

# The End of The Hoop Trail Three Seniors Quit Maples After WSC

By FRED TREADGOLD

The sun sinks on basketball Saturday.

And with its setting collegiate basketball careers of three green and gold hoop stalwarts come to an end.

These three "old timers," breathing their last breath, flipping their last shot, and dribbling their last ball for their dear ol' alma mammy are Captain Don Kirsch, Forwards Rolph Fuhrman and Warren Taylor

Fans will miss the scampering, driving of stubby-legged little Kirsch, who led the Ducks through an extremely hectic campaign, to an upper division berth that even the most optimistic Oregon addict would have been loathe to predict at the season's outset.

**Fuhrman Will Be Missed**

Fans will miss the long looping one-handed howitzers which deliberate Mr. Fuhrman has sunk through the mesh repeatedly. Besides his fine scoring show, Fuhrman has rounded into one whale of a defensive backboard man.

Fans will miss the fiery, aggressiveness of "Shanks" Taylor, the six-foot five-inch fighting dervish, who when he contested

the backboard, very seldom came out second best. Plus that, Taylor was no piker when it came to ringing the point-gong.

Now these three—and the rest of the Duck squad—will be out to do Washington State ill when the Cougar-men ramble into town Friday and Saturday for their brace of contests. For in the Web-foots' minds, they still have to be reckoned with in the league scramble which has all but narrowed down into a two-team fight between Washington and the Cougars.

The Ducks will have two advantages lying in their favor: (1) they have all week to recuperate from the exhausting Oregon State series last week, and (2) they can scout the Cougars twice, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week when the Pullmanites of Jack Friel meet Oregon State at Corvallis.

**Not so Fresh**

Besides that, the Cougars won't be exactly as fresh as a daisy when they hit here. For that four-games-in-five-nights stuff is a gaff which even the most rugged find hard to maintain.

Washington State is rapidly having her lineup drained of the

cream of the crop. Captain Owen Hunt, brilliant floor general and steady-as-a-rock guard, was pulled into the service last month, leaving a big gash at the guard slot.

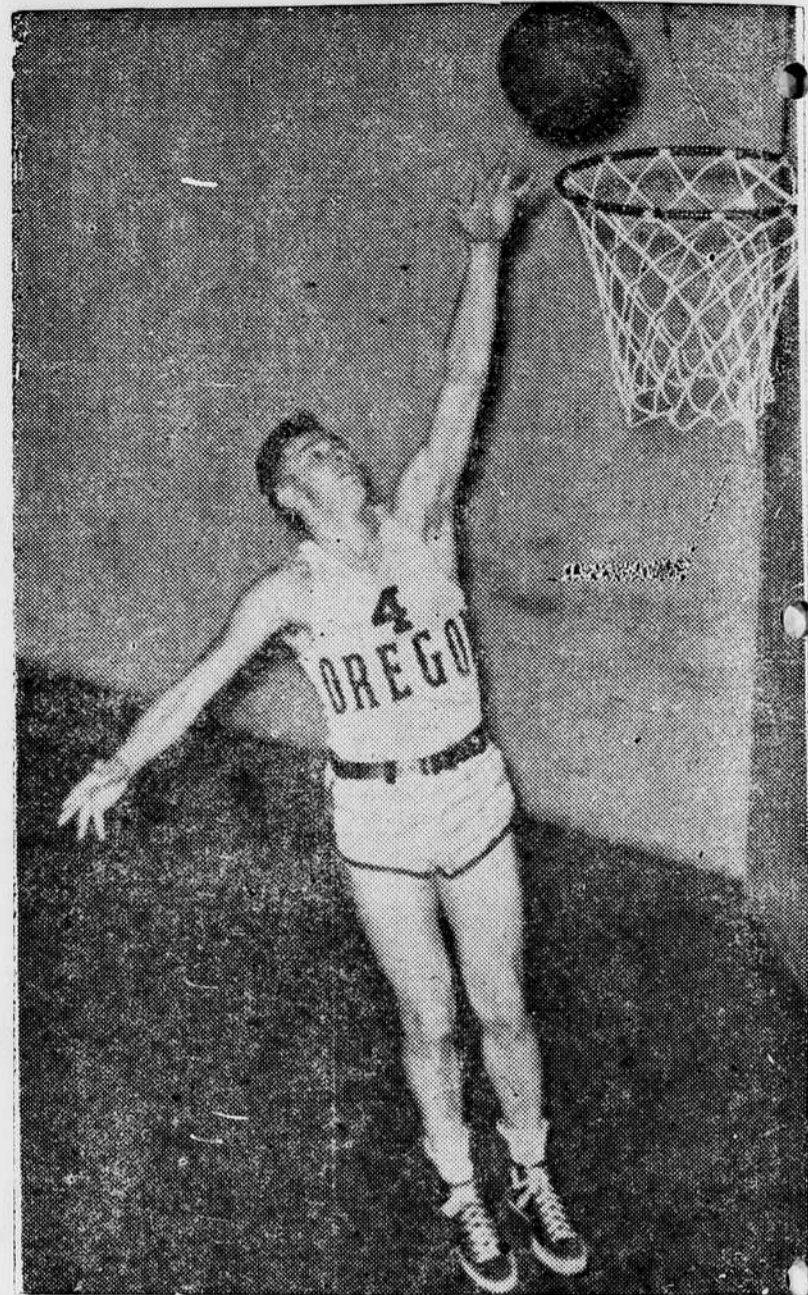
And now it's Gail Bishop, all-conference forward and Cougar scoring leader who is being given the old come-hither look by Unc Sam'l. But Bishop will be able to finish the road trip before he dons his khaki livery, not being inducted till February 28, the day after the Oregon series.

