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Duck Tracks

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The 1955 Oregon Frosh basketball campaign is now history, and it makes interesting, if somewhat painful, reading. Mostly it was just a case of too much Dave Gambee. The big Oregon State Rook forward led the Junior Aggies to four straight triumphs over the home crew, and without those losses the season would have been a pretty fair one. It started with a bang. Don Kirsch's boys rolled to convincing wins over the Portland Police (74-48) and Linfield's Jayvees (71-62) in the season's openers.

Then Westfir A.C. edged the Ducklings, 65-63, in their first road trip. Two losses, 61-47 and 66-53, to the Rooks were followed by two more—60-54 to Martin Signs of Eugene and 68-66 to Fernandez Loggers of Longview, both powerful AAU quints. Finally the Frosh found the right combination, and they outclassed Marion Motors of Salem, 68-50 and tripped Clark JC of Vancouver, 67-56. The Ducklings showed signs of slowing up as they barely got by Portland Air Base, 80-78. And on the next night they were severely trounced, 81-64, by Dahl-Penne, also of Portland.

The following weekend's road trip to Washington saw the Frosh wallop Moore's Drive-in of Vancouver, 96-69, and fall again to Fernandez, this time by an 81-72 count. The twin one-point losses to OSC over the last weekend gave the Frosh a 6-9 record for the season.

Squad Didn't Jell

It would be next-to-impossible to find one reason for the below-par season. Somehow the squad didn't quite seem to "jell." In occasional spurts, they looked tremendous; at other times they didn't appear to know what a basketball was. Probably the high point of the season came in the disturbance with Clark JC's Penguins on February 5. The Ducklings took on the top junior college club in Southern Washington and toppled them with sheer hustle on a magnificent comeback. But all in all, it wasn't a season for stuffing and mounting.

As for positions on next year's varsity, the pickings look pretty slim for the Ducklings. With the Webfoots losing only two (admittedly the top two) from their second-place squad it isn't going to be easy for anybody to find a spot in the lineup. Best prospect from the yearlings to fill Jim Loscutoff's shoes is 6' 5" Paul Tucharadt, who led the Ducklings in scoring and rebounding from the first of the season.

But he'll be bucking an experienced front line of Max Anderson, Jerry Ross and Ray Bell, plus a wealth of reserve strength. Tucharadt has beautiful touch on his favorite hook shot, and he seldom missed when he got it away. But he was stopped several times this season by good defensive teams who could keep the ball away from him and stop him before he could take a shot.

Duffy Improves

Improving by leaps and bounds, 6' 6" Center Hal Duffy became one of the team's top scorers by the end of the season and was also Oregon's power on the boards in the last Oregon State series. If "Duf" keeps up his rate of improvement, he'll definitely be varsity material, as will Dave Wanaka, who averaged nearly ten points per game and got his share of the rebounds. But Wanaka, at 6' 3", may have trouble jumping against the skyscrapers of varsity competition. Eli Morgan, 6' 5" center from Portland, didn't see any action this year because of a knee operation, but there may be a place for him in Bill Borchers' plans.

Although Phil McHugh is a fixture at one varsity guard spot, Howard Page's empty position may possibly be filled by one of the Frosh backcourt men. Wendy Razor and the much-improved Bob Ayre are the top prospects, with Wimp Hastings a possibility only if his scoring pace picks up. Razor and Ayre, both deadly on one-handers and jump shots, were also efficient in defense and ball-handling. Hastings generally played a flawless floor game, but failed to find the hoop with any regularity.

We'll have to unpack the crystal ball to look over next year's Duckling five. Actually, all we can do is daydream. Some of the seniors around the state whom we'd like to see performing for the Frosh include: Mike Moran, of course, (should be here, unless another Dean Parsons occurs); Red Bloedel and Ted Miller (Milwaukie's big two... sparked the Mustangs' state champs last year); Dick Jolley (unanimous All-City for Cleveland); and the whole Medford first five.

Nestor Quintet Captures Frosh Bowling Crown

Nestor hall, with only a game and one-half to spare, narrowly attained the freshman intramural championship Monday, despite losing a game to French A in a match that could have gone either way. Nestor, who won 1½ games against French's 2½ yesterday squeezed into first place with a 21½-20 edge over French.

Although French defeated the Frosh champs 2262-2155, they couldn't finish higher than second place after leading the league until last week, when Nestor overtook them. Leading French's attack was Don Jacklin with a 183 high game and a 513 series. Nestor's Ray Christenson led the league's winners with a 191 game and 554 series, high for the afternoon.

