

Duck Tracks

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While thumbing through some back issues of the Oregon Daily Emerald, we happened to run across an issue of December 11, 1919, in which the headline read "OREGON WILL PLAY HARVARD." Being of an inquisitive nature, we investigated further and discovered that the Oregon football team of that year had been selected as the representative of the Pacific Coast Conference in the sixth Rose Bowl game.

The Rose Bowl game, first played in 1902 and then discontinued until 1916, had been firmly established as an annual affair by 1920, when Oregon was selected by the Tournament of Roses committee as the team to represent the west against Harvard on January 1, 1920.

Ducks Had Good 1919 Season

Apparently, there had been little doubt that the "Lemon and Yellow" would be selected by the committee, for a news story in the Emerald of December 6, 1919, reports that, "Word was also forwarded by an Associated Press dispatch yesterday that Oregon seems to be the favorite with the committee."

During regular season play that year, the "Lemon and Yellow" had compiled a record of five wins and one loss to Washington State by a 7-0 score. The records also report that Oregon won a contest with a school known as Oregon Agricultural College during the regular season by a 9-0 count.

Head Oregon coach "Shy" Huntington wasted no time when he was assured that his eleven had been selected to play in the New Year's Day classic, for the story of December 11, continues, "Fifteen minutes after the faculty gave out their favorable decision 24 members of the varsity football squad were on Kincaid field practicing. The frigid weather and six inches of crusted snow were no obstacle to them."

Further down in this same story, we see that "Without question this will be one of the largest football games ever staged in the United States." The story continues, "The vim with which the Oregon eleven has already started practice leaves no doubt but their sincerity of purpose and determination to uphold the name and reputation of the West which the Oregon eleven established in 1917 when the Lemon-Yellow gridsters won the inter-collegiate title of the United States by defeating the Pennsylvania State team." (Oregon won the Rose Bowl in 1916 by beating Pennsylvania, 14-0.)

Oregon vs. Harvard? Never!

Seamingly the Pacific Coast Conference was somewhat lightly regarded in football circles in those days, and as proof we quote from the Emerald of December 13, 1919. "If someone had made the statement a few years ago that the University of Oregon would meet Harvard's football team in 1920, he would have been put in the class of Charles Chaplin, and the man who said Germany would win the war."

The story continues, "To think that the greatest football institution of the world would meet a team representing a state which, according to Frank Branch Riley, most New Englanders believe is across some bay from the Phillipines seemed absurd at that time, and had it not been for the aggressiveness of the west, such a clash would never have been arranged." From the above, it appears that Oregon was given little hope of winning the fray, even in her own back yard.

However, for once Oregon was not destined to become the victim of a rout, for the "Lemon-Yellow" gridmen refused to admit that the Harvard squad were more than average football players, and although the Crimson Tide won by a 7-6 score, they knew that they had been in a football game when the final gun sounded.

Moral Win for Lemon-Yellow

During the contest, the easteners gained only 169 yards from scrimmage, while the Oregon eleven rolled up a total of 293 yards, to give them a definite statistical edge. To quote from an after-game story on January 8, 1920, "All the sport critics gave Oregon an edge on the playing in that greatest of all classics and the one outstanding factor that appealed to the spectators was the 'Oregon fight' which predominated from whistle to whistle."

It seems that this game had much to do with increasing the football prestige of the west, at least here in the west, for the headlines on this story reads, "Western Football is Placed on Level with Best in East." This combined with the Oregon victory over Pennsylvania in the 1917 Rose Bowl, shows that the Webfoots of that period certainly did their part in gaining national recognition for the infant PCC.

To finish with one more quote from those forgotten days, "When the varsity played to a standstill the much touted heavy Harvard eleven, losing 7 to 6, it made history for the Lemon-Yellow that will never be forgotten."

Halberg Twice on JC All-American Quintet

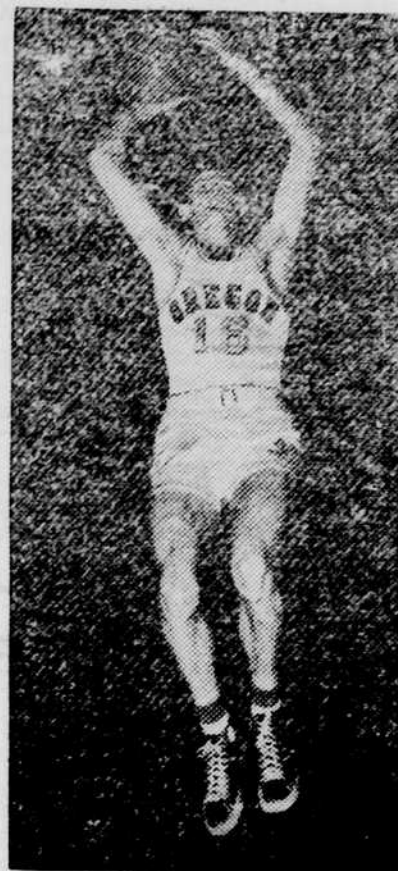
Twenty-three points. That was the number made by Jed Halberg, junior forward on the University of Oregon's basketball team, in last Saturday night's encounter with the Idaho Vandals. However, it was not the first twenty-three point performance in Ed's basketball history, and in all probability it will not be the last.

