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Borcher Praises Defensive Work

Oregon's Bill Borcher said today he expected the Ducks defense to play a major role in the coming road series with Idaho and Stanford and pointed to the work of Ray Bell, the senior forward from Klamath Falls, as a typical example of what can be done with determined defense.

"I rate Bell as one of the best defensive players I have coached," the Webfoot coach said, "and his work in the last few games is certainly a fine example of what a good defensive man can do for a basketball team."

Borcher went on to point out that Bell has held his foe in the last four games to less than three

field goals a game and in each case he was assigned the player most likely to cause the Ducks trouble. Against Portland's Pilots Bell was given the job of checking Jim Winter, a 5'9" guard who ranked among the nation's leading scorers. In the game with Washington Bell was checking Bruno Boin, the 6'8" sophomore center sensation, and last week he worked against Larry Friend, a 20-point a game forward from California who had hit almost half of his shots from the field.

"Defense is basically a job of determined effort," Borcher added, "and Bell has that determination. He wasn't a particularly good defensive man when he came to the varsity, but he wasn't a good scorer and had to learn to do something else well if he was going to become a regular."

In addition to keeping his opponent's point total down, Bell has a knack of putting on enough pressure to make what shots his foes get pretty well off the mark. Winter, Boin and Friend averaged only .250 from the field in the games played here, far below their regular average.

In addition to his defense, Bell is a fine rebounder and ranks second on the squad in this important department. "Sometimes the fans wonder why he plays so much," Borcher concluded, "and those are the two reasons, his fine defensive work and his rebounding. Both are still pretty important in basketball."

Varsity, Frosh Bill Mat Action In Mac Court

University wrestling fans will get their first opportunity Saturday to see both the Varsity and Frosh teams in action. The frosh matmen take on Klamath Falls at noon in a match which will be followed by the Varsity entanglement at two.

Fresh from impressive showings last week, the Ducks and Ducklings both encounter what could be their toughest dual matches of the season. Washington State, the varsity's opponent, is the perennial Northern Division wrestling powerhouse and was runner-up last year. Before the 1955 season, the Cougars had won 5 consecutive division titles.

Klamath High School will meet the Ducklings sporting one of the more impressive OSAA mat records. The Klamath team is undefeated in 59 consecutive high school matches, a win streak extending since 1948. The Pelicans have been defeated only once during that period, a loss tacked on them by last year's Frosh.

The performance of both Duck squads last Saturday tags each a team to be reckoned with. Coach Bill Hammer stated that he was more than pleased with last week's action. He especially praised the Varsity effort against Portland State. In his opinion, the Ducks beat a team which was comparable to last year's strong Portland State crew.

He also mentioned that he thought both Jack McBrien and J. C. Wheeler had done outstanding jobs against their Portland opponents. Wheeler, who competed in and won his first intercollegiate match has, according to Hammer, shown terrific natural aptitude.

For the Frosh, he cited as noteworthy the performances of Jim Olmstead, Ron Connor, Pete Cherchinsky and Jim Beaton.

Ray Bell Spends Night in Infirmary

Ray Bell, first-string Duck forward and defensive ace, was in the infirmary Tuesday night for observation, probably suffering from "a touch of the flu," according to Coach Bill Borcher.

Bell's fitness for the forthcoming Webfoot road trip will not be known until the doctor checks him sometime today, infirmary sources said.

Ducklings Search For Combination

Smarting after four straight losses, the Ducklings of Oregon were hard at work this week trying to develop a winning combination. With coach Jerry Freiback at the helm after a fortnight's absence, the yearlings hope to compensate for losses to Portland Frosh, Pacific JVs, Clark junior college and the Padlock when they meet OSC's Rooks this weekend.

As a hopeful sign for Freiback's charges, two hitherto unacclaimed Frosh showed up well in last weekend's games. Big Dave D'Olivo, a former Klamath Falls pivot man, dropped in 17 points against Clark college, and his deft backboard touch should help the Ducklings.

In the guard slot, husky Jim McAbee proved himself a starting contender with fine floor play and enthusiastic defense. Another boon to the struggling Frosh may come in the person of 6'6" Glen Small, a backboard specialist from Los Angeles.

U.S. Ski Judge Leaves for Italy

LEAVENWORTH, Wash. (AP)—Earle Little, America's foremost ski jumping judge, has started on the first lap of his journey to Cortina, Italy, where he will be the United States' sole representative in the judging stand for the Olympic ski jumping competition.

Delt, Sig Ep, Phi Delt Teams Get IM Nods

An upset and two runaways highlighted intramural hoop action Tuesday. Phi Delta Theta coasted to an easy victory over Theta Chi, 33-12; Sigma Phi Epsilon romped over Phi Gamma Delta, 41-8; and a surprisingly powerful Delta Tau Delta downed Sigma Chi, 26-23. All were 'B' games.

In handball, Young hall dropped Chi Psi, 3-0.

Phi Delt's Soar

The well-knit Phi Delt squad took the lead from the opening whistle and held it all the way, with the scoring of center Dave Earle holding off the Theta Chi surges.

