

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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The hot commentary on officiating that usually occupies sport fans' conversation at this time of the year seems to have slowed greatly now. It's getting so bad that the polite word for referees has changed from "lousy" to "fair" in armchair discussion circles.

Perhaps some of the lack of criticism is due to the absence of the Northern Division's colorful comment-getter, Al Lightner, who, we understand, is working a tournament somewhere in Alaska at the present.

Lightner's colleagues seem to have suffered by his going, for writers and just plain spectators are forgetting all about the officiating after they leave the game.

Dye Avoids Issue

Tippy Dye's stock, non-entanglement remark after the Oregon-Washington series at Eugene was that "everybody gets his share of the bad ones, but you just have to hope that they'll even up over the years."

After a season of college officials we were somewhat surprised to remember how close the high school referees call them, a fact which was evident when we watched a prep game Saturday.

One official, whom we had always recalled as "pretty fair" (a good safe word, once again), seemed last weekend to have ball-kicking phobia. This gentleman of the black and white spent his evening giving either team possession out of bounds whenever anybody bobbed a pass or dropped the ball on his foot.

Officials Have Troubles

In another instance the referees spent ten minutes accusing each other of blowing the whistle and attempting to fix the blame for a foul on a different player.

At the end of the game when one team came from seven points behind to win in the last minute and a half, including a six point spurt in the last 35 seconds, the officials stood back and watched rather aghast.

All of which brought the explosive comment from one elderly spectator: "You know, they ought to put those referees in cages. Yes, sir, they sure don't do any good running around down there; they can't see a thing."

Elevated Referee Tried

We presume that the fan meant the elevated platform which has been used experimentally several times. However, some of the fans might interpret his "caging" idea more liberally, which could be bad in the high school league where they don't even have guards for the referees.

Incidentally the platform idea was tried once in an inter-division game in the SOCE gymnasium at Ashland. The result, as we remember it, was that the game was slowed and decisions made even more trying by the conferences which were necessary between the one official who ran up and down th sidelines and his partner, who pointed out offenses from his elevated vantage point above one of the baskets.

Many things have been done in attempts to improve officiating in basketball and all sports, but with the human failings which have held back progress thus far, the only conceivable step ahead is a mechanical official which would bring complaints from fans who would have nothing to gripe about.

Darkness Halts Game?

LYON, France (AP) —Tennis veterans Budge Patty of Los Angeles and Jaroslav Drobny of Egypt decided to call the Lyon indoor tennis final a tie Sunday after battling 100 games with no decision in sight. Both men were exhausted in the third set when the score reached 21-21 and they decided to call it off. Drobny won the marathon first set 21-19 and the second went to Patty 10-8. The marathon match lasted four hours and the two veterans were so evenly matched that at no point did one ever achieve a good lead or demonstrate marked superiority.

Records Broken As Oregon Star Paces Scoring

Jim Loscutt broke two of Oregon's conference records and Howard Page went over the 100-point mark in basketball action against Washington last weekend as the Ducks neared the end of the Northern Division season.

Loscutt got 14 field goals in 48 attempts to run his field goal total to 107 in 14 games, breaking the record of 103 set by Chet Noe in 1953. His biggest achievement was in the rebound department, however, where his 37 swipes broke both the Oregon and Northern Division record of 229 also set by Noe.

Rebound Record High

Loscutt now has 253 rebounds in 14 games and the record will probably stand both as a ND and Pacific Coast mark for some time to come. The Duck senior is also near the Oregon record of points scored in a conference season with 270 compared to Noe's 307 made two years ago.

Page's 26 points in the Husky series moved the Coos Bay guard within one point of Center Max Anderson in Duck conference scoring. It was much his best performance since the first league series with Washington State with Jerry Ross also turning in a fine performance with another 26 Duck markers.

McHugh Held Scoreless

Ross got only five field goals in the two games but he made 16 free throws in 23 attempts to almost double his previous 10-game total from the foul line. Phil McHugh was held scoreless Saturday night at Seattle for his first blank this season in any of 24 Oregon contests.

Oregon's Northern Division scoring:

Player	G	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Loscutt, f	14	107	56	253	42	270
Anderson, c	14	41	39	150	38	121
Page, g	14	46	28	39	41	120
McHugh, g	14	34	21	39	22	89
Ross, f	14	21	34	89	20	76
Bell, f	14	26	24	63	44	76
Bingham, f	10	8	11	33	10	27
Nelson, f	5	6	4	4	0	16
Costi, g	7	5	2	2	3	12
McManus, f	10	2	7	17	11	11
Sherman, c	7	4	1	3	6	9
Werner, g	4	2	5	4	2	9
Borrevik, c	3	2	3	4	3	7
Moore, g	2	2	1	1	1	5
Anderson, g	9	2	0	5	2	4
Lundell, g	4	1	1	2	2	3
McLain, f	2	0	0	0	0	0

Oregon Totals 14 309 237 708 247 855
Opponents 14 270 262 527 249 802

Miler Forgets New Records

NEW YORK (AP)—Wes Santee, the lean Kansan, decided Sunday that it doesn't always pay to try for records every time he goes to the post.

