

Varsity Cagers Split Husky Series; High-Scoring Frosh Win Two Tilts

Wiley Slightly Injured As Webfoots Win, 73-58

BY DON FAIR

Oregon unleashed its scoring punch, spearheaded by Dick Wilkins and Al Popick, as the Webfoots rolled to a 73-58 triumph over the Washington Huskies Saturday night before 6600 fans on McArthur court. The win evened the series between the two teams at one game apiece and left them tied for second place in Northern Division play.

Along with the encouraging sign of the Duck win came the announcement from Coach John Warren yesterday that center Roger Wiley suffered a back injury in the game and will "have to take it easy" the rest of the week. Warren hinted that Wiley might not play in the Oregon State game Saturday, or would see limited action.

The Oregon mentor also revealed that Archie Gacek, promising hook-shot artist, was no longer out for basketball. Gacek, who is preparing for entrance into law school wished to devote more time to his studies. Warren said that his absence would definitely be missed for the remainder of the season.

Ducks Score First

In Saturday's contest, the Webfoots scored first after one minute of play when Popick dribbled the length of the floor for a cripple. Although the score was tied on four occasions in the game, Oregon never was behind from then until the finish.

The final deadlock, 8-8, came with 15 minutes left in the first half, and Wiley quickly pushed the Ducks in front by canning a right hand pivot shot. Wilkins added a pair of his specialty tosses, a one-hander from the side of the key, and a long set toss.

Huskies Close

The Huskies closed the gap to 15-13, but Popick drilled in a short shot, and added another basket a minute later to put Oregon into a 20-15 lead. The team traded baskets until Wilkins again came through with a free toss and another 30-foot two-hander to give the Webfoot quint a commanding 26-19 margin.

At halftime, Oregon increased its margin to 33-24 over the seemingly tired Huskies, and the Ducks kept pouring the points in, throughout the final half, with Popick paving the way. In the first 20 minutes, Wilkins had his sights leveled on the basket as he tallied 15 points, and finished up with an evening's total of 21.

The closest Washington came in the last quarter was 39-31 after three minutes had gone by and then Popick took over. He connected with a long two-hand heave, which Jack Nichols of Washington matched.

Popick Hot

Then the blond fireball guard for the Webfoots dropped a one-hand key shot. A pair of baskets by Nichols closed the gap to 45-37, but Popick came steaming back with a beautiful jump shot from the foul line.

Jim Bartelt added a cripple, and Popick, on a pass from Wilkins, put in another lay-up. This spurt, with the period half gone, practically ruined whatever chances the

Huskies had as they found themselves trailing 54-41. The Ducks kept pumping the net.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Idaho	1	0
Ore. State	2	1
Oregon	1	1
Wash.	1	1
Wash. State	0	2

and with 45 seconds led 73-53, but the Seattle quint added a pair of buckets to cut the final margin to 15 points.

Oregon Strong

Despite scoring only seven points, Wiley was lording it over Nichols under the boards, both offensive and defensive, while Bartelt and Wilkins came up with plenty of rebbounds. Washington's three potential scoring threats, Sammy White, Bob Jorgensen, and Bill Taylor, were held to eight points.

Hights Points

The total scored by Oregon in the game is the highest that the Ducks have ever scored against a Washington team, while the total compiled by the two teams is also a new high. Oddity of the series' scoring is that both teams totaled 127 points in the two games for an average of 63.5 per game.

Nichols was high for the two-game stand with 38, followed by Wilkins 31, Vandenburg 20, Popick 19, White 18, Wiley 17, Bartelt 16, Williamson 14, and Jorgensen 13.

Oregon (73)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wilkins, f	9	3	1	21
Bartelt, f	2	1	3	5
Wiley, c	3	1	2	7
Williamson, g	1	6	4	8
Popick, g	9	1	4	19
Cooper, f	0	1	1	1
Rasmussen, f	0	0	0	0
Hamilton, f	0	0	0	0
Amacher, c	0	3	0	3
Berg, c	2	1	0	5
Lavey, g	1	2	1	4
Seeborg, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	19	16	73

Washington (58)	FG	FT	PF	TP
White, f	2	1	2	5
Vandenburg, f	4	4	3	12
Nichols, c	9	1	0	19
Jorgensen, g	1	1	0	3
Taylor, g	0	0	3	0
Mallory, f	0	0	2	0
Millikan, f	1	0	2	2
Carnovale, f	3	0	1	6
Bird, g	1	0	1	2
Engstrom, g	0	2	3	2
Eathorne, g	2	0	2	4
Opacich, g	0	3	3	3
Total	23	12	22	58

Missed free throws: Oregon (4)—Wilkins, Williamson, Wiley, Seeborg; Washington (6)—Nichols 2, Opacich 2, Engstrom, Vandenburg.

Vandals Drop Oregon State For First Loss

MOSCOW, Ida., Jan. 12—(UP) University of Idaho's supposedly cellar-bound cagers tonight toppled Oregon State, 1947 conference pennant-winners, 47 to 43 before 4,400 rabid fans who packed Memorial gymnasium to the rafters.

