

# Duck Tracks

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Pleasantly stunning even their most ardent admirers, the Oregon basketballers handed the visiting Washington Huskies a double jolt of defeat. The Hobsonmen, by virtue of their twin triumphs, elevated themselves to the status of serious contenders for the 1946 Northern division basketball crown. Prior to the windup of the Husky series, the locals were limping along under the .500 percentage belt. History came to their rescue, however. You may remember that in 1945, Oregon dropped the opening encounter to the Seattle scrappers, and then came back to win the next three and the championship, as well.

## SAME STAGE

The same casaba stage was set this year. Our varsity folded to the Huskies in the Seattle opener two weeks ago, came back to win game number two, and then grabbed up the remaining two contests with an amazing alacrity. Who were the heroes in this piece de resistance? Calling the roll, we see the names of Dick Wilkins, Ken Hays, Marv Rasmussen and Captain Bob Hamilton. Of course these gents had more than able support from little Stan Williamson, veteran Roy Seeborg and dependable Reedy Berg. But the first four named receive this week's orchids. Wilkins finally shook himself under a scoring slump, and split the Washington defense wide open. Ken Hays grabbed Oregon scoring honors Saturday night, and it was the defensive play of both Hays and Marv Rasmussen that kept the point balance on the Hobsonmen's side of the ledger. Captain Bob Hamilton finally demonstrated that he can go the whole route and still be effective. His team play and smart basketball made a lot of difference on the pinewoods for Oregon.

Bob zipped up the morale of an already enthusiastic gang of cagers. They responded under his leadership like the flock to the shepherd. The record attendance didn't materialize Friday night, but the stay-at-homers got an earful over their radio sets, and showed up en masse Saturday night.

## WE WANT A SPLIT

In the meantime, the Idaho Vandals moved a step nearer the coveted land by whipping Washington State, Gail Bishop notwithstanding. Oregon State, fresh from a disastrous Inland Empire jaunt, was idle, and in a position to nurse along the injured Glen Warren. The Beavers tangled with Washington last night, and have another contest with the same club tonight. For the effect it would have on the conference race, we are pulling for a split. That way, neither Beaver or Husky would gain any ground on the idle Duck. Still the most potentially dangerous outfit in the entire loop is the Washington State five.

The locals managed to bottle up the highly touted Le Don Henson of Washington. Hec Edmundson, Husky coach, commented that Henson had a bad cold, and therefore, wasn't very effective. If we were still in the crying towel regime, we might bemoan the condition of both Hamilton and "Salmon" Williamson, who took a bad bump on his head Friday night. Stan, incidentally, feels okay now, but had a special physical examination yesterday afternoon just to be on the safe side.

Oregon will have to be content to fall back and watch the conference proceedings for a while, because the characters who dreamed up this year's schedule provided an eleven day basketball holiday for the Hobsonmen. Two weeks ago, this prospect would not have been discouraging, but at the present moment the Ducks are on their toes, and slightly fearful that this "hot" streak may vanish if idleness sets in.

## PEPPERDINE IS SELECTED

We note with interest the fact that Pepperdine college of Southern California has accepted an invitation to participate in a series of games in the Hawaiian Islands late in March. Oregon was tendered just such an arrangement this year, but Coach Howard Hobson was forced to turn down the offer on the grounds that the locals could not afford to be away from their studies that long. The varsity has already completed one barnstorming trip this year, and the after effects of it, in physical wear and tear, were not good for the team. More power to Pepperdine, however. As far as the records show, it's the first time that this little school has made the overseas jaunt. The Hawaiian people were no doubt impressed by Pepperdine's showing in recent NCAA basketball tournaments.

Another late communique from Corvallis informs us that the Barometer sports staff is conducting daily workouts for their as yet indefinitely scheduled contest with our own scribes. It won't do 'em any good, but it's still good exercise, they say.

# Surging Ducks Down Huskies

## Oregon Team Shows Talent In 63-55 Victory Over UW

Flaming action seared the hardwoods of McArthur court last Saturday night when the Webfoots made it three straight over a long-range Husky quintet from the University of Washington in a thrilling basketball classic that left fans limp, with the final count of 63 to 55 in favor of the lemon and green winners.

