

Key Hoop Series Opens

Frosh Quintet Moves South; Webfoots Splash at Pullman

Tough Test Faces Duck Swimmers

By ELWIN PAXON

Oregon's varsity paddle-men will face their first real test of both individual and collective team strength when they face a potent Washington State swimming squad this afternoon in the Pullman pool.

The Cougars will be gunning for Ducks as the two crews hit the lanes, for two reasons. First, a win for either team would virtually cinch at least a second place in the ND chase this season. Secondly, the host aggregation will be seeking revenge for last year's defeat in Eugene, when their free-style relay squad was disqualified in the deciding event of the meet, enabling the Webfoots to eke out a slim margin of victory.

The Cougars protested loud and long, but the judges stood fast on their contention that their anchor man touched bottom before the preceding contestant finished his five lengths, thus disqualifying WSC in the race.

The Duck's opponents displayed a sample of their power last week by submerging Faragut College of Idaho by a 59 to 15 count. They revealed an abundance of letterman talent in addition to several outstanding newcomers, as the "Cougs" grabbed every first place on the program, except the breast-stroke, in which both WSC entrants were disqualified for illegal turns.

Oregon is weak in reserve strength, and Coach Ray Kirellis must rely on an eight-man traveling squad to bear the load today. The varsity mentor will depend heavily on sprinters George Moorhead and Bill Vannatta, and back-stroker-breastroker Earl Walters and Pete Hill for his victory chances. Breastroker Bill Amburn, free-stylers Paul Thompson and Al Dahlen, and diver Willie McCullough all show considerable promise, but with the exception of lettermen Thompson, lack competitive experience.

The Aquaducks wind up their inland invasion Saturday at Moscow, Idaho, where they are slated to meet the University of Idaho Vandals at 2:30 p.m.

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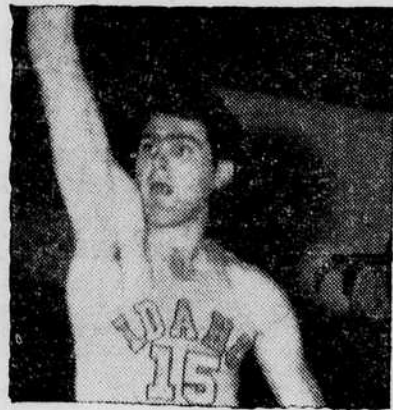
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Starting Lineups

Ht. Oregon	Pos.	Washington	Ht.
6-2 Wilkins	F	Vandenburgh	6-4
6-2 Bartelt	F	White	6-2
6-8 Wiley	C	Nichols	6-6
5-7 Williamson	G	Taylor	6-0
5-9 Popick	G	Jorgensen	5-10

ND Hoop Action Flares As Cougars Slate Idaho

The Washington State Cougars renew an old rivalry Friday night



JACK PHOENIX

Can the Cougars Hold Him?

when they entertain the Idaho Vandals in the first game of their four-game series. Saturday night the action moves over to Moscow, home town of the Vandals.

Both teams have shown unexpected strength in conference games this season. Idaho, supposedly the doormat of the division, split a pair of contests with the de-

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fending champion Oregon State Beavers. The Cougars surprised by bowling over the strong Washington Huskies Friday night 48-47.

Apparently the toughest obstacle the Cougars will have to face is 6-foot 8-inch center Jack Phoenix. Phoenix is regaining his 1945 form, when he led the Vandals to the coast conference throne. Thus far this year Phoenix is fourth in total scoring and has averaged 15 points in division games.

Jack Friel's lads are expected to counter with a heralded air-tight defense which has been effective in keeping down their opponents' scoring in four league games.

Cagers Hit High School Ball Clubs

By GLENN GILLESPIE

Oregon's quintet of frosh hoopsters checked in with a comparatively light sharpening-up practice yesterday afternoon in Mac court, ending pre-game drills for contests scheduled with Klamath Falls and Grants Pass tonight and tomorrow night. The Ducklings leave Eugene this morning and will arrive in Klamath Falls in time to square off with the Pelicans at 8:30 p. m.

The freshmen have a rugged week of practice behind them, including scrimmages against the varsity, Eugene high, and intrasquad drills, and should be in shape for the southern schools. Shooting, both from the field and the foul line, has been emphasized by Coach Carl Heldt this pastweek, in an effort to pull his squad out of a new low in scoring slumps they showed against the OSC Rooks.

Guards Hot

Frosh guards Jack Keller and Don Peterson showed up well in yesterday's practice. Heldt is experimenting with Rod Slade at center in Bob Taggesell's place, and may start Slade this weekend. Will Urban and Ernie Wilde will open at forwards.

Coach Wayne Scott's Klamath Union Pelicans have decisioned Grants Pass twice this year, and should give the Frosh a stiff battle.

Two Husky Tilts Hold Title Hopes

By DON FAIR

Oregon's basketball team opens a sudden-death two-game series with the Washington Huskies in Seattle tonight, tip-off time at 8. The play-by-play account of the contest will be broadcast by Eugene station KASH, 1600 kilocycles, starting at 7:55 p. m. for the benefit of Webfoot followers.

John Warren's Webfoots, who arrived at the Huskies lair yesterday afternoon, held a short workout on the Washington court, as a final readying measure for tonight's battle. Capacity crowds of 12,000 are anticipated for both contests.

Before departing on the northern jaunt, Warren announced that he was going to stick with his same hang-tough starting lineup of Jim Bartelt and Dick Wilkins, forwards; Roger Wiley, center; and Stan Williamson and Al Popick, guards.

Husky mentor Art McLarney is expected to open with the same five he used in the Eugene games. Bill Vandenburgh and Sammy White rate the nod at forwards; Jack Nichols, center; and Bobby Jorgensen and Bill Taylor, guards.

Word from Seattle, earlier in the week, had Vandenburgh with an infected toe, with the possibility that he might not play against the Webfoots. But his two showings against Washington State last weekend were outstanding, and McLarney will probably have the 6 foot-4 inch backboard man in the game at whistle time.

Oregon, too, has one man suffering from an injury, Paul Cooper, first alternate forward. Cooper received a minor sprained ankle in Tuesday's workout, and may only see limited action tonight.

Nichols and Wiley, rated one-

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Hotshots Scheduled To Duel In Cow Palace Double Bill

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22 — (UP)—A scoring duel between Chuck Hanger of California and Frank Kudelka of St. Mary's, the hottest collegiate shotmakers in Pacific coast basketball tonight, was on tap for the last—and best—of San Francisco's "big time" cage double-headers.

California, the coast's No. 1 quintet and the only unbeaten team in the Pacific Coast conference, pairs with Stanford to take on Santa Clara and St. Mary's tomorrow and Saturday in the final twin

bill of the season in the city's gigantic "Cow Palace" auditorium.

A crowd of 15,000 is expected for each night as the experimental Cow Palace season ends with four games featuring some of the West's finest players—Hanger, Kudelka, Frank Laney of Santa Clara, Bill Stephenson of Stanford and Andy Wolfe of California.

The double-headers will be the major attraction along the south coast in a slim weekend basketball schedule.

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