

Idaho Gains In Hoop Race

PCC Standings			
	W	L	Pct.
UCLA	5	1	.833
California	5	1	.833
Idaho	5	2	.714
Oregon State	4	2	.667
Southern California	4	3	.571
Oregon	2	4	.333
Washington	2	6	.250
Stanford	1	4	.200
Washington State	1	5	.143

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California and UCLA remained in a two-way tie for the PCC lead this past weekend even though they were both inactive. Oregon State lost an opportunity to gain a tie with the two leaders by losing to Washington Saturday night at Seattle.

Conference action was very slight this weekend as only four games were played. Only Idaho emerged with a clean slate in the weekend battles.

Oregon traveled to the Inland Empire to face Washington State and Idaho. Coach Steve Belko's Ducks won their second conference victory in a row against WSC on Friday night by a 63-45 score.

Oregon was paced by sophomore forward Dale Herron who pumped 17 points through the net. Hal Duffy also was quite instrumental in Oregon's victory as he scored 13.

The losers were led by John Maras who scored 12 in a losing cause. Washington State's loss pushed the Cougars further into the PCC cellar. The Cougars' main trouble against Oregon was on free throw shooting. Coach Jack Friel's quintet hit only five charity tosses out of 23 attempts.

WSC scored four less field goals than the winning Ducks. Oregon had an excellent night in field goal accuracy by hitting .421 from the floor.

Oregon traveled to Idaho to face Harlan Hodge's surprising club on Saturday and fell victim to a high scoring Idaho team. Oregon hit a cold streak in the latter part of the first half and as a result trailed 46-36 at half-time. A second half rally brought the Ducks back from this ten point deficit to a 62-62 tie. With the score standing 72-70 in Idaho's favor, Oregon missed a shot and the Vandals moved out to a seven point lead and eventually won by a 81-76 count.

High individual scorer for the evening was Oregon's Charlie Franklin who potted 35 points. Franklin missed tying the Oregon individual game scoring record, which he set last year by one point. Frank-

lin, however, set a new University scoring record as he needed only two and scored 44.

Oregon guard Chuck Rask, who scored 11 against WSC, hit for 17 against the Vandals. Rask fouled out with about 7:20 left and this hurt the Ducks. Idaho's phenomenal guard Gary Simmons scored 25 points for the victors. It was the third straight game that Simmons has scored 25 points.

Idaho's victory moved the Vandals ahead of OSC and put them a half-game behind the league leaders. Idaho has a 5-2 record, while the leaders are tied with 5-1.

Oregon State fast-broke its way to an easy 81-58 victory over the Washington Huskies at Corvallis Friday night. Dave Gambee paced the Beaver attack with 20 points. Gambee's effort enabled him to set a new OSC scoring record.

Husky center Doug Smart against paced the Washington attack. Smart hit for 20, while his teammate Ron Stady scored 15.

The two teams travelled to Seattle on Saturday and OSC was hoping for a victory that would put them in a tie with Cal and UCLA. The Huskies were not to be denied, however, and upset OSC by a 45-42 count.

Smart was leading scorer with 21, while Dave Gambee led OSC with 11. OSC's loss dropped them to fourth place behind Idaho and a full game behind the conference leaders.

Washington is in seventh place in conference standings with a 2-6 record.

Conference action for the coming week finds OSC at Oregon and Stanford at Washington on Friday. Saturday action will pit Stanford against OSC on the Beavers home court. Oregon will play Stanford at Eugene on Monday.

Idaho Mentor Seeks Substitute

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Coach Harlan Hodge was noncommittal today about who will be moved up to a regular spot on the University of Idaho basketball team to replace the injured Harold Damiano.

Damiano, junior from Kellogg, suffered a broken right leg early Sunday in an auto accident here. Doctors said he will be sidelined for the season.

'We Were Capable'

Webfoot Coach Discusses Vandal, Cougar Contests

"We were capable of winning both games," Oregon basketball coach Steve Belko said Monday of his Webfoot hoopers, which split their Northern Series with Washington State and Idaho.

Oregon easily won its opening game at Pullman with the Cougars on Friday night, 63-45, but dropped a close 81-76 decision to Idaho at Moscow Saturday night.

"Of the two nights," Belko said, "during 80 minutes of play, we played good ball except for the last eight minutes of the first half against Idaho."

