

Wooden Fears UO Spoilers

Coach Johnny Wooden and his eighth-ranked UCLA Bruins fly into Eugene this evening just about 24 hours before they take on Oregon's cellar-ridden Webfoots in the first of two crucial Pacific Coast Conference basketball struggles.

The Bruins, stubbornly clinging to second place in the tight PCC race, just a game behind league-leading California with a 9-1 record, need a clean sweep in the double bill to remain in title contention.

Although the Ducks have now lost their last eight outings in a row, they showed that they could be dangerous last weekend when they were nosed out by Washington, 65-63.

Wooden, obviously fearing Oregon's potential "spoiler" role, had this to say on the eve of his squad's departure from Los Angeles:



STEVE BELKO
Sends Ducks Against...

"Oregon is getting real tough at a time when we have to meet them. I have great respect for Washington, but the Huskies needed an overtime to beat them last Saturday."

Forty minutes after their ar-

rival, the Bruins move over to McArthur Court for a seven o'clock workout. Meanwhile, Oregon winds up its regular practice sessions this afternoon with a light drill.

Wooden, in his ninth season at the Uclan helm, is riding the crest of a four-game winning streak over the Ducks, including last year's 408-89 finale which set all kinds of conference and UCLA records.

UCLA's record, during the current campaign, stands at 18 wins and two losses, and they must now play six final games in a space of 12 days with four of them out-of-towners. Still remaining on the Bruin schedule are two "biggies" with California at Berkeley on March 1 and 2.

Webfoot mentor Steve Belko has not yet decided on a definite starting combination but the way things shape up now, it appears that Charlie Franklin, Eli Morgan and Hal Duffy will be certain starters.

That leaves Belko with the problem of picking between Phil McHugh, Wimp Hastings, Rich Costi and Bud Kuykendall to fill out the two guard slots.

Paul Tucharadt, whom Belko labels "the most improved player



JOHN WOODEN
...His top-ranked Uclans

on the team," is assured of seeing some prolonged action this weekend, spelling Duffy at the center post.

Senior Forward Bill Moore has been placed on the doubtful list because of a car-washing mishap that required six stitches in his hand.

Wooden plans to stick with the

same combination that has carried most of the UCLA load this season: Connie Burke and Jim Halsten will be at forwards, Ben Rogers at center, and Walt Torrence and Dick Banton, the Bruins' leading scorer, at guards.

PinJuv Ties Alley Record with 289

Hale Kane's Fred PinJuv broke the Student Union alley record with a 289 and rolled up a 660 series as Kane swept to a 4-0 win over Phi Delta Theta Wednesday night. PinJuv's effort came in his second line; he picked up nine strikes in a row, spared his tenth try and got another strike on his final ball.

Other shutout wins were registered by Nestor Hall over Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta over Philadelphia House. Nestor had a 2536-2414 margin over the Sig Ep's, and Fiji was on top by 2600-2310.

Pi Kappa Alpha took a 3-1 victory from Delta Tau Delta, leading at the final tally 2667-2252.

Former UO Grid Coach in Hospital

PORTLAND (AP) — Jim Aiken, former University of Oregon football coach, is in a Portland hospital for treatment of a heart condition.

Aiken, who is in the lumber business at Roseburg, suffered two mild heart attacks recently and was brought here for observation.

His 1948 Oregon team played in the Cotton Bowl.

Order of the O Slates Pictures

Order of the O pictures will be taken today at 2:30 p.m. in club's lounge, according to Bob Decker, newly installed president.

All members are requested to be present.

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