**Cougars Strong**

The remainder of the Cougar lineup looms strong what with Al Akins at one guard spot, Bob Sheridan, ex-Oregon Aathertotn purgee at center, and Scott Witt, crack forward, all revealing plenty in past performances.

**Hobby Hobson, Oregon's master mind, will undoubtedly inject his favorite five of Warren Taylor and Rolph Fuhrman at forwards, Rog Wiley at center, and Don Kirsch and Stan Williamson at guards.**

But just a step behind these regulars come Roy Seeborg, Bob Wren, forwards; Wally Borrevik, center; and Al Popick, Bob Newland, and Sammy Crowell, guards. All should see action.



**SOPHOMORE SWISHER . . .**  
... Roy Seeborg will be out to garner some baskets in the Ducks' 1943 cage finale against Washington State this weekend.

## Beavers Tame Cougars, 50-35, Knock WSC From First Place; UW Leads League

Utilizing a smooth-working zone defense for the second time this season, Oregon State's Beavers upset the Washington State basketball cart, 50-35, in Corvallis last night to change the picture of the northern division title race somewhat.

The loss dropped the Cougars to second place in the hoop standings, as Hec Edmunson's Washington Huskies zoomed to the coveted number one slot, by the margin of a half-game lead over their Palouse country rivals.

Washington State forward Gail Bishop annexed the high point totals for the evening, canning some 18 digits. Close behind was Beaver representative Lew Beck, who rang the basket bell for some 17 points.

The Corvallis hosts were riding a 26-19 halfway juncture lead, and they did little to relinquish it in the second half. The Cougars were unable to catch "Slats" Gill's

quintet when the second half action took place.

Veteran guard Don Durdan potted 12 points, and forward Don Cecil meshed some 10 digits. Obviously the Beaver scoring brunt was carried nicely by Durdan, Beck and Cecil.

**WSC Holds Lead**

Oregon State's triumph occurred in the first of a two game

series. The Beaver-Cougar series stands at two games won and one lost for the advantage - holding Jack Friel men.

The two clubs hold another court war on the Corvallis boards tonight.

