

Duck Five Faces 'Toughies'

Beavers, Vandals Opposing Hoopers

The Webfoots of Oregon face one of their toughest basketball weekends tonight and Saturday night when they tackle two Pacific Coast Conference "toughies" in Oregon State and Idaho.

The Ducks move to Corvallis and Gill Coliseum tonight for the third game in their annual "civil war" series against the Beavers; then return to McArthur Court Saturday night for a rematch against Idaho. Both games will start at 8:00 p.m.

Steve Belko's hoopers haven't been able to top either club yet, losing a pair to OSC 60-55 and a single clash to Idaho, 81-62 and a single clash to Idaho, 81-76. Furthermore, the Vandals rank third in PCC standings with a 5-2 record and the Beavers are only one notch behind with a 5-3 mark.

But Oregon has been improving with each outing—their latest conquest a 61-49 triumph over Stanford which had previously chalked up victories over San Francisco's Dons and OSC.

Belko plans some offensive and defensive changes for the Beaver tilt.

"When you play a good defensive game, the offense just naturally follows," he said Thursday prior to the Ducks final practice session of the week. "Our outside shooting must improve and we've got to contain their defense."

Belko has special concern for stopping OSC's forward Dave Gambee and alternating forward-guard Ken Nanson. The pair currently rank among the top ten PCC scorers. Guard Jim Anderson also worries the personable Webfoot mentor. "Anderson always looks good against us," he said Thursday.

Oregon State will be minus the services of driving guard Lee Harman, a vital cog in earlier Beaver wins.

Harman suffered a partial shoulder separation in the last Oregon game and is out of action anywhere from two to three weeks. Coach Slat Gill had planned to give sophomore Bruce Patterson a shot at the job, but Patterson has a case of mononucleosis and is out of action indefinitely.

So, Gill will probably throw both of his centers in the starting

lineup at the same time. That would find Gary Goble and Gambee at forwards, Wayne Moss at center, and Anderson and Nanson at guards.

Oregon's hoopers have also been riddled by injuries. Regular guard Bud Kuykendall is a doubtful starter because of a back injury suffered in drills this week. Guard Wimp Hastings like OSC's Harman was injured in last week's OSC-Oregon contest.

That leaves Belko with the probable starting lineup of Chuck Rask and Jerry Anderson at guards, Hal Duffy at center and Charlie Franklin and Stu Robertson at forwards. Robertson won the probable starting post over forward Dale Herron following his sparkling play in last weekend's games against OSC and Stanford.

Against Idaho Saturday night, Belko will be attempting to defend the Vandals' high-scoring combination of Whaylon Coleman and Gary Simmons.

Coleman currently has a PCC scoring average of 12 points a game, while Simmons, sparkplug of the surprising Idaho squad this year, boasts a conference-leading average of 23 points per game.

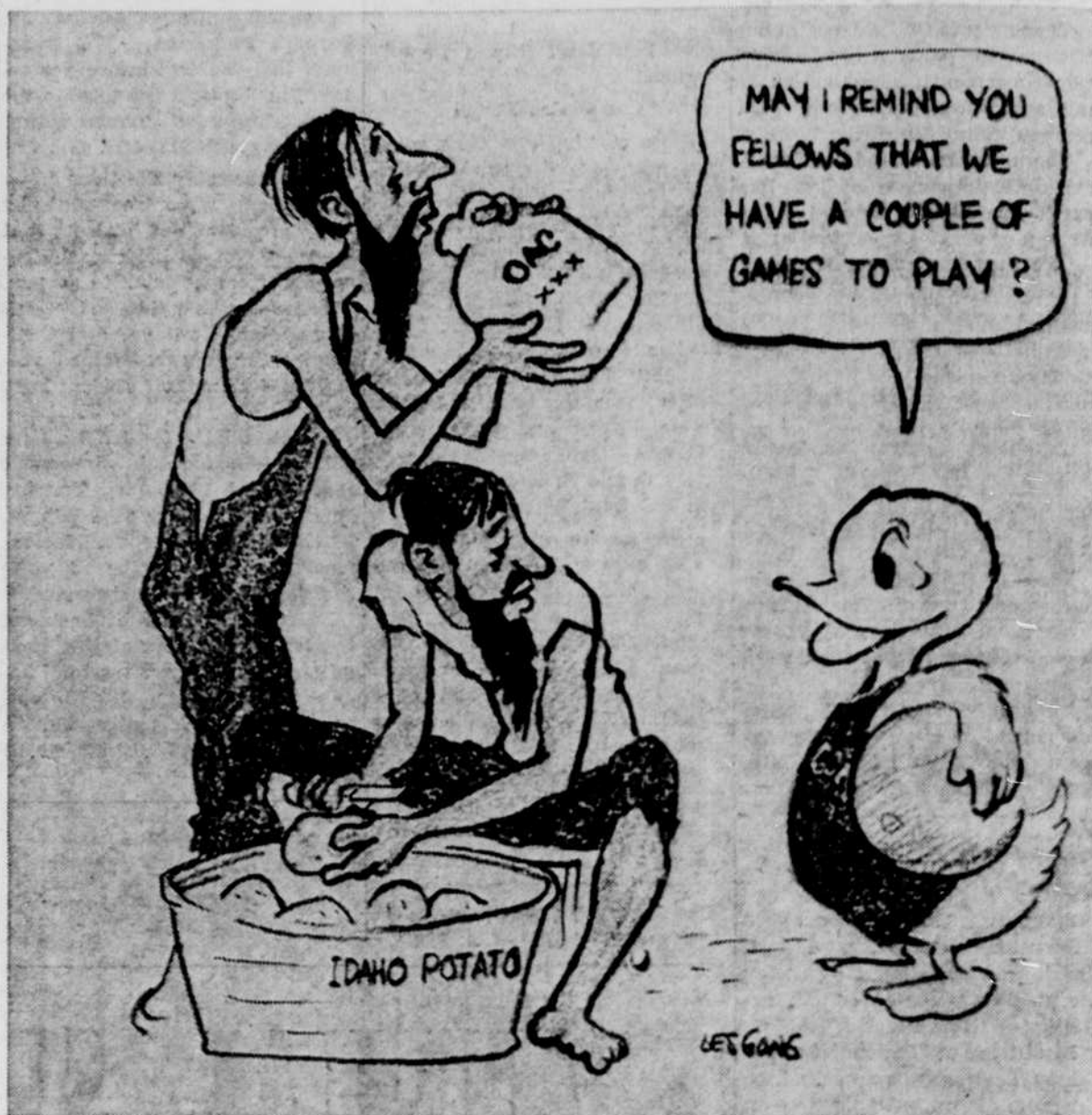
"They've got a fine offense and good shooting," Belko said Thursday. "And they're extremely good on the offensive boards." The UO coach will try to counter Idaho's "balance size" with board play by Duffy, Franklin and Robertson.

