

Ducks Set Cage Opener

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Oregon's dark-horse basketball team will open the 1954-55 season tonight when they meet Santa Clara's Broncos in the second half of a twin bill at McArthur court.

Oregon State will play California in the first half of the two-game attraction that will be featured by rededication ceremonies of McArthur court between the two contests. The Bears and Bears will clash at 7:30 followed by the Ducks and Broncos game about 9.

Three of the four teams will be playing their first game of the two-day old hoop season tonight. Only Oregon State has game experience and they showed flashes of their favorite's role as Northern Division defending champions in their 69-47 win over Hawaii's touring Rainbows Wednesday night at Corvallis.

Teams Arrive

The two California clubs arrived in Eugene by plane yesterday afternoon and held short workouts in preparation for the games tonight. Both the Bears and the Broncos are question marks because of their lack of veterans following the graduation of several stars from last year.

Fans will witness this year's return of one old basketball rule and the innovation of another at the twin bill tonight. The NCAA has brought back the 20-minute half to the game after an absence of several years which saw games being divided into four 10-minute quarters. The old rule was brought back in an effort to speed up games.

Once again as in the past few seasons a change in the free throw rule has been made. The new rule states that if a player



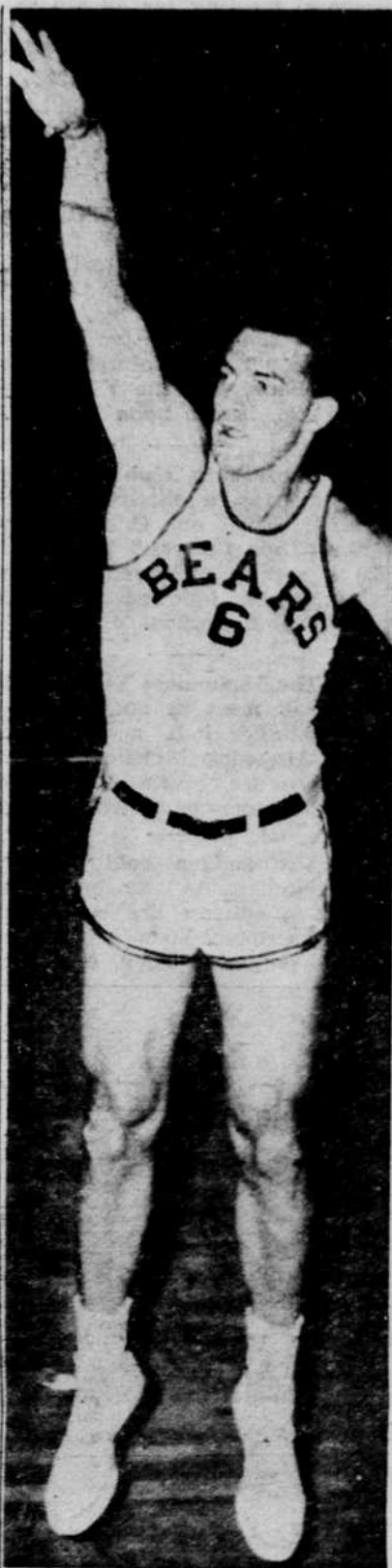
TONY VLASTELICA
OSC Center

sinks his first free shot after a foul, he gets another try. This is the reverse of last season's rule which said that if a fouled player missed his first shot, he got another try. Officials felt that the new rule would cut down on fouling by rewarding accuracy at the free throw line.

Another treat in store for opening-night fans will be a look at the new balconies recently installed in McArthur court which raises its capacity to 10,000, one of the biggest in the nation. Another feature of the balconies is that no seat is more than 28 rows from the playing floor, something that no large basketball pavilion in the country can match.

Oregon Ready

Oregon Coach Bill Borchers has been drilling his sophomore-studded squad for over a month in an effort to make the opening of his fourth season at Oregon a success. Borchers and Assistant Coach Barney Holland have had only five lettermen on a squad of nearly 20 candidates around which to build a team and the Ducks' success this season will depend greatly on the performance of several untried cagers.



BOB MCKEEN
California Center

All five veterans are expected to fill starter's roles for the Santa Clara game tonight. Santa Jim Loscutt has been particularly impressive in Duck workouts so far and will be counted on to share a big part of the scoring and backboard duties.

The other four Ducks slated to open against Santa Clara include big Max Anderson and Ray Bell at forwards and the hard-working duo of Jerry Ross and Howard Page at the guard spots. Page and Loscutt are the only seniors on the squad while the other three starters are juniors.

