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Duck Tracks

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Hard to imagine how a team could kick, throw and give away a game like the Oregon Ducks did Saturday night, but sadly enough, it happened. The Webfoots found out they don't pay off on what happens during the first 30 minutes of the game but rather what shows on the board after 40.

Guess it was too much to ask for another miracle after Oregon had won five straight, the last three all by six points or less. But after Bill Moore put in a jump shot with 10:02 left to give Oregon a 60-49 lead it looked like the Ducks were in. But you know the rest.

Oregon still had a better first team than Cal, despite the split. But the lack of depth (only seven men saw action for Oregon Saturday night) with Phil McHugh having to play all 80 minutes of the series and Max Anderson every minute until he fouled out, showed up as compared to the bench strength of the Bears.

Duck Guard Play Hurts

One thing that hurt the Duck cause was inconsistent play by the guards. McHugh and Jerry Ross. It showed especially in the final minutes Saturday when the Ducks, in obvious panic, were kicking the ball all over the floor. No one would settle down.

For our money the best all-around play shown by a Webfoot was by Charlie Franklin, the transfer forward from Los Angeles city college. Anderson was the work-horse point-maker, but Charlie showed the spark that the Ducks will need in the future. He scored 21 points for the series, topped all rebounders Saturday with nine and displayed the coolest head on the Oregon side.

Turning to other coast play, Oregon State was pretty well murdered Saturday afternoon by USC. Afternoon play following Friday night games are proving to be pretty rough on shallow teams, who are just plain worn out trying to play twice within 20 hours. The Beavers were down only five points at halftime, but then wound up 31 in the hole.

Gambie Top 'Star Hope

OSC missed Guard Ken Nanson, out for the series with a throat infection. He just got out of the infirmary Friday afternoon. Dave Gambie stood out, as usual, and looks to be a better all-star prospect than Washington's Bruno Boin. Incidentally, only 500 people attended the OSC-USC game, showing the effects of afternoon televised contests.

Oregon State's Larry Paulus, long known for his great defensive ability, hit a season's high in offense, scoring 10 points against the Trojans. It probably isn't well known that Paulus wears contact lenses on the court, in contrast to the regular glasses worn by Bob Allord and Jerry Crimmins.

Washington is a team that has had poor shooting eyes for two seasons, although three veterans, Karl Voegtlin, Gary Nelson and Bob Bryan, plus sophomore Bill Stady, all wear contact lenses for better vision on the court. Husky Coach Tippy Dye blamed a good Oregon defense for the loss to the Ducks last Tuesday, saying it was even better than that thrown up by Stanford, the tightest team in the circuit.

Strugar Back to JV's

George Struger, the big Washington football tackle who was to be a front-line replacement for Boin at the center spot, apparently hasn't shown his old all-state form for the Husky varsity. He was relegated to the junior varsity and is now playing center on a team that includes Ray Cresap, who missed the varsity last year, too, and several nondescript sophomores.

Next on the Oregon schedule is two games with Idaho at Moscow this weekend. The Ducks will have to watch out for the veteran Vandal pair, Bill Bauscher and Jay Buhler, which ran the Ducks out of McArthur court in one game last season. Also, Gary Mitchell, a 6' 4" sophomore who was an all-stater in Wyoming, averaged 17.8 for the Idaho Frosh last season and scored 28 points against Stanford Saturday.

Top 10 scorers after two weeks of PCC play: Morris Taft, UCLA, 105; Willie Naulls, UCLA, 92; Larry Beck, WSC, 85; Dave Gambie, OSC, 70; George Selleck, Stanford, 62; Jay Buhler, Idaho, 60; Earl Robinson, Cal., 58; Bill Bond, Stanford, 57; Bob Blake, Cal., 54; Larry Hauser, USC, 51. Anderson's 23.5 average for two games is second only to Taft's 26.3.



RETURNING CHAMPIONS from the Webfoots' 1939 NCAA title-winners were honored at half-time of Saturday's Oregon-Cal game with introductions, then heard most of a partisan 6950-man crowd sing "Mighty Oregon." Nine team members and Trainer Bob Officer were on hand for the reunion.

Ducklings Drop Weekend Games

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Oregon's Ducklings displayed a "new look" offense but suffered their third and fourth straight defeats in preliminary action over the weekend. Against Clark junior college Friday night, the yearlings provided their guests with a tight, thrilling scrap before losing, 76-75. Saturday eve brought a wider margin of defeat, as the Paddocks of Eugene slammed the Frosh, 65-48.

Friday night's contest saw Dave D'Olivo draw first blood for Oregon, but Clark moved to a rapid 15-6 lead and went into ball control tactics. The scrappy Ducklings moved in, and after the dust had cleared, went ahead, 19-17. Action settled a bit then and two squads traded points with Clark holding a slim edge at half-time, 39-38.

Moving off quickly after intermission, Jimmy McCabee opened season on his foes and pushed the Ducklings within striking distance at 50-50. Later, a tip by Bob Sturgis gave Oregon its short-lived lead at 61-59 as the tempo picked up, but Larry Smedley put Clark ahead for good with a long pusher.