Those eight minutes sprinted the Vandals from a 21-21 tie to a 46-36 halftime lead.

"In those last eight minutes, Idaho shot as well as any team I've ever seen in many years," the likeable Webfoot coach added. "Of course we made defensive errors and our board play was poor during that period, but Idaho had a big, fast club."

Belko thought the Vandals hurt the Ducks on the boards. "We overplayed the boards," he said. "But that can happen any time. Sometimes the ball just bounces out further than you expect."

Against the Washington State cagers, Belko thought that the Webfoots "played a good defensive game."

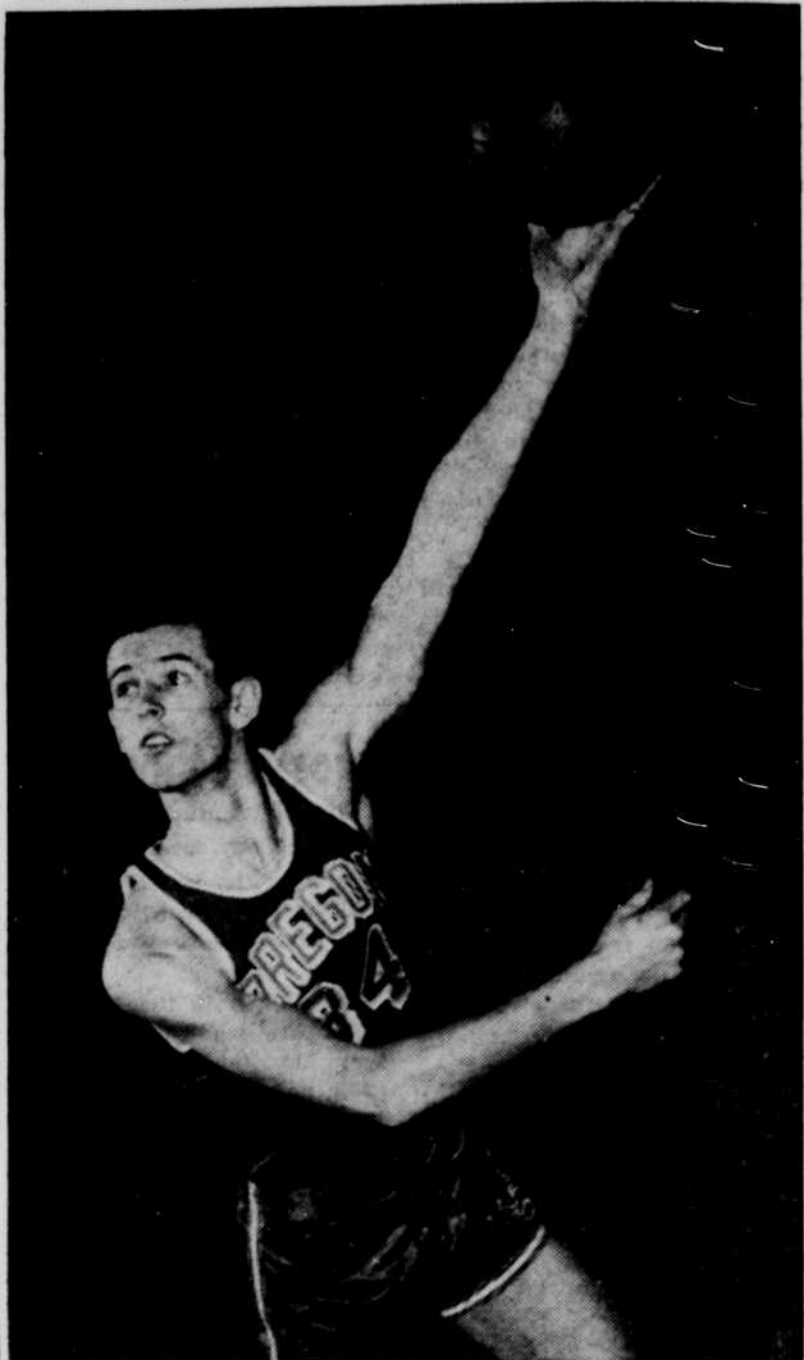
"We played one of our better games that day," he added. "Our defense had something to do with the poor shooting by Washington State." The Cougars hit only .260 per cent of their shots, while Oregon connected on .421.

