

Belko's 'Better' Cagers Snare Four Straight

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Oregon's basketball Webfoots sailed to their fourth straight victory Wednesday at night McArthur Court with a 62-53 decision over San Jose State, equaling the total number of wins they made in the complete 1956-57 campaign under coach Steve Belko.

In earlier games, all in Mac Court, the Webfoots tripped Utah State twice, 63-53 last Friday night and 78-49 the following night; then outlasted these same Spartans 72-67 in the first half of their two-game series.

The Ducks now have won four of their five games this season, the only setback a season-opening loss to Oregon State, and mathematically can't do worse than last year's 4-21 record.

DUCKS 61, SPARTANS 53

Following a see-saw first half, the Spartans seemed to take the advantage and with just over 11 minutes remaining, they led 47-45; but a set shot from the side by UO forward Stu Robertson and a pair of free throws by guard Chuck Rask sent the Webfoots into the lead for good.

Following this Oregon out-break, San Jose hit on only one field goal and four free throws while the Ducks moved safely into a big lead.

Webfoot forward Charlie Franklin led the scoring parade with 18 points, closely followed by center Hal Duffy who netted 16.

Rask played his best varsity ball by adding 12 points and virtually halting the scoring threat of Eddie Diaz, diminutive Spartan guard. Diaz scored seven points, but connected on only one field goal while being checked by Rask.

The big credit for the reversal after a 31-31 halftime tie can be given to the Oregon defense which held the SJS marksmen to only a .147 shooting percent-

age in the final period after the Spartans had hit a phenomenal .500 average in the first half.

Spartan forward Gil Egeland connected for 17 points, mostly on his excellent jump shot, to lead the losers.

DUCKS 72, SPARTANS 67

A late-game scoring rush by Oregon forward Charlie Franklin led the Webfoots to an exciting 72-67 victory in the opener of the two-game series with San Jose St. Tuesday night.

With about six minutes remaining and the visiting Spartans ahead 57-56, the cagey Webfoot senior sparked a comeback rally with nine of the last 16 UO points.

In the first half Franklin had been benched by Belko, but the rest only spurred the UO forward to a great second half where he scored all 16 of his points.

Center Hal Duffy paced the Ducks in the scoring column with 18 points, including 10 for 10 from the free throw line, but received his fifth foul before the Webfoots iced their victory.

Oregon, leaders throughout most of the first half, had to fight down to the wire to gain its third straight victory of the still-young season.

Little guard Eddie Diaz paced the San Jose five with 18 points, and the Spartans actually out-shot the Ducks .409 to .405, but superior rebounding, 45 to 36, and more points from the foul line, 22 to 13, helped Oregon to victory.

DUCKS 78, UTAGS 49

Forward Charlie Franklin and guard Chuck Rask paced Oregon to an easy 78-49 decision over Utah State Saturday.

The cat-like Franklin showed the brilliance which made him a top PCC star last year by pouring 18 points through the hoop and leading the team in rebounds with 12.

Rask hawked the Utags on defense and repeatedly stole the ball while adding 11 points to the Webfoot total.

Unlike Friday night's contest, when Oregon's starting five played most of the contest, Belko was able to play every player on the 15-man squad.

After the Ducks quickly built a 25-9 lead, the Webfoot mentor yanked the first string only to see Utah State close the gap to nine points 32-22 later in the half.

In came the starters and up went the score in Oregon's favor, 39-24 at intermission.

The Webfoots returned to action with a devastating attack in the second period building up

a 52-26 margin. Belko called on his second and third units again and they matched the Aggies point for point throughout the rest of the contest.

DUCKS 63, UTAGS 53

The rebound, which played a big part in Oregon's season-opening loss to Oregon State last week, was the deciding factor in the Webfoots' 63-53 victory over Utah State Friday.

The shooting averages were about the same, .329 for Oregon to .323 for Utah St., but the Ducks nabbed 62 rebounds to only 39 for the visiting Utags, allowing the UO hooper more chances to score.

The teams tied the score six times in the first 7:10 of the

game but after UO forward Charlie Franklin was awarded a basket on interference (Utah State's Harold Theus leaped up to stop the ball from going in), the Ducks took the lead 14-12 and were never headed there-after.

In the second period the Ducks built up a lead of 49-33 before coach Steve Belko sent in reserves who played the rest of the

Bud Kuykendall led the Webfoots with 15 points, mostly on long shots, but Theus took the game scoring honors with 23 points. Sophomore forward Stu Robertson cleared the boards with 16 rebounds to pace both Webfoots and the Utags in that department.

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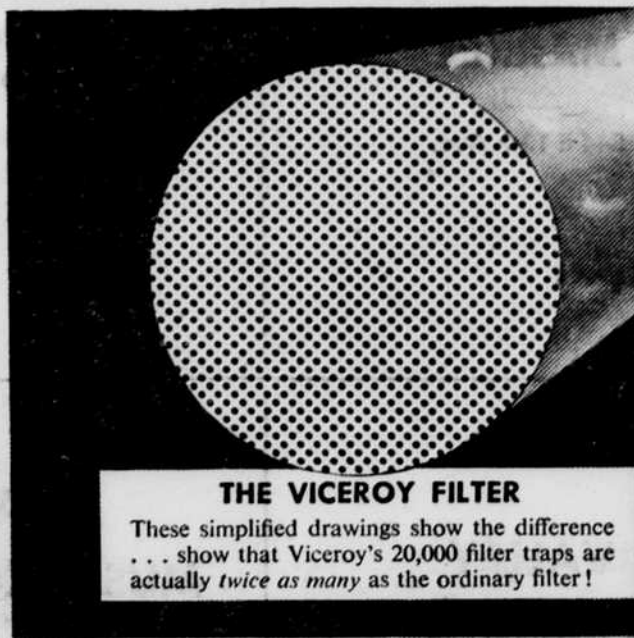
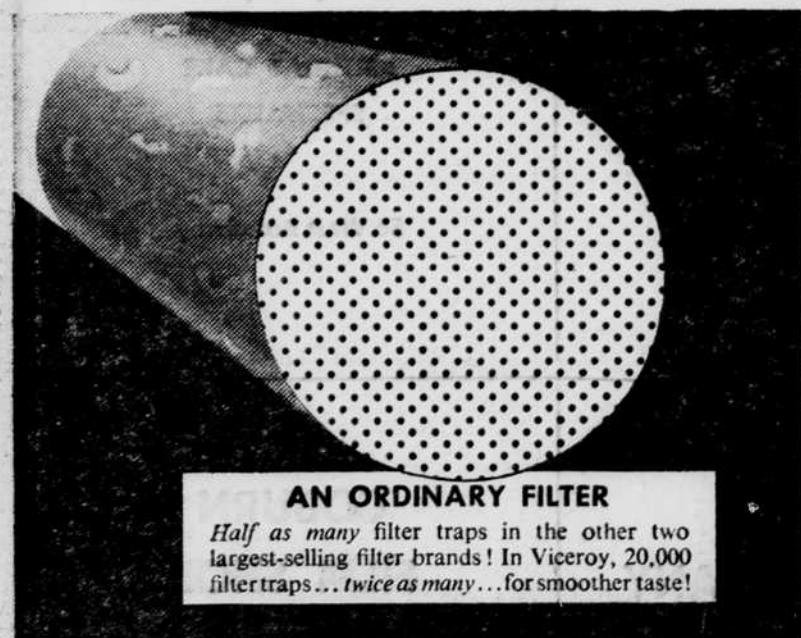
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