

Sophs Dominate Vandal Basketball

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Oregon gets a chance to redeem itself in the Pacific Coast basketball race this weekend with its first away series in nearly a month, against the lowly Idaho Vandals.

Idaho stands at the bottom of the nine-team league after losing its first four games in round-robin action, all on the road. This will be the first home series for the Vandals since Dec. 10, and late improvement plus a home floor could give them a combination hard to beat.

Vandals Soph-Studded

Over the whole season Coach Harlan Hodges' Idaho club has won only two games while dropping 11. But 10 out of 12 players on the squad are sophomores and only recently has this inexperienced group begun to look like a threat.

The Vandal first string, composed of the two lettermen on the squad and three sophomores, figures to give Oregon a hard-fought, running battle. Idaho likes to run, as Oregon fans saw last season when the cellar-dwelling Vandals ran the Ducks

Idaho varsity after getting honorable mention in all-star picking last year. He was in the ND's top six in both field goal and free throw shooting and his jump shot is always dangerous.

So far this season Bauscher has distinguished himself in coast play by sinking 20 free throws without a miss in Idaho's first four games, only one short of



JAY BUHLER
... and Mr. Field Goal

the record 21 set by OSC's Jay Dean in 1954. For the whole season Bauscher is averaging 10.2 points in 13 games.

Mitchell Top Newcomer

Only one other position is set, with Sophomore Jack Mitchell holding down a forward spot. Mitchell, 6'4", has been in the starting lineup since the season began and reached his peak in last Saturday's game against Stanford with 28 points. The Wyoming all-stater and Idaho Frosh leading scorer is now averaging 10 points per game for the year and is second on the team in PCC scoring.

The other two Vandal spots, center and forward, should go to any two out of four sophomores including Jim Branom, Gary McEwen, Jerry Jorgenson and Gary Simmons. Branom, tallest of the Vandals at 6'8", could get the nod at center over McEwen because of height. McEwen might then go to the forward spot.

Simmons, only 5'11" but a hard driver, looked very good against UCLA two weeks ago and is a



BILL BAUSCHER
Idaho's Mr. Free Throw

good bet for the fifth spot. Jorgenson has been only an in-and-out starter but his 6'5" could give him the edge.

Regular Center Dropped

Two things have kept Idaho from perhaps becoming the power they were predicted to be, besides having a sophomore-studded lineup. One was the loss of regular center Bob Gould, 6'6" and 208 pounds, who was dropped from the squad for poor attitude on an eastern trip. The other factor was a food poisoning siege which has hit the squad more than once, causing loss of practice.

Comparing records, the Vandals and Ducks have both played only Colorado A. & M. Oregon won both, 86-56 and 75-57, while Idaho won one, 72-62, and lost the other, 58-63. Oregon played at home, however, while Idaho played the Aggies away.

Three Quints Get IM Wins

Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu and Delta Upsilon came out ahead Wednesday afternoon in intramural B basketball league action, defeating Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Sigma and Kappa Sigma, respectively.

ATO's Nip Beta's

Good ball handling, good back-board work and a last-quarter stall were the deciding factors in this very close 20-19 thriller. Both teams played very well but the Beta boys just couldn't break up the ATO stall.

Don Bick, of ATO, was high for the game with eight points followed by teammate Sam Notos with 6. Gar Parker led the Beta's with 7.

Beta Theta Pi (19) Alpha Tau Omega (2)

Knowlton (2) F.....(2) Graham Parker (7) F.....(4) Bagley Halvorson (2) C..... Johnson McCreight (2) G.....(6) Notos Creps (4) G..... Morris

Subs: Beta—Laughton, Chapman (2), Simpson, Ede, Barnett, Russell. ATO—Bick (8), Burch, Noad, Nonce.

DU's Cop Contest

In a fairly close game for a half, Delta Upsilon slowly edged ahead and then coasted to a 22-11 victory over Kappa Sigma. Both teams had trouble with ball handling but the DU five capitalized on the losers' mistakes to greater advantage.

Leading scorers were Forward John Ticknor with 10, John Payne with eight, both for the winners, and Tom Midgley with eight also for the Kappa Sigs.

Kappa Sig 11 22 Delta Upsilon Pigg (2) F.....(10) Ticknor Midgley (8) F..... Keel LittrellC..... Anderson Harris (1)G..... Jensen MatsonG.....(2) Trigg

Subs: Kappa Sigma—Carter. DU—Danchok (2), Payne (8).

Phi Kaps Drubbed

There was no contest from the very beginning as Sigma Nu took a commanding first quarter 10-0 lead. They poured it on and only one player failed to score in this 38-5 rout.

Jerry Nelson paced the winners with 11 points followed by teammate Dick Pavlat with nine counters. High for the losers, with three points, was Christensen.

Phi Kappa Sig (5) (38) Sig Nu WinklemanF.....(6) Loumena BartelF.....(4) Markulis Edwards (2)C.....(11) Nelson Christensen (3) G.....(9) Pavlat MilkesG.....(2) Hogg

Subs: Phi Kaps—Oliver. Sigma Nu—Woodyard (4), Crall, Davis (2).

Dayton Wins 13th; NC State Defeated

Unbeaten Dayton won its 13th straight basketball game Wednesday night but third-ranked North Carolina State was upset by ninth-ranked North Carolina.

