

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Basketball is over for the 1955 season, at least for the Oregon Ducks, and the 33rd and last Northern Division season is gone. It has been a season unrivaled by past years in many respects.

Most important from the Oregon point of view is that the Duck hoopers nabbed second place, even though dropping all four games to champion Oregon State. The collapse of Washington, a pre-season favorite with OSC for the title, helped the Oregon cause tremendously.

Every team in the conference was a surprise in some way over the 1955 season. Oregon was rated no better than third before the season started and wound up second, but lost the series to Oregon State for the first time in eight years. Oregon State was defending champion but figured to have a tough time with Washington. Instead the Beavers marched through 13 straight games, including four straight over Washington, before losing to WSC, the weakest team in the league.

Huskies Disappoint Fans

Washington was the biggest flop that anyone can remember as the poor-shooting Huskies lost two games to Idaho to cost them second place in the final standings as well as the four to Oregon State, two to Oregon and one to WSC. The Cougars provided the upset of the season in inflicting OSC's lone defeat in 16 games while Idaho gave every team in the league trouble.

Individually, Oregon's Jim Loscutoff was the man of the year in the conference as the Jolly Giant was instrumental in leading the so-so Duck team into second. The ex-soldier topped the point-makers as well as breaking the rebound record during the campaign.

Picking an all-star team for the league is one of the easiest chores in years with Loscutoff, Washington's Dean Parsons, OSC's Swede Halbrook, WSC's Ron Bennink and Idaho's Jay Buhler heading the list of performers. A good second team includes Tony Vlastelica, OSC; Harlan Melton, Idaho; Bill Rehder, WSC; Bill Bauscher, Idaho, and Howard Page, Oregon.

Loscutoff Top Rebounder

Some other mosts and bests: Most Unnoticed Player—Bob Klock, WSC; Fastest Player—Bill Toole, OSC; Roughest Player—Loscutoff; Best Hook Shot—Vlastelica; Best One-Handed Shot—Reggie Halligan, OSC; Best Two-Handed Shot—Don Sunitsch, Washington; Best Team Leader—Page; Best Rebounder—Loscutoff.

Best Pro Prospect—Loscutoff; Most Improved Player—Buhler; Least Improved Player—Max Anderson, Oregon; Best Variety of Shots—Loscutoff; Scrappiest Player—Ron Robins, OSC; Hardest Worker—Jerry Ross, Oregon; Best Free Throw Touch—Bennink; Best Reserve—Tex Whiteman, OSC; Flop of the Year—Jay Dean, OSC.

Sophomore of the Year—Phil McHugh, Oregon; Best Balanced First Team—Idaho; Most Disappointing Player—Jim Coshaw, Washington; Most Inspiring Player—Jerry Johnson, Washington; Best Defensive Player—Whiteman; Most Inconsistent Player—Vlastelica; Best Jump Shot—Buhler.

Hodges Heads Coaches

Best Tipin Artist—Loscutoff; Most Underrated Player—Rehder; Coach of the Year—Harlan Hodges, Idaho; Worst Coaching Job of the Year—Tippy Dye, Washington; Most Excitable Coach—Bill Borchner, Oregon; Calmest Coach—Hodges; Worst Officiating Performance—Mel Ross; Best Referee—J. C. Glover.

That just about covers everything, probably more than everything. This business of giving everyone recognition for something can be carried too far, such as Best Gum Chewer—Page.

With a parting look at Oregon basketball for 1955, it is interesting to note that the Ducks had a first-night record of 2-6 for Northern Division play but had a 6-2 mark for the second night. Except for the OSC series, they were a comeback team and a credit to Borchner and Oregon.

UCLA Victories End SD Season; Playoffs Slated

FINAL SD STANDINGS

| | W | L | Pct. | PF | PA |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|-----|
| UCLA | 11 | 1 | .917 | 897 | 760 |
| Stanford | 7 | 5 | .583 | 846 | 857 |
| USC | 5 | 7 | .417 | 833 | 839 |
| California | 1 | 11 | .083 | 744 | 864 |

UCLA ended up with its best Southern Division record in the school's history after the champion Bruins finished their conference schedule Friday and Saturday with two wins over rival USC. Scores were 66-65 and 75-55.

