

Duck Tracks

By Phil Johnson

A prep basketball star walks up to the free throw line. Three of his opponents take positions at the opposite end of the court. Two teammates follow.

Sounds weird? Nothing is weird when Wade "Swede" Halbrook enter a basketball game. The seven feet, one-fourth inches Lincoln High giant always takes high honors and usually high-scoring laurels as well.

More than one coach has stayed awake nights while attempting to fashion a defensive pattern that would stop the towering Portland-er.

They'll be thinking about it again next year, because the cardinal Cardinal will again be dropping them in for Lincoln High.

Card Boss Jim Partlow usually stationed his mobile tree right in front of the opponents' hoop. The Lincoln hemsplitter would raise his hand high above his cranium, imitating the manner of a holdup victim, and would await a high lob pass from one of his teammates.

Catching the ball, the lean tower of Portland would unleash a 12-inch finger goal attempt as an opposing center frantically but hopelessly, with less chance than an icicle in the Sahara. Not an accomplished athlete, Halbrook caged only about sixty percent of his shots. However, that was satisfactory.

At the beginning of the season, opposing pivotmen applied the usual defensive tactics always reserved for tall centers—either keep the ball away from him or block his shot when he gets the ball. Neither method succeeded, and Highpockets Halbrook continued to shatter the hoop from all angles of an area up to two feet from the basket.

Cleveland managed to hold "Swede" down to a ridiculously minute eight points, his lowest total of the season. When Lincoln faced Cleveland again, Halbrook needed only 18 points in order to tie the Portland league record. He scored 51. This was unusual.

Against Jefferson High, Halbrook led his squad to an easy 27-9 lead and a one-sided 60-42 decision. Ten-time losers, the Jefferson quintet later took the state title.

Since the gigantic Cardinal was scoring with a monotonous regularity, desperate opposing coaches began to consider the use of unorthodox methods of defense.

Grant High held Halbrook to 14 counters by stationing one tall boy in front of him and another behind him. He could hardly breathe without fouling one of his close companions.

Although one of Wade's teammates was left in the open by the Grant defense, Lincoln failed to score with any consistency. The generals seized a 35-27 halftime advantage.

Coach Partlow did not relish the thought of having his grandchildren say, "Lincoln slept here," so he altered the Cardinal style of play.

Halbrook was moved away from the enemy hoop. This left an open area under the basket, and Lincoln was leading 48-40 when Highpockets was ushered out of the fray with five fouls. Lincoln won 63-54.

Needless to say, Lincoln came to the state tournament. The Redbirds played McLoughlin in the first round. Mac High Coach Gerald Markee had no starter taller than

five feet, eleven inches. He was pessimistic.

When asked how he would stop Halbrook, he replied, "If I had my way, I would keep him from getting the ball. There is no point in letting him get the ball, is there," As a matter of fact, no.

He didn't have his way. McLoughlin's Jerry Crimmins tallied 31 points but failed to take scoreboard honors—Halbrook scored 32. Lincoln took a 90-66 victory. No other team has ever scored 90 points in an Oregon state tourney clash.

McLoughlin's brilliant .357 field goal average was lost in the shuffle as the Cards dealt punishment from the extreme top of the deck, leading with their highest ace, Halbrook.

Lincoln met Marshfield in the second round. The Pirates attempted a full-floor defense, but failed to prevent passes from the Lincoln guards to Halbrook. Halbrook scored 39.

The Cardinals met the powerful Klamath Falls Pelicans in the semifinals. Klamath Falls used a speedy and effective fast break on offense and played orthodox basketball (until the final quarter) on defense.

They also refused to shoot free throws whenever such a course meant risking the loss of the spheroid.

Again and again, the meteor-like Pels shot by the back-pedaling Lincoln guards with the speed of a jet plane passing a student who is headed for an eight o'clock physiology lecture. Klamath Falls took a 29-16 halftime lead.

Halbrook started hitting with greater consistency in the third quarter, which ended with a 36-30 Pelican advantage. Klamath Falls added another two points in the first minute of the final period and stalled during the entire seven remaining minutes.

Partlow rushed little Charles "Chill" Baines into the game in an attempt to break the stall. Five feet, five inches "tall," Chill took some of the limelight away from big Wade.

Chill delighted the fans with his magnificent footwork, which could easily reduce Fred Astaire to the utmost shame, humiliation, and degradation at the very thought that little Chili could dance him into a double-hitch Gordian knot without lifting a foot (figuratively speaking, of course).

