

Duck Tracks

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The Huskies of the University of Washington are the Northern Division basketball champions for the second straight year, and no one is terribly surprised about the fact. Currently ranked ninth nationally and sporting such performers as Bob Houbregs, Frank Guisness, and Joe Cipriano, not to mention Doug McClary, Duane Enochs and Mike McCutcheon, the Huskies were always heavy favorites to repeat.

The made it official Saturday night, as they earned their twelfth victory as against two defeats in the Northern Division, by a 75-66 win over the battling Idaho Vandals. Coach Chuck Finley's hard-luck Vandals could conceivably even lose second place to none other than the Oregon Ducks. To reach such heights as this, Borchers's men must get at least a split in their forthcoming Idaho Empire four-games-in-five-nights marathon with Idaho and WSC, and then must sweep the remaining OSC games. It is no easy task, but should give them something to work for.

Getting back to the newly-crowned Huskies, we read somewhere a theory about the sort of basketball players you must have at each position if you are to win games consistently. Let's see how it applies to Washington.



DUANE ENOCHS

What You Need to Win

The theory says that you must have a quarterback, a driver, a shot, a pivot man, a rebounder, and a fireman on every championship basketball team.

Cool, poised Mike McCutchen is the choice for quarterback, or playmaker. He acts as a balance in the Husky lineup, and is also capable of sinking his southpaw long shots or lay-ins rapidly when the team is in need of points.

For the driver, there is "Slippery Joe" Cipriano, a five-foot eleven inch bag of bones who excels on the end of a fast break, and steals the ball often from unsuspecting opponents.

Who else could we pick for the shot of the team but Frank Guisness—he is always a threat to run completely wild, and you have "stopped" him if he scores only about ten or twelve. He shoots with picture book form; a smooth one-hander off his left foot from the side of the court that is perhaps is favorite, although if you try to press him too closely he drives in for a set-up.

Although Guisness fits the shot role well, the pivot man, Bob Houbregs, has outscored him consistently this season. Just a junior, six-foot, eight-inch Houbregs is rated by no less an authority than Slat Gill as being in the same class with ex-Kentucky great Alex Groza. He does everything well, but his hook shot is so effortless, so deadly, that it is a positive pleasure to watch. But he too can drive around defensive men for lay-ins, as Chet Noe of Oregon can tell you from experience. Incidentally, Noe is also flashing improvement in his hook shot performance.

McClary Stopped Pete

For the rebounder of the team, we have six-foot, seven-inch Doug McClary. Perhaps the best testimonial to his ability is the ease with which he bottled up Bob Peterson at Seattle on Jan. 18 and 19. Pete was then leading the nation in rebounds, and scoring very well.

Finally, there are times during a game when the regulars can't seem to get started, no matter how talented they are. That is when you need a cool character you can insert who isn't bothered much by the roaring of the crowd.

He should be the kind you can produce crucial baskets and inject new life into the team. For fireman on Tippy Dye's Huskies, the obvious man is big Duane Enochs, who played prep basketball at Jefferson in Portland. Enochs has been called the best sixth man in basketball; on most other teams he would be the star.

Borchers Bests 'Old Pro'

Oregon's freshman mentor, Bill Borchers, did not fare badly at all in competition with the "old pro" of Northwest basketball, A. T. (Slat) Gill. But do not expect such relatively easy wins when the two arch rivals meet again on Feb. 29 and March 1. The Beavers just could not seem to make baskets consistently either night; they had a .215 average Friday and a .254 Saturday. Very few games are won with percentages like that, and next time the teams meet, the Beavers would seem to be due for better luck.

Skiers Cop Third At Meet in Idaho

The University of Oregon ski team placed third in the Northern Division ski meet at Midan, Idaho, on Saturday. The Ducks earned 147 points, which put them behind the winning WSC Cougars with 200 markers, and the second-place Washington Huskies with 182.6.

Jan Onsrud of Oregon was second in the cross-country to lead his team, with a time of 42:10.6.

Cougar Al Fisher won the five-mile cross-country race with a time of 39:14.6. Another WSC man, Nils Hegvold, was tops in the jumping event. He won the event on points given for form, although he was out-jumped by Ole Gjellstrud of Wenatchee junior college.

Pete Leads Way

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Oregon clinched the game and the series early in the third quarter when Peterson right-handed a double-round of 20-foot set shots. Farnam then bucketed a set up and Noe zeroed a charity throw, which prompted Oregon State to call for a time-out at the 7:30 mark.

Oregon went into an exaggerated stall in the final stanza and staved off a weak OSC threat. Borchers was forced to re-install his first-stringers with less than three minutes of play remaining, and the Ducks leading 61-51.

Danny (Jack Rabbit) Johnston, the peppery Beaver guard, missed 15 of his 18 shot attempts. Johnston rates as the second most popular visiting athlete as a target for verbal abuse. He trails University of Washington's Frank Guisness by a mile in that department, however.

The summary:

OREGON STATE (55)					
	fg	ft	pf	tp	
Brust, f	4	1	5	9	
Johnston, f	3	3	3	9	
Whiteman, c	1	1	2	3	
Padgett, g	2	3	1	7	
Toole, g	3	4	5	10	
Nau, f	1	0	2	2	
Patsel, f	1	1	0	3	
Romanoff, f	1	1	0	3	
Edwards, c	0	3	1	3	
Fundingsland, g	2	2	3	6	
Robins, g	0	0	2	0	

Totals 18 19 24 55

OREGON (64)					
	fg	ft	pf	tp	
Farnam, f	3	0	3	6	
Peterson, f	5	4	5	14	
Noe, c	3	3	4	9	
Hunt, g	5	2	2	12	
Wegner, g	1	4	3	6	
Streeter, f	3	3	1	9	
Vranizan, f	0	0	2	0	
Bonneman, c	0	0	1	0	
Bottler, g	1	0	0	2	
Covey, g	0	1	0	1	
Hawes, g	0	2	0	2	
Holland, g	0	3	0	3	

Totals 21 22 21 64

JV's Drop Sixth to Aggies, 67-46, Saturday Night

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countered ten. This pushed the locals under for good and the rest of the game took on the character-

Oregon's ballhandling became even sloppier than in the first half as they were equally unsuccessful finding the basket. Coach Don Kirsch cleaned the bench in the wild fourth period which started with the score reading 39-56.

While the Ducklings were hav-

ing one of their worst shooting nights, the Beavers put on a dead-eye display. Art Henriksen, giant Aggie center, had control of the boards while racking up 15 points via hooks and jump shots from the key. Reggie Halligan, a tricky guard, copped high point honors for the game with 17 points.

Alex Byler and Ron Phillips with eight apiece were high for Oregon.



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