Also likely to see action tonight for Oregon are two highly-regarded sophomores that also shine on the football field. Big Bill Moore, a hook-shot specialist from The Dalles, and Phil McHugh, a former Central Catholic star, will operate at forward and guard, respectively, in top fill-in roles.

Other Ducks rated high on the list of replacements include Gary McManus, a junior forward with varsity experience, and Sophomores Jack Sherman, Bob Anderson, Ed Bingham and Richi Costi.

Sophs on Bronc Team

Santa Clara, a perennial NCAA playoff team, will also be fielding a squad with few lettermen



KEN SEARS
Santa Clara Forward

and many sophomores. Coach Bob Feerick is starting his fifth year with the Broncos and has built his squad around a trio of veterans of the three Western Regional Tournaments in which the team has played in the last three years. Santa Clara won the California Basketball association title last year and finished the season with a 21-7 record against Oregon's 17-10.

Forward Kenny Sears will

PhiDelts Hold Fall IM Lead

Phi Delta Theta, champions in football-and runners-up in both A and B volleyball, wound up the fall intramural schedule with a total of 350 points to take the lead in IM standings. Hale Kane was second with 325, and Cheney hall was third with 259.

Standings:

1. Phi Delta Theta	350
2. Hale Kane	325
3. Cheney hall	259
4. Sigma Chi	250
5. Sigma Phi Epsilon	245
6. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	242
7. Alpha Tau Omega	231
8. Beta Theta Pi	220
9. Phi Gamma Delta	220
10. Phi Kappa Psi	203
11. Theta Chi	199
12. Dorm Counselors	187
13. Delta Upsilon	183
14. Phi Kappa Sigma	182
15. Campbell Club	175
16. Sigma Nu	175
17. Delta Tau Delta	174
18. Hunter hall	162
19. French hall	159
20. Chi Psi	157
21. Kappa Sigma	150
22. Philadelphia House	146
23. Lambda Chi Alpha	125
24. Gamma Hall	103
25. Tau Kappa Epsilon	100
26. Straub Frosh	95
27. Phi Sigma Kappa	87
28. Nestor hall	75
29. Sederstrom hall	67
30. Alpha hall	62
31. Pi Kappa Alpha	50
32. Pi Kappa Phi	50
33. Leagle Eagles	0

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HOWARD PAGE
Oregon Guard

lead the Bronco attack as he has for three seasons. The 6' 9" All-American is rated as about the best big man in the country and will constitute Santa Clara's main offensive threat.

Two other three-year lettermen slated to open for Feerick are Dick Simoni at forward and Gary Gatzert at guard. Two juniors will occupy other starting roles with lettermen John Boudreau at center and transfer Tony Lazzeri, the son of the famed former New York Yankee second baseman, at the other guard post. The Broncs starting lineup will average 6' 5", with all five standing at least 6' 2".

In the first game California will present a lineup composed of both veterans and newcomers to the Bear uniform to start Coach Pete Newell's first season at the helm. Last year the Bears finished with a 19-8 record for the season and finished third in the Southern Division under now-retired Coach Nibs Price who stepped down after 30 years at California.

McKeen Back

Heading the Bear offense will be All-American candidate Bob McKeen, the highest scorer in California's history. This is his fourth year in the Blue-and-Gold Bear uniform and the 6' 7", 220-pounder will command the pivot post for Newell tonight.

Letterman Larry Friend and

transfer Bob Blake will likely open at forwards for California against Oregon State. At the guard spots will be junior letterman Frank Hess and pint-sized sophomore Mike Diaz. McKeen's younger brother, Ev, is a standout from last year's California freshman team and will probably see a lot of action.

Oregon State's letterman-lined squad will be out after its second win of the season after polishing off Hawaii. Coach Slaters Gill has seldom had so many veterans in his 27 years at the Beaver helm and will make full use of them tonight in an effort to establish a starting lineup with all-around ability for the Northern Division race.

Gill will probably go with the same team he started Wednesday which would see Tony (The Hook) Vlastelica at center, Reggie Halligan and Jay Dean at forwards, and Bill Toole and Larry Paulus at guards. Ron Robins may bill in for Toole after he came in to pot 14 points against Hawaii. Halligan got 18 points and Vlastelica 16 in the game.

Tomorrow night the four teams go to Corvallis to play another doubleheader in huge Gill coliseum. Oregon will play California in the first game while OSC plays Santa Clara in the windup.

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