The two losses to powerful UCLA shoved defending-champion USC into third place in final SD standings. Stanford, previously tied with the Trojans for second, closed out its 1955 season with two wins over cellar-dwelling California, 90-84 and 77-68.

Bruins Keep Streak

UCLA now has won 13 straight games going into the Pacific Coast playoffs with Oregon State at Corvallis this weekend, including 11 in conference action after an opening round defeat to Stanford. Their championship is the Bruins' first since 1952 after they had taken five out of six from 1947-1952.

Stanford's pair of triumphs over the Bears was the first time in history that the Indians had swept the four-game series with California. The Indians finished with a 17-8 mark for the season while California ended with a 9-18 record. USC posted a 15-11 won-lost score for the season.

McKeen Sets Record

Highlight of the weekend was in individual scoring where California Center Bob McKeen became the highest scorer in Southern Division history. The All-Division giant scored 30 points Friday and 18 Saturday to wind up with 267 points for the 12-game slate, the largest conference total in the SD's 28 years.

McKeen's performance eclipsed the previous conference record of 238 points set in 1950 by USC's Bill Sherman. Ron Tomsic of Stanford also beat Sherman's record as he pumped in 44 points in the California series to finish with 252 markers.

Luisetti's Mark Topped

Both McKeen and Tomsic topped the immortal Hank Luisetti's SD career record set while playing with Stanford in 1936-37-38. McKeen finished with 1654 points for four year's play while Tomsic ended with 1318. McKeen also now owns the three-year conference record for point-making with 675.

UCLA will go into the coast championship series with a 21-3 won-lost record over the season in which they have consistently been rated in the nation's top ten. Four of the five Bruin starters have averaged more than 10 points per game during the conference season for the well-balanced SD winners, with Forward John Moore boasting a 17.1 average.

Oregon Grid Stars Get More Awards

The formal award of Catholic all-American football recognition went to Oregon's 1954 stars, George Shaw and Ron Pheister, in a Sunday meeting of the Newman club at the Student Union. Shaw, top draft choice of the Baltimore Colts, and Pheister, a San Francisco 49er selection, were awarded the honors by Don McLeod, sports news editor of the Portland Oregonian.

Eleven presidents have been Episcopalians. Six, including Eisenhower, have been Presbyterians.

Rooks Win Pair In Frosh Action

By Jack Wilson
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The undefeated Oregon State Rooks handed Oregon's Frosh two heart-breaking basketball losses in weekend action, but they had to put on last minute drives in both games to do it.

The Ducklings came from behind to tie the score in the first game at Corvallis, but the Rooks managed to pull out a 68-67 victory. At Eugene Saturday night, it was Oregon's turn to lead most of the way. Then, after a nip-and-tuck second half, the Rooks pushed past a 55-55 tie to win, 59-58.

Rooks 68, Frosh 67

OSC's yearlings held a slight margin throughout the first half and were ahead 34-30 at halftime. Then the Ducklings tied it up at 55-all, and the teams fought to a 65-65 deadlock.

Guard Gary Haynes connected with a field goal and a free toss to give the Rooks enough points to win. Hal Duffy's last-second field goal wasn't quite enough for the Frosh.

Dave Gambee had 22 and Haynes 21 for Oregon State. Duffy led the Frosh with 18, while Bob Ayre connected for 14.

| Rooks (68) | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Gambee, f | 7 | 8 | 4 | 22 |
| Nanson, f | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Moss, c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Stott, g | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Haynes, g | 8 | 5 | 0 | 21 |
| Zaniker, f | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Carrigan, g | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Frederick, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 23 | 22 | 13 | 68 |

| Frosh (67) | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| Wanaka, f | 5 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| Duffy, f | 8 | 2 | 4 | 18 |
| Tuchardt, c | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Razor, g | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Hastings, g | 2 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| Ayre, g | 5 | 4 | 2 | 14 |
| Diddock, g | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Williams, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Delbon, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slick, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 27 | 13 | 26 | 67 |

Rooks 59, Frosh 58

The red-hot Rooks of the night before couldn't buy a basket as the first half got under way. Oregon jumped out to a fast eight-point lead and was ahead 22-14 at the 6:35 mark. Then Gambee, who finished his freshman year with a 32-point night, led the Rooks to within two points at halftime, 29-27.