The Flyers won from Villanova 71-50, while the Wolfpack fell before the Tar Heels in Chapel Hill, 73-69.

Ex-Husky Assistant Named Coach at WSC

PULLMAN (AP) — Jim Sutherland, who was bounced out as assistant football coach at Washington during a player revolt, came up on the rebound Wednesday with the head coaching job at Washington State college.

WSC picked up the deposed backfield coach of its cross-state rival and signed him to a three-year contract at a reported salary of \$12,000 a year, \$500 less than the man he succeeds, Alton Kircher.

Sutherland, 42, an old blocking back at the University of Southern California, went to Washington last March as an aide to Johnny Cherberg and was sacked amid a player revolt in November.

Some 33 players had protested Cherberg's "coaching methods." When the storm was over, Cherberg was still the head coach and Sutherland was fired.

He said at the time he felt he was made a "scapegoat" and that there was "poor morale" on the squad before he ever arrived. Washington merely announced that Cherberg wasn't including him in his 1956 plans.

That's changed now. Cherberg will have to plan for Sutherland when the Huskies meet WSC in the traditional big game at Spokane next Nov. 24, almost a year to the day of his exit at Washington.

Cherberg had no comment on Sutherland's new job. But Harvey Cassill, the Washington athletic director who announced his dismissal there last Nov. 23, wished him well.

Sutherland made the usual coaches' comments, said WSC was a "dynamic, growing institution" and that he was proud to be part of it.

He said he would pick four

assistants within a month. It was reported that Leon McLaughlin, the former UCLA star now with the Los Angeles Rams, would come here as line coach.

Dan Stavely, the freshman coach, is the lone holdover from the Kircher regime. Al was let out after his Cougars won only one of 10 games following a big pre-season buildup in 1955.

Sutherland coached at Santa Monica, Calif. high school after leaving USC and his products there included the celebrated Ronnie Knox of UCLA and Sandy Lederman, the Washington quarterback who was prominent in the Cherberg incident.

A number of highly-regarded prospects from the Santa Monica area followed Sutherland to Washington, where he hired on after a brief stint with Lynn Waldorf at California. Speculation started immediately on whether the group might move with him here.

Sutherland had an agreement with Washington running to March 1, 1956. There was no mention of that in the announcement Wednesday and no one involved brought up the Cherberg incident publicly.

At the time he was fired at Washington, Sutherland said he was just trying to instill some "poise and confidence" in the players and that Cherberg may have felt he exceeded his authority.

Sutherland has a big rebuilding job here. There were 15 seniors on last fall's team and the underclassmen didn't show much.

He gets one break. The Cougars don't have to open as usual in Los Angeles against USC.

Austin Selected As 'O' President

Chuck Austin, a junior letterman at tackle on Oregon's varsity grid squads for two years, was elected president of the Order of the O, lettermen's club, at its regular business meeting Wednesday noon.

He replaces outgoing president Bob Reid. Other new officers elected by the organization include Phil McHugh, vice-president; Dave Newland, secretary, and Martin Pedigo, treasurer.

Bass Dyer, alumni secretary and adviser for the group during Don Kirsch's leave of absence, was introduced and explained the Athletic department's newly-proposed high school players entertainment committee. Four Order of O members representing the major sports will serve as hosts to visiting prep players to increase hospitality during special weekends and visitations, according to Dyer.

Dons Keep Hold On AP Poll Lead

By the Associated Press

The San Francisco Dons, undisputed kingpins of college basketball, have a date with examination papers until Jan. 28, but several other members of the top 10 have their work cut out for them on the playing floor this week.

Seven of the top 10 teams in this week's Associated Press nationwide poll will be kept busy trying to protect their rankings, while San Francisco, Illinois and Duke take a brief vacation.

San Francisco tied the major college winning record of 39 straight by defeating Fresno State last Friday. The record, held by Long Island University and Seton Hall, will go by the boards if the Dons can defeat California (9-3) in Berkeley Jan. 28.

Illinois knocked off Purdue Monday night 92-76 to make it 10-1 for the season, but now will be idle until meeting DePaul Jan. 28.

The top ten teams with first place votes and won-lost records, through Monday, Jan. 16:

1. San Francisco	87	13-0	1,257
2. Dayton	13	12-0	1,110
3. No. Carolina State	9	12-1	829
4. Kentucky	9	9-2	615
5. Vanderbilt	6	12-1	526
6. Illinois	1	10-1	458
7. Duke	1	12-2	438
8. Temple	1	10-0	386
9. North Carolina	1	12-2	296
10. Louisville	1	13-1	203

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Japanese Scout Signed by Stengel

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP)—Casey Stengel brought back many souvenirs from his baseball barnstorming tour of Japan but the one he prizes most is a signature on a dotted line.

It reads: "Bozo Henry Wakabayashi," and it's at the bottom of a contract which describes his duties as "Yankee baseball scout."

Manager Stengel of the New York Yankees says he believes this was the first signing of a Japanese baseball scout. Bozo's job is to hunt for promising Japanese players.

Says Casey: "It may be four or five years, but I think the next great innovation in American baseball will be a Japanese star. I think a Japanese ball player would be a tremendous sensation here, and a fine thing for world relations."