

Duck Tracks

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Probably never before has a Northern Division cellar team been regarded higher and performed less than the Washington Huskies. But even if they don't win another game this season, their opponents during the second half of the conference schedule will still be looking for as tough a time as if they were playing the champion, and Bill Borchner is not taking any chances.

The Webfoot mentor says that he regards Washington as a dangerous team, capable of beating the Ducks this season despite its cellar position.

Huskies Rated High

Before the season started, the Huskies were considered to be the top contender for OSC's 1954 title after the young UW team staged such a fine comeback late last season. After winning only one of their first 14 1954 games, the fast-improving Huskies came back late in the campaign to take eight out of 12 of the schedule's last half.

This season rolled around and Coach Tippy Dye greeted nine of the first ten players from last year's Washington team and things looked pretty rosy around the Northwest's largest school. Included in the returnees was high-scorer Dean Parsons, back for his fourth season, and with the doubtful status of Swede Halbrook at OSC, many observers thought the Huskies could win the pennant.

In pre-season games the Huskies looked like they could easily succeed as the ND's title-holders. They ran up the best conference pre-season record in beating six out of nine teams with all three losses being by less than ten points, and the wins including victories over Idaho and a Halbrook-less Oregon State in the Northern Division Classic at Seattle.

Idaho Thrashed

In their opening conference game against Idaho, it looked like the Huskies were the class of the league as they walked all over the Vandals, 82-53. The next night, however, Idaho pulled their famous stall and beat the Huskies, 52-44.

After that, Tippy Dye's five went downhill in losing two straight to OSC at Corvallis with Halbrook seeing his first action. They then beat WSC in only one out of two and lost two more to the Beavers last week up in Seattle for the first Orange sweep of the series since 1918.

The Huskies were dealt another blow two weeks ago when Guard Jerry Johnson hurt a leg against WSC and was declared a possible loss for the rest of the season. But Borchner knows better than to take Washington lightly and is afraid that the Huskies might pick this particular series to get hot.

Analyzing the Washington team shows that Tippy Dye's quintet boasts the highest-scoring front line in the ND with Parsons, Jim Coshow and Karl Voegtlin along the base line. Parsons is well-known around these parts for his scoring feats in high school at Eugene high while Voegtlin is regarded as plenty dangerous with his variety of shots after making the Northern Division's second all-star team in 1954 as a sophomore.

Coshow Controversial

Coshow is one of the most controversial players in the league with some people regarding him as a future great and others calling him not so hot. He is not too fast and is inconsistent in scoring but he's a fighter under the boards and his defensive prowess was demonstrated by his holding OSC's Tony Vlastelica to one field goal last weekend.

The Huskies' biggest trouble in their conference games has been in the shooting department where they have only a .325 mark in the league, last in that category. But a lot of this trouble has come from facing OSC's tight defense, the second-best in the nation, in half of their conference contests and Borchner says he would hate to ever get behind Washington, who starts pouring it on when they get hot.

Something to watch for in the series will be the local fans' reaction to Parsons when he first steps on the floor Friday. The former Eugene ace disappointed a lot of people when he shunned Oregon to go to the Seattle school with a nice fat scholarship thrown in. A couple of years ago Eugene fans really gave him a rough time when he showed his face in McArthur court, and it will be fun to watch the reception this time.

Loscutoff Nears Scoring Marks

With Oregon's Northern Division season halfway gone, Jim Loscutoff has piled up a big lead in Duck scoring and rebounding and could break several season's records for both Oregon and the conference if he continues his hot pace.

The 227-pound forward has over twice as many points as any other Oregon player in the Ducks' eight conference games so far and is a sure bet to finish among the all-time high scorers for one season for a Webfoot team. His 18.8 points-per-game is also the leading mark in the Northern Division as is his 16.5 rebound average.

Here are the records the big boy could break if he does as well in Oregon's last eight games: Northern Division—field goal attempts, 294, and rebounds, 229; Oregon—points, 307; field goals, 103, and rebounds, 229. All of these records are currently held by Chet Noe, a star Oregon center from 1953.

Center Max Anderson is the number two Oregon rebounder with a 10.2 average per game and also paces the Oregon regulars in shooting accuracy with a .382 mark. Loscutoff has the best free throw average with a .652 record while Ray Bell leads the foul column with 30, three times having fouled out in Oregon's eight games.

