

**Duck Tracks**  
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From out of the east an orange ball of flame lazily ascends in the hazy blue. The dew is wet on green grass. Here and there an unidentified bird chirps. The trees are in a thawing out process, and lush green shoots are beginning to cover the pebbled ground. Grandpa gingerly throws a creaking elbow about, and junior has waded through a pile of debris in the closet, to bring forth a splintered baseball bat. It's spring and no thermometer will lie about that.

And in the heart of the Willamette valley, in little Eugene, nestled away under towering natural edifices, our college, OREGON stands.

It's about the end of the line for the gang of emerald and gold clad basketballers who have been cavorting on the Igloo boards for the past two months. Only a double-header of cage action with Washington State remains on the Duck hoop-tossing slate.

**Bishop, Mister Big**

Mathematically still in the running for that golden peach perched high above the branches of the would be contenders, and identified as the championship fruit of the northern division casaba scramble, our Ducks are sucking in their breath for the Custer-like stand on the McArthur court pinewoods next Friday and Saturday night.

And the cash customers who like to view the cream of the crop of the push-'em-up forwards, will be afforded the chance of giving the once-over to the league's most polished underwear athlete, Gail Bishop, heart and hope of the Cougar basket assembly line.

As if it were all a story book tale, Mr. Bishop will don his abbreviated athletic costume Friday and Saturday nights and do battle against the Oregon varsity. Sunday he will issue a farewell to the dear old civilian life and depart for parts unknown as a single cog in that mighty military machine, the army air corps. It's a Baseball Joe situation if we've ever heard of one.

**There Is a School Up North**

Yes, that's the calendar picture for today and tomorrow. But then there's yesterday to take into consideration. Up north there stands an institution known for its ability to graduate agricultural minded students. Corvallis, a dot on the map, is the home town of the territory of the cow-cow-boogie. The school, just in case you haven't figured this word jigsaw out, is Oregon State. That school prints a college paper known as the Barometer.

And in the Barometer sport pages a few days back there appeared a few derogatory remarks about the fastest guy in a basketball in the northern division, our own little Stan Williamson.

"Williamson," the Barometer moaned, "is a flash in the pan. He could never stand the gaff of four years of college ball. He would fall apart at the seams."

We hope you're laughing or sneering at about this point. That was our reaction, anyway. Well, the story doesn't end there. This literary work ran under the label of "Farsighted Frankie," a column of questionable merit. FF continued to belittle Williamson by accusing him of taking deliberate flops on the hardwood against the Beavers last Friday night in Corvallis, just so he would be handed more free throw opportunities. The creative genius of FF ran out about here. Exit FF, enter yours truly.

**Two Sides to Every Story**

After an analysis of the situation, it is apparent that:

(1) The mere fact that Williamson as a freshman has been able to give and take with a conference full of veteran hoop performers, stacks him up as an exceptional athlete. Too bad FF couldn't have seen little Stan pull a ball glomming act on all-conference guard Bill Morris in Seattle and race half the length of the floor to hang up a set-up;

(2) It is true that Williamson usually goes to the free throw line more often than his varsity team-mates. It so happens that the guy is small, and jumpin' snakefish! Little guys are very easy to foul. They kind of annoy you by running by you, or under you, or around you. No wonder the personals pile up on Stan's opponents. But that's all to his credit. Williamson's free throw efforts have helped swell the Duck manufacturing of points. He is one of the most accurate free throw tossers on the Hobson-coached squad, and certainly one of the coolest and most accurate charity toss flippers in the league.

(3) The brand of basketball displayed by Oregon State here at Saturday night was hardly of the little Lord Fauntleroy odor.

... End of conclusions. ... And patience. Pacific Coast Conference northern division standings: Third place: OREGON. Fourth place: Oregon State.

**Trojans Keep Casaba Lead**

Southern Division

Standings	W.	L.	Pct.
Southern California	6	0	1.000
U. C. L. A.	2	2	.500
California	1	4	.200
Stanford	1	4	.200

