

# Borcher's Ducks Win Three, Lose Three Over Holiday Period

In games played over the Christmas vacation period, Coach Bill Borcher's Oregon Duck basketball team showed themselves to be a rapidly improving group of hoopsters. The Ducks won three games and lost three during the period between Dec. 19, 1951, and Jan. 2, 1952.

In the first game, played at McArthur Court, the Webfoots surprised a crowd of 3,451 by drubbing the highly favored Wyoming Cowboys 66-59.

The game was very closely played all the way, as the score was tied fifteen times, and the lead changed hands on fourteen occasions. Big Bob Peterson dominated the backboards against the taller Cowboys and chalked up 16 points during the course of the game. Chet Noe received high point honors for the contest with 13 counters.

### Peterson Fouls Out

The men from Wyoming found their stride on the next evening, however, as they rang up a sizzling 45-2 shooting percentage in defeating the Ducks 78-71. Oregon played

on almost even terms with the visitors in the first half, but Wyoming broke away in the third quarter, leading by a 63-44 count at one time.

Borcher's squad closed the gap steadily until shortly after the last period started, when the loss of Peterson via the foul route proved to be the straw that broke the camel's back. Haag led the Cowboy's to victory with 19, followed by Moe Radovich with 18. Chester Noe again topped Webfoots scoring as he tallied 16 times.

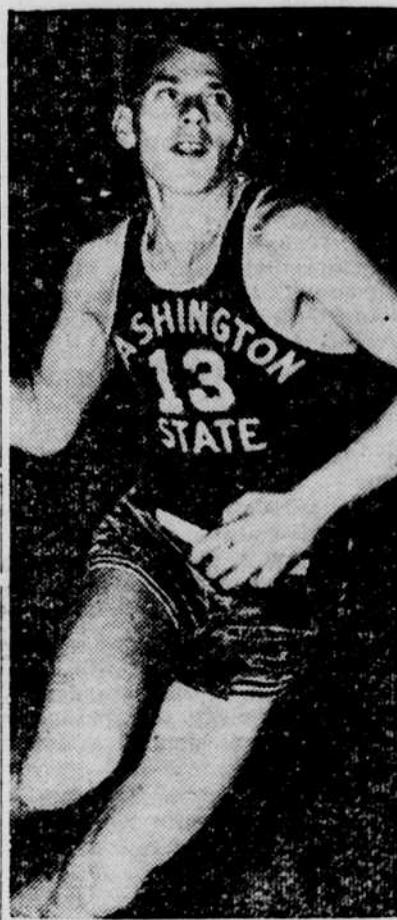
In the first of a six-game barnstorming series in Southern California, Oregon lost to Wisconsin after leading for three quarters of a game played in the Cow Palace. The Ducks were ahead 43-11 at halftime and 62-60 as the final period began. With eight minutes to go in the game, Al Nicholas dropped in a hook shot to give the midwesterners a 67-66 lead, and they were never headed, as they went on to win 82-77. Nicholas scored 23 points for the winners, while Peterson and Noe each dumped in 18 for the Webfoots.

### Tight Game at Half

The Cow Palace continued to be a jinx to the Oregon basketekers in

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## WSC Forward



POTENT in the WSC attack when the Ducks clash with the Cougars next Monday will be Eric Roberts, 6-3 forward and co-captain.

## Ski Team To Start Workouts

The Oregon ski team, under the direction of Coach Gene Harlow, will go to Hoodoo Bowl on the Santiam Pass on January 5 and 6, and again on January 12 and 13 for team trials to determine who will compose the eight man squad.

Two lettermen, Saul Zaik and Stu McCollum, are among the sixteen men out for the team. The first meet for the Duck slatmen will be the Wenatchee, Wash. Invitational to be held on January 26 and 27. Other schools slated to enter are Portland, WSC, Idaho, Whitman, Washington University, and the University of British Columbia.

The Oregon skiers will enter four or five other meets this season, and although their schedule is not definite as yet, they plan to enter the Vanderbilt Cup match. Last year the team competed in the Reno Winter Carnival, and Miss Nancy Miller of Oregon was chosen Snow Queen of that event.

There is no official conference title in skiing. Coach Gene Harlow, who is also football line mentor, was formerly skiing coach at the University of Idaho.

# Spartans Nip Ducks In Final Seconds

SAN JOSE, CALIF. — San Jose State College's Forward Lee Jensen zeroed a lay up in the final five seconds of play Thursday night in Spartan Gym to hand the undefeated Spartans a 51-49 victory over the University of Oregon Ducks.