The improvement of Guard Howard Page has lifted him from fourth in pre-season scoring to second place on the squad in conference play. The Coos Bay senior has turned in outstanding performances in being one of the top outside scorers in the league with a nine points-per-game average.

Oregon's Northern Division scoring:

Player	G	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Jim Loscutoff, f	8	60	30	130	25	150
Howard Page, g	8	29	14	21	21	72
Ray Bell, f	8	24	20	48	30	68
Max Anderson, c	8	21	19	82	21	61
Phil McHugh, g	8	25	9	22	13	59
Jerry Ross, f	8	10	13	37	15	33
Ed Bingham, f	6	6	7	19	5	19
LeRoy Nelson, g	3	3	2	2	0	8
Jack Sherman, g	5	4	0	3	3	8
Frank Werner, c	3	2	3	3	2	7
Gary McManus, f	5	0	4	4	2	4
Bob Anderson, g	6	2	0	3	0	4
Berge Borrovik, c	2	0	3	2	2	3
Rich Costi, g	2	1	0	1	0	2
John Lundell, g	2	0	1	1	0	1
Don McLain, f	2	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon Totals	8	187	125	378	139	499
Opponents	8	146	145	245	132	437

Ex-Duck Assistant Gets Top Position

Gene Harlow, who was Oregon's football line coach in 1951, was named Tuesday to the head coaching job at Arkansas State college. A former coach also at the University of Idaho and Tulane, Harlow had been coaching at a Mobile, Ala., high school.

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Duck Wrestlers To Face Staters

Oregon's wrestling teams face rugged tests this weekend when they tangle with Oregon State varsity and Rook teams Saturday in McArthur court.

The Duck grapplers have two wins: one each over Lewis and Clark and Multnomah club; a tie with Portland State; and two losses each at the hands of Washington State and Fort Lewis. The Frosh matmen hold four wins over opponents and have suffered one defeat, that by Lebanon high school.

Led by Pacific Coast champions Gary McLain in the 123-lb. division and Art Keith in the 147-lb. class, the Beavers have won all their matches this season, which includes a 29-5 victory over Portland State. With the exception of Orville Swindler in the 137-lb. group, the rest of the OSC squad is filled out by sophomores from last year's out-

standing Rook team. These include Melvin Lehman, Lou Taucher, Ron Hicks, Bud Glenger and George Meyers.

The varsity meet should bring some very close thrills and spills. In the first match Roy Schlessor of Oregon, who lost only to PCC champ Richard Gibson of WSC, will tangle with McLain. Bob Williams of the Ducks and Swindler will battle it out in the 137-lb. class, with both being undefeated in previous competition.

In the 147-lb. group Dave Newland of the Webfoots will face Keith. Newland has good strength and speed and could give Keith a good tussle.

In the preliminary bouts between the Frosh and the Rooks the Frosh may hold the edge because they defeated Klamath Falls by a 28-11 score. The Pellicans later beat the Rooks by a three-point margin.

Danish Miler Predicts Win

NEW YORK (AP)—Denmark's Gunnar Nielsen predicted Tuesday both Roger Bannister and John Landy would come out of retirement to run the 1500 meters in the 1956 Olympic Games—and he said he hadn't the slightest doubt who would win it.

"Bannister, of course," emphatically said the tall, slender Dane who currently is waging a hot indoor mile-and-word war with America's chesty Wes Santee.

"For the big race, the one that counts, Bannister is the greatest—too good at tactics, too much up here." He tapped his temple to indicate brains.

Nielsen said if Bannister were to come to this country for a series of races with Santee—such as the present indoor campaign—Santee probably would win three out of five meetings.

"But when they met in an important event, such as maybe the Olympics, it would be Bannister," the Scandinavian comet added.

IM Schedule

Thursday
Basketball

- 3:50 Sederstrom hall A vs. Alpha hall A, court 40.
- Philadelphia House A vs. Campbell club A, court 43.
- 4:35 Legal Eagles A vs. Hale Kane A, court 40.
- Phi Kappa Psi B vs. Delta Upsilon B, court 43.
- 5:15 Sigma Chi B vs. Alpha Tau Omega B, court 40.
- Sigma Nu B vs. Delta Tau Delta B, court 43.

Handball

- 4:00 Beta Theta Pi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, courts 42, 44, 46.

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