

Ducks Trek To Seattle For UW Tilt

Squad in Condition For 2-Game Series

The Oregon 12-man basketball traveling squad leaves Eugene at 7:55 a.m. today enroute to Seattle, where they will meet Washington in a two-game series Friday and Saturday nights.

The Webfoots will arrive on the Husky campus at 4:30 this afternoon, and hold a short workout on the newly-dedicated Clarence S. Edmundson cage court tonight. Formerly known as the field house, the 12,000 capacity Washington gym was named after Hec Edmundson, last year's Husky coach, at ceremonies during the first Washington State contest.

Team Listed

The 12 Duck cagers making the jaunt are Jim Bartelt, Dick Wilkins, Paul Cooper, Bob Don, Lynn Hamilton, Roger Wiley, Bob Amacher, Stan Williamson, Al Popick, Reedy Berg, Kenny Seeborg, and Eob Lavey. In addition, Coach John Warren announced that Trainer Tom Hughes and Manager Paul Edlund will go.

Warren stated that his men were in ready physical condition for the tough series with the Huskies, with the possible exception of Cooper, reserve forward. Cooper, in a back-beard scramble Tuesday was kicked in the instep. In yesterday's short scrimmage, however, he showed no visible effects of the injury.

Warren Says:

Warren summed up Oregon's hopes with the statement: "The pressure very definitely is on the Webfoots. We could easily skid from first to last place by losing to Washington."

Scouting the Huskies last week-end, Don Hirsch revealed that Husky forward Bill Vandenburg played a "beautiful game both nights." His play on the backboards was particularly strong, as well as his basket average.

In yesterday's session, Warren had the quintet of Dick Unis, Al Reible, Jim Bocchi, Roger Mockford, and Bill Green working the Washington plays against the dozen men who are making the trip.

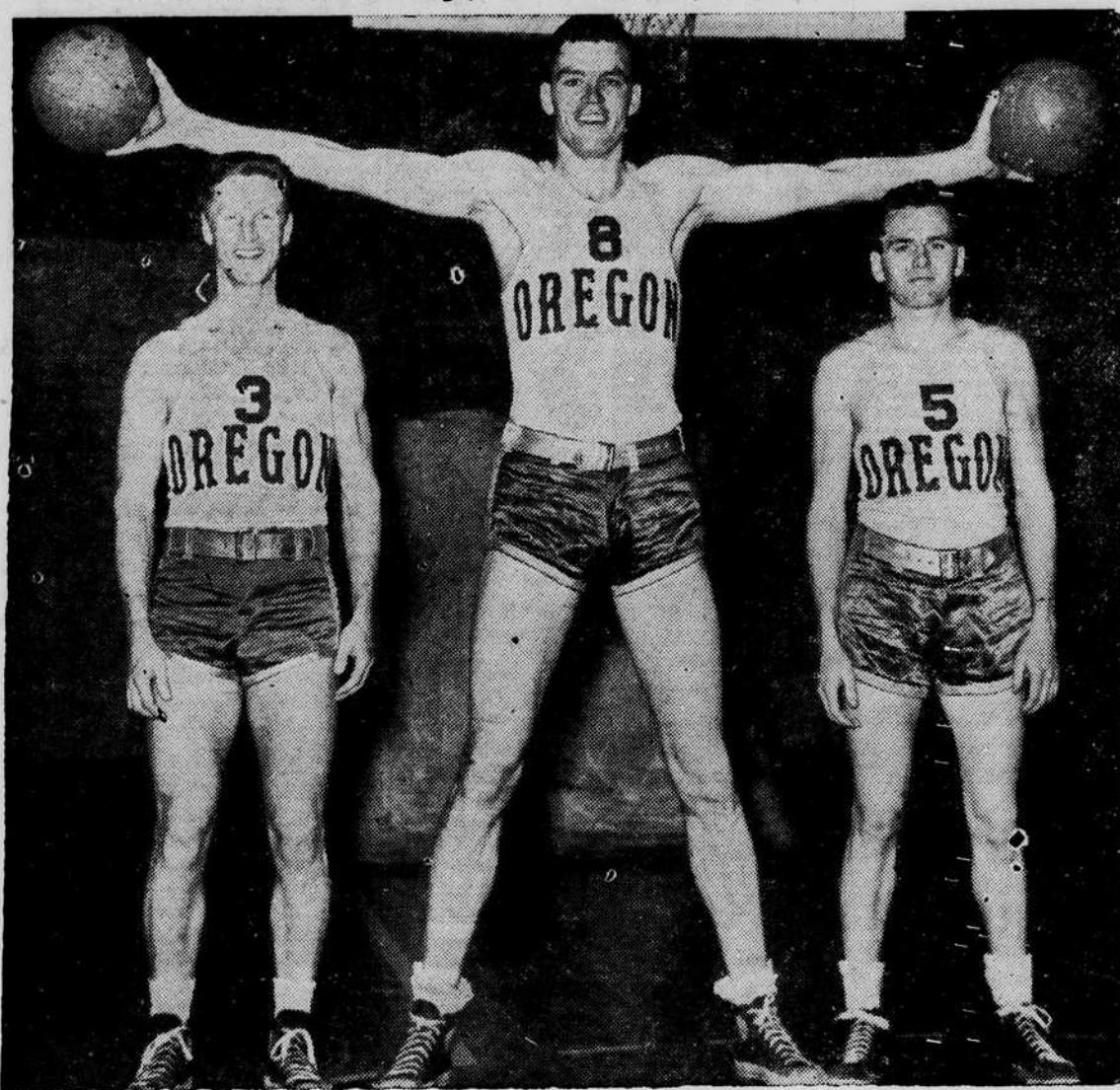
Both teams played heated ball, with the first string of Dick Wilkins, Jim Bartelt, Roger Wiley, Stan Williamson, and Al Popick. Williamson, who has displayed great physical stamina in Oregon's games thus far, kept up his driving pace yesterday, and managed to sneak in for a number of good shots.

