

# Webfoots, WSC Clash Tonight

## Paul Sowers May Go In; Game at 8

It's "opening night" insofar as Oregon's basketballing Webfoots are concerned tonight. They take the floor here at 8 p.m. against highly rated Washington State in the first of a two game series that ushers in their Northern Division campaign.

The Ducks will rank as under dogs to the visiting Cougars, who just finished splitting a two-game set with Oregon State.

Best news for the Webfoots is that Paul Sowers, sharp-shooting forward, will be able to play Friday and, if possible, Saturday night. He's been down with a bad back. Will Urban, whose father passed away in Portland Monday, may also be able to participate in Saturday's fracas. It depends on whether he will arrive in time for the game.

### COUGARS FLASHY

Washington State brings to McArthur Court one of the flashiest ball clubs on the Coast, plus one of the flashiest ball players on the Coast. In Ed Gayda, the Cougars have one of the best, although the Oregon State Beavers did a dandy job of tying him up in Wednesday's game in Corvallis.

But when Big Ed isn't pouring them in, it's been Sophomore Gene Conley who has taken up the slack. The lanky six foot, seven inch youngster has been a proverbial ball of fire, as attested by the 22 points he tallied in the second game against the Beavers.

### DUCKS CAN EXPLODE

Coach John Warren, after a so-so exhibition season record, figures his boys will be noticeably weakened if Sowers and Urban are unable to show. But the Webfoots can be explosive, and chances are they'll make their first conference effort a good one.

Warren has pretty much settled on his starting five for the night. At forwards, Dale Warberg and Mel Streeter will go in; at center, Jim Vranizan; and at the guards, Mel Krause and either Ken Hunt or Jack Keller. Sowers will come in later if able—and then Warren is keeping his fingers crossed on Urban's Saturday night appearance.

### WSC BIG FAVORITE

For the potent Cougars, Bob Gambold and Gayda will operate at the forward slots, Conley at the pivot, and Leon Mangis and Ted Tappe at the guards.

Jack Friel's charges figured as a ND favorite. He's been employing a unit substitution system thus far, but it has not worked out too well.

Preliminary to the varsity games the Frosh, coached by Don Kirsch, will battle. They'll take on Astoria on Friday and Cottage Grove on Saturday. Game time is 6:15 p.m.

### Kramer Trains for Duel

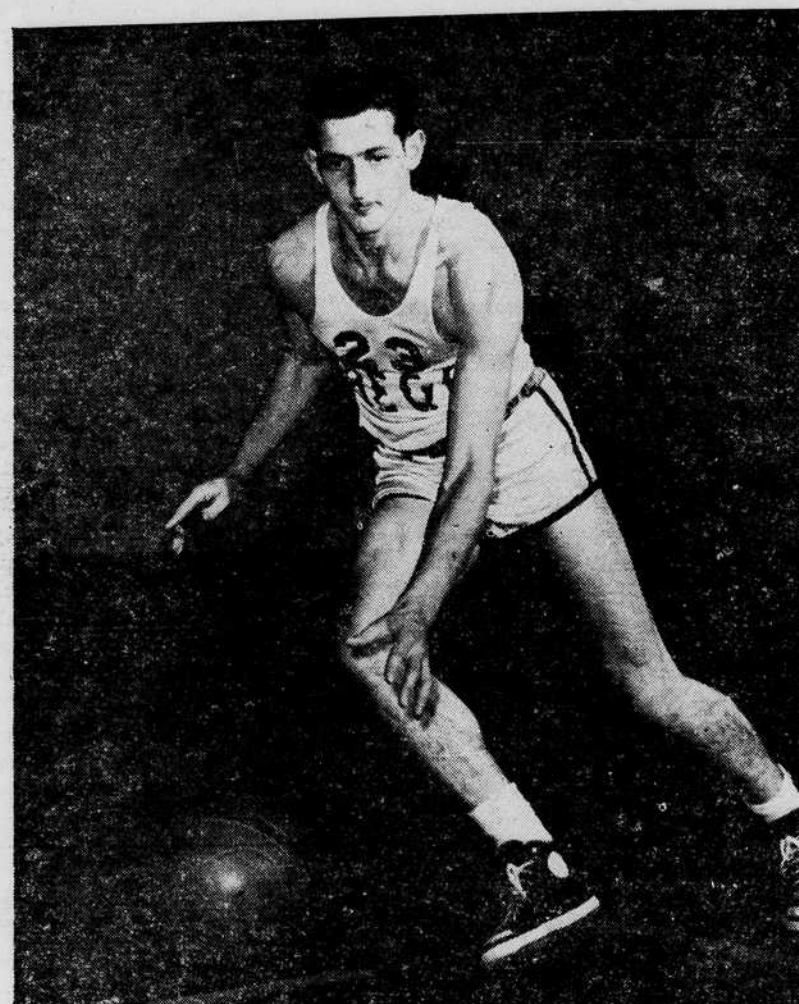
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5—(UP)—Jack Kramer will start working out tomorrow for his first hometown professional meeting with amateur tennis champ Pancho Gonzales.

