

Webfoots Test WSC, Idaho

Duck Star Needs Basket for Mark

The first basket forward Charlie Franklin scores against Washington State tonight will give him a new University of Oregon career scoring record, but it will take more than that to scare the Webfoot's two Pacific Coast Conference opponents in a two game series this weekend.

Following tonight's Cougar contest at Pullman, Steve Belko's Ducks move across the border to meet Idaho at Moscow Saturday night. Both opponents have plenty of competition in store for the rising crew from Eugene.



STEVE BELKO
Faces Two Big Games

Franklin needs only one point for a career scoring record against PCC competition to tie the school record of 565 set by Roger Wiley in 1947-49 season's.

The Webfoots expect to have an easier time tonight than Saturday night, but although the Cougars rest in the PCC cellar, they are capable of surprise. Forward Dick Axelsson and guard Jim Ross are the main concern of the UO cagers.

Axelsson is seventh in PCC scoring statistics with a 12.3 average while Ross has an 11 plus scoring average over the whole season route. Belko is concerned, also about WSC's height.

A special feature in tonight's game is the personal duel between two brothers, Dick Rask from Washington State and Chuck Rask from Oregon. Both play the guard position and both are from Portland.

Belko's cagers worked out Thursday afternoon in Pullman in preparation for the two night stand. His club returns to Eugene early Sunday.

Idaho is a high-scoring club and the big surprise in the PCC. The Vandals have won four of their first six conference clash-

es and have averaged 72.2 points per game in doing so.

If Oregon uses the same deliberate style of play they used in defeating Washington 57-53 last weekend, an interesting contrast could result.

Idaho's big weakness apparently lies in their defense; they've allowed the same six PCC foes 66 points per game, to rank last in that department.

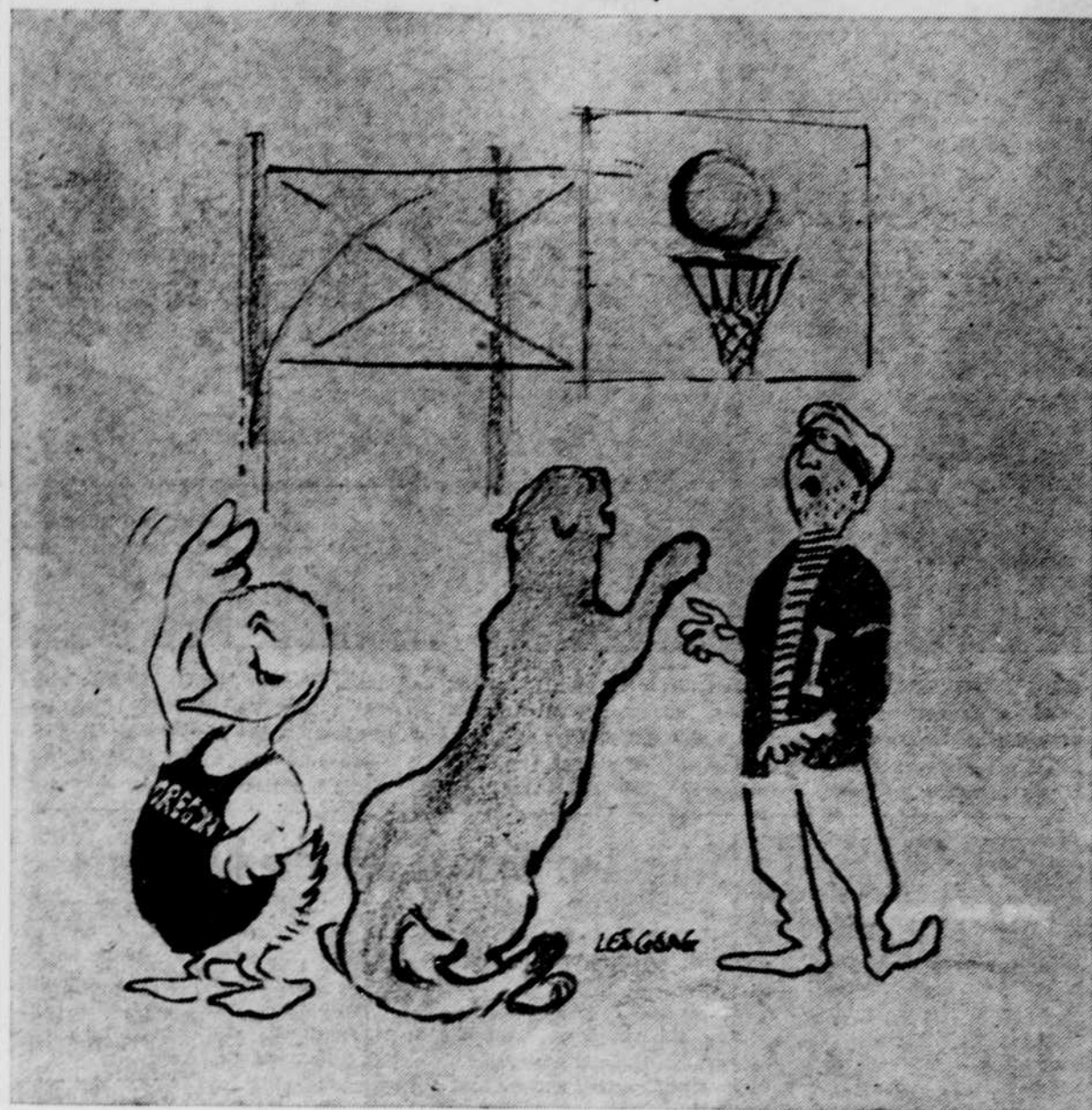
The Vandal offense is wrapped around the talents of guard Gary Simmons who leads the conference scoring race with a 22.7 average. The 5-11 senior was injured last year but he has shown no effects of the injury this season.

Belko is expected to go with the same starting lineup that has played most of the season with Franklin and Dale Herron at forwards, Hal Duffy at center, and Chuck Rask and Bud Kuykendall at guards. Two sophomores, forward Stu Robertson and newly-made guard Jerry Anderson should see plenty of action in reserve.

Both games are expected to be high scoring and here's why: Idaho, first in the PCC in scoring with a 72.2 point average; Oregon, sixth with a 57.8 average; and Washington State, seventh with a 56.5 average. Washington State, sixth in defense allowing an average of 64.2 points; Oregon, seventh in defense allowing 65.8; and Idaho last in defense allowing 66.

Oregon's average game score then is 58-66; Washington State's is 57-64; and Idaho's is 72-66. By this nonsensical method the final scores of the two games should read: WSC 62, Oregon 61; and Idaho 69, Oregon 62.

Don't count on either score. The best bet is to tune in the radio at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights to hear some top Pacific Coast Conference basketball.



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Franklin's record breaking two points tonight has special significance. Just a year ago against these same Cougars at Pullman the crafty 6-3 forward potted 36 points to break four University records.

Franklin also needs just 277 points in Oregon's remaining 12 contests to eclipse the all-time Oregon scoring record of 1073 set by Bob Hamilton in 1943-45.

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