Admission Tickets On Sale at OSC

Oregon rooters desiring to purchase general admission tickets for tonight's Oregon-Oregon State game at Corvallis should go to gate one of Gill Coliseum.

The price for students with athletic or student body cards is \$1.00; for adults, \$1.50, and for high school students or under, \$.50.

The Oregon band and rally squad should enter at gate one.



Frosh Cagers Journey To OSC for Rook Tilt

One team must win and one must lose when Oregon's Frosh cagers (8-2) and Oregon State College's Rooks lock horns in battle at 6:00 tonight in Corvallis, and, victory or defeat, the outcome of the arch-rival contest will alter the two five's positions in their current "little civil war" series.

Ducklings and Rooks each sport identical 1-1 records through the first two tilts of the four-game get-together. The Rooks took the initial contest in Corvallis by a 58-56 count as California-bred forward Steve Flynn iced a pair of charity tosses after the final buzzer.

The second meeting saw the Ducklings slap the Rooks with a sound 59-48 paddling on the McArthur Court hardwoods.

And tonight the scene of battle returns to massive Gill Coliseum, with the tie-breaking lead in the bitter series riding on the final outcome.

The "witch's curse" that reigned over the last two contests hovered over the free throw department. The spell entwined the Frosh in the first contest—their inaccuracy at the gift line cost them an easy victory, and then hit the Rooks in the second meeting, although the Aggies had an equally rough night from the field.

OSC has the home-court ad-

vantage, which supposedly inspires the northern farm students to greater heights of victory.

Needless to say, the Ducklings are out to stuff Gill Coliseum floorboards down Rook throats, and Don Kirsch's charges have worked diligently all week for tonight's meeting.

A Frosh win tonight would make it two straight over the Rooks, and the Ducklings would like nothing better, except perhaps three in a line, which is far from impossible.

The Ducklings chalked up a 71-67 decision over Hennen & Vos' local AAU quintet Monday night. It was not the Duckling's best game of the season by a long shot, but guard Sheldon Berg and forward Murray Newton, looked sharp in pacing the victory.

The Ducklings' tentative starting five includes Leon Hayes and Butch Kimpton at guards, Pudgy Hunt at center, and Denny Strickland and Murray Newton or Tim Hindman at forwards.

Kimpton, 6-1 lapup and set shot artist from Klamath Falls, presently leads Frosh pointmakers with a 13.5 points-per-game average. Hayes is netting an average of nine markers a game, while Hunt, Strickland, Newton, and Hindman have been consistent scorers and the Ducklings' top rebounders.

OSC coach Paul Valenti will probably have his usual starting five on the floor at the opening jump. Roger Johnson and Mike Carson will probably be starting guards, 6-9 Karl Anderson, the pivot man, and lanky Steve Flynn and Ernie Johnson, the forwards.

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