

Beavers Drill (Minus Swede) For Week's Hoop Contests

CORVALLIS (AP)—The Oregon State basketball team practiced Wednesday for its crucial weekend two-game series with Oregon without high-scoring 7' 3" Swede Halbrook.

He was suspended Tuesday by Coach Slat Gill who said Wednesday the action was not because of "anything new but, rather a collection of several old reasons."

Loscutoff Paces Division Scorers

Big Jim Loscutoff, Oregon's veteran forward and top rebounder, leads the Northern Division in scoring as conference play nears the halfway point in this weekend's series.

The 6' 5" senior has rolled in 119 points in the six Oregon games to take a wide lead in the game averages as well as holding a narrow margin in total points over WSC's Ron Bennink, who has played one more game than the Duck star. Loscutoff has nearly a 20-point average, despite playing in the lowest scoring game of the conference season at Moscow last Saturday.

Second to Loscutoff in average is Washington Center Dean Parsons, who has tallied 20 points in two of his four games for the Huskies but scored less than 10 in each of the others. His 16.8 average is only a slight margin over Bennink's 16.6 for the individual runner-up spot.

Department leaders include Loscutoff in field goals and rebounds, Bennink in free throws, OSC's Jay Dean in fouls with 4.3 per cent, and Idaho's Bill Bauscher in free throw accuracy with 11 out of 13 from the charity mark. Washington's Jim Coshow is the league's "cleanest" regular with only one foul in four games.

Scoring:

	G	FG	FT	TP
Loscutoff, Ore.	6	48	27	119
Parsons, Wash.	4	20	27	67
Bennink, WSC	7	29	58	116
Halbrook, OSC	4	23	14	60
Buhler, Idaho	5	23	22	68
Vlastelica, OSC	4	23	5	51
Melton, Idaho	5	27	9	63
Rehder, WSC	7	28	21	77
Coshow, Wash.	4	13	12	38
Page, Ore.	6	23	10	53

Freshmen Bill Strong Rooks

Don Kirsch's Oregon freshman basketball squad will be up against its toughest competition of the young season when they meet the Oregon State Rooks at McArthur court Friday night. The game is scheduled as a preliminary to the Oregon-Oregon State varsity contest, and Saturday night the teams will meet again in Corvallis.

The Rooks of Coach Paul Valenti are undefeated in four starts; they hung double losses on Lower Columbia JC and also knocked off Grays Harbor JC and Fernandez Loggers of Longview.

The game offers to be a battle between two towering point producers, Dave Gambee, who stands 6' 6", has been averaging 21 points a game for the Orange youngsters, while Oregon's 6' 5" Paul Tucharth has an even 20-point average.

Usual starters for the Rooks include, besides Gambee, Bill Fredericks and Ken Nanson at the forwards, and Gary Haynes and Gordon Carrigan in guard positions.

He indicated the main offense was not attending classes. Gill said he asked his big center, before Tuesday's practice, whether he had any excuse for this and that Halbrook had replied he had not. The coach indicated that in conversation about the matter, Halbrook gave him no assurance he was willing to change his ways so Gill called in the rest of the squad and announced the suspension.

"I expect certain things of my players. They must attend classes regularly. They must have the right attitude and they must be here first as students and next as athletes. We expect athletes to do just as every other student in school," Gill said.

Should Halbrook fail to get back on the squad his place will be taken by Phil Shadoin, a 7-foot sophomore who has shown promise in several games.

Halbrook was present at classes Wednesday.

Commenting on the Swede Halbrook suspension Wednesday, Oregon Coach Bill Borchers said, "While this news might complicate our preparations a bit, we feel we are faced with a very tough job in these games."

Fan interest in the Friday UO-OSC game is apparently high. Oregon athletic news Director Art Litchman reported that only 500 reserved seats remain for the game and that the crowd may be the largest in McArthur court history.

Pilot Hoop Mentor Gets Leave Period

PORTLAND (AP)—Art McLarney, Portland university basketball coach, Wednesday was granted a leave of absence because of ill health.

Mike Tichy, junior varsity coach, will fill in for McLarney, a former University of Washington basketball and baseball coach and a star athlete at Washington State college in the early 1930's.

The Rev. Michael J. Gavin, president of the university, said a recent severe attack of influenza, aggravated by other complications, so impaired McLarney's health that doctors advised him to take a rest. McLarney was appointed coach here last year to succeed James Mush Torsion, who resigned.

McLarney was basketball coach at the University of Washington from 1947 to 1950, when he resigned, saying the pressure of the job was too much for his health.

Pro Owner Quiet

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — President Don Mackenzie of the British Columbia Lions in the Western Inter-Provincial Football Union snapped "no comment" Wednesday when queried about the possibility of Adrian Burk, with the Philadelphia Eagles, playing here next year.

Mackenzie also said in an interview he would oppose any "no raiding" pact with the American pro league.

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Halbrook was ineligible for pre-conference games because of scholastic deficiencies, but he made these up and rejoined the team at the start of the Northern Division schedule. With him in the lineup Oregon State, which lost six of 10 pre-season games, has won four conference games without a loss to lead the division.

The series with Oregon is for the division leadership. Oregon has a 5-1 record.

Halbrook, who scored 614 points in 29 games last season for a 21.2 average, was pacing the squad in scoring for Northern Division games with 60 points.

Gill said, "It is up to Halbrook to provide evidence he should return to the squad and we will welcome him back when he has straightened out his personal problems."

Phi Kaps Top IM Bowlers

Sigma Phi Epsilon tied Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Sigma and Hale Kane won intramural bowling matches at the Student Union alleys Wednesday night.

Alpha Tau Omega was scheduled to face Sigma Alpha Mu but the Sammies failed to show up. The ATO's bowled their side and recorded 2283 pins, sparked by Bryce Reimer's 586 high series.

The Sig Eps and Sigma Chi bowled to a 2-2 standoff, with the Sigs getting 1994 pins and the Sig Eps 1953. Bob Gilman of Sigma Phi Epsilon had the high series of 440.

In other action, Sam Sorenson's 526 led Phi Kappa Sigma to a 3-1 win over Gamma hall. The Phi Kaps had 2151 pins to 1923 for the Gamma men.

And Hale Kane blanked Alpha hall, 4-0. Wilfred Watanaat's 480 led Hale Kane and the pins were 2207 to 1895.

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