

Frosh Schedule Opening Contest

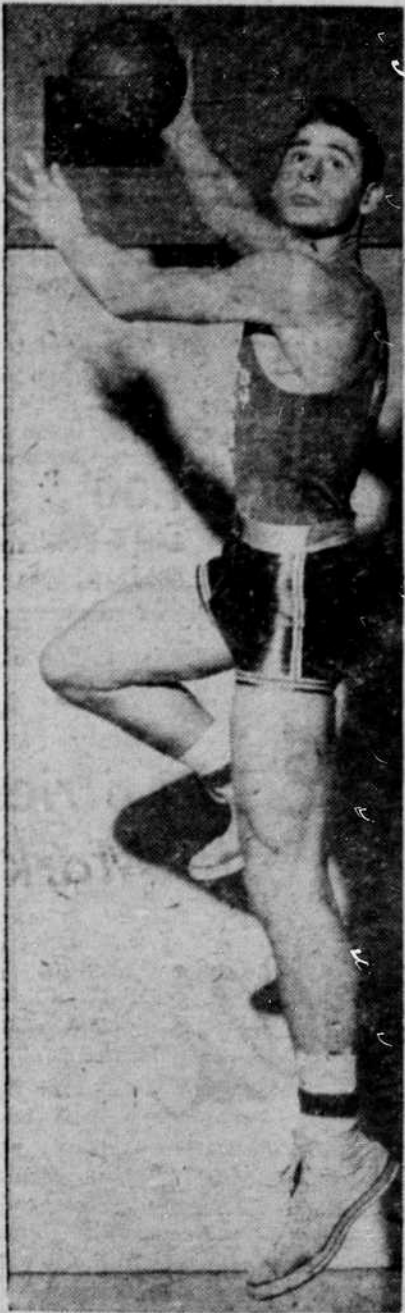
Oregon's Ducklings will open a 15-game basketball schedule to-night when they take on the Portland Police as a preliminary to the Oregon-Washington State scuffle. Game time is 5:45.

Frosh Coach Don Kirsch refused to be optimistic about the

Parsons Takes ND Point Lead

Washington's Dean Parsons led Northern Division scorers in points per game today with a 19.5 average after getting 32 points against Idaho Friday and adding seven the next night.

Ron Bennink, Washington State's slippery guard, was the leader in total points following the weekend's contests, as he racked up 39 in two nights against Oregon State to bring



DEAN PARSONS
Best Scoring Percentage

his total to 72 markers after four games.

Oregon's Jim Loscutt is holding down third place in the individual scoring race with 34 points in two games while the Ducks' Howard Page is fourth with 32.

Wade Halbrook, 7' 3" Oregon State center, is in an unfamiliar spot, sixth, after making his first appearance of the season in the Beavers' two games against WSC.

Nearly half of Bennink's 72 points have come from the foul line where he has averaged eight free throws per game. Against OSC the pint-sized forward sunk 19 out of 20 tosses from the charity mark.

The top ten scorers:

	G	FG	FT	Pct	TP	Avg
Parsons, Wash.	2	12	15	2	39	19.5
Bennink, WSC	4	20	32	8	72	18.0
Loscutt, Ore	2	13	8	8	34	17.0
Page, Oregon	2	12	8	4	32	16.0
Buhler, Idaho	2	10	8	4	28	14.0
Halbrook, OSC	2	12	1	4	25	12.5
Coshow, Wash	2	8	7	0	23	11.5
Bauscher, Idaho	2	8	7	4	23	11.5
Rehder, WSC	4	17	11	10	45	11.3
Melton, Idaho	2	10	2	5	22	11.0

outcome of the game, commenting that the three-week layoff caused by finals and vacation had left his boys badly out of condition.

Kirsch plans to choose his starting lineup from eight top prospects including five big men and three guards.

Duffy in Lineup

Hal Duffy, 6' 6", from Central Catholic will probably handle pivot chores, and Paul Tucharth, 6' 5" Oakridge smoothie, can operate well at either center or forward. Dave Wanaka, spark-plug of Roosevelt's Portland city champs, Burt Williams from Medford, and Don Delbon, all-Northern California choice from San Francisco, will see action at the forward slots.

In backcourt, Wimp Hastings of Bandon, Bob Ayre from Marshfield high, and Eugene's all-stater Wendy Razor have been battling for starting jobs.

Scholastic difficulties and injury took a heavy toll of Kirsch's top candidates among the big men. Dave Shelby, 6' 8" center from Albany, Norm Willoughby and Don Ainge, two more all-staters from Eugene, and Dick Kofford, rubberlegged Corvallis forward, will all sit out the season because of grade troubles.

Morgan Injured

Eli Morgan, all-city center from Portland's Grant high, will be sidelined until he recuperates from a knee operation.

The tall men have had some difficulty adjusting to Oregon's brand of basketball, particularly in ball-handling and screening, but Kirsch's big problem lately has been putting his team back into shape for its stiff 15-game schedule.

Tomorrow night the Ducklings meet Linfield's JV's in another prelim.