Forwards Score

Jim Bartelt definitely showed signs of shaking his recent scoring slump, with his play on the backboards. Bartelt swished in his favorite one-hand toss from the sides repeatedly, as did his running mate at the otherforward, Dick Wilkins.

Wiley, whose accuracy with his left-hand hook shot is getting better, hawked several rebounds, and flipped in counters with either hand. Following the scrimmage, the 12 men went to their regular training table meal at John Straub and then were again shown movies of the first Oregon-Washington game, which the Ducks lost, 69-54.

Duck Delivery, A Quart and Two Pints



Above from left to right: Al Popick, 5 feet, 9 inches, guard; Roger Wiley, 6 feet, 8 inches, center; Stan Williamson, 5 feet, 7 inches, guard. Ties three men form the nucleus around which the Oregon team is built. Williamson and Popick will be lost after this season. Wiley is a junior.

Scribe Says Husky Reserves to Tell Tale

By DICK MASE

Put a big question mark alongside Washington's chances for the coast conference crown this year. The punctuation mark would refer to what's sitting beside Coach Art McLarney when the games begin—the subs.

Often the difference between a title contender and just another team lies in the team's reserve strength. Many feel the lack of adequate reserves during a long season—which on one occasion called for the Huskies to play four games in five nights—was responsible in a large part for Washington's so-so showing in 1947.

A Quick Look

Let's take a look at the important reserve situation during this year's campaign. Norm Carnovale, a two-year letterman, and Bob Engstrom, who fits in at either forward or guard, would make up a potent front line to back up Sam White and Bill Vandenburg. Carnovale, a left-handed, sharpshooter, played as a regular in 1945 and as a reserve last season.

Jim Mallory, willow-shaped center, will have a tough time filling in the shoes of Jack Nichols. Mal-

lory is the same height as Nichols and hails from Lincoln high of Seattle where he was an all-city performer in both basketball and golf.

Guards Strong

Bob Bird and Andy Opacich combine to give the Husky adequate reserve strength at the guard positions. Bird is a two-year numeral earner while Opacich earned his only letter last year. Opacich is a comer and is the only player in Seattle high school history to win all-city honors three consecutive years.

Another forward that is in the reserve picture is Doug Kirk who became eligible January 1. Kirk was the mainstay of the Husky "B" team last season and he is slated for extensive duty this year.

No Height

The chief weakness of the Washington reserves appears to be height. Only Mallory and 6 foot-3 inch Doug Kirk scale above the six foot mark. However, what they may lack in tall firs will be made up in shooting ability and experience.

A lot of pressure is on these boys. They may make the Huskies conference champs.

Feller Inks Fat Contract

By United Press

CLEVELAND, Jan. 21—(UP)—Flashing his boyish grin in obvious delight, Bobby Feller today signed his 1948 contract with the Cleveland Indians at terms that may permit him to surpass the \$87,000 he made last year and perhaps even eclipse Babe Ruth's all-time high of \$81,000.

But in the words of owner Bill Veeck, the Indians will have to have "a phenomenally good year" at the gate in order for Feller to become the highest paid player in baseball history.

Swimmers Face WSC And Idaho

Cougars Rate Edge; Idaho Cellar Team

With a 63-12 decision over OSC the Oregon varsity swimmers embark this morning for a weekend invasion of the Inland Empire. Friday afternoon they are scheduled to face the powerful Washington State crew at Pullman, and on Saturday they will hit the lanes against Idaho in Moscow.

The Cougars are rated as pre-meet favorites over the local squad. A victory for the Palouse Hill boys would not only virtually assure them of a runner-up berth in the ND title race, but it would also avenge the Duck win last season, which was gained via the disqualification routs.

Oregon Coach Ray Kireilis summed the situation up by saying, "Washington State has the complete team back from last year.

Benny Holcomb, top Oregon diver, and the fourth "O" winner last year, will not compete due to a severe back injury incurred during practice last week.

Against Idaho, the Ducks should fare considerably better. The Vandals were soundly dunked by the defending champs, Washington, last week-end, and they again will probably be settled comfortably in the conference cellar this season.

Kireilis did not disclose the starting line-up against the Cougars. He declared that the individual performances of the WSC stokers were still an unknown factor, and that he would not place his men in the respective events until meet-time.

He said that eight Aquaducks will make the three-day jaunt to Washington and Idaho. They are: Earl Walters and Pete Hill, backstroke; Bill Amburn, breaststroke; Willie McCullough, diving; and Al Dahlen, George Moorhead, Bill Vannatta, and Paul Thompson, free-style.

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