

NCAA Champ 1939 Webfoots Return Saturday

Oregon's national championship squad—the team that caused students to dance in the streets—is coming home. Members of the 1939 Ducks who swept to the NCAA basketball crown will be honored during halftime of the Oregon-California game in McArthur court Saturday night.

The Webfoot champions defeated Cal twice in Mac court for the PCC title and the right to enter the western regional play-offs where they topped Texas and Oklahoma before dropping Ohio State in the finals.

Four of the 1939 stars earned All-American rating—center Slim Wiptermute, forwards Laddie Gale and John Dick and guard Bob Anet. The fifth man, Wally Johansen, won all-coast and all-regional selection.

The entire traveling squad, with the exception of Earl Sandness, a Coast Guard officer, and Coach Howard Hobson, who will be with his Yale hoopsters against Army Saturday, are expected for the reunion. In Hobson's place for the reunion will be John Warren, freshman coach of many of the players.



OREGON'S ONLY national championship basketball team, the Howard Hobson-coached 1939 crew that topped Ohio State in the finals of the first official NCAA play-offs, will return to Mac Court Saturday for a reunion and will be honored at halftime of the Oregon-Cal game. Left to right in the front huddle are Wally

Johansen, Slim Wiptermute, Laddie Gale, Matt Pavalunas and Bob Anet. Back row, Toivo Pippo, Red McNeely, John Dick, Bob Hardy, Ted Sarpola, Earl Sandness, Archie Marshik, Porky Andrews and Ford Mullen.

UCLA Standouts Lead In PCC Scoring Burst

LOS ANGELES — The Pacific Coast conference basketball race opened with a brilliant outburst of scoring and accurate shooting, according to statistics from the PCC Commissioner's office.

Three men averaged better than 20 points a game during the first week of play, paced by UCLA's deadly guard, Morris Taft, who scored 52 points on 21 field goals and 10 free throws for an average of 26 points per game. Teammate Willie Naulls was next in line with an average of 23 points a game followed by Oregon State's promising sophomore, Dave Gambee, 21.0.

Another sophomore, Larry Hauser of Southern California was fourth with a 16.0 average, followed by Larry Beck, Washington State, 15.5, and Jay Buhler and Gary Simmons, Idaho and Jim Coshov, Washington at 15.0.

Southern California center Jack Lovrich set a new Conference game record for field goals when he connected on seven out of seven (old record: 7 of 8, Stan Christie, USC, 1950) and took over the leadership in field goal marksmanship. He has averaged 80% on eight goals in 10

Lakers' Comeback Planned by Mikan

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — George Mikan, longtime basketball great, announced Thursday night he is coming out of retirement as the team's general manager to play with the Minneapolis Lakers in the National Basketball association.

Mikan, who amassed a 23.05 per game point average in eight years before his retirement in 1954, will be in the lineup here Saturday night when the Lakers meet Ft. Wayne, he said.

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attempts. Taft has shot 56.8%; Danny Rogers, also Southern California, 54.5%; and Dick Wilson, Oregon State, and Jim Kaufman and Tony Psaltis, both USC, 50%.

Bill Bauscher leads the parade from the free throw line with a perfect 100% on 14 points in as many attempts. George Selleck, Stanford, also has a perfect record on nine attempts. Bob Blake, California, has hit 100% on five attempts.

Leading rebounder is Naulls, having captured 19.6% of all rebounds (35 rebounds in 178 opportunities). Second is Jim Colwell, Washington, 16.1% followed by Bruno Boin, Washington, 12.8%, and Barry Brown, Stanford, 12.1%.

UCLA's fast-breaking Bruins are the top offensive team after one week of play in the conference while the Southern California Trojans have the sharpest shooting eye.

UCLA has scored an average of 76.5 points per game to stamp itself as the undisputed scoring leader. Idaho is second with 67.0, followed by Southern California, 64.0.

