

Ducks, Vandals Collide Here

Oregon Opens Home Slate Tonight with Winless Idaho

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The lights go on in McArthur Court tonight for the first Pacific Coast Conference basketball action in 1957, with two winless PCC teams battling for "that first victory." Oregon's Ducks, losers of two battles to the California Bears, and Idaho's Vandals, who have dropped five straight, square off at 8 p.m. in the first of a two-game set.

The tentative starting line-ups:

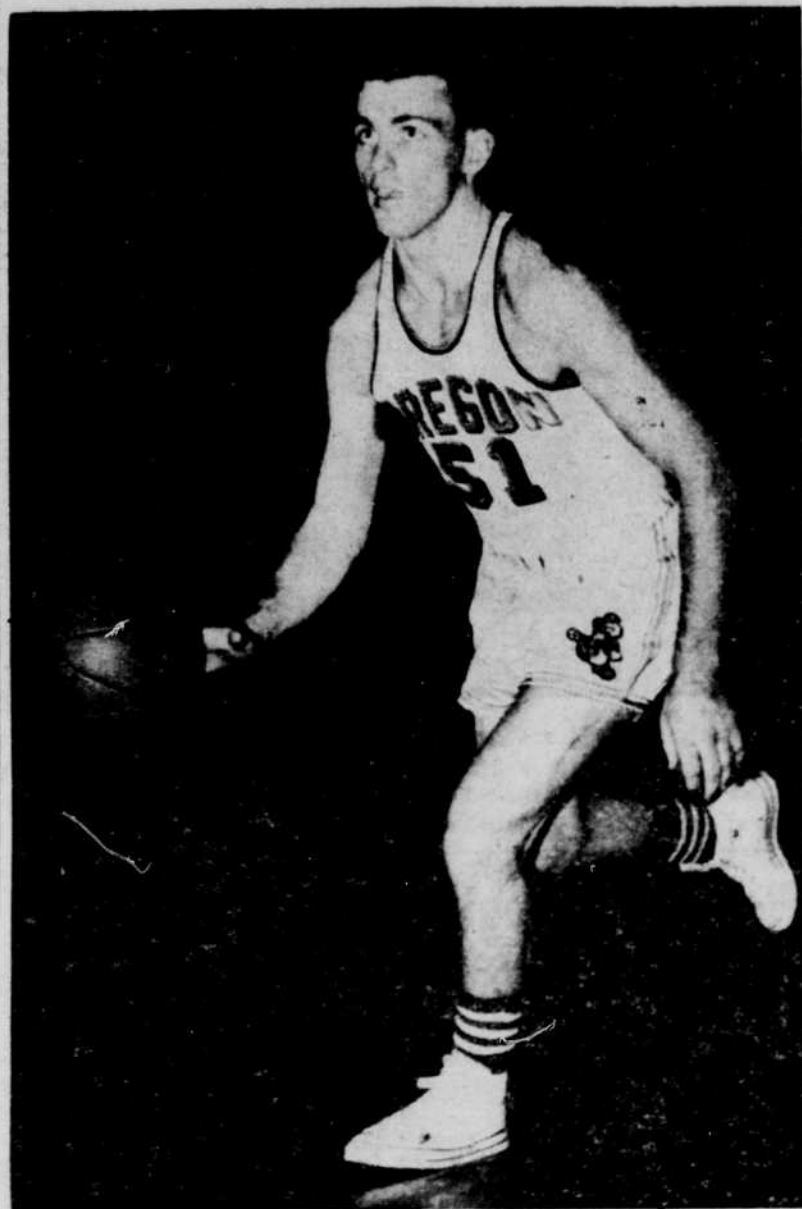
IDAHO

F Jim Branom 6'7" Junior
F Jerry Jorgenson 6'4" Junior
C Gary McEwen 6'4" Junior
G Bill Wilson 5'10" Junior
G Waylen Coleman 6'2" Soph.

OREGON

F Eli Morgan 6'7" Soph.
F Charlie Franklin 6'3" Junior
C Hal Duffy 6'6" Junior
G Wimp Hastings 5'10" Junior
G Bud Kuykendall 5'11" Soph.

Both teams are virtually even in height, speed and experience. Oddly enough, neither Steve



PHIL McHUGH, veteran Duck guard from Portland, will be ready for action tonight and tomorrow night, when Oregon plays Idaho at Mac Court.



STEVE BELKO
His Ducks Battle

Belko or Harlan Hodges, the respective Duck and Vandal mentors, will start with a senior in the lineup.

Belko and his Ducks held their final workout Thursday, and the Vandals drilled on the Mac Court maple after arriving in Eugene Thursday night.

The Webfoots, who held a full-court scrimmage against the Oregon Frosh Wednesday, worked against defenses which the Vandals are expected to throw up Friday: a full court press and a zone.

Idaho's conference record of 0-5 offers little in the way of numbers, but the Vandals have shown surprising strength in three of the outings. They lost two one-point decisions to the defending PCC champs, UCLA, and came within three points of downing WSC Tuesday night, bowing 73-70. Their two losses to Washington last weekend were without the services of Head Coach Hodges, who was recuperating from an appendicitis attack.

The loss of ace guard Gary Simmons, out since Dec. 28 with an ankle injury, cost what little chance the Vandals had to "hang tough" in the PCC in '57, but Simmons is due back in the fold next week, somewhat of an inspiring note to the Idaho five.

Oregon, on the other hand,

has a full team on tap for the first time all season. Ed Bingham returned to workouts Monday, and Belko has a full squad of 14 members.

