

# Cougars Even Series, Upset Webfoots 52-49

Unlucky No. 13 put the evil finger on the Duck cagers Saturday night when they were beaten out 52-49 by the surprisingly strong Washington State Cougars. The Oregons were out for their thirteenth victory, but it was Bob Elliot, a sophomore reserve guard, who wore No. 13 and collected the needed points in the closing seconds to put Washington State in the lead. 6,600 fans witnessed the contest.

Washington State's split with the touted Webfoots took them out of the "darkhorse" class and rates them as definite title contenders. Most of Oregon's points were scored by Guards Stan Williamson and Al Popick, and if the scrappy Cougars can be as rugged under the boards at Corvallis, they will cause the Orangemen no end of trouble.

### WSC Leads at Half

Although the Cougars held a 25-20 advantage at halftime Saturday night, and dominated the play during the first half, the stubborn Oregon squad came from behind time and again, but they couldn't hold their slim three point lead.

When Elliot potted his "cripple" with one minute and 15 seconds remaining to be played, Oregon's lead was cut to one point, 49-48. Bail-hawking Al Popick tried desperately to regain possession of the ball, but the officials called a foul against him, and Elliott tied the game at 49 all. Another foul was called against Popick and Elliot dropped in the clincher, and what should have been the final score.

The horn failed to sound at the end of the regular playing time, however, and the officials displayed their usual inconsistency shown throughout the series when they declared Bob Sheridan's lay in good after the hand on the clock had gone fully four seconds past the regular playing time.

### Salmon Leading Scorer

High scorer for the series was Oregon's acting captain, Stan Williamson, "Salmon" was leading scorer both nights with 17 Friday and 13 Saturday—a total of 30 points for the series.

Had the Ducks hit a respectable average during the first few minutes, the outcome might have been different. They hit only 2 goals out of 28 attempts in the first 15 minutes and 45 seconds of play and finished with 17 field goals in 77 tries—a percentage of .221. Jack Friel's

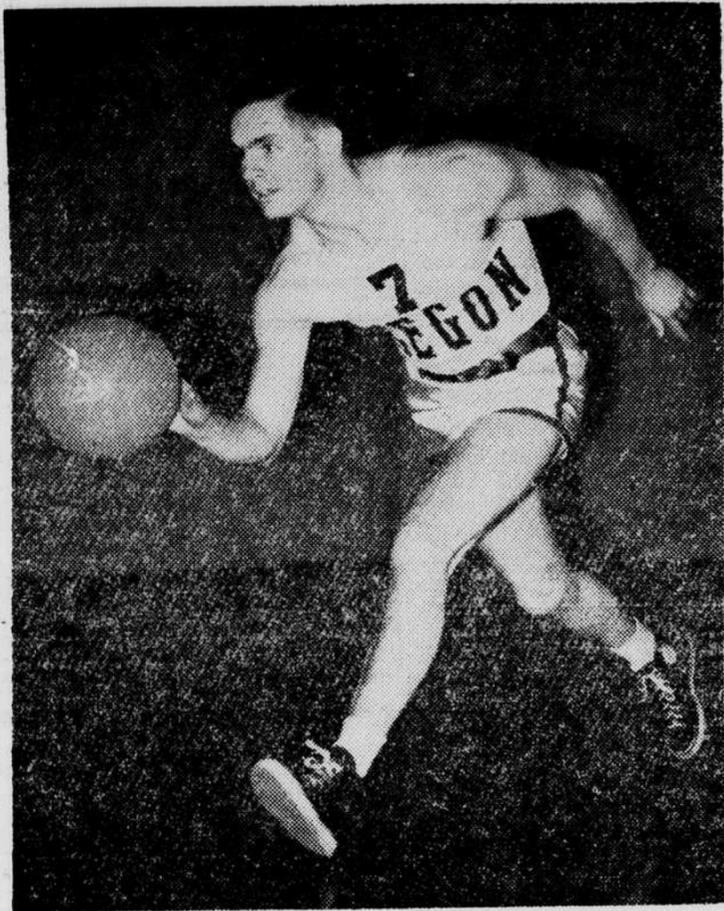
## Nine Games Set For 1947 Slate

Two more games have been added to the 1947 Oregon grid schedule, providing local fans with four games on Hayward field and two in Portland.