Kramer, well ahead of Gonzales in their professional series, will play against instructor Bob Harmon in a tennis program at Montbello high school.

"I know Gonzales will play his greatest game against me here," he said.



STAR FORWARD Paul Sowers will play in tonight's opener of the two-game series with WSC, John Warren said last night. He may also play Saturday night, Warren said, if his back remains in good condition.



WILL URBAN, Webfoot forward, may brighten Oregon chances Saturday night in the basketball game with WSC. While Urban won't be in the lineup in tonight's tussle, Coach John Warren hopes he may be on hand tomorrow.

## Urban Holds Lead In Scoring Race

Top point-maker for John Warren's Webfoots thus far this season is a young worthy who hasn't played a spot of basketball since Dec. 20.

That's Will Urban, whose father's death has kept him from the court until this weekend—Warren hopes. It was revealed last night that the scrappy forward might arrive in time for Saturday's game here against Washington State. But, even if he doesn't take part, he should cling to his scoring lead over the weekend.

For at the present time he's tallied 127 tallies in 11 contests. 52 points better than the second man, Mel Krause. Krause has 75, followed by Jack Keller, 74, and Bob Lavey, 71. They are in turn followed by Paul Sowers, 60; Mel Streeter, 54; Ken Hunt, 52; Dale Warberg, 31; Lyn Hamilton, 28, and Bob Amacher, 22.

In compiling his 127 point total, Urban put together 45 field goals and 37 free throws. He has averaged 12.7 points per contest. Keller has the second most fielders, 34, and Lavey is runner-up in charity tosses with 17.

## Grid Gambling Leads to Arrests

HONOLULU, Jan. 5—(UP)—Charles Schwartz, 45, alleged former Mickey Cohen mobster, and Al Schaff, ex-Honolulu boxing promoter, were arrested today on charges of conducting a \$20,000 weekly football gambling syndicate.

Both men were released on \$750 bail each. Arraignment was set for tomorrow in district court.

The two men were previously arrested yesterday with five other suspects and questioned nearly three hours at police headquarters. Both were released on an order issued by Circuit Judge John A. Mathewman.

Also under arrest in connection with the gambling combine are restaurant owner Robert Hosai, 38, gambler Morris Cohen, 42, and three asserted ticket sellers, Ted Murata, 27, Mike Horita, 36, and James Y. K. Wun, 22.

Investigators claimed Schwartz and Schaff, along with Hosai and Cohen, were ringleaders in the football pool, which allegedly had mainland outlets in Los Angeles, Reno and Chicago.

Authorities said Schwartz made the odds for the syndicate after receiving weekly trans-Pacific phone calls from mainland connections. The combine also made bet layoffs with mainland gamblers when the betting ran too high, police said.

## Frosh Face Astoria In Prelim at 6:15

Coach Don Kirsch is preparing his fast breaking Frosh basketball team for their next battle with the Astoria five tonight in the preliminary to the Oregon - Washington State contest. Gametime is 6:15 p.m. Saturday. The club faces Cottage Grove.

The Frosh, sparked by high scoring Curk Barkley, will be cut to hold their record clean against all high school competition thus far this season. Barkley, a Freshman from South Dakota, is the team's sparkplug in the tight spots, dropping important buckets from his forward position.

### FAST, TALL

The Freshman squad is fast breaking and a tall team. The center for the Frosh is 6 foot, 8 inch Chet Noe from Los Angeles. Chet is responsible for controlling the backboards and also a high scorer for the Ducklings. Assisting Noe in the center position is Henry Bonneman, another towering cager from South Dakota. Bonneman is the lad that helps Noe control the backboards for the Ducklings.

The two guards for the Frosh team are fast and capable of dropping some long shots in from the

center of the floor to help the scoring. Max Schmer and Sam Conchetti hold the starting positions in the large number of games, while they change off with Charles Covey and Al Sherman.

Ken Torgenson a Southern Oregon all-star holds down the other forward position and helps in rebounds with his height.

### SCHOLASTIC TROUBLE

Other members on the Frosh team that aid in keeping the Frosh record clean against high schools this season are Mickey Johnson and Mueller.

Kirsch had a big bomb drop in his hands when three of his star players dropped from school and entered Vanport College because of grades. These men were Don Hoey, Keith Ferman and Lloyd Bergman. These men are starting in the Vanport Frosh games and prove their ability for Vanport by holding the scoring honors in the majority of the games.

### LOSSES HURT

Losing his three main starters proved quite a handfull for Kirsch to handle.



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