Individually, Belko commended Rask and Franklin on their play against Idaho. "Franklin had a good offensive night against Idaho."

Belko said that Idaho's high-scoring guard Gary Simmons was an outstanding basketball player, but "Rask did a good job defending him." Rask missed about five minutes of the first half and later fouled out but held the Idaho star to about 17 points, mostly free throws, while he was in.

"It was a pretty good team effort against Washington State," Belko added. (center Hal) Duffy and (forward Dale) Herron looked good on the boards.

This Friday night the Ducks host a strong Oregon State squad. The Beavers, currently one of the leaders in the Pacific Coast Conference, will rely a good portion of their offensive punch



FORWARD DALE HERRON was praised by Duck coach Steve Belko for his board play in weekend series against Washington State and Idaho. Herron scored 27 points in the two games as he led Webfoot scorers against WSC with 17 and hit for 19 against Idaho.

on their star forward Dave Gambee.

OSC has already defeated Oregon in pre-conference play 60-55, but both clubs have come a long way since then.

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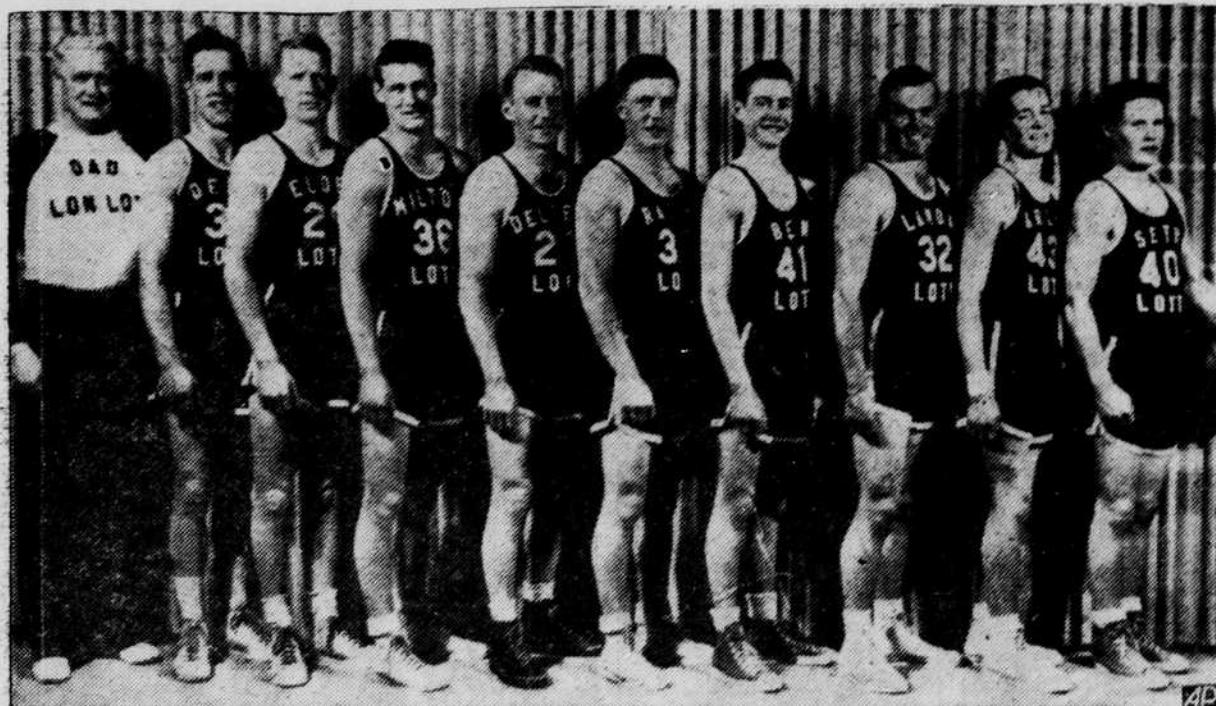
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COACH LON LOTT and his nine sons make up this basketball team, which entered an independent tournament being played at Terreton, Idaho. Each player has his name and year of birth written on his jersey. From left to right are Coach Lon, DeMar, Elden, Milton, Delbert, Ralph, Ben, LaMont, Arlo and Seth. Each of the nine has played varsity ball for high schools at Rexburg, Idaho.