flouncers. The next waters that Coach Hoyman will have to make placid is tapped into the pool at Oregon State, where the Oregon men meet the Oregon State men this coming Saturday.

Coach Mike Hoyman has been on the Oregon campus eleven years. The first year that he came to the campus there was no swimming team, but in 1934 the sport was brought back and he has coached every swimming team up to now with the exception of the 1939 and '40 teams, at which times Coach Hoyman was away doing doctoral work.

The schedule is set with Oregon State so that the Oregon and State meet twice a year, and out of 14 meets, Oregon took 12 and Oregon State took two.

Rumors and papered evidence say that Oregon State has a good team and one to be watched carefully in the conference. Their nucleus is formed around some good freshmen, several transfers, and a few returning lettermen.

Oregon, on the other hand has the same number of freshmen, approximately the same number of transfers, and the same number of returning lettermen.

These facts, and the fact that the Oregon team has twelve victories compared with State's two in preceding events, seems to refute the seemingly biased predictions that Oregon State will take the meet Saturday.

through the cloudy Oregon picture when Hobson declared yesterday that "we had two good scrimmages" and that "our chances are good and we'll be hard to beat."

"The games here were close enough to give the boys confidence," he said, further accentuating the Ducks' earnest intention to make short work of Washington this time.

Momentarily taking attention away from the hotly-contested northern division basketball race was a protest by Hec Edmundson, Washington coach, that Roger Wiley, Oregon's tall center, used illegal tactics in deflecting Washington's shots from the basket last week.

Edmundson entered his protest before Basketball Commissioner Rich Fox and requested an official decision on the interference play before Washington meets Oregon in Seattle Friday.

Basis for the claim by the Husky coach came from that part of section 13 of rule 14 which says a player shall not touch the ball "while the hand or the arm is directly above the opponent's basket."

Wiley was charged by Edmundson with acting illegally in batting away Washington goal shots in the recent two-game series with Oregon at Eugene.

Surprises Hobby

Howard Hobson, Oregon coach, was surprised at the Edmundson accusation, and said yesterday that "the contention was clear out of place."

"I talked with Edmundson after the game Friday night," Hobby said, "We discussed it, but there was no mention by Edmundson that he considered it illegal."

Hobson declared that a player could act as he wanted to in front of the basket as long as he doesn't touch the rim or reach above the basket.

The official rules regarding this "above the basket" stipulation read as follows:

"Above the basket as used in this section means any part of the space enclosing an imaginary cylinder having the rim of the basket as its base and extending perpendicularly upward."

During the two Washington games, Wiley blocked some eight Husky shots.

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