

Ducks Edge Pilot Quint

Webfoots Take Close 47-45 Tilt

By DON FAIR

A timely basket by Marv Rasmussen, his only one of the game, with two and a half minutes remaining, gave the Oregon cagers a narrow 47-45 triumph over a not-too-highly rated Portland university quint last night at McArthur court.

A crowd of 3000 turned out to see the Webfoots first home preseason contest, but the Ducks didn't put on much of a show as they had to come from behind when the usual scoring punch was lacking.

With a little over four minutes to play, Oregon trailed the shorter, yet scrappier Pilots, 42-38. Stan Williamson, high point man for the evening with 17, cut the distance to two points when he dribbled around the key to sink a cripple.

Rog Wiley's tip-in of Williamson's foul toss knotted the score at 42-all a few seconds later. Bob Devich, Portland scoring ace with 13, pushed the Pilots again into the lead with a charity throw, but Williamson nullified it when he sank a free shot to make it 43-43.

Bartelt Hits

Rugged Jim Bartelt then intercepted a stray Portland pass and let fly from 10 feet out with a perfect swisher to put the Ducks ahead. Jack Winters, Pilot center, again tied the game at 45-apiece when he tapped in a rebound.

This set the stage for Rasmussen's game-winning shot a half minute later. Wiley grabbed the ball off the Portland board, dribbled half way down the sidelines, and fired a pass to Rasmussen, all alone under the opponent's basket.

Ducks Stall

The Webfoots hung desperately to this 47-45 lead until the end, although Portland, twice in the last minute, took the ball out of bounds, rather than shoot a foul toss, in an endeavor to knot the count.

The Pilots served notice that they were going to be a tough team from the opening whistle when Winters caged two quick ones for a 4-0 lead. Oregon trailed until nearly nine minutes were gone when Bartelt hit a long set shot from the side for an 11-10 edge.

Late in the first half, the Webfoots put together a lone scoring spree when Archie Gacek, Wiley, and Bartelt hit three rapid baskets to give Oregon a 24-17 bulge. But Mush Torson's team came back strong and trailed 24-23 at half.

Pilots Match

Again in the last 20 minutes, Portland matched the Ducks point-for-point, although behind at one time 34-29. It looked for a moment like John Warren's men were going to run up a safe margin. Portland, however, in rapid-fire order squelched this bid by taking the lead themselves, 39-37, four minutes later.

The Oregon quint just couldn't find the basket range in the game. Time and time again they raced down the floor, only to have clear set shots and lay-ins stray from the hoop.

On the other hand, Portland was playing heads-up ball, setting up their plays in pattern-like fashion,

Sky Artist



Heavy work by Rog Wiley, towering Duck center, has been a big factor in the past four Oregon victories. Wiley has displayed the prewar form that give him the Northern Division scoring crown with his action under the backboards so far.

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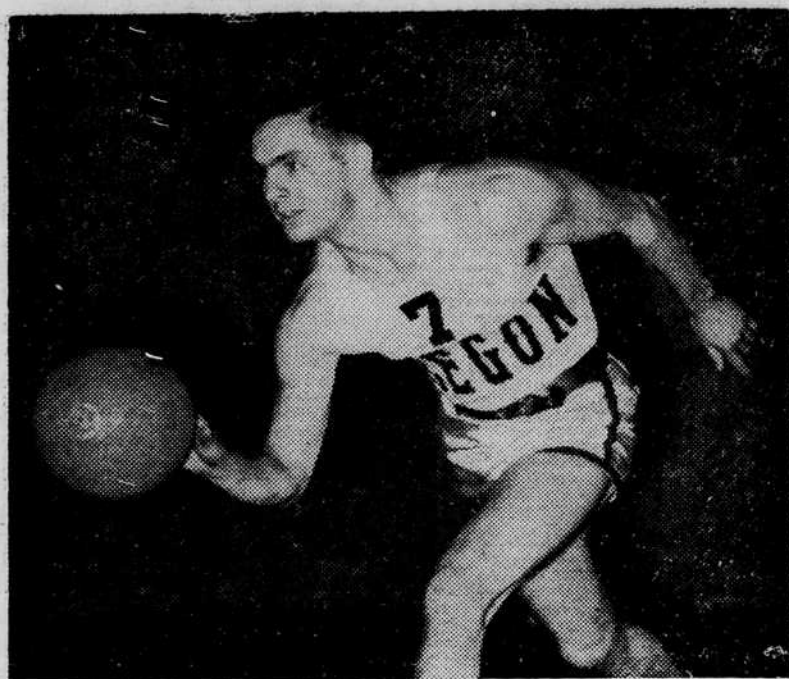
Cage Head Hands Out Heavy Drill

Don Kirsch took over the coaching reins of the Frosh basketball team yesterday and stressed heavy conditioning during the two hour practice.

Yesterday's workout was the stiffest this season for the 45-man squad. After jogging around the gym for loosening-up purposes the Freshmen hopefuls got down to the business of the day. Included were running, passing, and jumping drills, defensive maneuvers, and dribbling practice. The session was topped off with four intra-squad scrimmages of ten minutes each.

Heldt expects to start cutting the aspirants at the end of this week. Eventually the team will be narrowed to about 20 members with the possibility of a few more being dropped by the end of the season.

Meets Old Mates



Bob Wren, former Oregon forward, met his alma mater in battle Monday night when he performed in the lineup of the Fees Roller-drome independents. The hefty backboard ace netted four points from his center slot, but the independents lost, 80-43.

Bowl Bids Turned Down As Elevens Tire of Sport

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2—(UP)—Coach Ed (Tex) McKeever of University of San Francisco today announced that his football players had voted against playing in the Harbor Bowl at San Diego on New Year's day.

The Dons, completing their most successful season Sunday with a 32-20 victory over St. Mary's, have hung up their suits for the season.

McKeever said they also had received "feelers" for appearances in two other bowls, but had decided to wait until a better record would get them a big bowl bid.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 2—(UP)—University of Utah's Big Seven conference football champions today turned down an invitation to San Diego's New Year's day "Harbor Bowl."

Utah was invited to the Bowl to play against San Diego State. Uni-

versity officials said team members wanted to end work for the season after the last regular game, Dec. 6, at Tucson against Arizona.

Earlier, the Utes had rejected invitations to the Raisin Bowl in Fresno and the Salad Bowl at Phoenix.

RENO, Dec. 2—(UP)—The University of Nevada board of athletic control voted today not to play North Texas State in the Salad Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 1, 1948.

It was learned unofficially but reliably that the reason for turning down the game was that team members and university officials were dissatisfied with the selection

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