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Beavers Slate Playoff Action

A high-scoring, fast-breaking UCLA team will tangle with the nation's third-ranked defensive club in Oregon State as the Pacific Coast conference basketball title for 1955 is decided in a best-of-three game series at Corvallis tonight, Saturday and Monday, if necessary.

Sellout crowds are indicated for spacious Gill Coliseum as the two teams battle for a spot in the NCAA Western regional playoffs, also scheduled for Corvallis March 11-12. Utah's Skyline conference champs are the only team entered thus far, with



REGGIE HALLIGAN
Goes Against Bruins

an elimination tourney in San Francisco next week to decide the two entries-at-large.

Seasonal records are on the side of the Bruins, as they claim a 21-3 mark against the Beavers' slate of 19-7. In addition, they have beaten top-ranked San Francisco, tenth-ranked Dayton and Big Seven champ Missouri.

The two teams have also met some common opponents in Southern California, San Francisco, Santa Clara and California. OSC lost two to USC, and once each to the other three, while beating Santa Clara once. The Bruins played the four teams a total of 12 times, and lost only one, to San Francisco.

The balance of the Oregon State defeats, however, came when 7'3" Center Swede Halbrook was out of the lineup. The Beavers lost just once, to Washington State, after the Swede became eligible in January. The other Bruin losses were to LaSalle and Stanford.

Since Coach Johnny Wooden has been at the Westwood school, the Bruins have split four playoff series. They lost to OSC at Corvallis in 1949, topped Washington State in Los Angeles in 1950, dropped two in a row to Washington in Seattle in 1951 and took the Huskies at Westwood in 1952.

The hot-shooting Bruins have a season's firing mark of .410 while averaging 76.2 points per game. All five regulars are shooting 38 per cent or better

from the field, and the squad's foul shot mark is 70 per cent.

While the Beavers boast a rock-ribbed defensive game, giving up only 53.6 points per game, their offensive mark is only 58.3. The team shooting average is .363 from the floor and .665 from the foul line.

UCLA's veteran lineup is extremely well-balanced, with four regulars hitting over ten points a game. Forwards Ronnie Bane and Johnny Moore and Guard Don Bragg are four-year performers, while Center Willie Naulls and Guard Morris Taft are playing their second season under Wooden.

Moore and Naulls, at 6'5", are the two big men in the Bruin front line, lead the team in rebounds and are also 1-2 in scoring. Moore has a 14.3 average while Naulls is right behind at 13.4. Taft claims 12.5 and Bane has 11.0. Bragg, who operates equally well at forward and guard, has a 7.5 average.

Forward Tony Vlastelica, playing in all 26 games, leads the Beavers in seasonal scoring with a total of 301 points, or a 11.5 average. Halbrook, playing in just 15 games, had an average of 19.6. Halbrook was tops in field goal percentage and Vlastelica was the team's free throw ace.

The Bruins arrived in Corvallis Thursday afternoon and took a light drill at the Coliseum.

Starters for the Bruins will probably be the regular five of Bane, Bragg, Taft, Naulls and Moore, while Halbrook, Vlastelica, Reggie Halligan, Bill Toole and Jay Dean will probably open for the Northern Division champs.

Coaches Pick OSC, Bruins

Two of the top coaches on the Pacific Coast have offered various reasons why OSC and UCLA should be the winner in the coming PCC playoff series at Corvallis.

Tippy Dye of Washington picks the Beavers to win because of superior bench strength, and figures the home court to be an advantage also. He expected a three-game series and said that UCLA "may run themselves out of gas."

On the other hand, Coach Forrest Twogood of Southern California, whose team took the Beavers two-out-of-three in the PCC finals last year at Long Beach, tabbed the Bruins to win and go on to the Western regionals.

Twogood said that UCLA had a better-type team to play against Oregon State than did his club a year ago. He added, "Those Uclans have great spring in their legs and for that reason the difference in height will not be as great a factor against them as it was against us."

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Duck Wrestlers Continue Drills

Oregon's varsity wrestling team continued its drills this week in preparation for the coming Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling championships at San Luis Obispo March 11-12.

The Duck grapplers, Oregon State, Stanford, California and San Jose State are among the top teams fighting for the crown held last year by Washington State's Cougars.

The Cougars and Oregon State are among the top contenders for first place. Earlier in the season the Beavers tipped the champion Cougars by a 16-15 score to snap the WSC win streak at 27 consecutive victories.

The Cougars will have returning champions Byron Nelson, Richard Gibson, Del McGhee and Vaughn Hitchcock as well as runner-up Skip Pixley in the heavyweight division.

The challenging Beavers are led by champions Art Keith in the 147-lb. class and Gary McLain in the 123-lb. group, and are backed by a strong and promising squad of sophomores.

Oregon will have defending champion Roy Schlessler in the

115-lb. class and strong hopes for Dave Newland in the 147-lb. class, Bob Williams in the 137-lb. class, and Ken Kesey in the 177-lb. class.

Loscutoff Named All-ND Forward

CORVALLIS (AP)—Three repeaters were named to the 1955 Northern Division all-star team here today. Dean Parsons of Washington, Ron Bennink of WSC and Swede Halbrook of Oregon State are the trio. Oregon's Jim Loscuttoff and Idaho's Harlan Melton complete the team.

Jay Dean, Tony Vlastelica and Ron Robins of OSC; Jay Buhler of Idaho and WSC's Bill Rehder were named to the second team, while Howard Page and Max Anderson of Oregon, Reggie Halligan of OSC, Doyle Perkins and Jim Coshov of Washington and Bill Bauscher and Bob Falash of Idaho were given honorable mention.

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A Campus-to-Career Case History



"This is what I did yesterday"

"I like a job that keeps me jumping," says Bill Jermain, C.E. from Marquette, '52. "And my first management assignment with Wisconsin Telephone Company does just that. I'm Service Foreman at Sheboygan, with nine installers, and that means variety of responsibility. But judge for yourself. Here's a quick run-down of what I did yesterday, on a typical day—

8:10—"Checked day's work schedule. One of my new men was putting in a buried service wire, and I went over the job specs with him to be sure he had things straight.

8:30—"Answered mail while my clerk checked time sheets from previous day.

9:30—"Out to supervise installation of the first aluminum Outdoor Telephone Booth in my exchange. Reviewed the assembly instructions with the installers, then arranged for special tools and bolts to be-delivered to the job.

11:30—"Drove across town. Made a complete 'quality inspection' on a telephone we installed last week. Everything checked O.K.

12:00—"Lunch.

1:00—"Picked up film for next day's safety meeting. Watched the film, made notes for discussion.

2:00—"Met with moving company manager to estimate cost of telephone cable lifting for a house moving job. Drove the route he had planned and worked out schedule for construction crews.

3:30—"Returned to aluminum booth installation. Went over wiring specs with the electrician.

4:00—"Stopped at Central Office to pick up next day's orders. Met installers at garage as they checked in and assigned next day's work."

Bill has been in his present job about a year, and is looking forward to new responsibilities as his experience increases . . . as are the many young college men who have chosen telephone careers. If you'd be interested in a similar opportunity with a Bell telephone company . . . or with Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric or Sandia Corporation . . . see your Placement Officer for full details.



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