

Webfoots Edge Idaho, 50-48

Aiken Turns Down Nebraska Offer

Oregon Mentor Says He Wants To Stay Here

Jim Aiken, a two-year man as University of Oregon football coach, is reportedly not a candidate for the head football coaching position at the University of Nebraska.

Now attending a Pacific Coast conference meeting at Palm Springs, California, Aiken issued a statement yesterday, saying he will not go to Lincoln to confer with Nebraska athletic officials, but that he had agreed to confer with Nebraska Athletic Director George "Potsy" Clark at the meeting of football coaches in San Francisco later in the week.

Nebraska officials have been searching for a gridiron mentor to replace Clark, who resigned to give his duties as athletic director a full-time status. Candidates listed for the vacant position include Aiken, Lon Stiner, Dana X. Bible, Paul Brown, and Ivan Williamson.

Aiken Satisfied

Although Aiken is on a year-to-year basis at Oregon, he said he is well satisfied on the Eugene campus. Clark has taken all the initiative in approaching Aiken for the coaching position, asking him to come to Lincoln immediately after the Cotton Bowl game.

An Associated Press bulletin from Lincoln Monday revealed that Clark admitted he had talked to Aiken in Dallas last week, prior to the Cotton Bowl game. John Bentley, Nebraska athletic news director, said they expect to have Aiken in Lincoln for an interview with the university athletic board later this month.

Bentley Confident

Bentley said he hoped Aiken is interested in the job, and that Nebraska is definitely interested in Aiken. The Nebraska athletic news director revealed he was confident an arrangement could be worked out which would move Frank Zazula and Dick Miller, Aiken's assistants, to the Big Six school if Clark and Aiken came to terms.

In his statement issued to the Register-Guard Tuesday morning, Aiken gave no indication of anything more than a casual interest in the Cornhusker offer.

"My home is in Eugene and I expect to stay a long time," he said, "and I want to get home as soon as possible."

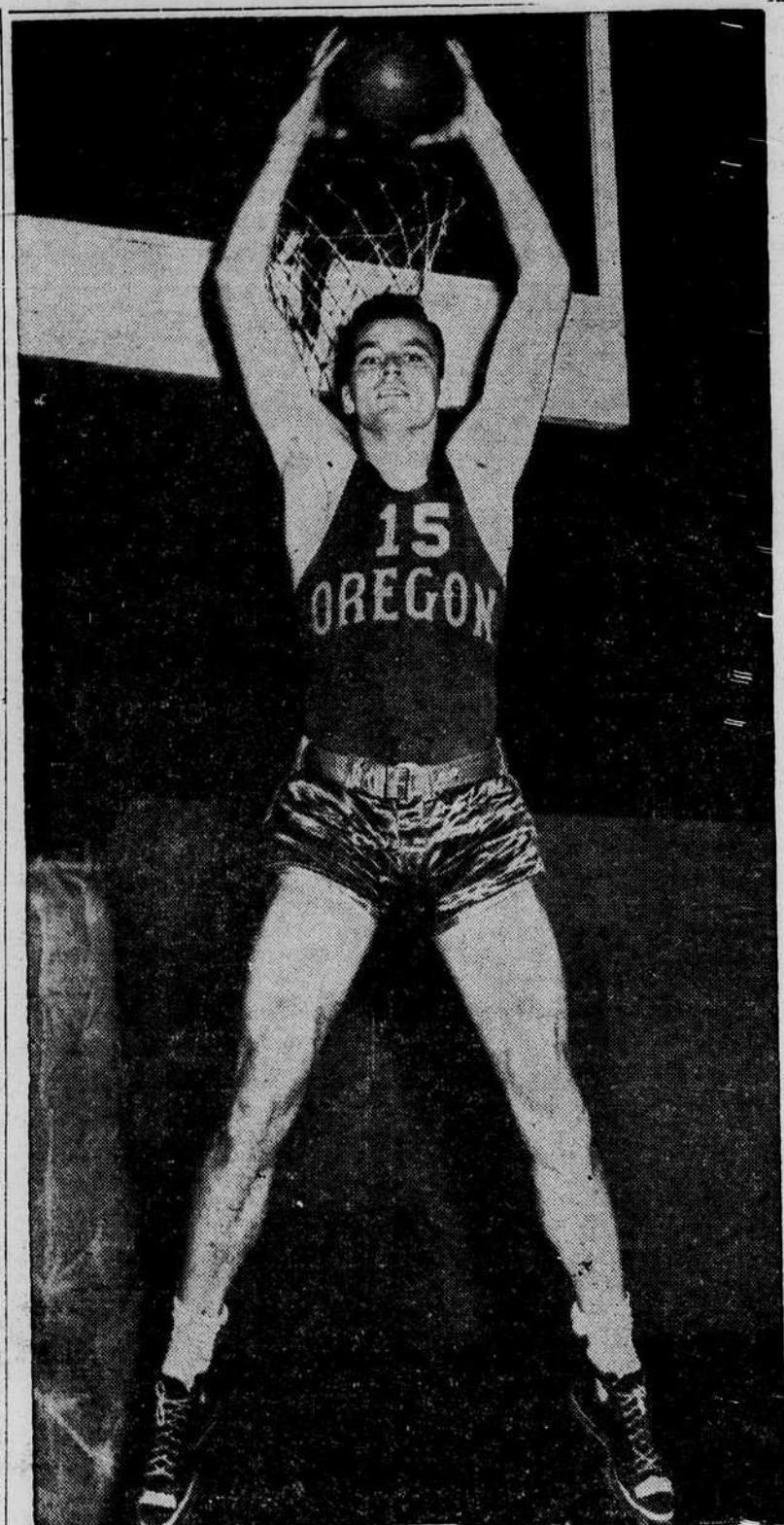
"Not a Candidate"

