

Duck Tracks

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With the 1954-1955 high school basketball season at the halfway stage, many possibilities crop up about the outcome. The action thus far has shown many teams capable of going all the way to the finals in the March state tournament.

Milwaukie's defending champions must be counted on as stiff opposition for any would-be competitors. With two all-stars like 6'3" Red Bloedel and high-scoring Ted Miller in the lineup, Coach George Crandall's club cannot be counted out. But the Mustangs miss graduated Bill Frederick's rebounding power and also are low on reserves. They have a 12-2 record, losing only to two Portland clubs, Grant and Cleveland.

Medford On Top

Currently on the top of the state prep rankings is the Black Tornado of Medford high. Frank Roelandt's club boasts height, speed, good ball-handling and a fast-breaking offense that has taken them over the 70-mark in scoring several times. The southern five has a 13-1 mark, having lost only in a split series with Eugene.

Eugene's Axemen, although losing all-stars Wendy Rasor, Norm Willoughby and Don Ainge by graduation, still have 6'8" Center Mike Moran to build their attack around. The Eugene club have two other seasoned performers in Forward Leighton Tuttle and Guard Bud Kuykendall. These three, along with the young players on the team, have helped the team to an 11-2 record, with losses only to Albany and Medford.

North Bend is the winningest team in the state, having a 14-1 record, including wins over traditionally-tough Marshfield. The Bulldogs look like top contenders for state laurels. They have seven seasoned performers headed by Willard Reeve, Jack Hartley and Dick Woolstenhume.

Another tough five is Albany, although the Bulldogs have a 10-3 record, with a loss to Sweet Home included. They upended Eugene and have lots of height. The top man is Forward Rex Stamps. Astoria falls into the same category. The Fishermen have a 10-3 mark and an experienced five in action. Their misfortune is to be in the same league, though different district, as Milwaukie.

St. Helens Unbeaten

South Salem, Pendleton and St. Helens appear to be the other teams from up-state strong enough to reach the tourney. The Saxons have a 9-3 mark and Pendleton is 11-1. The Lions from St. Helens have won 13 straight, including a victory over Franklin of Portland.

Portland's city league race, though tied between Grant, Jefferson, Franklin and Cleveland, seems to boil down to a battle between the Quakers and Indians. With 6'9" Bjarne Jensen improving with every game, Franklin could take its first PIL title in many years.

Cleveland, sparked by all-city holdover Dick Jolley, is probably the most experienced top team in Portland. The Tribe has already met Medford twice and topped Milwaukie earlier this season. Franklin downed Cleveland 46-44, in the teams' only meeting thus far. The Quakers have lost only to Grant.

Overtime Disputed

A hotly-contested game was the recent high school scrap between Corvallis and Albany. The game's first overtime ended in a 53-53 deadlock. In the next extra period, Albany tallied the first point but Corvallis countered with a pair of free throws to apparently win the game. Or so they thought.

The game officials ruled that the team must win by two points and not just score the first aggregate of two, so disallowed the win right there. Albany went on to score a free throw and a field goal and was given the game.

Arguments raged back and forth between Corvallis Coach Bob Payne and the Oregon School Activities association, but officially the decision is still in the books as 58-55 for the Bulldogs. The final word is yet to be heard, as the Spartans protested vigorously, but it was an unusual game at any rate.

Duck Stars Named To Catholic Eleven

Oregon's George Shaw and Ron Pfeister have finally made an all-American team on the first eleven! Extension magazine announced its all-Catholic football squad for 1954.

In addition to several second and third place honors for the Duck stars and selection to all-coast and Shrine teams, this is the first sole all-American award yet. Awards will be made here shortly.

Others on the first team, and mostly all-American anyway, were Notre Dame's Ralph Guglielmi, Minnesota's Bob McNamara and Wisconsin's Alan Ameche in the backfield; LUS's Joe Tumminello and Notre Dame's Dan Shannon at ends; Cornell's Len Oniskey and Notre Dame's Frank Varrichione at tackles, and Army's Ralph Chesnauskas and Purdue's Tom Bettis at guards.

Hale Kane Five, Beta Theta Pi's Win IM Games

One tight contest, a runaway, and a forfeit featured intramural basketball action Wednesday afternoon. The Hale Kane B team edged out the Straub Frosh, 24-21, and the Legal Eagles picked up their second win, a forfeit, from Sederstrom hall's B team. Beta Theta Pi spanked Delta Tau Delta, 32-13, in the only A league action.

Straub Frosh Edged

The Straub Frosh put up a stiff battle before bowing to Hale Kane. At halftime, the Frosh led, 14-13, and trailed by only one point, 18-17, at the end of the third quarter. Baskets by Wilfred Watanabe, Bernie Averill and Harold Chang settled the issue in favor of Hale Kane.

Watanabe and Jerry Maule of the Straub Frosh tied for high point honors in the game with eight apiece.

