

Ducks Ace Out WSC 56-52

Williamson Leads Scorers With 17; Sivertson Gets 13

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A favored University of Oregon basketball squad came out on top in their first conference tilt against Washington State Monday night to the tune of 56-52, but the Cougars were a constant threat throughout the game. 6700 screaming fans packed McArthur court. The two teams meet again tonight for the second game of the series at 8 p. m.

Last night's victory was the twelfth straight for the Ducks and a record for any Oregon team. The Alleycats of 1938 held the record previously with a string of 11 straight.

Both squads had a bad night on their shots taken at the basket. The Webfoots hit 22 field goals out of 83 attempts and Washington State made 21 goals out of 74 chances.

During the last 10 minutes of play, the score was tied four times. The Cougars missed their chance to tie up the game when they missed four free tosses during the final 10 minutes.

The Webfoot attack was paced by little Stan Williamson who connected for 12 points in the first half and five more in the final stanza. His total of 17 gave him scoring honors for the evening and Sivertson of WSC was second with 13.

WSC took the first tip off, but they were immediately crossed up by ball hawking Al Popick. He stole the ball and dribbled almost the full length of the court for a lay in and the first tally of the game. Big Gene Sivertson tied it up at 2-all and Sheridan put the Cougars ahead 4-2 with a lay in.

Wiley Hits

Roger Wiley tied the ball game up when he uncorked a howitzer from the key, but WSC went ahead 5-4 when George Hamilton made a charity toss. Wiley again tied up the ball game when he made a free throw and 20 seconds later Hays tipped one in off the board that put the Ducks ahead, 8-5.

They didn't stay there long, however, when Hamilton potted a long howitzer and a free throw to tie up the ball game again. The Cougars went ahead for the third time when Sivertson made a lay

in, but Wiley came through again with a tip in to tie up the game at 10 all.

Dahl countered with 2 for WSC, but the ever-present Williamson came back to freeze the game at 12 all. Don Andrews missed a pair of free throws for WSC and Williamson repeated to give the Webfoots a slim 14-12 advantage. Midway in the first half Bob Gaston put the game on even terms again when he sank one from the side, but Williamson made another from the key and the Ducks went ahead for five minutes.

Cougars Tighten

Wiley fouled massive Ray Arndt and the Oregon margin was shaved to one point, but Williamson uncorked another and Oregon led 18-15. Popick sank a one-hander from the side but the aggressive Cougars tightened up and went ahead 22-20 with six minutes remaining in the half.

Hays tied it up again, and after Ed Dick sank a free toss, the Ducks stayed in front for the rest of the half with the halftime score 31-24 in favor of Oregon.

The Webfoots managed to maintain a slim lead until the second half was 10 minutes old and the Cougars went ahead 45-43 when Arndt sank a hook from the key. Berg brought Oregon up one point with a free throw, but Dahl repeated for the Cougars and Sivertson tipped one



Reedy Berg . . . slim red-haired Reedy took over at the guard spot when Al Popick fouled a Cougar one time too many. Berg a two-year letterman stands 6-2.

in to give WSC a 48-44 lead. Williamson came through in the clutch again with a hook and Dick tipped one in off the board to tie up the game with 7 minutes and 40 seconds remaining to play.

Dick sank a free throw, Hamilton tied it up again with his gift toss and things looked rough for Oregon when Gaston's hook shot put the Palousemen ahead 51-49.

Dick took the rebound from Hays' shot, however, and tipped it in to tie the game at 51-all with 5½ minutes remaining, and Wiley's hook from the side put the Webfoots ahead where they stayed for the rest of the game.

Hays tipped one in and Williamson sank a free throw with a minute and fifteen seconds remaining. The eager Cougars tried desperately to hit the hoop, but they were shooting wild and a free throw by Wayne Hawk two seconds before the gun gave them their last point.

Washington State	FG	FT	PF	TP
Gayda, f	3	0	3	6
Sheridan, f	2	0	1	4
Sivertson, c	6	1	3	13
Hamilton, g	2	4	3	8
Dahl, g	3	1	3	7
Lowery, f	2	0	1	4
Hanks, f	0	1	0	1
Gaston, f	2	1	0	5
Svendsen, f	0	0	0	0
Arndt, c	1	1	2	3
Elliott, g	0	1	0	1
Andrews, g	0	0	0	0

Total . . . 21 10 16 52

Oregon	FG	FT	PF	TP
Dick, f	2	4	2	10
Hays, f	4	2	4	10
Wiley, c	4	1	1	9
Popick, g	4	1	5	9
Williamson, g	7	3	3	17
Wilkins, f	0	0	0	0
Wren, f	0	0	1	0
Bartelt, f	0	0	0	0
Seeborg, g	0	0	0	0
Berg, g	0	1	0	1

