

Beavers Run Over WSC, 65-49

Duck Cagers Stress Defensive Play For Two Washington State Games

Marshfield Tops Prep Play Lists

With the state high school basketball tournament scheduled for March 16-20 at McArthur court, basketball fans are currently gazing into their crystal balls and consulting their favorite oracles in an attempt to pick the prep champions of 1948.

The names Marshfield, Jefferson, Klamath Falls, and Salem appear to be the most popular with the boys supposedly in the know. Often, however, the prognosticators with the inside dope slip up somewhere, and such teams as little Bellfountain manage to carry home the coveted championship.

Guaranteed Gala

No matter who eventually wins the bacon, the tourney has always been a gala event, with all entries giving their best as representatives of their districts, and this year looks to be no exception.

The Marshfield Pirates will have to be conceded the role of favorite on the basis of their success as state titlist last season, and their record this year. Bill Borcher's club has 19 straight district victories under its belt this year and has been defeated only once in non-league competition. Grants Pass pulled the upset 50-49.

Another quint that merits consideration is Jefferson. The tall Demos are unbeaten this season and are the class of the perennially strong Portland schools. They hold decisions over such basketball worthies as Washington and the Salem Vikings.

Klamath Tries Again

The Klamath Falls Pelicans are back for another try at the crown this year. Wayne Scott's southerners were edged out in the finals last season by Marshfield. The tourney entry from the Pelicans' district has always been a strong contender, and Klamath has proved itself as the power of Southern Oregon.

Salem is rated by some as the team to watch, should they make the trip to the tournament. The Vikings have blossomed many times this year, and is the only prep team that holds victories over both the Oregon State Rooks and the Oregon Frosh. They have conquered the Rooks twice in two meetings and split a pair with the Frosh. Harold Hauk's Salemites also have beaten Washington, Astoria, and Springfield, three squads that have qualified for the State playoffs.

Jersey Joe Signs, Says He'll Knock Out Louis

New York, Feb. 27. —(UP)—Jersey Joe Walcott, who finally signed up today for his return bout with Champion Joe Louis, said that "I'm going to knock out that mechanical fighter as soon as possible."

Walcott, making no secret of the fact that the bout in Yankee stadium on June 23 would be a "grudge battle," said that he would not attempt to name the round of his knockout, but that he would not lose any time.

With Coach John Warren back from a Portland meeting, the Oregon basketkeeters went through a light drill yesterday, with the emphasis on defense, for the Washington State games at McArthur court, Monday and Tuesday nights.

Last night Warren, with some of his cagers, drove to Corvallis in their game against Oregon State. Tonight the Webfoot mentor will again make the trip to Aggieville for a final look-see at the WSC team.

Final Games for Cougars

Both games against the Pullman squad will start at the usual time, 8 p.m. These will be the final two tilts in Northern Division competition for the Cougars.

Coached by Jack Friel, the Washington Staters have been the "Cinderella" team of the conference. After dropping two games to the Beavers, they captured their first loop win with a 48-47 verdict over Washington.

Four One-Pointers

This was to be the first of four one-point victories which the Cougars have notched this campaign, with Oregon twice being the hapless victim. Washington State grabbed a torrid 41-40 edge over Idaho, and then nicked the Webfoots 66-65 in overtime, and 60-59 with a basket as the gun sounded.

From an inauspicious start, the Cougars climbed to the ND leadership, and this weekend's series with Oregon State is the crucial struggle for the coveted top position. The two contests with the Ducks will cap a four-games-in-five-nights ordeal for WSC, which has many times been the downfall of potential titlists.

Usual Starters

Probable starting crew for the Frielmen will be Ed Gayda and Norm Lowry, forwards; 6-foot 8-inch Vince Hanson at center; and George Hamilton and Bob Elliott at guards. Of these five men, Hanson and Lowery are seniors, Elliott and Hamilton are juniors, and Gayda a sophomore.