It was Ken Hays and Marv Rasmussen controlling the backboards and dropping tallies through the basket; Bob Hamilton, Roy Seeborg and Stan Williamson giving smooth performances on the floor; but the man of the evening did not see action during the last 18½ minutes of play—Dick Wilkins, who was taken out with a leg injury in the opening minutes of the second half.

Dick Wilkins started the score pad scratchings for the night when he dropped in a gratis shot during the opening minutes of the fray. Quick action followed with Huskies going under the bucket for lay-in shots and an early lead.

Temporarily rattled Webfoots began to get the range with two minutes left in the first half. With a triple-bang, Hamilton, Hays and Wilkins slithered basketballs through the hoop. Jorgenson retorted for Washington with a tally from long range.

Marv Rasmussen flipped for two points from the side, and Ken Hays tipped in another score after three slaps, just before the halftime gun sounded. Super-speed and backboard control gave the Ducks a 28 to 23 lead at the end of the first canto.

Honors for opening the second half scoring rests with the Huskies, Dalthorp and Henson curving in hoop ringers from the side. The night's proceedings promised to be a repeat performance of the night before, with the Seattle men waxing hot in the second half.

Scrambled players went down in a pile under the Oregon basket, and Dick Wilkins was stretched out with a wrenched knee. Teammates carried Rick off the floor, and returned to a furious assault on Husky forces.

Williamson opened the torrid pace with a flip shot from close in, Rasmussen hit with a pivot heave, Seeborg tossed in gratis shots, Hays made tip-ins good, Rasmussen dribbled down the court and scored, and the Ducks held a comfortable lead of 11 points.

A wild melee of swishing nets and zipping passes ensued, with Jorgenson and Dalthorp zeroing in on the right range. Hays banged back for the Ducks with pivot shots from the key. Red-thatched Reedy Berg carried on with a couple of lay-ins, and Seeborg boosted the score with never-miss free shots. With 12 minutes to play the count read 52 to 35 in favor of the Hobson-mentored five.

Seven minutes remained in the hot fray as Eathorne launched balls on a net trajectory for steady scores building up the Husky short end. Seeborg and Williamson galloped back for the Webfoots with a free throw and a bucket.

Dalthorp answered fire with a booming tally, Jorgenson added a free toss and Eathorne let fly from in front of the coed bleachers to cut the count to nine in favor of Oregon with four minutes remaining.

From there on out the casaba proceedings were as hot as a stopped up steam boiler with minor explosions ripping the air. Captain

Bob Hamilton twice stemmed the Husky outburst with twist shots from the side. There were rugged mixings as both fives went all-out for the final scoreboard say-so.

Scrambling Webfoots seemed to have a driving spark igniting their victory yearnings. Ken Hays hit one of the biggest nights in his career, dropping 18 points through the net, with eight baskets and two free throws.

### Washington (55)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Pomfret, f	1	0	5	2
Dalthorp, f	9	2	3	20
Anderson, c	0	0	1	0
Jorgenson, G	4	3	1	11
Eathorne, g	4	1	4	9
Gill, f	1	0	1	2
Henson, c-f	3	1	0	7
Sheaffer, c	0	0	3	0
Gibbs, c	2	0	2	4
Totals	24	7	20	55

### Oregon (63)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wilkins	2	1	1	5
Rasmussen, f	6	0	1	12
Hays, c	8	2	2	18
Williamson, g	2	2	1	6
Hamilton, g	3	2	1	8
Seeborg, f	2	5	1	9
Bray, c	0	0	0	0
Berg, g	2	1	4	5
Totals	25	13	11	63

Referee—Tim McCullough. Umpire—Emil Piluso.

# Hayward Visions Oval Trials For Sprinters

After sending Oregon's potential cindermen through the paces Monday afternoon Colonel Bill Hayward, veteran cinder mentor, came forth with a statement concerning Oregon's cinder possibilities for the coming season. According to Hayward, the fellows are finally beginning to take the resemblance of a track squad; with proper conditioning and training Oregon may be capable of developing a good team before conference competition opens April 13, with Oregon State.