Total . . . 22 17 12 56

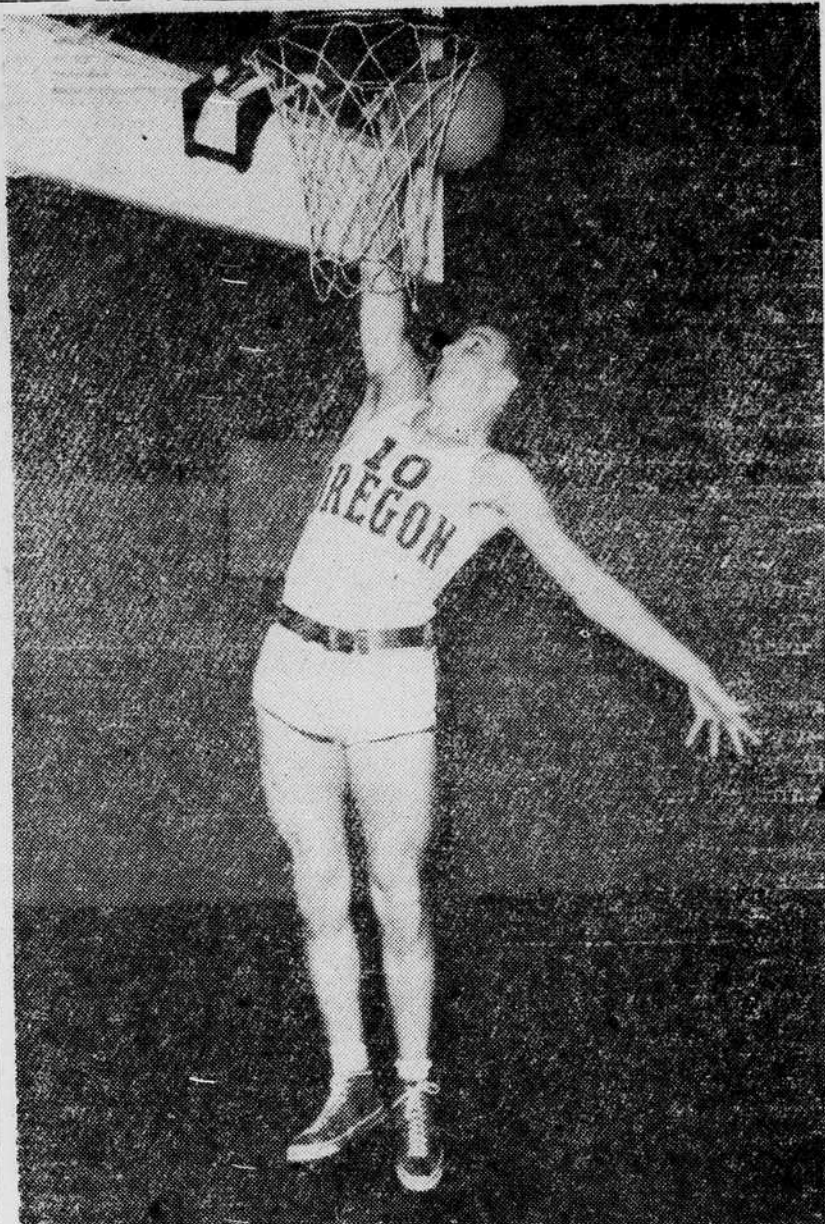
Free throws missed: WSC—Gayda 2, Sheridan 1, Svendsen 2, Dahl 2, Andrews 2; Oregon—Dick 2, Wiley 2, Berg 1.

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Dick Wilkins . . . a two-year letterman when the Ducks roiled last night. Though Wilkins failed to score last night he was one of the team's leading scorers last season.

Cougar Cagers Harried By Traveling Difficulties

By AL PIETCHMAN

Beset by traveling difficulties, the Washington State College basketball quintet pulled into the Igloo dressing rooms just a few minutes before game time and hurriedly prepared themselves for the big game.

A trio of Cougars, Wes "Bing" Dahl, Don Andrews and Bob Elliot came up by taxi from the hotel ahead of their teammates who fought Eugene's bus system and barely made game time after their team missed connections in Portland.

Dahl is one of the big guns of the Jack Friel team and is also the student of the group, according to his teammates. Andrews and Elliot pointed out that it was Bing who was the "wheel" of their team, but he said they were putting it on pretty thick.

Elliot is married and mentioned that WSC is the "marriage" team going as more than half of them have wives. Despite this handicap, the boys seemed in good psychological state before they took to the maples and the howling crowd.

A quick check of the Cougar roster verified a statement made by Elliot that they have a lot of Swedes

on their team. Most of them, incidentally, are local Washington boys and not imported hoopsters.

Talk got around to the upset handed Santa Clara by the Cougars last week, and the boys pointed out that the Broncos have a sharp shooting club that really sink shots with uncanny accuracy.

"They were tired and their coach had only seven men to use. Two of them were badly banged up, but he had to use them anyway. They tired quickly and we were able to turn on the heat," was Dahl's modest statement when questioned about the rugged Broncos who had previously knocked over all tough competition in the south.

Grades Mentioned

Surprisingly enough, chatter shifted to grades (women were mentioned, too, but grades are more interesting to readers). Washington State has the semester system and finals stare the ball club members in the face just three weeks hence—and they haven't been in class for more than a month. Their long junket and the many pre-season games have kept them away from profs and the Cougars are really wonder-

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Ken Hays . . . who tossed in 10 points for Coach Howard Hobson's victorious Oregon team in the Igloo. Hays, a towering lad of six feet, seven inches, is especially effective under the backboards.