

# EMERALD Sports

## Duck Tracks

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Oregon State's new choice for head football coach, Tommy Prothro, is being looked to by Beaver supporters as the one who can perform a miracle next fall at the state's largest college. This young bachelor of 34 is highly rated as a potential great in the coaching ranks and it will be interesting to see just what kind of results he will get at the Beaver camp.

Prothro was one of a quartet of finalists in the race for the OSC grid post vacated the Monday after Oregon beat OSC last fall by Kip Taylor, for six years holder of the grid reins at Corvallis. It took nearly two months for Oregon State officials to even get their choice narrowed down to four with Beaver alums and downtown quarterbacks squirming in the meantime wondering who the next whipping boy would be.

The four candidates that came to Corvallis for interviews with Glenn Holcomb, OSC's Pacific Coast Conference faculty representative, included two popular head coaches as well as a pair of assistant coaches unknown as far as Northwest fans were concerned. Buck Shaw, the recently-fired mentor of the San Francisco 49'ers, was in the race as was Skip Stahley, Idaho miracle-man of 1954, Herm Meister, California line coach, and Prothro, backfield coach for Red Sanders at UCLA and with him also at Vanderbilt before that.

### Prothro Favors Single-Wing

Three of the four were strictly T-formation coaches with Prothro being a solid advocate of the single wing that gave UCLA the national championship in an undefeated 1954 season. This undoubtedly was a big factor in Prothro being chosen with Oregon State officials reluctant to change the traditional Beaver style of play begun by Lonnie Stiner back in 1933. Taylor was a graduate of Michigan State's single-wing when he came to Beaverville in 1949 and kept the formation which last year netted Oregon State one win and eight straight losses.

But there were other factors involved also. First there was the usual money problem. Stahley withdrew from the race the night before the final decision was announced because OSC was offering \$2000 less than the \$11000 he got at Idaho last year when he brought the Vandal gridders out of the football doldrums. That also quite probably let out Shaw who was used to the fancy salaries of the pro leagues that are double and triple those offered to most college coaches.

Another thing that favored an unknown coach for the job was the hope by Beaver officials that the college would hire a coach who would stay and build up OSC teams rather than just use the post as a steppingstone to a bigger job. And this, together with Prothro's single-wing favoritism, his ability with backfield men as demonstrated at UCLA and the fine recommendation given Prothro by Sanders, pretty well cinched the job for Tommy.

### Assignment Ahead Tough

But now comes the tough road ahead. Fans at Oregon State are inclined to forget their bad seasons and hope for future miracles, just like any other sports fans. But Tommy will find that the pressure is terrific at Corvallis, especially if and when OSC loses to Oregon. That's what undoubtedly forced Taylor to resign after the worst season in history in football at Oregon State. For five years the Beavers had beaten Oregon and Taylor was retained, but in 1954 the end was inevitable.

Prothro is going to have to start with a squad that lost eight out of its first 22 men from the 1954 team. On top of this he inherits a freshman team that was twice beaten by Oregon's Frosh last fall and had very few outstanding players in the bunch. Sanders says he owes much of UCLA's success in football to Prothro's great work with Bruin backfield men but Tommy is going to need some good material to work with before he gets anywhere.

Tommy is a hard worker and a perfectionist and will make the Beavers pant plenty during spring workouts, something they didn't do much of under the easy-going Taylor. Unquestionably, Oregon State has the spirit that good a team needs, but it will be a long time before OSC hits the list of top football powers as predicted by some optimists. But the Beavers can't go anywhere but up unless they lose to Idaho as well as their other eight opponents next fall. We wish Tommy Prothro luck (except against Oregon), because he will certainly need it.

## Frosh Paced By Tucharadt

Paul Tucharadt has upped his scoring lead and Bob Ayre has moved up from seventh to fourth in latest Frosh basketball statistics.

Tucharadt has railed in 146 tallies in nine games, while Ayre found the net for 27 points over the weekend to bring his total to 57. Lanky Paul also edged into the three-figure column in rebounds. The big forward-center is six above his nearest competitor, Hal Duffy, with 101 recoveries.

Wendy Razor has moved into second place with 79 points, and Dave Wanaka stayed in the top three with 71.

Tucharads, Razor and Ayre led the scoring as the Frosh rolled over Marion Motors of Salem and Clark Junior college last weekend by 68-50 and 67-56 scores. Next on the Ducklings schedule are two AAU squads from Portland. On Friday they meet Portland Air Force Base, and on Saturday they collide with a strong Dehl-Penne Co. five.

Scoring through nine games:

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP	RB
Tucharadt	61	24	22	146	101
Razor	36	7	18	79	19
Wanaka	29	13	30	71	83
Ayre	23	11	18	57	10
Hastings	21	8	18	50	16
Duffy	21	8	21	50	95
Paris	13	4	10	30	30
Swan	10	2	9	22	26
Delbon	9	3	13	21	23
Slick	6	5	5	17	1
Diddock	3	1	6	7	8
Tenney	3	0	5	6	4
Williams	0	4	7	4	20
Lindland	1	1	0	3	1
Phelps	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	236	91	183	503	437

## Practice Aids Eye, But WSC Freshmen Fined, Lose Game

Three Washington State college freshmen basketball players were arrested in Spokane Monday after they broke into one of the trio's old high school gym to practice.