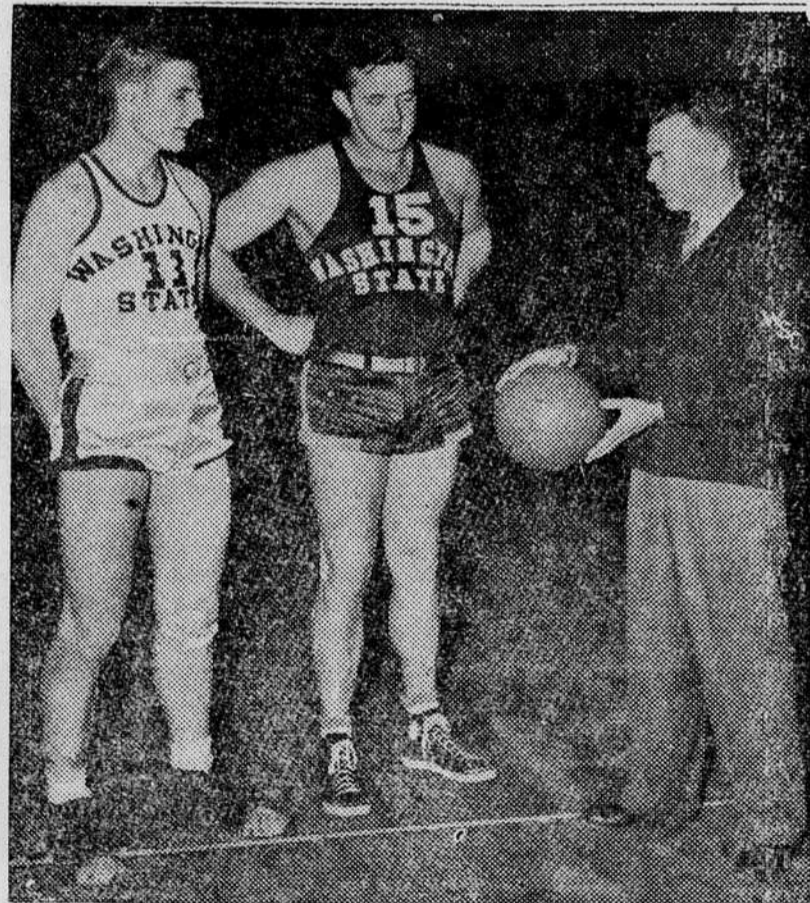
Hayward's optimism has several substantial factors, mainly; (1) Jake Leicht, .09:6 century harrier, is expected to check out warmups Wednesday, (2) several newcomers have been added to the squad in the last week with prospects of additional recruits forthcoming, (3) finally, but best of all, the squad as a whole is improving rapidly and with proper conditioning should be capable of giving opponents a tough go.

### Distance Men Outside

During the last week distance men have been working out on the oval on Hayward field for the first time this year. Prior to this week milers and fractions thereof have been working out on the grass turf adjacent to the baseball diamond and in the unfinished area of the physical education wing.

Sprinters, high jumpers, hurdlers, and shot putters have been training inside for the last five weeks; all are waiting for the opportunity of working out on the field in the near future if weather permits. Conditioning work in every event continues and Hayward is awaiting a larger turnout and less "Oregon Sunshine" before starting time trials. Several positions in each event are unfilled and additional men are needed to fill the depleted positions before the relay meet with Oregon State in April.

## COUGAR COACH INSTRUCTS



Jack Friel, Washington State College basketball coach since 1928, shows two of his boys the finer points of the game. At the left is Gene Sivertson, 6'4" forward who played two years of varsity ball at Western Washington College, Bellingham, before transferring to WSC last fall; Sivertson gives the Cougars plenty of strength off the backboards. Ray "Tiny" Arndt, 6'5" forward, is only a freshman but has been seeing much action. A veteran of 43 months infantry service in the Pacific, Arndt was an all-state center for the great, undefeated Everett high school team which breezed to the state prep title in 1941.