



# Ducks Edge Vandals In Final Seconds 46-45

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## Leicht Returns; Rumors False

Contrary to rumors circulating the campus recently, it was learned Saturday that Jake Leicht, Oregon's All-American halfback, had not signed a professional contract to play football with one of the new All-American pro league ball teams. He started the winter term registration process yesterday.

Leicht has been visiting at his home in Stockton, Cal. after participating in the East-West Shrine game New Year's day at San Francisco. What brought about Leicht's denial was a syndicated story from Chicago saying Jake was signed with the Brooklyn entry in the new professional league.

Jake's prowess is not confined to the gridiron as the fleet little athlete is a remarkable sprinter and is being counted on by Track Coach Bill Hayward to be the number one sprinter on the Webfoot squad this spring. Leicht has been clocked at 9.6 seconds over the one-hundred yard dash during his first year under Hayward.

## OSC, Huskies Triumph; Win Over Idaho, Cougars

In the opening round of competition among teams of the Northern division, Oregon State college and Washington university chalked up dual wins over the University of Idaho and Washington State college respectively, last Friday and Saturday. Oregon State, playing on the home court in Corvallis, took the measure from the Vandals by margins of 49 to 49 and 49 to 45, while the Huskies in Seattle had a tough weekend grabbing the pair of wins from the Cougars by slight advantages of 35 to 32 and 46 to 44 before 9,500 wild-eyed fans on each occasion.

**Gill's Crew Handy**  
 Coach "Slats" Gill's Beavers from Corvallis institution had little trouble disposing of the Idaho lads, who fought gamely but were badly outmanned on the backboards. With the winter term in full session Gill has the advantage of a complete new lineup, with the lone exception of center Red Rocha, and can floor a squad with each man six feet two inches or better. The smaller vandals just couldn't cope with the huge Beavers though they did come within two points in the closing minutes of the Saturday evening contest.

Washington State, the pre-season favorite to cop the division flag, faltered twice against the Huskies and had to be content with second best honors as big Vince Hanson, the nation's leading scorer last year, was held to twelve and nine points for the two evening's work. It was forward Jack Pomfret who snatched the final game from the Cougars with a

last-second howitzer as the clock showed seconds remaining.

In the Southland the Pacific Coast cage conference opened auspiciously with the Trojans of Southern California and the California Bears from Berkeley leading the league. UCLA's Bruins took a double loss at the hands of their big brothers from up north as the Golden Bears dropped the Uclans, the Southern division defending titlists, 45 to 33 on Friday evening and 37 to 35 for the following night as substitute Forward Bob Anderson slipped in the game-winning bucket with only ten seconds remaining.

Stanford's Indians returned to the league again this year after a wartime layoff, but was too inexperienced for the fast-moving Trojans of Southern Cal. The sharp-eyed men of Troy tossed in 62 points against 49 for the Indians during the Friday game and found the hoop Saturday for 43 to 32 advantage.

The only conference team untested in league competition is the University of Oregon's Webfoot cagers who take the floor Monday evening at Eugene against the twice-beaten Idaho Vandals.

Yep from this side, it looks like something will have to relax. You blasted well sed' it that we have the class of guys on the west coast to put our athletics on a par with easterners, but something will have to give.

## 'Reedy' Berg Connects With Winning Bucket

By FRED BECKWITH

Howard Hobson's Oregon basketball team did it the hard way last night when they nipped a stubborn Idaho quintet, 46-45 before 3,000 screaming fans in McArthur court. Twenty seconds remained in the contest when Reedy Berg canned a lay-up shot that clinched the ball game for Oregon and gave them their initial Northern division victory of the season.

It was an uphill fight all the way, and Coach Hobson was forced to dig deep in his bag of tricks when, with three minutes before the final gun, Oregon was still trailing the Vandals by 3 points. He elected to send in two reported invalids, Dick Wilkins and Bob Hamilton, normally first string men. Wilkins answered the call to arms by firing home a basket from twenty feet out, and seconds later Hamilton scored on a set shot. But the real hero in the Oregon victory was the aforementioned Berg who wound up in the high point leadership with 17 digits, eight field goals included in this total.

### Halftime Tie

The ball game was knotted 19-19 at half. Idaho got off to a quick start and pushed out in front 8-2. Oregon caught up with the Vandals and after it was 10-8, not more than three points separated the two clubs at any time in the first half. Gum-chewing Fred "Wimpy" Quinn played his usually colorful game, tallying 10 points for his club. Carbaugh also caged 10 points for the Moscowites.

The Ducks were not too good on

the free throw line, a department in which the Vandals excelled.

Throughout the second half, the Hobsonmen were trailing by 2, 3, sometimes 4 points. A minute remained when reserve guard Bob Ryan of Idaho dumped in a cripple shot that placed his club in the lead, 45-42. Enter Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Berg. It was boom-boom-boom! Just like that!

### Eleven Tide

Oregon used 11 men in turning the tide of victory. Wilson Maynard, who lettered back in 1941, put in a brief appearance, and looked to be very fast in the short time he was in the game. The Idaho passing game was a big improvement over their previous effort against Oregon State. It was Idaho's third consecutive loss.