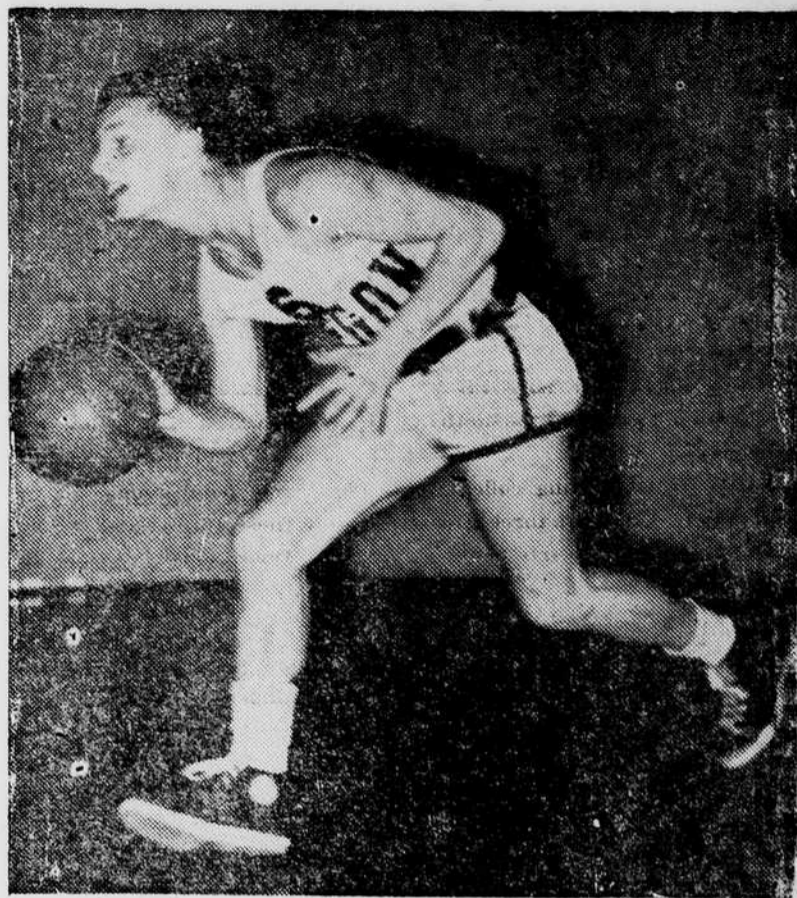
By virtue of an unblemished southern division record, six wins and no defeats, the University of Southern California basketball team continues to hold down the number one position in the Pacific coast conference's south of the border league.

Only the UCLA Bruins hold a mathematical chance of even tying the high flying Trojans. To accomplish this very improbable feat, the men from Westwood way will have to overpower both Stanford and California once, and then tie a defeat tin can to the tails of the first place men of Troy twice.

The Bruin task is by all means not an easy one, for both the California and Stanford games will be played up on those teams' home courts, where the UCLA boys never function at their best capacity.

Ernie Holbrook's Trojans are a bit irked at themselves for dropping their second game in twenty-two starts to tiny Pepperdine college last Saturday night.

And that's the picture. Stanford and California are hopelessly out of the running, but their own rivalry will go on.



**RATTLED BEAVERS . . .**  
... Little Al Popick and his set-shot accuracy proved to be a big factor in the Oregon victory over OSC last Friday night.

**Husky Loss Disregarded  
Duck Mermen Train  
Efforts on Pullman**

By ROLLIE GABEL

Riding rather easily from the ill effects of a trek to the University of Washington last Saturday, where his Oregon swimming team suffered its first defeat of the season, Coach Mike Hoyman has been treating the boys gently and will continue to do so for the remainder of the week.

This week will continue to be one lacking in time trials and really tough workouts because of the championship meet that is scheduled at Pullman, Washington for next Saturday. Coach Mike Hoyman wants his boys to be in the peak of physical condition for this one because of the high stakes that are involved, namely the defending of Oregon's northwest championship honors.