Coach Walt McPherson's victors, now boasting a consecutive win string of seven, outplayed the travel-worn Ducks and led 34-20 at halftime but were forced to come from behind in the late stages of the game in order to retain their skein.

Oregon closed a six game barnstorming tour of Northern California with three wins and three losses. The Ducks defeated the University of San Francisco Wednesday evening in the Bay city, 55-49.

### Clark Scores 19

Six foot, six inch Center George Clark, who collared high scoring honors with 19 points, tallied one half of his team's 20 point first quarter output. San Jose led at that juncture, 20-13. Previously, Borcher had yanked his tired starter and substituted Barney Holland, Ron Bottler, Hank Bonneman, Jim Vranizan and Keith Farnam.

The Spartans further checked Oregon's race-horse offense with watch charm guard Elmer Craig intercepting stray Duck passes. Oregon connected for four foul shots in 14 attempts prior to the intermission.

The Webfoots caught fire with two minutes to go in the third canto. Trailing 32-42 the Ducks meshed 11 straight points to overtake the Spartans four minutes later, in the final stanza. Captain Ken Hunt ignited the Ducks, notching 11 points in the second half including five during the hectic aforesaid four minutes.

### Free Throws Missed

Chet Noe's angular shot at the 2:30 mark gave the Oregonians their final lead of the evening. Fifty seconds later Clark retaliated with a similar cast. Holland and Clark both missed charity shots, Peterson took a tip from Noe following the latter's free throw, but both Hunt and Peterson misfired.

San Jose controlled the casaba for nearly a minute, then shook Jensen loose for the crusher.

A capacity crowd of 3,000—San Jose's largest of the season—saw the game.

Wednesday night the Ducks streaked to a 38-22 halftime lead over the Dons and braved a second half USF onrush to win. The fast-breaking Northern Division representatives connected for an amazing 48 per cent of their attempts from the floor of the Winterland Ice Arena.

### Ducks Never Behind

Holland, erstwhile Duck football quarterback, loosened the Dons with a trio of long range shots in the first half. With Chet Noe and Bob Peterson teaming to control both the offensive and defensive backboards and the Hilltoppers unable to connect for more than a fourth of their attempts, the Ducks managed to maintain a lead throughout.

USF whittled the edge to a bare eight points with six minutes remaining to play but the Ducks put the contest into a deep freeze by refusing free throw attempts and taking the ball out of bounds.

It was the Dons first West Coast game since returning from a Christmas vacation tournament in Oklahoma City. In addition, the Dons were playing their first basketball game since USF officials decided to abandon inter-collegiate football for the duration of the emergency. The Don footballers, led by Burl Toler, Ollie Matson, and Ed Brown, finished the 1951 season undefeated and untied.

### The summaries:

#### OREGON

Peterson, f	12
Streeter, f	5
Noe, c	9
Hunt, g	11
Wegner, g	2

#### SAN JOSE

Baptiste, f	2
Jensen, f	12
Clark, c	19
Craig, g	14
Shore, g	2

Subs: Oregon—Holland 3; Bottler; Bonneman 4; Vranizan; Farnam 1. San Jose—Lovell; Avina 2; Edwards; Deming; Abbott.

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Peterson, f	11
Streeter, f	11
Noe, c	12
Wegner, g	14
Hunt, g	1

#### SAN FRANCISCO

Mehl, f	1
Walker, f	1
Evanghlo, c	19
Jones, g	1
Vukicetic, g	1

Subs: Oregon — Holland, 12; Bottler, 3; USF—Lampe, 2; Mullen, G, Harr; Lawson.

# Borchardt Readies Swimmers

"Our prospects are uncertain as yet," said Oregon Swimming Coach John Borchardt, "but we have a strong chance to finish second in the conference."

The Oregon mermen have four seasons team, which finished second to the perennially strong Washington Huskies.

They are: Dick Ruchdeschel, a senior and the only two year letterman; Gordon Edwards, junior; Jim Allan, junior; and Mike Popovitch, senior.

### Terada is Good

Edwards was an All-Conference selection last season in the distance events, but will face strong competition on the Husky team according to Borchardt.

Two new prospects were named by Borchardt as potential stars. Yoshinobu Terada, transfer from the University of Hawaii is expected to provide strong competition in the 150 yard distance medley for the aptly named Washington All-American, Pete Salmon.

Also, sophomore Pete Charlton seems as potent opposition to Meritt Hodges, another Husky All-American on the diving board.

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