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The odds makers, after stewing for a week, have given up all hopes of picking a favorite and have announced Oregon and Washington State a toss-up in their playoff series.

If you take a glance at the records of their four games to date, you can only pick out a few minor points to back up a theory either way. For instance, here's how they stand in games played, with each winning two.

WSC	Oregon	
46	36	At Pullman
34	47	At Pullman
54	43	At Eugene
48	64	At Eugene
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182	190	Total Points

The total points would indicate that Oregon has a slight edge over the Cougars, but the Webfoots are noted for their high scoring victories and the WSC wins were almost as severe.

The only thing to do is throw the percentages away and make your own personal choice. That being, in our book, Oregon, for these reasons:

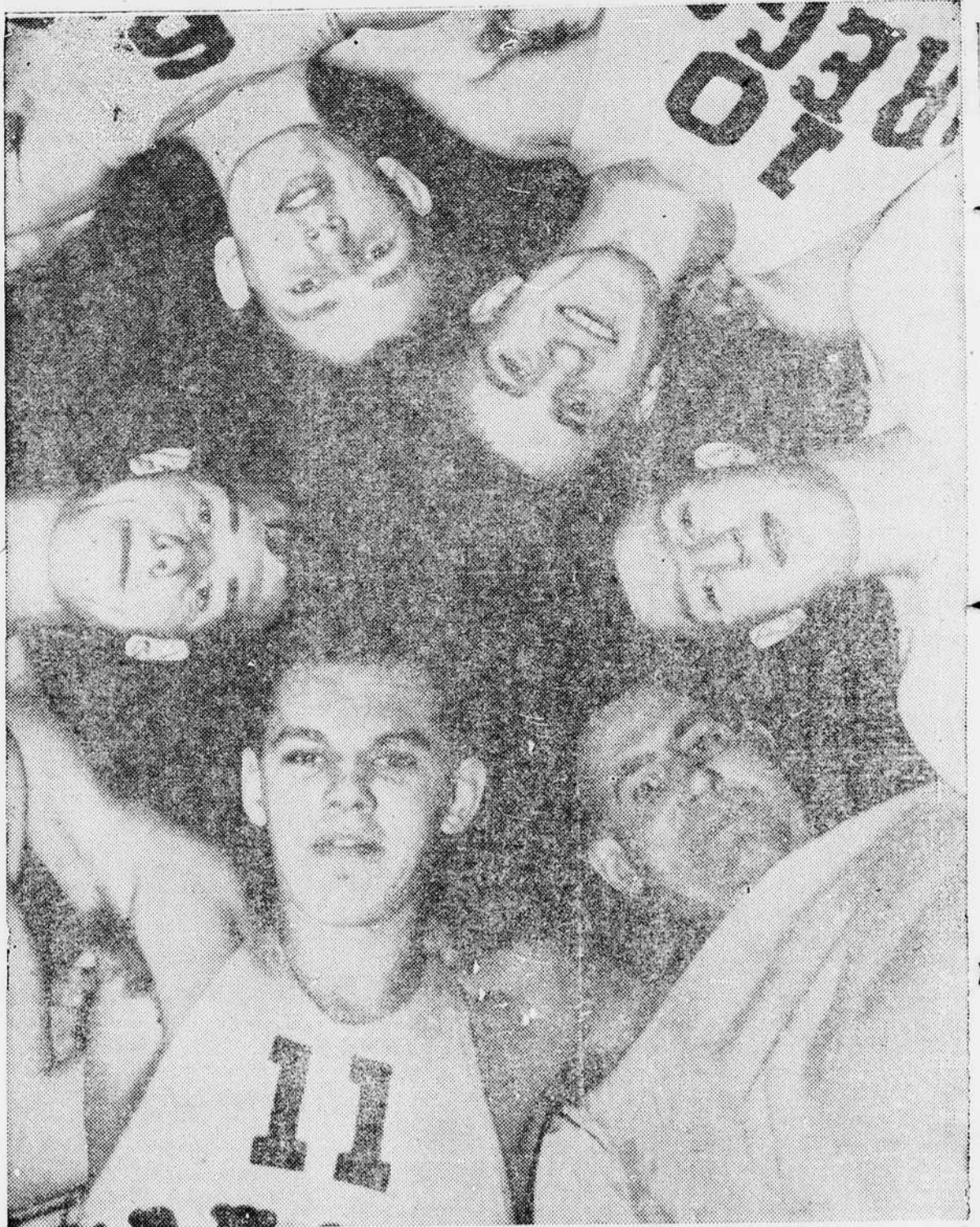
1. Man for man, the Ducks show more consistent power and threat.
2. The Webfoots have a good reserve for both the forward and guard spots, while the Cougars are nil in this department.
3. WSC's victories are due mostly to the scoring of their center, Vince Hansen.
4. Kenny Hays is the most improved player in the conference, and barring injuries, has shown himself capable of stopping Hansen.
5. The Webfoots are in top condition physically and following their win over OSC, mentally.

More could be named, but they would narrow down into hopes instead of opinions. And the Cougars also have a few factors that can be listed on their side.

They have a more experienced team, (four lettermen) but that can be countered in turn by Oregon's long schedule of games this season. Thus from any side you look at it, trying to predict the winner is a suicidal proposition. Take whichever team you want, but we'll stick to the Warrenmen as long as they continue to play the brand of ball they played against Oregon State last Saturday.

OREGON STATE PLANS ARE UPSET

Oregon State was not only knocked out of the Northern division race when they were beaten by Oregon, but some of their plans that were developed from a slight ease of over-confidence were equally tossed out the window. The Beavers were so certain of at least a tie after their two straight wins over Oregon, that they want ahead and made arrangements



COACH JOHN WARREN GATHERS HIS FIVE WEBFOOT STARTERS around him to pass out some final advice before the Ducks tangle with the Cougars at Pullman Saturday night. They are, left to right: Jim Bartelt, Del Smith, Bob Hamilton, Dick Wilkins, Ken Mays, and Warren.

with UCLA (the southern division winner) for the North-South playoff.

Being more than a slight bit prejudiced, the crestfallen look on some of the Beaver's faces a week ago put a big glow in us. Perhaps our Aggie friends will learn to quit jumping at conclusions before the season ends.

HATS OFF TO THE ROOTERS

This column has conscientiously kept away from making any mention concerning Oregon spirit at basketball games. At times it has dragged along with some of the students barely talking above a whisper. However at other times it has flared up until the game was a constant roar. That's what we like and need, and the final OSC game convinced us that the Duck pep has spread among the entire student body. We only have one more chance to really let loose and back up the team, so let's really do it right. Hats off, kids, another job of yelling like the last game and the complaint department will fold up forever.

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