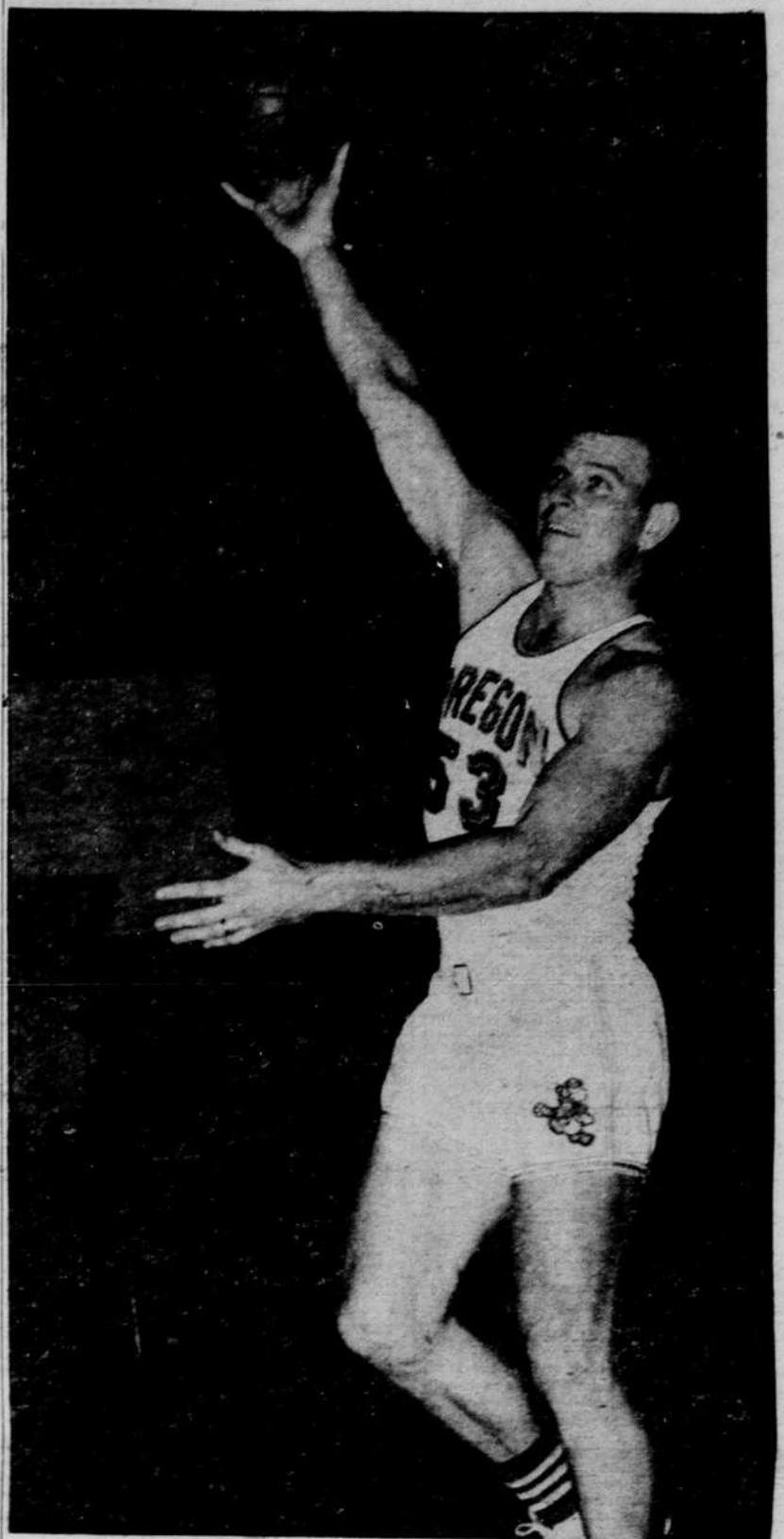
The short-strided collegian has made no bones about the fact that he likes to break records in wholesale lots, but probably for the first time in the past two years, he ran merely to win Saturday night in the National AAU Championships in Madison Square Garden.

And win he did, beating off his two enemies, Gunnar Nielsen and Fred Dwyer, in the last lap in a piddling 4:07.9.

This was the fourth meeting of the "big three" and the second victory for Santee to an apiece for Nielsen, the Danish pressman, and Dwyer, the little armed forces runner out of Villanova. At least for another year, this was the last meeting among the three.

Nielsen originally planned to head right back for Denmark, but now he is thinking of staying on a while and running in The Milwaukee Journal Games on March 12.

Set for OSC



JIM LOSCUTOFF, star Oregon forward, has set several records for Duck basketball this season including rebounds and field goals. The ex-soldier will be out to keep his Northern Division point-making leadership this weekend in Oregon's final series with Oregon State.

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