On Friel's second string, which always sees plenty of action as the

WSC mentor uses the alternating unit system, are Bob Gaston and George Heathcoate, forwards; 240-pound Ray "Tiny" Arndt, center; and Reggie Scodeller and Wes "Bing" Dahl, guards.

In addition to the four one-point decisions, the Cougars hold other eyelash victories over division foes. Idaho lost another heart-breaker 38-35, and last Saturday night, WSC had to go two overtimes before decisioning Washington 62-58.

Warren Not Sure

With the Webfoots slated to hold a final work-out-the-kinks drill today, Warren was not decided as to the Oregon starting quint, although most of the squad will probably see action.

Listed for the probables for the Ducks are Dick Wilkins and Jim Bartelt, forwards; Roger Wiley, center; and Stan Williamson, Al Popick, or Reedy Berg, guards.

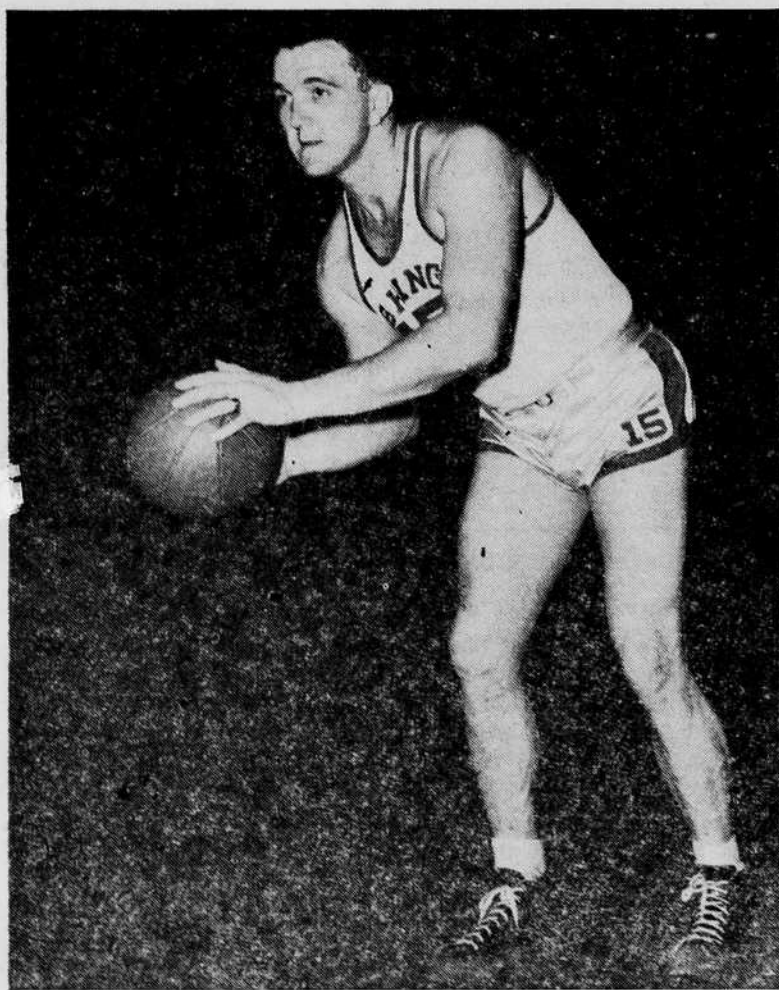
The two Cougar contests will pit two of the top division men against each other when Hanson and Wiley clash. In the first series, Hanson had an edge in the scoring, while Wiley, who hit 36 points, had a wide margin in rebounds.

BASKETBALL

By United Press

Duke 56, North Carolina 45
Rice 61, Arkansas 49
NYU 83, Rutgers 66
Southern Cal 46, Stanford 34
Montana 66, Montana State 50
California 41, UCLA 37.
Detroit 61, Kalamazoo 43
Chapman 64, Pasadena 52

Beefy Cougar Center



Ray "Tiny" Arndt, 6-foot 5-inch, 240-pound alternate center on Jaack Friel's WSC hoop squad, is ticketed to spell big Vince Hanson in games with Oregon State and Oregon.