Point tabulation:

OREGON (46)			
	FG	FT	PTS
Bray, f.....	0	1	1
Seeberg, f.....	0	0	0
Hays, c.....	3	0	6
Williamson, g.....	2	2	6
Berg, g.....	3	1	17
Rasmussen, f.....	2	0	4
Hoffine, g.....	1	1	3
Maynard, g.....	0	0	0
Smith, f.....	2	1	5
Wilkins, f.....	1	0	2
Hamilton g.....	1	0	2
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.....	20	6	46
IDAHO (45)			
	FG	FT	PTS
Mortenson, f.....	3	3	9
Phoenix, f-g.....	2	1	5
Quinn, c-f.....	4	2	10
Pyne, g-c.....	1	2	4
Carbaugh, g.....	3	4	10
O'Connor, f.....	2	1	5
Rowe, f.....	0	0	0
Shiferl, g.....	0	0	0
Ryan, g.....	1	0	2
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## Skiers Buy Bus Tickets at Co-op

Final arrangements for the University of Oregon Ski club's weekend snow sliding trip at Hoodoo Bowl January 12 and 13 were announced today, along with advice handed members to get their tickets at the Co-op between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. and 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. today.

A limited number of bus tickets are available. The price per ticket is listed at \$3.50. All members who are signed up for the trip will have preference if they purchase the ducats today.

Girls who plan to ride on the chartered buses must have permission sent from their parents to Dean Wickham's office before Saturday.

The cost of lodging for the night will be \$1.00 with bedding, and \$2.00 without. In order to cut down the expense of the trip it is advisable to take along box lunches.

Buses are scheduled to leave from in front of The Side at 7 a.m. Saturday. The skiers will return to the campus Sunday evening at 8:30.

Last night the taller models of Webfoots entertained the Vandal quintet from the University of Idaho. The why we won or lost is carried on the right hand section of this page. At the time of this writing all I know is of the condition of the team and our possibilities of starting the conference record book off right with a free-scoring triumph over the strong invaders.

Last term in squad workouts there was no worry over the starting lineup. Five lettermen tossed baskets all around other aspirants for the varsity starting lineup, so it was a cinch. Then first off, Jim Bartelt received a call to replace an overseas service man. Next, Reedy Berg received a painful blow in the ribs resulting in internal injuries in the Ohio State game on the eastern trip stopover at Columbus, Ohio. At present Dick Wilkins is battling with a knock down case of influenza. Add to this Bob Hamilton playing irregularly because of the temporary return of an old leg injury, and you have only one of the original five left to carry on—Ken Hays.

### HOBBY HAS NO CRYING TOWEL

With this piling up of misfortune, it seems most coaches would at least have the crying towel on the hardwood floor. Coach "Hobby" Hobson has redeeming features, however, that may save the day. He has returning veteran lettermen, and all of the four lost cases will return to full scale action, except Jim Bartelt.

Teamwork is the story underlying the clever ball handling the 1946 "tall firs" demonstrated last night at the Igloo. All of the returning lettermen are good, but they understandably play an individual style of ball until the clicking is geared together into a smooth functioning two-pointed machine. This takes time and Coach Hobson has had only a few days for the welding process. Any outfit may be expected to improve as the season coasts on, but this one may be expected to take on a high gloss with more practice, then Roy Seeberg, Stan Williamson, Marv Rasmussen, Del Smith, Wilson Maynard, Royal Denton and others will ring the hoop steadily.

### LOOK WHERE WESTERN ATHLETICS ARE

A "salt in wound" spot with me and other followers of far western athletics was brought to light with Sports Editor L. H. Gregory's column in "The Sunday Oregonian." Last term I wrote two columns of Duck Tracks most of the way down on why western football did not rank with that carried on by eastern athletes. The story comes to light.

Gregory quotes an ex-Army Sgt. Ted Williams, formerly stationed at the Portland air base, who returned to work with the Philadelphia Inquirer, as saying, "Pacific coast football took a pretty severe panning from the eastern press this season. I suppose the boys were rubbing it in to alleviate the sore spots of previous years, but we did have some very fair football around here—Penn with a better-than-good civilian team, while, of course, Army was the class . . ."

### PANNING WAS DUE FOR LAST SEASON

I agree with Sports Editor Gregory's conclusion that this is one time that the west had the panning coming. Alabama, with its well-organized policy of getting players to register, charged over the hefty USC west coast selection by the overwhelming count of 34-14. Just to add a little bit, the Crimson Tide head man sent his first team to the showers at the beginning of the fourth quarter and ended the game with his lowly scrubs holding the best the Trojans could offer.

Little giant killers from St. Marys' college bowed to Oklahoma A. & M. 33-13, after regularly striking down competition in the west. This is too good an indication that football out here is two to three touchdowns weaker than the brand played on the east side of the States.

Quoting from the column of L. H. Gregory, brings the matter to more light. "If this gives coast patriots an unpleasant taste, have they noticed that basketball is now taking exactly the same trend, and for the same reason? In large part this certainly is the rigidly conceived code of eligibility, the so-called "purity" code, whose requirements go so far beyond those of any other conference that about all we can look forward to is more humiliating football and basketball panning . . ."

### NOT ONLY DUCKS—NEW YORKERS HOP BEAVERS

Bull thought that the hottest criticism of Oregon State boiled over from our campus on the pages of the Emerald. Not so, read the following quote from the New York Daily News: "The first game (City college 43, Oregon State 27) was a fraud, one of the worst in Garden history. City college's slick chicks kept the lanky hicks from the west befuddled with a second-half shooting and passing attack. The visitors were ungainly and inept. The reflexes of these giants (they ran to such sizes as 6-8 and 6-6) were terrible. They didn't look like athletes."