Haynes started off the second chapter with a field goal that tied the score for the first time since an early 2-2 knot. Two Duckling fielders put them back in front, but about four minutes into the half Gordy Carrigan hit the field goal that gave the Little Beavers their first lead, 35-33.

With the score 55-55 and two minutes left, Gambee hit a tip-in and sank two free throws, enough to win. Last scoring of the season for the Ducklings came from Wendy Razor's deft hand at the free throw line.

Last chance for the Frosh came after Ken Nanson missed

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two charity tosses for the Rooks. Razor was tied up, and on the ensuing jump Haynes outraced Wimp Hastings for the loose ball, missing a layin as the horn sounded.

Trailing Gambee were Duffy with 16, and Carrigan and Wanaka with 11.

| Rooks (59) | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Gambee, f | 10 | 12 | 4 | 32 |
| Nanson, f | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Moss, c | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Stott, g | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Haynes, g | 3 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| Frederick, f | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Carrigan, g | 5 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| Zaniker, f | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Francis, g | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 21 | 17 | 19 | 59 |

| Frosh (58) | FG | FT | PF | TP |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| Wanaka, f | 3 | 5 | 4 | 11 |
| Duffy, f | 5 | 6 | 5 | 16 |
| Tuchardt, c | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| Ayre, g | 5 | 0 | 5 | 10 |
| Hastings, g | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Razor, g | 4 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Diddock, g | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Swan, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tenney, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 22 | 14 | 23 | 58 |

Oregon Loses Aqua Contest

The luckless University of Oregon swimming team fell before a powerful Washington Husky tank squad Friday, 63-21, in the final Northern Division dual meet of the season. This victory was Washington's 41st straight win and it retained for them their conference dual meet swimming crown.

The only first-place winner for the Ducks was a quartet of Phil Lewis, Harry Fuller, Jerry Froebe and Howard Hedinger who won the 400-yard relay.

Dan Cramer and Captain Dale Jewett, 1955 standouts for the Huskies, were the only double winners of the meet. Cramer captured the 50 and 100-yard free style events while Jewett hit pay dirt in the individual medley and the 200-yard breast stroke races.

Both teams will compete, together with the remaining ND teams, in the conference tank meet next weekend on the Oregon campus. The event will begin Friday and end Saturday in the men's pool.

Results:
300-yard medley relay: Won by Washington (Orvel Larsen, Phil Drips, Don Fisher). Time—3:11.8. 220-yard freestyle: Jim Dykes, UW; Laddy Dairymple, UW; Harry Fuller, UO. Time—2:22.4. 50-yard freestyle: Dan Cramer, UW; Dale Jewett, UO; Don Thorpe, UW. Time—1:33.5. 150-yard individual medley: Dale Jewett, UW; Ron Taylor, UW; Bob Hays, UO. Time—1:42.9. Diving: Gary Staples, UW; John O'Galligan, UW; Walt Ching, UO. Points, 66.8. 100-yard freestyle: Cramer, UW; Hedinger, UO; Thorpe, UW. Time—1:54.3. 200-yard backstroke: John Goode, UW; Warren Spangler, UW; Jim England, UO. Time—2:22.5. 200-yard breaststroke: Jewett, UW; Taylor, UW; Hays, UO. Time—2:38.8. 440-yard freestyle: Dairymple, UW; Matsushima, UO; Bill Kelley, UW. Time—5:23.5. 440-yard relay: Won by Oregon (Phil Lewis, Harry Fuller, Jerry Froebe and Howard Hedinger). Time—3:47.4.

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