

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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A lot went on in the sports world in the last three weeks with the end of basketball and wrestling and the beginning of track and baseball but the OHSAA basketball tournament at McArthur court was the big event around the state. The high spots were the record-breaking attendance and Eugene high winning the title after two frustrating years of being runner-up.

Out of 26 games however, only four could be classed as anything but routine. The big one that really settled the tournament came in the first round where Eugene edged defending Milwaukie, 53-52. Cleveland figured in all three of the other thrillers. The Cinderella Indians won two games in overtime, 65-62 over St. Helens and 47-46 over Central Catholic for third place, and barely were beaten by Medford in the semi-finals, 42-37.

The rest of the games reflected the wide difference in competition with such scores as 67-33, 70-37, 62-29 and 73-46 dotting the scoreboard. Eugene and Milwaukie were in a class by themselves with few of the other entrants even looking like district champions. It's likely that even with the new A-2 tourney next year, many of the 16 teams in the A-1 championship will still be weak.

Axemen Top Shooters

Statistically Eugene was far and away the top offensive team with a 68.8 points-per-game average with a shooting average of .480. Milwaukie allowed only 40.3 points per game for the best defensive average. Albany was the most Powerful team off the boards with 15 rebounds per game more than its opponents.

Although no other team came close to Eugene in shooting, Albany's average of .360 being second, both St. Helens and Milwaukie outshot the champion Axemen from the free throw line. The well-balanced Lions, the only unbeaten team going into the tourney but too little for top A-1 competition, posted a .648 average for charity tosses for the best record in a tournament filled with poor free throw shooting.

Individual performances were by far the most interesting part of the tournament with hotshots like Eugene's Mike Moran and Milwaukie's Ted Miller among several outstanding players showing their wares to packed houses. Moran's fabulous shooting, including 10 for 14 and 10 for 12 from the field against Milwaukie and Albany, gave the 6'8" poker-face a .722 average for the four games. His 104 points was pressed only by the 101 of Albany's Don Stamps.

Altenhofen Rebounds

Red Bloedel of Milwaukie and Jim Altenhofen of Central Catholic, the latter the third of a state tourney dynasty, topped individual rebounders with 86, or 21.5 per game. Stamps' 19.3 was close behind. Little Pete King of Eugene topped the free throw shooters with 12 for 15, an .800 average.

Some of the major disappointments were the inconsistent refereeing, the collapse of North Bend, the injury to 6'9" Bjarne Jensen of Franklin, the post-final mobbing of the Eugene team that injured two girls and Eugene getting the sportsmanship award. But there was one thing that peevd the sportswriters plenty.

When the all-state team chosen by the 16 team coaches was announced, it was quite a shock to find that Stamps had been put on the second team with Copple getting a first-team berth. Apparently the coaches, who likely didn't see Stamps play much since Albany's games were during the day, felt that Medford just had to have a player on the first team since it made the finals.

Stamps Ignored

The coaches also put Frank Rector of Medford, another so-so performer, on the second team and forgot about Oliver McCord, fourth in rebounding and sixth in points for the tournament, but ignored with the seventh-place Baker team. The coaches did put Moran and Axeman Leighton Tuttle on the first team along with Miller and Cleveland's Dick Jolly.

Tuttle, although overshadowed by Moran in point-production, was really the backbone of the powerful champions from Eugene. He gave the club the spirit and drive it needed and, as one woman fan put it, he is "the sweetest thing I have ever seen." God bless women sports fans.

ND Scoring Topped By Loscutoff, Beavers

Oregon's Jim Loscutoff topped individual performers for the 1955 Northern Division basketball season scoring to final conference statistics which showed 15 single-game and season records broken during the final year of split-division play.

Loscutoff topped the league in both point-making and rebounding to take both titles from Oregon State's Wade Halbrook, winner in those departments in 1954. The Beaver giant finished second in rebounds and third in scoring this season after missing almost two full games.

Parsons Edged

The scoring race went down to the final games of the season before Loscutoff bested Dean Parsons of Washington, 314-313, for the crown. Both averaged 19.6 points per game as did Halbrook, who had 294 points in 15 contests.

Loscutoff set a new record for the ND season in winning the rebound title. The 6'5" Duck center snared 282 rebounds to break the old standard of 229 set by Oregon's Chet Noe in 1953. Halbrook's runner-up total of 212 and Parsons' 197 all beat Halbrook's 1954 total of 188.

Another record set by Loscutoff was in the field goal attempts department where his 358 tries from the field easily eclipsed Noe's 1953 mark of 294, the former league record. As a team Oregon set a new ND rebound record with 794, 37 more than the former record set by the Oregon team of 1951.