Tips by Chuck Chronis and D'Olivo finished things at 76-75, with Clark the victor.

Chronis led both squads with 18 points, followed by Dave D'Olivo at 17. Five Ducklings hit in double figures.

Against the Paddock Saturday night, Oregon had all sorts of troubles and trailed the older squad, 28-7 with five minutes remaining in the first period. Former Ducks Paul Sowers and Bob Stout, controlled ball and backboard as the half ended with Paddock far ahead, 34-12.

The Ducklings, always improved after intermission, racked up sixteen points in a hurry while the Paddock could account for only six. The "old men" of Paddock tired a bit during this period, and shots by Jim McCabee and Bob Sturgis brought the Ducklings within sight.

The game coasted along at a medium pace until huge Dave Shelby entered for Paddock. The ex-Albany ace proceeded to wreck the Yearlings by slamming in three quick jump shots. The one-sided tilt ended at 65-46.

Scoring was well distributed, with Finkbeiner and Ted Levine hitting 11 for Paddock and Bob Sturgis accounting for 10 Duckling points.

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THE CHAMPS RETURN

Team Pledge in 1938 Won National Title

"Now to start with, go back to 1938," said Bob "Two-Gun" Officer as he knocked the ashes from his cigarette and thought back to his NCAA champions. "That was the year the national championship was won."

"It was down at Stanford—the last of the season—and the boys had just dropped a couple of games," continued Two-Gun, who has been trainer for Oregon athletes for nearly 33 years. "Well, Wally Johansen and Bobby Anet—they were the sparkplugs of that team—they kicked everybody out of the dressing room except the guys that were coming back the next year, and they took a pledge—and that was when they won the national championship."

The boys that took that pledge after their 52-39 and 59-51 losses to Stanford in the PCC playoffs in 1938 came back to Oregon Saturday for a reunion—17 years after they became the team to win the first official NCAA championship.

At the California-Oregon game the champions sat in the middle of the men's rooting section as special guests of the University athletic department, smiled as they watched the feminine Oregon rally squad dance and heard Howard Hobson Jr. read a letter

from his father, coach of the 1939 champs, who praised the team ("Needless to say you are the greatest team I've ever coached.") and regretted that he could not attend the reunion. And they shook their heads as the modern Webfoots dropped a 67-65 decision to the visiting Bears.

Two-Gun remembered speed as one of the factors that drove the 1939 Ducks through a rugged Northern Division schedule (14-2) and on past Cal (54-49) and 53-47) in the PCC playoffs.

"At Treasure Island (scene of the Western NCAA regional playoffs) there was no trouble. We got by Texas and Oklahoma easily. Then came the finals.

"I remember the dressing rooms back there especially. They (Ohio State) had a big place—like the one we've got down here—but we had to go in a 2 by 4 place so small I couldn't even tape."

It was the psychology of this and the running game again that Officer credits with inspiring the Ducks to such a decisive victory (46-33). Then the champions came home to rallies, banquets and street dances.

Today? "They're all a bunch of stinkers," Two-Gun said, "but look at 'em—every one of those boys is still in shape."

Phi Psis, Sig Eps, Morton, Phi Kaps Get IM Hoop Wins

Phi Kappa Psi was the victor in a well-fought battle over Phi Gamma Delta, 25-22, in Friday intramural hoop action. Phi Psi held a comfortable margin up to the final period, but then the Fijis threatened to steal the lead several times. Both teams were hitting a high percentage of their shots from the field.

Dick Anderson was the top scorer for the Fijis with six buckets and two free throws for a total of 14. Fred Bell, Gary Newton and Dick Barnard hung up six points apiece for the Phi Psis.

Sig Eps Romp

Sigma Phi Epsilon posted a win over Alpha Tau Omega in a game that saw the two teams fairly evenly matched throughout the first half. In the second half the Sig Eps pulled away to finish with a twelve point margin of 18-6 over the ATOs. The high scorer of the game was Don Steen of the Sig Eps with 12.

Morton Hall handed McClure hall a 38-28 defeat with a well performed second half comeback.

Morton was trailing by five points until the last minutes of the third quarter when they tallied eight points to take the lead. In the final quarter Morton scored 11 points while they held their opponents to 4. Tom Niel led Morton with 12 points, and George Kane tallied 7 markers for McClure.

Kappa Sigs Triumph

Kappa Sigma stole past Pi Kappa Alpha by a score of 20-16. Three Kappa Sigs tied with Gerald Jeub of the PiKA's for scoring honors with 6 points apiece.

Phi Kappa Sigma sneaked by Pi Kappa Phi in a score switching game by a score of 26-21. The Phi Kaps had the superior height and controlled the backboards. Bill Wallace led the Pi Kaps with 8 points and Elton Engstrom and Don Beck had 8 apiece for the Phi Kaps.

Hunter Rolls

Hunter easily outscored Chorney hall 40-20 in the last game of the day. Rollie Heath of Hunter was the high scorer of the game with 17 points.