Bobby Reichert, an All-City guard at North Central high in Spokane last year, Richard Pask of Portland and Ed Steele of Pullman were released on \$50 bonds after police charged them with disorderly conduct in breaking and entering the gymnasium to practice with two friends Sunday afternoon.

All three were in action Monday night when the Cougar Babes played the Gonzaga freshmen. Steele poured through 32 points and Reichert 18, but Gonzaga won, 83-78.

## Stall Pays Off As Fans Boo

BALDWIN, Kan. (AP)—A basketball player stood motionless with the ball for a full five minutes in Baker's game with the College of Emporia Tuesday night.

Charley Dehlinger, College of Emporia star, started the weird shenanigan by stalling on the back line after his team got a two point 35-33 lead in the first minute of the second half. Baker players tried to tie his up or get the ball.

They succeeded only in fouling Dehlinger. He sank the two free throws and as soon as his team got the ball he retreated again to the back line.

Baker ignored him but the crowd didn't. They booed and stormed for five minutes until Baker went after the ball. Baker fouled Dehlinger again and he sank another pair of free throws. When C of E got possession, Dehlinger crawled into his shell again and waited.

That was practically the only offense C of E used in the second half, but it worked. They won, 65-55, as Dehlinger dropped in 19 free throws. C of E made 16 field goals but only four came in the second half.

## HALBROOK OF THE EAST

# Offers Pondered By Prep Hooper

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Wilt the Stilt, America's most prominent high school basketball player, definitely is going to college. The big question is, which one?

Wilt the Stilt is Wilton Chamberlain, a seven foot Negro lad who scores on a basketball court at a point a minute clip. The 18-year-old giant plays for Overbrook high school in Philadelphia.

At last count, Chamberlain said, he has received close to 150 bids to attend higher institutions of learning and, of course, to play a little basketball. Wilt says he has not made up his mind where he'll go and won't until May or June.

"I want to select a top-rated school from a scholastic standpoint as well as one that plays

big time basketball," said the B-plus average student. He's interested in studying business administration, possibly going on to law school.

As a high school basketball player, the Stilt has scored 1912 points. He has seven games to play and, if he continues at his 40-plus-per-game average, can eclipse the three-year scoring record set by LaSalle's great All-American, Tom Gola. The latter netted 2222 points in three seasons at LaSalle high. Wilt's one game high is 74, scored earlier this season.

Chamberlain's coach, Cecil Mosenson, says the Stilt should become even greater than Gola, who has been mentioned by many experts as one of the top players of all-time. Gola is 6-7.

"Gola has mastered every phase of the game of basketball. Wilt will never do that, but I believe that because of his size, strength and endurance he'll surpass Gola," Mosenson says.

There has been some discussion about Wilt's actual height, ranging from 6-11 to 7-1, but Wilt settles it all when he says, "Let's say I'm seven feet even." He's a skinny 225 pounder.

Don't get any idea that the Stilt is a basketball "goon" who merely stands around waiting for the ball to drop in the basket. He's a good one-handed shot from outside, plays well on defense and rebounds against 6-8 and 6-7 opponents with good results.

## Medford Still Tops Weekly Prep Pool

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Medford, which defeated a strong Marshfield team twice last week, continues to lead the pack in the Associated Press poll on high school basketball.

It was the third consecutive week that Medford, with a 15-1 record, has earned the No. 1 spot. Medford got 10 first place votes from among the 12 sports writers taking part in the poll.

There was considerable shuffling for the other nine positions, however, as six of the leaders suffered defeats last week.

Eugene, which won a pair, climbed to second place. They overtook defending champion Milwaukie which dropped to third after defeating South Salem but then losing to Central Catholic of Portland. Eugene got one first place vote.

St. Helens, the only undefeated major team in the state, also got one first place vote and remained in fifth place, behind North Bend.

After St. Helens came Astoria, Jefferson of Portland, Albany, Cleveland of Portland and Pendleton. It was Jefferson's first appearance on the list.

Franklin of Portland dropped from No. 6 in last week's poll into the also-rans after losing to Lincoln. Beaverton and South Salem, tied for 10th last week, also dropped out after suffering defeats.

The poll with the season record listed for each team:

1. Medford	15-1	118
2. Eugene	14-2	94
3. Milwaukie	14-3	91
4. North Bend	17-2	82
5. St. Helens	15-0	76
6. Astoria	17-2	47
7. Jefferson	10-5	44
8. Albany	12-4	35
9. Cleveland	11-4	22
10. Pendleton	12-5	11

Others: Corvallis 8, South Salem 7, Beaverton 6, Central Catholic and Grant of Portland 5, Franklin of Portland, Lakeview and Harrisburg 2, Powers, Milton-Freewater and Seaside 1.

## PiKA Keglers Top Kappa Sig

Pi Kappa Alpha, led by Carlton Loenning, walked past Kappa Sigma, 4-0 in the only sweep in Tuesday night's intra mural bowling action.

Loenning rolled a 200 for high single of the evening to speed the PiKA's win. Dick Harrison hit a 537 for the night's high triple in leading Tau Kappa Epsilon to a 3-1 victory over Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Delta Upsilon collected a 3-1 victory over Campbell Club despite the efforts of Elmer Jones, who bowled a 197 and 477 for high single and triple of the series.

Barry Ott hit a high single of 193 and Dick James rolled a triple of 506 for Theta Chi and high series honors, but Stewart Johnson guided Phi Kappa Psi to a 3-1 victory with a 181 single and 503 triple.

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