Hale Kane (24) (21) Straub
Watanabe 8F..... Boyles
Fajita 7F..... 2 Woods
Averill 4C..... 2 Kershner
KanadaG..... 8 Maule
Pritchard 2G..... Speer
Subs: Hale Kane—Chang 2,
Higashi, Attig, Burt 1, Hogg,
Straub Frosh—Cofer 5, Swearing-
ingsten, Martin 2, Sommerville,
Sherwood 2.

Beta's Drop Delts

Beta Theta Pi opened up an 8-0 lead over Delta Tau Delta at the end of the first quarter, and continued the pace throughout the game as they won handily, 32-13. The Beta's were ahead 12-4 at halftime, and 21-8 at the end of the third period.

Jerry Pool sparked the Beta attack as he poured in 15 points, including five long set shots. Dick Van Allen was next in line for the Beta's as he tallied eight points. Allen Dale was high for the Delt's with five points.

Beta's (32) (13) Delt's
RussellF..... 5 Dale
Nordling 2F..... Ricketts
Halvorsen 4C..... 3 Goldager
Pool 15G..... 2 Morgan
Harris 3G..... 1 Baker
Subs: Betas—Van Allen 8,
Delt's—Overholser 2.

Eagles Get Win

The Legal Eagles now boast a 2-0 record in B league play, after picking up a forfeit over Sederstrom hall. The Eagles' final game will be against the Straub Frosh next Monday before the playoffs.

Tuchardt Tops Frosh Scoring

Paul Tuchardt was still on top of Duckling basketball scoring and rebounding following a disastrous two-game series with Oregon State's Rooks.

Big Paul bucketed 26 points as the Frosh absorbed 61-47 and 66-53 losses, bringing his total to 86, a 17-point average on the season. His rebounds add up to 57 for an average of eleven.

Statistics for first five games:

	FG	FT	PF	TP	RB
Tuchardt	36	14	12	86	57
Rasor	23	0	13	46	10
Wanaka	19	4	19	42	45
Hastings	13	6	12	32	9
Farris	10	4	6	24	12
Ayre	8	5	8	21	3
Duffy	8	0	8	16	31
Delbon	6	2	8	14	17
Swan	5	2	4	12	14
Williams	0	4	6	4	17
Slick	1	2	2	4	0
Diddock	1	1	3	3	3
Lindland	1	0	0	2	1
Tenney	1	0	0	2	0
Phelps	0	0	1	0	0

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Other ND Quints Set League Play

Although Oregon will take time out from tough Northern Division play this weekend to face Brigham Young, the other four conference quintets will be in action in counting games Friday and Saturday.

Most important series of the weekend and one of the big ones of the season will take place in Seattle, when Oregon State's league-leading Beavers face the dangerous Washington Huskies. Washington, currently four full games off the pace and mired in third, must shoot the works in

order to get back into the race.

In other conference action, Washington State and Idaho will battle in a home-and-home series at Moscow and Pullman. The Vandals are at the bottom in the ND at present with WSC less than a game ahead in a tie with Washington for third.

With Center Swede Halbrook back in good standing on the OSC squad, Coach Slat's Gill of the Beavers will be able to breathe a little easier in looking ahead to the pair with the Huskies. The conference-unbeaten OSC team gained ground over Washington last weekend with Halbrook sitting on the bench as they beat Oregon twice while the Huskies were splitting a pair with the surprising WSC Cougars at Pullman.

Two of the biggest crowds of the season will be in Edmundson pavilion for the series, some to see the Huskies in their comeback stand, some to view the big, fast Beavers, and some to witness the spectacle of three seven-foot players on the same floor, including Halbrook, Phil Shadoin and Gary Nelson.

Washington's main problem in putting a halt to the OSC league win streak will be to collar the shooting of Tony Vlastelica. Two weeks ago the versatile hook-shot artist scored 33 points in leading the Beavers to a 70-63 win over the Huskies to complete a series sweep at Corvallis.

Another jolt to Husky title hopes came last Friday in the WSC game when starting guard Jerry Johnson came up with a hurt knee that will definitely keep him out of the OSC series and perhaps the season. Junior Ron Olsen will replace the Husky defensive ace in the starting five.

The rest of the Washington lineup will see ace Dean Parsons at center, Jim Coshaw and Karl Voegtlin at forwards, and Doyle Perkins at guard. The Beavers will probably string along with Halbrook, Larry Paulus, Ron Robins, Jay Dean and Vlastelica.

Meanwhile, a couple of old sports rivals will square off for the third and fourth times this season when WSC and Idaho tangle. WSC already holds two wins over the Vandals, one in the non-counting ND classic in December, and will be favored to again whip Coach Harlan Hodges' team from across the Washington-Idaho line.

The Cougars will be led by high-scoring Ron Bennink at his usual forward post with Bill Rehder, Larry Beck, Al Perry and Bob Klock filling the rest of Coach Jack Friel's first platoon. Idaho will probably start its usual quint of Harlan Melton and Jay Buhler at forwards, Jim Sather at center, and Bill Bauscher and Bob Falash at the guard spots.

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