According to Graduate Manager Anson B. Cornell, the newest additions include University of Nevada for October 4 and University of San Francisco for October 25. The Webfoots have never met the Wolves from Reno and the SFU Dons on the grid-iron.

Oregon's complete nine game schedule: Texas in Portland, September 27; Nevada, October 4; UCLA in Los Angeles, October 11; Washington in Portland, October 18; SFU, October 25; Idaho here, November 1; WSC at Pullman, November 8; Stanford at Palo Alto, November 15; and Oregon State here, November 22.

**BOB WREN . . .** rugged Duck forward, who should see action against Oregon State in the first game of the four game series that gets underway at Corvallis Saturday night. Birdy is effective under the boards and might be used to hold down Rocha and Crandell.



squad cast off 66 times and hit 18 for a .272 average.

Coach Howard Hobson began preparations yesterday for the first Oregon State tussle at Corvallis Saturday night by working the varsity against Ted Schopf's freshman squad. Four more days of intensive drill are in store for the Webfoots who will be on the come-back trail this weekend.

Oregon (49)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Dick, f	3	1	5	7
Hays, f & c	2	3	3	7
Wiley, c	3	0	1	6
Williamson, g	4	5	3	13
Popick, g	4	2	4	10
Wren, f	0	0	1	0
Wilkins, f	1	1	3	3
Berg, g	0	2	0	2
Lavey, g	0	1	1	1
Totals	17	15	21	49
W. S. C. (52)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Sheridan, f	2	1	2	5
Gayda, f	3	1	5	7
Sivertson, c	2	4	2	8
Dahl, g	0	1	1	1
Hamilton, g	2	2	4	6
Gaston, f	3	1	3	7
Lowery, f	1	0	2	2
Arndt, c	1	0	0	2
Elliott, g	2	6	4	10
Andrews, g	2	0	0	4
Totals	18	16	23	52

Halftime score: Oregon 20, WSC 25.

Missed freethrows: Oregon (11), Dick, Wiley 7, Williamson 2, Lavey, WSC (7), Sheridan 2, Gaston 2, Gayda, Lowery, Hamilton.

Officials: Hal Eustis and Hal Lee.

### SPORTS STAFF

- Bill Stratton
- Wally Hunter
- Bernie Hammerbeck
- Fred Taylor
- Don Fair
- Al Pietschman

## Cougar Cagers Tired but Happy After Weekend Split with Ducks

Tired, but definitely happy, the Washington State Cougars descended to their locker room in MacArthur court after Saturday night's victory over the Ducks.

They had journeyed into the "Valley" looking for and expecting wins, but the long away-from-home jaunt has always been a jinx to traveling teams, although it was the Cougars who conquered the Ducks in three out of four contests last season.

Saturday's win partly compensated them they figured. But they wanted that first game too, and figured they could turn the trick against the Oregon State team Monday and Tuesday.

### Got the Breaks

Questioned about the last minutes of play that saw them overcome a three point deficit and boom ahead three extra points, some of the hoopsters said that they knew they could turn the tables with the breaks. However, they were surprised that the Webfoots didn't try to freeze the ball more than they did. "If your boys could have successfully put a freeze into action in those last ninety seconds, we would probably be here with long faces now," said one Cougar.

Another commented, "Your team put the last minute rush on Friday night, and we figured it was time to show everyone that we could do the same thing."

Coach Jack Friel was just as happy as his proteges. One of the most excited men was the WSC manager. He was everywhere, in the showers, locker room, and even in the Oregon equipment room.

Some of the Oregon rooters and

## 1947 ND Hoop Race Destined To be Crammed with Upsets

### N. D. STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	2	0	1.000
Oregon State	1	0	1.000
Oregon	1	1	.500
Washington State	1	2	.333
Idaho	0	2	.000

### By WALLY HUNTER

Five contests of the 40-game schedule of the Northern Division Pacific Coast conference basketball are cluttering up record books as of today, and if the ones already played are any indication—it will be a wild and woolly year. Before any of the five teams in the Northern division can run up the victor's pennant this season it will have to prove that it can run with the best of 'em, hit with the best of 'em consistently, and handle itself well in the infighting.