Among the leaders in other departments, Halbrook led shooting averages for the second year in a row by averaging 47.8 per cent with 110 field goals in 226

tries. Ron Bennink, Washington State star forward, set a free throw record for both number and marksmanship in sinking 140 out of 172 shots for an 81.4 per cent average.

Beavers Top Scoring

In team shooting ND and Coast Champion Oregon State set a new field goal percentage record by sinking 38.8 per cent of its shots to break Washington's 1953 mark of 38.7 per cent. The Beavers also led the division in rebound margin with 179 more than their opponents, tied with Washington for the most points scored with 1021 and allowed their opponents the fewest points, 879. Washington State had the best free throw mark, 68.8 per cent.

Other team records were set by Washington State with fewest fouls in the season, 235; Idaho, most free throws made in one game, 38; Idaho, best field goal percentage in one game, 63.3 per cent; Oregon State, most rebounds in one game, 73; Washington State, fewest fouls in one game, five; Idaho-Washington, most points in one game for both teams, 159, and Idaho-Oregon and Washington State-Washington, fewest fouls in one game for both teams, 19.

Two individual single-game records were set during the 1955 campaign. Bennink sank 17 out of 20 free throw attempts in a game against Washington to top teammate Bill Rehder's 1954 record of 16. Halbrook broke the rebound record twice before establishing a standard of 36 in a game against Idaho.

The race for the ND's "hatchet man" trophy was close all the way with Idaho's Harlan Melton narrowly winning the title with 58 infractions. Fellow Vandal Bob Falash was second with 57 with two WSC hoopers, Bill Rehder and Larry Beck, totaling 54. OSC's Tony Vlastelica got only

16 fouls for the low mark among conference regulars.

Parsons, Loscutoff, Halbrook and Bennink were unanimous choices for the division all-star team chosen by the coaches with Melton getting the fifth spot. Parsons, Halbrook and Bennink were repeaters from 1954. Oregon's Max Anderson and Howard Page were given honorable mention.

Individual statistics:

Player	G	TP	PPG
Loscutoff, Oregon	16	314	19.6
Parsons, Washington	16	313	19.6
Halbrook, OSC	15	294	19.6
Bennink, WSC	16	288	18.0
Buhler, Idaho	16	220	13.8
Melton, Idaho	16	201	13.2
Rehder, WSC	16	198	12.4
Bauscher, Idaho	16	172	10.8
Vlastelica, OSC	16	168	10.5
Sather, Idaho	16	168	10.5

Player	G	RB	RBPG
Loscutoff, Oregon	16	282	17.6
Halbrook, OSC	15	212	14.1
Parsons, Wash.	16	197	12.3
Anderson, Oregon	16	170	10.6
Coshow, Wash.	16	124	7.8
Sather, Idaho	16	124	7.8
Dean, OSC	15	115	7.7
Ross, Oregon	16	110	6.9
Rehder, WSC	16	110	6.9
Falash, Idaho	16	101	6.3

Player	G	FGA	FG	Pct.
Halbrook, OSC	15	226	110	.487
Parsons, Wash.	16	210	97	.462
Halligan, OSC	16	95	42	.442
Garton, WSC	15	33	14	.424
Whiteman, OSC	5	63	26	.413
Nelson, Wash.	16	84	34	.405
Jarboe, OSC	15	41	16	.390
Buhler, Idaho	16	206	78	.379
Toole, OSC	14	69	26	.377
Bauscher, Idaho	16	163	61	.374

Player	G	FTA	FT	Pct.
Bennink, WSC	16	172	140	.814
Perkins, Wash.	16	36	29	.806
Vlastelica, OSC	16	45	36	.800
Jarboe, OSC	15	19	15	.789
Coshow, Wash.	16	55	43	.782
Bauscher, Idaho	16	64	50	.781
Halligan, OSC	16	35	27	.771
Bingham, Oregon	12	21	16	.762
Perry, WSC	16	47	35	.745
Beck, WSC	16	69	51	.739

Emerald Sports Staffers to Meet

All Emerald sports staff members are requested to attend a meeting today at 1 p.m. in the Emerald office in Allen hall to discuss coverage of spring sports.

All desk editors, varsity and freshman sports writers and intramural sports writers should attend. New assignments will be given.

Sports Staff

Desk Editor: Buzz Nelson.
Staff: Jerry Claussen.

Quote from pre-season basketball dope book from Oregon State—"The 1954-55 basketball season at Oregon State should be one of the most interesting in years."

Dick Wilkins of the 1945 team holds the Oregon record for points in a season, getting 544.



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