**League standings:**

Northern Division					
	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Wash'n	8	4	.667	594	477
W.S.C.	7	4	.636	503	524
Oregon	8	6	.571	591	548
O.S.C.	7	6	.539	579	564
Idaho	1	11	.063	460	614



**BOARD OF STRATEGY . . .**

... Pictured above is a Washington State basketball huddle. Included are Scott Witt, Gail Bishop, Captain Owen Hunt (now in the armed services), Phil Mahan, and Bob Sheridan.

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## Igloo Items . . . . Don Kirsch

By DON LONIE

Laurels go this time to Captain Don Kirsch, for his outstanding hoop operations this season, plus his inspiring work as Oregon's casaba squad leader. Five feet and seven inches of drive and smooth, consistent playing; that's the best way to say it.

**From Jefferson**

Don tripped down to Duck Town from a high school near Portland, name of Jefferson. His record there, our scouts tell us, is still hanging up in center hall as a tribute to what he contributed to the school in the way of sports. There, as here, he turned out for the major sports, baseball, and basketball.

Don's baseball operations down here are probably even more amazing than his basketball work. He holds down second base on the diamond, was an all-star selection last spring, and until the war threw things out of line he was seriously considering a career in pro baseball.

Friars, the men's senior honorary society, claims Don as a member, and the faculty claims him as one of its best students. In addition to his many, many activities on the floor and field, this busiest of men even has time to be president of his fraternity house.

The freshmen and sophomores

know Don well because of his drill field antics. Weekly he is seen marking out "Harch" and going through his "Hun, ooh, eee, ore" routine which is peculiar to senior military students throughout the campus. Sometimes, though, Don get's a little discouraged with the boys, especially the third guy from the end in squad three. This dead-head, pleads Don, is as bow-legged as the letter "O" and rear rank never know which half to follow. "At the end of the hour," cries our hero, "I invariably have one squad marking time on the sergeant's face while the rest of my men are running back and forth in front of the stadium, counting the seats in cadence."

Currently Don is playing guard for the maple gang, but he secretly has aspirations to be an elevator operator. When questioned about the future in the elevator game, Don said, "Oh, the work's all right, but it has its ups and downs."

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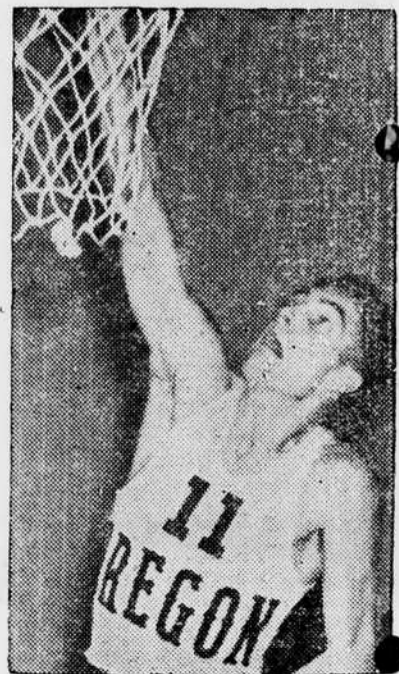
## Speaking of Casaba Statistics

With an average of 83 points per game, Rhode Island University holds claim to being the highest scoring basketball team in the nation. Recent cage surveys also disclosed that Detroit has the best defensive mark in allowing only 27.4 points to be tallied against it.

The best ten teams in the nation offensively are the following: (1) Rhode Island, (2) Wyoming, (3) Providence, (4) Western Kentucky, (5) Georgetown, (6) Arizona, (7) NYU, (8) Toledo, (9) LIU and (10) St. Joseph's.

The Bowling Green Teachers of Kentucky, holding the number four slot offensively, rank as the only team in that listing of ten, to hold down a spot in the national ten-best defensive ratings. Here, Western Kentucky rates second to Detroit.

The only Pacific Coast teams to receive any mention were the University of Southern California and the University of Washington, both of whom received honorable mention on the defensive side of the survey ledger.



**SENIOR EXIT . . .**

... Rolph Fuhrman made his last appearance against Oregon State last Saturday night.