Southern California has shot an impressive 49.5% from the floor to assume the marksmanship lead with UCLA, 42%, and Oregon State, 34.5% next in line.

Idaho has the best mark at the free throw line, 76.2%, followed by Washington 71.7%, and Stanford, 70.6%.

UCLA has the best rebounding percentage of 62.4%. Oregon State has rebounded at a 53.7% pace and Washington 51.7%.

Defensively, Oregon State is top ranked, having allowed opponents but 49 points a game. Washington has allowed 50.0 and Stanford 51.5.

Washington leads in another defensive department, having held opponents to 28.6% on their field goal attempts. Oregon State has allowed 29.7% and Stanford 30%.

Swimmers Select Varsity Captains

In a post-practice election Wednesday, Oregon's frosh and varsity swimming squads chose captains for the 1956 season. Veterans Jerry Froebe and Yogi Matsushima were elected varsity co-captains, and the frosh squad chose Jerry Schwartz and Jeff Williams as their co-leaders.

Coach John Borchardt listed his crew as small in number and experience, with only three lettermen returned. Besides Froebe and Matsushima only Bob Hays has won a varsity stripe.

Team members listed by Borchardt are Froebe, Matsushima, Hays, Bob Beatty, Doug Burns, Bill Goodwin, Steve Hall, Don Jacklin and Bill Warner.

IM Schedule

Friday

Basketball

3:50 McClure A vs. Morton A, court 40.

3:50 Sigma Phi Epsilon A vs. Alpha Tau Omega A, court 43.

4:35 Phi Gamma Delta A vs. Phi Kappa Psi A, court 40.

4:35 Kappa Sigma A vs. Pi Kappa Alpha A, court 43.

5:15 Phi Kappa Sigma A vs. Pi Kappa Phi A, court 40.

5:15 Hunter A vs. Cherney A, court 43.

Handball

4:00 Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Morton, courts 42, 44 and 46.

Hogan, Nelson Return For Bing's Golf Go

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A younger generation of pro golfers gets one, more chance Friday at two of the game's biggest names, Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson, both retired.

The two will tee off in Bing Crosby's charity golf tournament and both have served up stories indicating they are not here just to walk around the course. Hogan posted a 65 and Nelson a 68 in practice.

Duck Wrestlers Meet PSC Vikings Saturday

Beginning their third year of organized competition, the University of Oregon wrestling team meets the Vikings of Portland State at Portland Saturday night. In preliminary action, the Oregon freshman squad meets Vancouver high school.

The varsity will face a team whose past record and number of returning lettermen promise strong competition. Of Oregon's five losses and one tie during the 1955 schedule, one setback and the tie were by the Vikings. Portland State lost only two team matches in intercollegiate competition last year. Ironically, three of the nine-man Duck team are former PSC wrestlers. Roy Schlessler, PCL runnerup, Jack McBrien and Lee Allen, a ope-time Greco-Roman champ, have all previously attended Portland State.

Of particular interest to University fans will be the participation of J. C. Wheeler in Saturday night's encounter. Wheeler, better known for his football

proWess, will wrestle in his first interscholastic match.

Untested this season, the frosh crew lists two former OSAA champions on the roster. Jim Olmstead of Sweet Home and Jim Beaton of Lebanon both won state diadems, and should lead the yearlings to another strong season.

The tentative varsity and frosh lineups are as follows:

Varsity

123 lbs. Roy Schlessler
130 lbs. Lee Allen
137 lbs. Jack McBrien
147 lbs. Dave Newland
157 lbs. Jay Diering
167 lbs. George Krupicka
177 lbs. Ken Kesey
Unlimited J. C. Wheeler

Frosh

123 lbs. Ron O'Connor
130 lbs. Jim Olmstead
137 lbs. Tim Berg
147 lbs. Pete Cherschinsky
157 lbs. Jim Beaton
167 lbs. Bob Snyder
177 lbs. Dave Fish
Unlimited LeRoy Todd

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