**Mermen Recover**

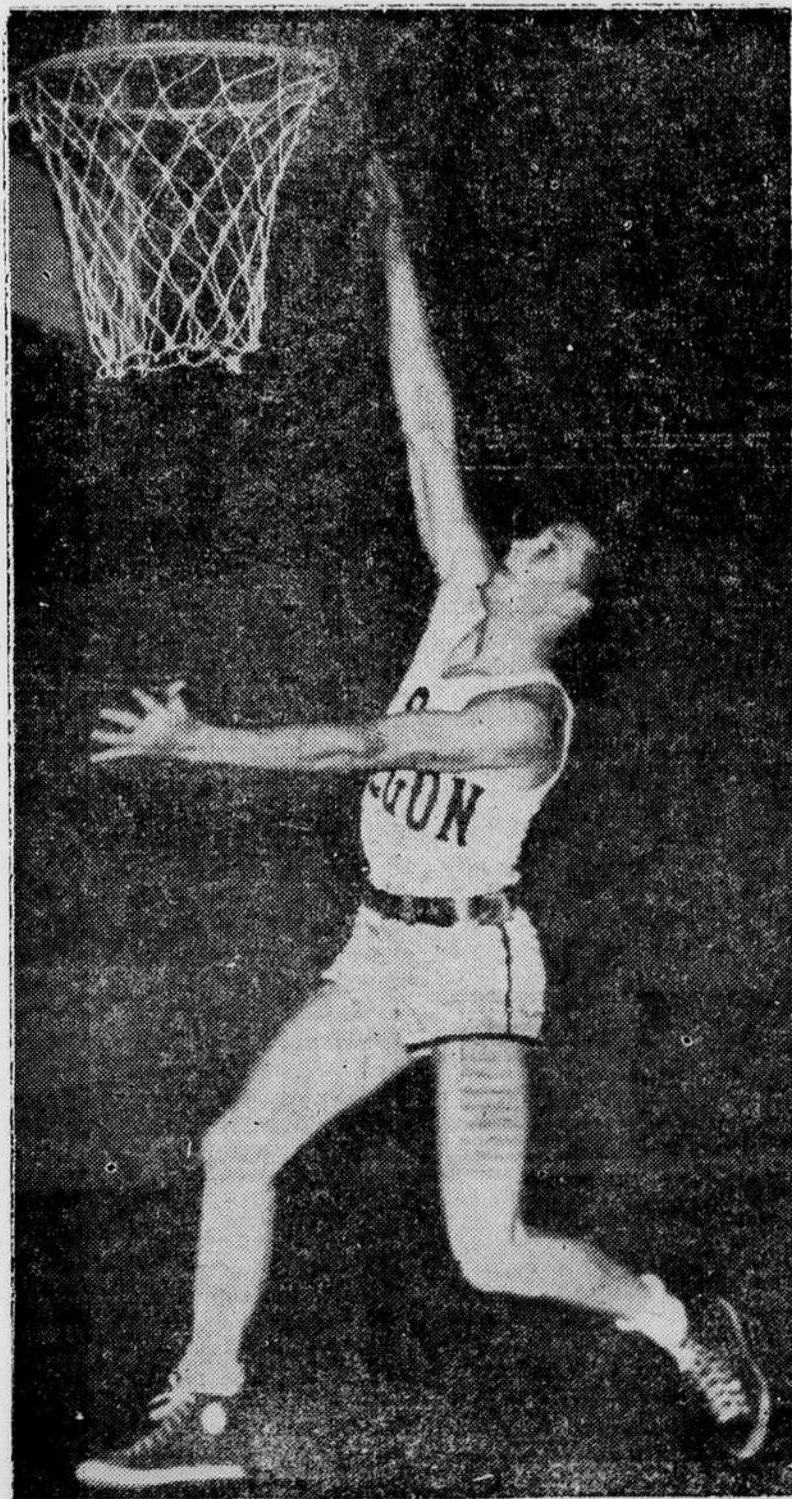
Prowell and Gautier, backstroke and freestyle artists, respectively, of the Oregon swimming team are just recovering from head colds which they carried with them on their trip to Seattle to battle the Washington Huskies. These two lads will be in excellent physical condition for the championship meet next Saturday at Pullman.

The mental condition of the Oregon swimming team is very good. The recent defeat of the team by the Washington squad did in no way prove a detriment to the morale of the boys, and they still retain their native Oregon fighting spirit, fanned by the verbal prodding of their tutor, Mike Hoyman.

The boys' physical condition isn't the best now, because of the recent trip to Seattle, but with this week's easy workouts and under the watchful eye of Hoyman, this problem, too, will be eased for the coming important championship meet.

**Nelson Primes**

Chuck Nelson, top freestyle speedster for the Duck squad, although beaten by the Washington Powlson, who broke two freestyle records in the 50 and 100 last Saturday, is gunning for a still better time, his ardor not being dampened in the least by his' strong second places. Oregon's Ralph Huestis still retains the record and the prestige of being the fastest breaststroker in the northwest division. Dick Smith remains an integral cog in Mike Hoyman's swimming machine, being the best man for the 440 freestyle event. Chuck Nelson, who supplemented Dick Smith in this event in last Saturday's meet with Washington because of Hoyman's plan of using Dick in another event, came in a very strong second in this, uncovering another versatile talent of the freestyle artist.



**TAYLOR BOWS OUT . . .**  
... Warren "Shanks" Taylor's farewell appearance in collegiate basketball will be in the Saturday night game against the Cougars.