Webfoot basketball fans can look for a scoring duel this week between two Ducks and one Vandal center. PCC scoring statistics show Hal Duffy and Charlie Franklin ranked seventh and eight in the total point list and Gary McEwen is 14th. Duffy with a 17 point average and Franklin with 15 points a game,

paced the Ducks against Cal. McEwen has scored 48 points in four games.

Franklin has also hit on 44 per cent of his field goal tries, tops in that category for a Webfoot. Duffy trails him with a 42.9 average.

The Frosh will play preliminaries to both games, meeting Hennen-Vos, a Eugene AAU team Friday, then playing the Multnomah Athletic Club Saturday.

Ducklings Face MAC, AAU Tilts

While the coach is away, the team will play.

The coach? Oregon's freshman basketball coach, Don Kirsch, who will travel to Palo Alto this weekend to scout the Stanford varsity in their games with the University of Washington. The team? The Duckling hoopers who will play Hennen-Vos on Friday night and the Multnomah Athletic Club on Saturday night.

Acting assistant coach, Bruce McIntosh, will be in charge of the squad for the two games.

The starting five for the Ducklings will be the same as last week when they defeated the University of Portland junior varsity 75-52 and Clark college 71-61, with Jerry Anderson and Stu Robertson at forwards, Dale Jones at center, Chuck Rask and Dave Lundstrom at guards.

Hugh Springer will probably alternate with the starters at the forward position.

According to Kirsch, the squad is improving with every practice session. He said that they looked especially sharp defensively in

scrimmage drills earlier this week.

The serious-minded mentor thinks he has a really good squad, mainly because they "like to play together." He hopes to have all 16 men suited up for the games this weekend.

The Ducklings will face a couple of high-scoring outfits in Hennen-Vos and MAC. Both clubs have been doing very well in their respective Eugene and Portland city leagues, and both squads boast many fine ex-high school and college players.

Hennen-Vos, a Eugene AAU club, boast two fine local products in John Reynolds, who once played for the Ducklings, and in high-scoring Jerry Laing, an ex-Eugene high school player.

Multnomah is led by Max Anderson, high-scoring center on last year's Oregon varsity. Max and Jerry Anderson are brothers and will play on opposite teams Saturday.

Both games will start at 5:45 in McArthur Court as preliminaries to the varsity's games with the University of Idaho.

Webfoot Bowlers Set For Air Mail Match

Oregon's consistently - strong bowling team goes after another crown next week, with the Northwest Intercollegiate Air-mail tournament scheduled for Lou Bellissimo's keglers.

The tourney, a novel affair in which team results are compiled via Uncle Sam's mail service, will draw the efforts of ten Northwest college bowling teams. Oregon will be striving to defend the crown it won last year, in the meet's first annual running.

According to Coach Bellissimo, last winter's meeting was about as close as bowling matches ever get: after careful checking and rechecking, Oregon finished one lonely pin ahead of Washington, 2834 to 2833 for the Huskies.

This year, the Webfoots will be playing "host" for the tournament, receiving and compiling results of other schools. The nine other outfits involved will bowl sometime between Jan. 19-26.

They include Linfield, Oregon State, Whitman, Idaho, Portland State, University of Washington,

Washington State and Stockton and Sierra colleges of northern California.

Bellissimo reported that his pin team is about as powerful as last year's high-scoring group, which placed high in national standings. He listed six team members for the tournament: Bob Boyle, Vern Jackson, Don Lebold, Champ Husted, Don Jacklin, and Sam Sorenson, who took top honors in City bowling competition last week.

This group will bowl next Friday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m., in the SU alleys. Results of the air-mail meet will be announced later.

Besides this assignment, Bellissimo and his team face a full schedule during the next half-month. The Ducks will compete in the Timber Capitol tournament at Roseburg Jan. 26, and the State of Oregon meet at Cherry City Bowl in Salem will follow, Feb. 9-10.

A real test of the Webfoots' strength is slated for either Feb. 16 or 23: they will face Timber Structures of Portland, "the best bowling team in the state," according to Bellissimo.

Trend in Nocturnal Baseball Tilts Seen in Both Major League Loops

CHICAGO, Jan. 17 (AP) — The growing trend of night baseball in the major leagues was underscored again today as the American League announced a 1957 playing slate that will include a record 237 nocturnal tilts.

The National League Tuesday posted a schedule crammed with a record 256 night games, including an arclighted season opener April 16 between Brooklyn and the Phils at Philadelphia.

The American League's night game total is nine ahead of last year's scheduled 228, of which 226 were played.

Baltimore and Kansas City have booked more than half of their 77 home games under the lights with 43 each.

Washington has scheduled 38 night games; Cleveland 31, Chicago 22; Detroit 21; Boston 18; and the world champion New York Yankees 17.

Detroit has upped its night program by seven games, while Baltimore added five, Boston four, and Cleveland and New York one each. Washington scheduled seven fewer with Chicago and Kansas City each one game under last year.

The American League's traditional "Presidential Opener" is April 15 at Washington between the Orioles and Senators. The first pitch by the President or some other national figure officially opens the new campaign.

The other openers will be the

following day, April 16, with Chicago at Cleveland, Detroit at Kansas City, Washington at New York and Boston at Baltimore.

The second round of openers, April 18, takes New York to Boston, Cleveland to Detroit and Kansas City to Chicago.

If the Yankees get any kind of argument in their title defense, they will have some advantage in September with 15 games at Yankee Stadium in that closing month. However, the formidable Red Sox have 17 home contests in September.

Among the other likely contenders, Detroit has nine September home games, Chicago 8 and Cleveland 6.

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