Smiling, easy-going Ed Halberg has been throwing inflated basketballs through netted hoops ever since his grade school days at Roosevelt junior high in Port Angeles, Washington, which, incidentally, is still his home town.

'Pushed Into It'

Ed was born in Port Angeles on October 19, 1931, and spent his grade school days at a nearby school in the city. His first contact with basketball came when he entered junior high school, and in the words of the Webfoot forward, "I sort of got pushed into it."

He continues, "My two best



ED HALBERG
Hit 23 against Idaho

friends were out for basketball, and I started working out and made the team." Luckily for the University of Oregon, the 6-foot, 5-inch 190-pounder's interest in the game didn't end there. Ed went on to play ball for Roosevelt high school in Port Angeles, while there he drew the attention of John Warren, then head basketball coach for the Ducks.

However, Ed broke his arm the summer after he left high school and decided to try a year of junior college ball before deciding on a four-year school. He enrolled at Olympic J. C. in the fall of 1949 and turned out for basketball. By the time the season ended, Halberg had been chosen on the junior college All-America team as a forward, although his regular position was center.

All-American Twice

During the school year of 1950-51, he did even better. After scoring 694 points in 32 games for a 21.7 points per game average, the blond hoopster was chosen on the J. C. All-American five for the second straight year.

After leaving junior college, Ed registered for the fall term of 1951 here at the university. He was destined not to play any basketball for the U. of O. that year, however. An old knee injury began bothering him soon after the start of the season, and a chip the size of a silver dollar was taken out in an operation.

As if that was not enough bad luck, Ed's other knee was bruised in an automobile accident during Christmas vacation, and he was

forced to stay out of school during winter term.

The big boy finally shook off the jinx this year, though, and he has certainly been making up for lost time.

Jump Shot Good Enough

When asked why he never uses a hook shot, Ed replied "I just never had any need for it. I always seems to be able to get my jump shot away." He added that he has been working on a hook for the past few days. Apparently, Halberg's twisting jump shot is reliable enough, for he has an approximate .500 average on shots from the field, which is good in any league.

Ed is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and is an English major. After graduation he plans to coach and teach English in high school. He has no intention of going into professional basketball.

During the summer, big Ed works for the Crown Zellerbach company's plant in Port Angeles. His hobbies are swimming and water skiing, and he also plays baseball in the summer.

McClary Best Rebounder

When asked who is the toughest rebounder he has played against in the Northern Division, Halberg replied without hesitation, "McClary, I've still got sore spots on my back from that guy's elbows."

If his performance in the Idaho series is any criterion, the sore spots don't seem to bother Ed when he is on the basketball floor. At least we hope they don't.

Kid KO's Opponent

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nine only to run into a left hook which draped him on the floor again. Once more he took a count of nine. Davey arose wobbly but game.

Gavilan wound up and whistled a right hander which sent Davey sailing through the ropes. Davey nearly fell off the ring apron. He took the nine count on one knee and then wearily fought off disaster until the bell intervened.

Davey appeared to be almost in a trance as he slumped onto his stool. It was obvious the bout was over—and Davey failed to answer the bell for the 10th. Under Illinois boxing rules, it was scored as a tenth round technical knockout. Gavilan danced gayly around the ring while the 20,000 fans buzzed and roared at the termination of the scheduled 15-rounder.

Matson Asks For Army Induction

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—All-America Football star Ollie Matson is asking for immediate induction into the army. Apparently he'll get his wish.

His draft board said it would be happy to oblige and ordered the 23-year-old athlete to report for duty February 20th. Matson, now a star with the professional Chicago Cardinals, had been deferred on a 1-A basis because of a broken wrist suffered in a Card football game.

Matson also was a track ace, placing third in the 1952 Olympic 400-meter race.

SPORTS FARE

Thursday, Feb. 12
3:50 Court 40 Sigma Hall B vs. Chi Phi B
3:50 Court 43 Stitzer Hall B vs. Sherry Ross B
4:35 Court 40 Counselors B vs. Phi Kappa Alpha B
4:35 Court 43 Pi Kappa Phi A vs. Beta Theta Pi A
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5:15 Court 43 Alpha Hall A vs. Sigma Hall A



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