"I am not a candidate for the Nebraska job and before I'd do anything about it I would first confer with Dr. Harry Newburn in Eugene," Aiken added.

Oregon officials were not available for comment last night. President Newburn had said earlier that he knew nothing further about Aiken's offer, and that the Oregon coach had not contacted him.

Salary Question Mark

Little is known about the financial side of the matter, except that Nebraska is vitally interested in securing a "name" football coach and will probably offer a lucrative salary.



BIG ROGER WILEY, 6-foot, 8-inch center on some of the Oregon basketball team, was held scoreless in the first half of last night's ND cage opener with Idaho, but collected eight points in the second period to help his mates to a narrow 50-48 victory over the Vandals.

Dan Garza Ruled Ineligible for 1949

Oregon's gridiron hopes for 1949, which already got off to a rather wretched start in the recent Cotton Bowl disappointment, continued to plummet downward

with the announcement last night by PCC officials that big Danny Garza, All-Coast end the past season, would be ineligible for further competition.

PCC Curtain-Raiser Copped by Warrenmen

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 5—(AP)—The University of Oregon opened basketball play in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference last night with a hair-raising 50-48 victory over the University of Idaho.

The Oregon Webfoots claimed the win only after overcoming a 22-16 lead held by the Idaho Vandals at halftime.

Don Peterson, a one-man tornado, put the Ducks out in front in the opening minutes of the second half, and the whole Oregon team sparked to stay there.

Peterson, a sophomore guard, crammed in 9 points in the first five minutes of the second half and added four more in the next three minutes. The youngster shot only six times during the evening and hit each one.

Peterson got some assistance from his mates and Oregon ran up a 37-30 lead with 10 minutes still to play.

The teams matched baskets until Idaho forwards Bob Pritchett and Dexter Linck combined to close the gap at 40-38.

Big Roger Wiley, 6-foot, 8-inch Oregon center, hit the net to move Oregon away again and Guard Preston Brimhall countered for Idaho to keep the race tight.

The Vandals drew within two points in the last minute on a bucket by Guard Joe Grove, but couldn't get their hands on the ball long enough for a shot after that.

The box:

Oregon	FG	FT	PF	TP
Don, f	0	0	3	0
Sowers, f	2	2	2	6
Wiley, c	3	2	3	8
Lavey, g	0	1	3	1
Seeborg, g	0	1	1	1
Urban, f	2	4	0	8
Warberg, f	0	0	1	0
Peterson, g	6	1	1	13
Hamilton, f	0	0	0	0
Neeley, g	2	3	2	7
Bartelt, f	3	0	2	6
Totals	18	14	18	50
Idaho	FG	FT	PF	TP
Pritchett, f	8	1	2	17
Geisler, f	0	1	4	1

Stallworth, c	3	3	5	9
Grove, g	1	1	1	3
Brimhall, g	4	4	1	12
Irons, f	0	1	2	1
Linck, g	2	0	2	4
Wheeler, c	0	0	2	0
Howell, g	0	0	0	0
Mead, f	0	1	1	1
Totals	18	12	20	48

Halftime score: Idaho 22, Oregon 16.

Free throws missed: Oregon—Don, Sowers 2, Wiley 2, Lowey, Neeley, Peterson. Idaho—Pritchett 2, Stallworth 5, Grove, Brimhall, Wheeler.

Duck Hoopers Blow Hot, Cold

Oregon's up and down basketball team rolled into Northern Division action last night against Idaho sporting a four won, six lost pre-season record, but with some valuable experience picked up from some good opponents.

After dropping their opening tilt to a surprising Williamette team, 55-43, the Webfoots picked up three wins. They downed the University of British Columbia 81-42 in Vancouver, and dropped the highly-touted Vancouver Cloverleafs, made up of former Thunderbird stars, 86-64.

Seeborg Sinks Cal

Still rolling, the Webfoots nipped the defending Southern Division champions, California, 51-50, with (Please turn to page five)

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