Trojans Lead SD Standings

SOUTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
USC	2	0	1.000	144	121	
UCLA	1	1	.500	147	136	
Stanford	1	1	.500	136	147	
California	0	2	.000	121	144	

The defending champion Trojans from USC vaulted into the lead of the Southern Division in basketball play over the weekend as they downed California's Bears in a pair of games at Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, at Palo Alto, the surprising Stanford Indians and powerful UCLA were splitting a pair of contests with the Tribe taking Friday night's opener 61-56, and the Bruins coming back Saturday to win 91-75.

Southern Cal showed it had lost little if any of its power from 1954 as it won easily over California Saturday after squeaking out a narrow victory in the opening clash. Saturday's 81-65 win was the highest score ever made against California by the Trojans.

In Friday's game, California was beaten at the free throw line where they were outscored by USC 25-8. Bob McKean's 30 points for the Bears was a highlight of the 63-56 contest.

UCLA's favored Bruins fell to a combination of good shooting and a stout defense by Stanford Friday night as Ron Tomsic's 21 points sparked the Indians to their five-point upset win. The tables were turned Saturday night as the white-hot Bruins, led by Guard Eddie White's 28 points, staged a rally in the second half to win going away.

Beavers Retain League Lead With Twin WSC Victories

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS						
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Oregon State	2	0	1.000	126	110	
Oregon	1	1	.500	125	118	
Washington	1	1	.500	126	105	
Idaho	1	1	.500	105	126	
Washington State	1	3	.250	228	251	

Oregon State was back in a familiar role of league leaders today after chalking up victories over Washington State Friday and Saturday while Washington and Idaho were splitting a pair in Seattle.

The Beavers used an effective stall in the last three minutes of Saturday's game to gain a comeback 56-52 win over the luckless Cougars, after an easier 70-58 triumph the night before. Big Wade (Swede) Halbrook played about half of each game and was a help to the Beavers, though far from his scoring power of last year.

Washington played its best

game of the season Friday in drubbing the Idaho Vandals, 82-53. But Coach Harlan Hodges' club pulled the first upset of the young Northern Division season when its ball-control style of play and a fantastic .640 shooting average dropped the Huskies 52-44.

The Beavers and the Cougars played a nip-and-tuck first half in Friday night's game at Corvallis with WSC taking an 18-12 lead midway through the period. Then Beaver Guard Ron Robins got hot and Halbrook came in to replace starter Phil Shadoin at center amidst terrific applause from the 6700 fans.

Vlastelica Hooks

These two threw in some quick baskets to give the Beavers a 29-24 halftime lead and they

coasted in to the win in the final half, with help from some hook shots by Tony Vlastelica.

As usual, Ron Bennink was the big gun for WSC as his shooting from the field and foul line kept Coach Jack Friel's club in the game until the final minutes. Bennink got 25 points to lead all scorers while Vlastelica and WSC's Bill Rehder had 14 apiece. Halbrook contributed 13 counters to the winners' cause.

In Saturday night's game, Oregon State had to come from behind after trailing the Cougars throughout most of the game. The Cougars held a 31-26 lead at the half and kept their margin until less than a quarter of the game was left.

Beavers Stall

Then Beaver Larry Paulus dunked a lay-in to give Coach Slat's team a 46-45 advantage and the Beavers held on to it. They started stalling with 3:30 left (and a four-point lead) and Gill's strategy paid off as the Beavers held the lead. Bennink, although checked effectively by Paulus, again led all scorers with 14 points, including eight straight free throws.

Big Dean Parsons poured 32 points through the hoop for Washington Friday night as the Huskies rolled to an easy win over Idaho. The game was closer than the score indicated until the final minutes when the powerful Seattle club hit 18 points in a row while holding the Vandals scoreless. Washington's 82 points tied an all-time record against Idaho.

Vandals Slow Pace

Only 5300 fans showed up Saturday night to watch Idaho humble the powerful Huskies in a snail's-pace type of game. The Vandals' ball-control and shooting was phenomenal as the five starters played the whole game. Idaho built up a halftime lead of 22-14 and then toyed with the frantic club of Tippy Dye for an easy win.

Four men scored Idaho's 19 baskets in 30 attempts for the evening as the team broke an all-time ND record with its 64 percent accuracy. Bob Falash and Jay Buhler led the winners with 15 points each. Parsons was held to only one basket and seven points while Jim Coshow was the only Husky in double figures with 13 counters.



EARL AVERILL, PR., former University of Oregon catcher and outfielder, has been ordered to report to the Cleveland Indians training camp next spring. Averill spent 1954 with Reading in the class A Eastern league.

Earl Averill Added To Indian Roster

A former University of Oregon baseball star, Earl Averill, Jr., was added to the roster of the Cleveland Indians Saturday. He will go into spring training with the Indians March 1 at Tucson.

Averill was a catcher and outfielder with the Ducks before his graduation in 1953. He won the Northern Division batting championship his junior year with a .328 average.

Last season Averill batted .294 for Reading, Penna., team as a catcher. Reading finished fourth in the class A Eastern league.

Averill's father also played for Cleveland from 1929 to 1938, and had a lifetime batting average of over .300.

Two other players were added to the Tribe's roster Saturday. They are Bill Meyer, pitcher, and Jim Cleverly, second baseman and former University of Utah player. Both were with Reading.

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