

Duck Tracks

By WALLY ADAMS

If ever a basketball series could be termed really crucial, we can't think of a better instance than the series tonight and tomorrow at Seattle. At the moment, the Ducks are perched well on the top in the league standings, and if they can take the games with the Huskies, the rest of the season should be almost a walk-away to the title. On the other hand, if the Huskies nip the Webfoots, it will throw the title race back into a wide-open league with any team having a good chance to slip into the front spot.

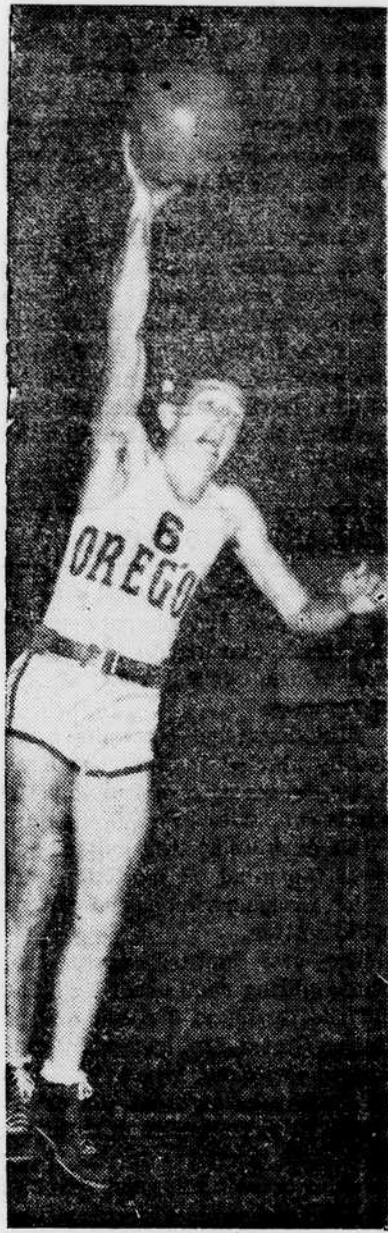
Oregon will start their usual first five—the same that beat Washington twice last week—while the Huskies will start two of their experienced naval trainees and three civilians. Warren has been working the Lemon and Green quint hard this week, with emphasis on stopping the Huskies' high-scoring twosome, Bobby Jorgensen and Don McMillan. The Oregon five will be able to counter the Washington point-getters with Freshman Dick Williams and Bob Hamilton, two of the highest scorers in the nation.

The last time the Ducks took the Northern division crown was in 1939, when the great Alleycats team of that year went on to sweep the coast championship, and finally to top everyone by defeating Ohio State in the National championship.

Coach "Honest John" Warren will be able to tuck a feather in his hat if the Ducks continue to play the same brand of ball that they have shown thus far this season. Picked as underdogs at the start of the season, with only one regular—Bob Hamilton—returning from the '44 team, Warren has come up with an amazing group of freshmen like Dick Wilkins, the nation's leading scorer, Del Smith, and Jim Bartelt. Also not to be forgotten is tall Kenny Hays, the 6-foot, 7-inch center. With two years of varsity ball left, he should be one of the most outstanding players on the team.

After the Washington series, the Ducks face five remaining games, three of them against the Aggies from Corvallis. The other two are against the cellar dwelling Idaho Vandals.

The hoop race is far from over, but unless the Webfoots hit a big slump, their present two-game lead should be strong enough to carry them to the title.



MIGHTY MITE

Captain Bob Hamilton, the only Oregon player who saw action against Washington last year, will lead the Ducks as they try to make it four straight over the Huskies this weekend.

League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
OREGON	7	2	.778
Oregon State	5	4	.556
Washington State	5	5	.500
Washington	4	4	.500
Idaho	0	0	.000

• Lost

WILL the person who took a notebook from the art school Monday afternoon please return it. Telephone Ext. 386.

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Beavers, Cougars Split on OSC Inland Empire Trip

Oregon State's fading title hopes took another drop Wednesday night at Pullman, when the Washington State Cougars handed them a surprise 46-31 upset defeat.

The Staters came back the second night for a 45-42 victory, but it took them two overtime periods against the underdog WSC five to do it. For Washington State, both games turned out to be a question of "hold OSC's Red Rocha and we'll win." The Cougars did just that during the first game, when the 6-foot, 9-inch center was held to a meager five points. The second night Rocha ran wild, ringing up 27 counters, and the Beavers squeezed through for a win.

The defeats dropped both OSC and WSC another half game behind the league leading Oregon team.

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Webfoots Meet UW On Huskies Court

Playing their first road game after three weeks at home, Coach John Warren's Oregon squad of high-riding Webfoots meet the Washington Huskies in the opener of a two-game series at Seattle tonight.

The Ducks need only a split in the two games to maintain the league lead, but a sweep of both tilts would almost assure Oregon of its first championship since 1939.

Coach Hec Edmundson will throw in all of Washington's available talent, including their Naval trainees, in an effort to boost the fading Huskies back into the title race. He will probably start his two lettermen, Vandenburg and McMillan, both trainees, who were

unable to play in the two Oregon victories 59-36 and 54-51 here last weekend, plus three civilian members of the squad.

Dick Wilkins of the Ducks, and little Bobby Jorgensen will be apt to stage another scoring spree for their respective teams if they con-

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