This is not the year when the pre-season choice will come skating home with the glad rag tucked away and not show the signs of heated battle. An off night at the foul line, or an injury to a key man can be enough to torpedo a fast mover. This season the big boys are back and the fight will go to the wire.

Tonight the Jack Friel coached gang from the Palouse hills will end their series with Amory Gill's guys and that will end festivities for this week on the hoop front. Last night's Aggie-Cougar battle, instead of clarifying the race, did a lot to cloud the issue as to which team is the one to beat. After what the Cougars did to the previously unbeaten Ducks people here and there would hesitate to count them entirely out of the running. Likewise the Beavers can be counted on for a blow or two before the fighting is over.

What the Orangemen did to the Pullman quintet in the first half

was a headline surprise. The WSC men proved themselves an able outfit in two fast ones at the Igloo—but the Beavers weren't letting them get a look-in at the basket—or the ball game last night. While pitching in a neat percentage of their own shots the Beavers were shackling the Friel coached lads in no uncertain fashion.

Perhaps nervous Jack can figure a way to beat the Gill designed defense before game time tonight, but the Cougars are in for a rough evening anyway.

Coach Howard Hobson's tall lads get the next shot at the Orangemen, when the Ducks and the Beavers re-new their age-old feud at Corvallis next Saturday.

Only other hoop action slated for next Saturday is a Washington State-University of Idaho tussle at Moscow. At present the defending champion Vandals are the only team to go winless in conference play. Hec Edmundson's Washington Huskies dropped the Vandals twice, 51-41 and 62-41.

## OSC CRUSHES WSC 52 TO 28

CORVALLIS, Jan. 6—Oregon State's basketball squad racked up its first conference win of the season here last night with a crushing 52-28 victory over Jack Friel's Washington State Cougars. The two teams meet again on the same court Tuesday night.

The Cougars failed to score for the first 11 minutes of the game, the longest time in memory of OSC officials an opponent has failed to tally against the Beavers here. The score was 11-0 before Wes Dahl sank a long toss for the first WSC goal, but the Beavers ran the tally far ahead and with less than two minutes of the first half left, it was 25-4.

Then Lew Beck, Beaver spark-plug guard, rang in five more points and Gayda tossed a field goal and a free one to add three for the Cougars to close the stunning 30-7 halftime score.

By the middle of the second half, WSC edged up to 45-22 and when the game was over Washington State had scored 21 points and Oregon State 22 in the second half.

The Cougars were way off in their shooting and apparently felt the fatigue of their two whirlway games against Oregon last weekend.

Summary:  
WSC (28) (52) OSC  
Gayda (5) F (5) Crandall  
Sheridan (4) F (1) Peterson  
Sivertson C (11) Rocha  
Dahl (2) G (1) Silver  
Hamilton (3) G (9) Torrey  
WSC subs: Gaston (8), Lowery (2), Arndt, Elliott (1), Hanks (2), Svenson (1).

OSC subs: Anderson (6), Carey (1), Martin (3), Beck (12), Rolandt (4), Catterall.

Halftime score: OSC 30, WSC 7.  
Officials: Hal Eustis, referee; Hal Lee, umpire.

### Popp Calls Skiers

All persons interested in turn-out for the newly organized ski team are urged to be ready for time trials to be held this weekend, it was announced by Coach Jim Popp.

Popp said that everyone who intends to turn out should contact him today in the apparatus room of the men's physical education building. Trials this weekend will be held at Santiam pass, and will include down-hill and slalom runs.

### BASKETBALL SCORES

- Santa Clara 43, Seattle College 33
- Wyoming 68, Valparaiso 55
- Nebraska 44, Oklahoma 41
- Minnesota 34, Illinois 31
- Purdue 57, DePaul 41
- Michigan State 53, Marquette 51
- Indiana 62, Ohio State 39
- Willamette 50, St. Martins 39
- Oregon State 52, Washington State 28.