Nevertheless, Klamath Falls gained a close 39-36 triumph. Halbrook scored 23 for a three-game total of 95, breaking the former four-game state tourney record.

He closed the season against Eugene. The Axemen added the Halbrook Shift to the already-overcrowded museum of wild anti-Swede measures.

This was used when a Lincoln player gained a free throw. Three Eugene players would go to the other end of the floor.

Lincoln won 52-50 on Halbrook's last-minute tip-in.

Journalism Faculty Slates Addresses

Gordon A. Sabine, dean of the School of Journalism, will speak at noon today to the Oregon Advertising Club in Portland. Dean Sabine will be speaking for Advertising Recognition Week, and his topic will be "Advertising Leads With Its Chin."

Charles T. Duncan, associate professor of Journalism, will be speaking to the Eugene Kiwanis Club Monday. The topic of Duncan's talk will be "War Propaganda."

Paul J. Deutschmann, instructor in Journalism, will speak at Hermiton Apr. 12, at the establishment of a Quill and Scroll chapter in the high school. Deutschmann will address the school student body on "Dateline U. S. A."

"Newspaper Circulation and Paper Supply" will be the topic of discussion for Carl C. Webb, assistant professor of Journalism, Apr. 20, when he addresses the Washington Newspaper Institute in Seattle. The institute is sponsored by the Journalism school of the University of Washington in cooperation with the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association.

Two Firms Seek Job Applicants

Representatives of two companies will be on campus next week to talk to graduates and others interested in the opportunities they present.

C. J. Metz of the Electro-Metallurgical Division, the Union Carbide and Carbon Company, will interview those interested in training for managerial positions or in labor and industrial relations Apr. 4. Interviews begin at 9 a.m.

A General Petroleum representative, Bob Powell, will be here Apr. 5 to talk to Bachelor of Arts graduates for sales, credit, and accounting positions for the marketing and general business departments. Chemists with B.S. degrees and up will be interviewed for jobs which start at refining in the laboratory.

Appointments for interviews may be made with Mrs. Barbara Johnston at the graduate placement service, 216 Emerald.

A Canadian boy won a cake through a contest against 10 girls. Doubtless, he knew they were coming.

A gangster's bullet passed through the hat of a Wisconsin man without hitting him. Just a parting shot, perhaps.

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It's amazing, says a federal man, that people don't more readily recognize counterfeit money. If we saw more of the genuine it would help.

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Rates from elsewhere quoted upon request. Tour includes Acapulco, Cordoba, Cuernavaca, Guadalajara, Guanajuato, Mexico City, Morelia, Queretaro, Patscuaro, Puebla, Uruapan and other places. Write for more details.

Yale Professor Visits Campus

Clarence P. Shedd, Yale University professor, visited the campus Monday and Tuesday. He spoke to the advisory boards of student religious organizations and addressed a group of the faculty on the topic, "The Place of Religion in Public Higher Education."

Shedd is Professor of Christian Methods at Yale University and Director of Studies in Religion in Higher Education. He is the outstanding pioneer in the field of religion in higher education.

Under the auspices of the University Religious Directors Association and student YMCA's and YWCA's, Shedd will visit a number of college campuses in the Pacific Northwest.

Meeting Planned For Chesscats

A Eugene-Springfield area chess club, which would include University students, is the hope of L. A. Post, Springfield chess player.

Post has called a meeting of all persons interested in forming such a club for 8 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union.

A local chess club could form teams to play other Oregon cities and colleges, and could sponsor inter-collegiate chess matches, Post asserted. A campus chess club was active at Oregon last year.

Interested persons may contact Post by phoning 7-9998 after 6 p.m.

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Diamond Artists Slate Wildcats

Coach Don Kirsch's varsity baseball players have been practicing for several weeks and will meet Linfield College next Monday, April 2, at Eugene.

The Duck mound staff includes three returning veterans, Jim Hanns, Mel Krause, and Lyle Rogers. Other candidates include John Pyle, who hurred for the Ducklings last spring, and Bill Mays, a transfer from Boise Junior College.

Catching prospects include Norval Ritchey, Joe Sugura, Jack

Smith, Jim Livesay, and Earl Averill, Jr. Ritchey Sugara, and Smith are returnees from Kirsch's 1949 squad.

Bob Peterson and Jim Loscut-off, Oregon's high-scoring, tough rebounding forward and center this year, formerly were opponents when they played basketball in their home state of California.

The seating capacity of Oregon's McArthur court is 8,165—officially.