Orangemen Tip Cougars To Take Over ND Race; Hanson Hits 17 Counters

Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 28—(UP) Oregon State's defending champion Beavers moved back into first place in the scrambled Northern Division basketball race last night, by overwhelming the Washington State Cougars 65 to 49 in the first

of their important two-game series here.

The Beavers held a slim 33-28 margin at halftime, but began pulling away after 10 minutes of the second half. Deadly accuracy from the free throw line was a big factor in the Oregon State win, the Beavers making good on 23 out of 31 attempts.

Tie in Sight

A victory tomorrow night would assure Oregon State of at least a tie for the title.

Towering Vince Hanson kept Washington State in the ball game in the first half by scoring 12 of his 17 points, but Dick Ballan-

Big Vince Tried



Towering Vince Hanson, 6-foot 9-inch Washington State center, tossed in a big 17 points last night against the Beavers, but it wasn't enough to pull his team to victory.

Division Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Oregon State	9	5	.643
Washington State	8	5	.615
Washington	8	6	.571
OREGON	6	7	.462
Idaho	3	11	.214

tyne of OSC more than matched him by hitting 13 out of his 15 points in the period.

Beavers Pull Away

The Cougars kept right on the Beavers' heels for the first 10 minutes of the second period, with the same five-point margin separating the two teams. At this point, superior floor play began to tell, and the Beavers gradually pulled away, increasing their lead to 56 to 41 during the next five minutes.

Cliff Crandall, the Beavers' star forward, directed play throughout the game, and came up with 12 points. Between them, Crandall and Ballantyne hit 15 out of 18 free throw attempts.

The box score:

Oregon State (65)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Crandall, f	2	8	2	12
Peterson	4	1	2	9
Rinearson, c	2	5	5	9
Ballantyne, g	4	7	1	15
Carey, g	0	0	3	0
Torrey, f	3	0	1	6
Sliper, c	3	2	3	8
Samuel, f	0	0	0	0
Caterall, f	3	0	2	6
Totals	21	23	19	65

WSC (49)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Gayor, f	2	1	2	5
Lowery, f	2	1	4	5
Hanson, c	5	7	4	17
Hamilton, g	1	0	3	2
Elliott, g	2	2	2	6
Heathcote, g	2	1	4	5
Dahl, g	1	0	2	2
Gaston, f	0	0	2	0
Scodeller, f	1	2	2	4
Arndt, c	0	0	1	0
Prehm, c	1	1	1	3
Totals	17	15	27	49

Half time: Oregon State (33), Washington State 28.

Free throws missed: Oregon State — (8)—Crandall 2, Peterson, Rinearson, Ballantyne, Torrey, Sliper 2. Washington State — (8) Hanson 4, Elliott, Heathcote, Dahl, Gaylor.

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Golden Bears Tip UCLA 41-37 For SD Crown

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 28—(UP)—California won the Southern Division basketball championship and a Pacific Coast conference playoff berth last night with a hard-fought 41-37 triumph over UCLA's defending champs.

The Golden Bears pulled their 12th straight victory out of the fire in the final two minutes of play after UCLA apparently was about to score the biggest upset of the league season.

Trailing by three points, the Californians tossed in four field goals in rapid succession to snatch victory from almost certain defeat. Guard Andy Wolfe, held scoreless by tight Bruin guarding until the final moments, sank two of the clinching goals.

California led from the start on Forward Chuck Hanger's tip-in shots until late in the first half, when UCLA caught up with some long-tom pot-shooting by Dave Minor and Johnny Stanich. The two teams were tied at 21-all at the half, but the UCLANS played deliberate, slow-down ball in the second half and were ahead 29-25 with 10 minutes to go.

But they were unable to nurse their lead as California snapped its scoring lethargy and surged from behind.