Six-foot-nine center Jack Phoenix poured 17 points through the hoop to pace the fired-up Vandals through a hectic game that saw the lead change hands 11 times with never more than five points separating the teams.

Oregon State, playing its third game in four nights, lost the magic sharpshooting touch it displayed in defeating Washington State twice last weekend. Guard Dan Torrey bucketed 13 points to lead Beaver scoring.

Duck Mermen To Meet OSC

Mentor Ray Kurelis will take the wrappings off his 1948 varsity swimming squad Saturday afternoon in the men's pool when the Aquaducks open their five meet schedule against last year's cellar-dwelling OSC Beavers.

This season's crew will be captained by Earl Walters, ranked as number two breastroker in the Northern Division last year. Other returning lettermen include George Moorhead, Benny Holcomb, and Paul Thompson. Around this nucleus of veterans Kurelis hopes to form a squad that will at least equal last season's record of runner-up spot in the final league standings.

Kurelis said yesterday that the line-up for Saturday's water-fest is strictly tentative. If Jim Waters, a free-style expert from California who attended Vanport College last term can get his eligibility cleared by meet time the present roster will be entirely re-arranged. Waters is slated to see aqua-action in both the 440 and 220, along with lettermen Paul Thompson.

Staters Impotent

The 1947 Oregon State team failed to notch a single victory in ND competition, and unless some outstanding talent has joined the team, the Aggies are not expected to fare any better in this year's pennant chase. Although Kurelis did not make any pre-meet predictions, the Ducks are expected to outpoint their traditional foe by a sizeable margin.

The Beaver aggregation will be paced by Ray Staub, who captured the conference diving championship last year, and was the only consistent winner on the last-place Orange and Black crew.

Ducklings Top Indians Colonials, 77-32, 50-38

By ELWIN PAXSON

A red-hot band of frosh basket-eers poured a total of 127 points through the hoop Saturday afternoon in McArthur court as they downed Washington high of Portland 50-38 in the opener, and then wound up the doubleheader by lacing The Dalles Indians, 77-32.

The Ducklings were an entirely different bunch of players than the listless group that took the floor against Benson on the previous afternoon. Fired by the heads-up ball-handling passing of hustlers Don Peterson, Ernie Wilde, and Jack Keller, the frosh repeatedly fast-broke past the enemy defense for counter after counter. This, combined with the outstanding back-board play of Will Urban, Bob Taggesell, Wayne Ford, Brad Fullerton, and Rod Slade, enabled the yearlings to win handily from both opponents.

Guard Leroy Coleman, an all-stater from Klamath Falls, turned in the most brilliant scoring performance of the day as he went wild in the second quarter of The Dalles contest to rifle in 12 points after connecting for 2 long ones in the first stanza for a total of 16. High point honors for the initial battle went to tip-in ace Will Urban who racked up 10 markers, most of them under the boards.

Washington gave the Ducklings a tough skirmish in the opening frame as they matched their foe point for point throughout the first few minutes but the potent frosh gradually widened the scoring gap throughout the remainder of play. The Colonials were paced by Don Schuberg, a real battler under the buckets, who led his team's offensive with 15 points.

The first-year men just couldn't

miss in their fray with The Dalles. The ball went through the hoop from all angles and distances, as the frosh piled up a surprising total of 37 field goals, while sinking only a trio of gift throws.

The Dalles also started the battle in rousing fashion by forging into a 8-2 lead soon after the opening whistle sounded. Jim Barnhouse, Don Erickson, and Gene Morrow, tossed in three buckets from the floor in rapid succession. The frosh, however, immediately overcame the preppers and by half-time led by a score of 39-22. They continued to widen the margin in the second half, as their reserve power soon fast-broke the exhausted Indians into submission by adding another 38 points to the total. An unusual feature of the game was the fact that the Indians committed only a single personal foul in the entire first half.

Lineups:

Frosh (50) Washington (38)
 Peterson (7).....F..... (5) Krafve-Taggesell (6).....F..... (5) Webb Urban (10).....C..... (15) Schuberg Wilde (2).....G..... (2) White Keller (8).....G..... (9) Nelson
 Subs—Frosh: Slade; Coleman, 2; Mase, 2; Fullerton, 6; Miner, 3; Barde, 2; Lebenson, 2; Washington: Koepke, 4; Murray; Bolas; Norton; Patteerson, 2.
 Frosh (77) The Dalles (32)
 Mase.....F..... (5) Erickson Dasch (2).....F..... (5) Jensen Slade (5).....C..... (6) Morrow Coleman (16).....G..... (4) Wilkins Fullerton (8).....G..... (7) Barnhouses
 Subs—Frosh: Keller, 8; Peterson, 7; Ford, 6; Taggesell, 2; Artzt, 4; Barde, 4; Wilde, 2; Urban, 2; Miner, 7; Lebenson, 2; Bolen. The Dalles: Brumbaugh, 1; Brune; Larsen; Clements, 1; Bertrom.

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