Earle led his mates with 17 points, followed by Larry Hibbard with eight. Dick James paced the losers with five.

Phi Delt (33) (12) Theta Chi
Searce (4).....F.....(1) Stadelman
White.....F.....(2) Speelman
Earle (17).....C.....(4) Owens
Hibbard (8).....G.....(5) James
Laing.....G.....Christy

Subs: Phi Delt, Hennen, Stiner, Miller, Urness, Piener 4. Theta Chi, Hutchins, Maule.

Sig Ep's Win

The Sig Ep's wasted no time in building up a 23-3 margin at halftime, and they had nearly doubled that lead as the game ended.

Sig Ep's (41) (8) Fiji's
McCoy (12).....F.....Kingsbury
Chase (6).....F.....Geen
Yarnell (10).....C.....(3) Flaxel
Bowman (6).....G.....Lees
O'Hara (2).....G.....(3) Lilly

Subs: Sig Ep, Sherwood 5, Maddox, Harney, Fiji's, Cromwell 2, Pitsenberger.

Delt's Upset Sig's

Don Wilhelmson's ten points sparked the Delt's to their unexpected victory over a strong Sigma Chi five. 6'8" Dave Shelby dropped in 11 points for the Sig's. The game was a sea-saw battle all the way, with the lead changing back and forth several times.

Delt's (26) (23) Sigma Chi
Dale.....F.....Sherman
Bell (3).....F.....(4) Shaw
Gustafson (4).....C.....(11) Shelby
Berg (4).....G.....Barker
Wilhelmson 10 G.....Lehl

Subs: Delt's, Baker 3, Henderson 2. Sig's, Weber, Walberg, Robinson, Hinkson 6, Stamper 2.



RAY BELL
Defense Counts, Too

EHS Trails Jeff In State AP Poll

By the Associated Press

Defending champion Eugene advanced one notch into second place and Jefferson of Portland took over the lead in this week's Associated Press high school basketball poll.

Franklin of Portland, which held the top spot in last week's opening poll of the season, fell back into fourth after suffering an unexpected loss at the hands of unranked Lincoln of Portland.

Medford was rated third in this week's poll in which 18 sportswriters and sportscasters from throughout the state cast ballots.

1. Jefferson	9-1	151
2. Eugene	8-2	125
3. Medford	10-2	106
4. Franklin	8-2	85
5. Milwaukie	7-2	77
6. Marshfield	6-2	55
7. South Salem	7-2	50
8. Milton-Freewater	10-1	47
9. Beaverton	8-2	31
10. Albany	5-6	30

Others: Pendleton 21, Corvallis 15, Lincoln 13, Klamath Falls 10, Astoria 8, Redmond 3, North Salem 3, Grant 2, Gresham 1, Ontario 1, Dallas 1.

Morris, James Picked By Pro Football Clubs

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The National Football League dipped deep into the college ranks Tuesday night in the annual player draft, selecting such stars as Jerry Reichow of Iowa, Bob Burris of Oklahoma and All-America tackle Paul Wiggin of Stanford.

The cream of the 1954 crop was skimmed in the first three rounds of selections in November, but well known names were still available in Tuesday night's draft. Twenty-seven rounds were held.

Dick James, sparkling Oregon halfback who was chosen by the Washington Redskins in the pro draft, took the news with mild surprise, having received a telegram inquiring about his draft status from the 'Skins Tuesday morning. James has also had offers from Edmonton of the Canadian football league, and must determine his status with Uncle Sam's draft before he can sign with either team.

Los Angeles' picking of Jack Morris came as a surprise, for the speedy Duck fullback still has two seasons of eligibility left. Such a move is not unprecedented, however, for players are eligible for the draft as soon as their class graduates

(Morris is actually in the class of '54).

Morris counts on at least one more year at Oregon, but after that his plans are indefinite.

The Detroit Lions grabbed Reichow, Iowa's iron-man quarterback; Burris went to Green Bay, and Wiggin went to the champion Cleveland Browns.

Green Bay selected two players from Oklahoma's national champion team, Burris and Cecil Morris, an outstanding guard.

The other collegians selected Tuesday night included:

Herb Naaken, Utah, back, by Chicago Cardinals traded to Los Angeles.

Frank Clark, Colorado, end, by Cleveland.

Gene Cronin, College of the Pacific, guard, by Detroit.

Larry Barnes, Colorado A&M, back, by San Francisco.

Jack Morris, Oregon, back, by Los Angeles.

Dick James, Oregon, back, by Washington.

Gordon Duvall, Southern California, back, by Green Bay.

Johnny Hermann, UCLA, back, by New York.

Sam Salarno, Colorado, tackle, by Chicago Cardinals.

John Mellekas, Arigona, tackle, by Chicago Bears.

Jim Carmichael, California, end, by Los Angeles.

Jick Hill, Utah State, back, by Baltimore.

Max Burnett, Arizona, back, by Green Bay.

Gil Moreno, UCLA, tackle, by Washington.

Harry Javernick, Colorado, tackle, by Cleveland.

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