Sherry Ross edged the Hunter hall five 2143-1920, keeping the losers in third place. Bob Kinoshita topped Sherry Ross with a 454 series. Tom Hale totaled the highest game with 188. The Hunter rollers were led by Fred Berg with a 474 series.

Sederstrom hall registered an easy triumph in the league's finale with 2042-1880 over French B. Sederstrom's Bill Staples notched the afternoon's highest game with 216 plus a 516 series. Cameron Thom sparked the losers with a 457 series.

Although Nestor copped the league crown, French was superior in total pins with 16,935 to Nestor's 16,587. Other league honors went to Don Jacklin, French, and Ray Christenson, Nestor, averaging 181 per game.

The winners of the four intramural league championships are scheduled to roll off next Tuesday in the round robin.

Prep Hoop Ratings Led by Medford

PORTLAND (AP)—Medford, with twenty consecutive wins, continues to lead the weekly Associated Press high school basketball poll as playoffs open for the right to go to the state tournament.

Medford, the Southern Oregon power, picked up 124 votes, defending state champion Milwaukie placed second with 110, and Eugene, second in the last two state tourneys, came in third with 105.

Webfoot Bowlers Capture Class C

The University of Oregon bowling team captured first place in class C in the recently completed Oregon Men's Bowling tournament at Coos Bay. The Webfoot keggers coached by Lou Bellissimo finished with 2706 pins for three games.

Bob Boyle led the Ducks with 615 (239-181-195). Other scores were Scott Page 600, Blake Bogness 532, Bryce Reimer 502, and Dan Garcia 457.

Handball Slots Filled As Three Advance

In the Physical Education department's individual handball tournament, Sam Kent, Howard Sussman and Dick Bray have advanced to the semi-finals. The other semi-final slot will be filled by the winner of the Jim Barlow-Jack Morris match.

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Records Set By Loscutoff

Jim Loscutoff, Oregon's happy hotshot, stood virtually alone in statistics for Duck basketball after the Webfoot hoop team finished up its Northern Division season last weekend against Oregon State.

The big army-veteran practically rewrote the record book in offensive achievements for the Ducks in both the 16-game conference schedule and total season play. Loscutoff's biggest claim to fame, of course, was in winning the Northern Division scoring crown with 314 points, the third highest total in ND history. He also topped the rebound column.

Among Loscutoff's Oregon records for the conference season were field goals, 121; field goal attempts, 358; points, 314, and rebounds, 282. All four of these records were previously held by Chet Noe who turned in marks of 103, 294 and 229 respectively in 1953. Loscutoff's rebound and field goal attempt totals are also new Northern Division marks.

Loscutoff's single-game records set in 1955 include field goal attempts, 32; rebounds, 32, and points, 35. His 29 rebounds in a game against Idaho set a new Northern Division mark formerly held by both Bob Peterson and Chet Noe of past Duck teams.

For the full 26-game Oregon schedule, Loscutoff missed both the school's rebound and point records by narrow margins. His 505 points was only a shade behind Dick Wilkins' 1945 record of 514, although Wilkins played in several more

games than did Loscutoff. The burly Webfoot center's total of 448 rebounds was also close to the record of 465 set by Peterson in 1952.

As a team the Ducks also set new school, as well as conference, records. The 1955 total of 794 rebounds for the 16 games broke both Oregon's and the ND record of 757 set by the Oregon team of 1951, when Curt Barclay, Loscutoff and Peterson were the "Three Bears" under the boards.

The Webfoots also broke the free throw attempt record for the school with 50 tosses in the Seattle game. They twice missed 21 free throws in a game to tie the school record. Their 77 rebounds in the first Brigham Young game was a new Oregon mark, also. The team missed 197 free throws during the conference season to set another school mark.


In final ND statistics, Guard Howard Page finished second to Loscutoff in total scoring after edging Max Anderson as a result of the OSC series.

Oregon's Northern Division scoring:

Player	G	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Loscutoff, f	16	125	64	282	48	314
Page, g	16	49	34	43	47	132
Anderson, c	16	43	41	170	44	127
McHugh, g	16	38	23	43	27	99
Ross, f	16	25	38	110	25	88
Bell, f	15	26	25	63	44	77
Bingham, f	12	9	16	36	14	34
Nelson, g	7	7	6	4	0	20
Werner, c	6	4	5	6	3	13
Costi, g	8	5	2	2	3	12
McManus, f	11	2	7	18	11	11
Sherman, g	7	4	1	3	6	9
Borrevik, c	3	2	3	4	3	7
Moore, g	4	3	1	3	5	7
Anderson, g	10	2	0	5	2	4
Lundell, g	4	1	1	2	2	3
McLain, f	2	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon Totals	16	345	267	794	284	957
Opponents	16	311	301	611	285	923

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