

Ducks Falter Twice In Weekend Contests

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The University of Oregon Ducks lost their dominating position in the race to the regionals as they fell twice on their own floor, once to the Vandals from Idaho and then to Washington State University. These losses dropped them one-half game behind the pace-setting Oregon State Beavers.

The Beavers took the lead from the faltering Ducks by scoring narrow victories over the same two squads that proved so rough for the Webfoots.

IDAHO, coming into McArthur Court with a lowly 5-13 record, seemed to have little trouble in ending the Oregon win streak at seven games by downing the ragged Oregon cagers to the tune of 61 to 57 on Friday.

Saturday night the Cougars from WSU took over where the Vandals left off and roared to a 77 to 73 victory over the Ducks, having complete control of the situation throughout most of the game.

Oregon vs. Idaho

A little common sense will tell you that you can't win ball games unless you get the ball, and Coach Steve Belko's hoopsters found out just how true this is as they allowed Idaho's Vandals almost complete control of the

backboards in dropping a four-point decision Friday night.

In the first half the spirited visitors cleared the boards 32 times, while the Ducks managed to pull down only 14. But in the closing period things evened out a little more and the contest ended with the final rebound count standing at 53-35.

THE 4423 avid Oregon supporters, who weathered the wind and rain to take in the battle, found out all too soon that Joe Cipriano's boys weren't about to be defeated by their opponents' press clippings. After six minutes of action Idaho, mainly through the efforts of Chuck White and Dale James, a sharpshooting Pendletonian, had built up a startling 15-2 lead over the rattled Webfoots.

James awed the fans with his deadliness as he shouldered most of the Vandals' early offensive duty with soft jump shots from the head of the key.

But, as if to make up for Idaho's unerring ability from the field, fate had the Ducks just as cold as their rivals were hot. And as the rebounding statistics show, if the home forces missed their first shot, they just didn't get another one.

AFTER THIS faltering start, however, the tide began to turn in favor of the Oregon squad and the boys came stomping back to narrow the gap to 21-18 toward

the latter stages of the half. But then, still lacking that extra "something" they displayed against OSC last weekend, the Ducks committed a barrage of costly errors, and by halftime the eager invaders from the east had widened their margin to 30-22.

On the prompting of the public address announcer, the Oregon rooting section sent their cage representatives a rousing welcome as they appeared on the floor for the second half, and this wild enthusiasm continued as the two quintets lined up for the second half tip-off.

And with the start of action, it looked like they were out to make sure they didn't let their noisy rooters down. Bill Simmons, Glenn Moore, and Denny Strickland contributed fielders as the Ducks came out to knot the score at 32-all with less than three minutes gone by.

AFTER A SHORT scoring standoff, the Webfoots continued their blazing attack, and with eight minutes to go, they had their biggest lead of the encounter, 46-36. But at this point Chuck White again moved into the picture and helped his teammates come roaring back to tie the score at 52-52. And how long did it take for the Vandals to close this ten point gap? A little over a minute!

At the five minute mark White dropped in a layup to give Idaho the lead, and from then on they were never behind. The Ducks fought gamely for the rest of the contest, but nothing seemed to go right for them. As they tried desperately to break up the Idaho stall, they were forced time and again to foul, and then had to watch helplessly as one of their deadeye opponents dumped in the free throws.

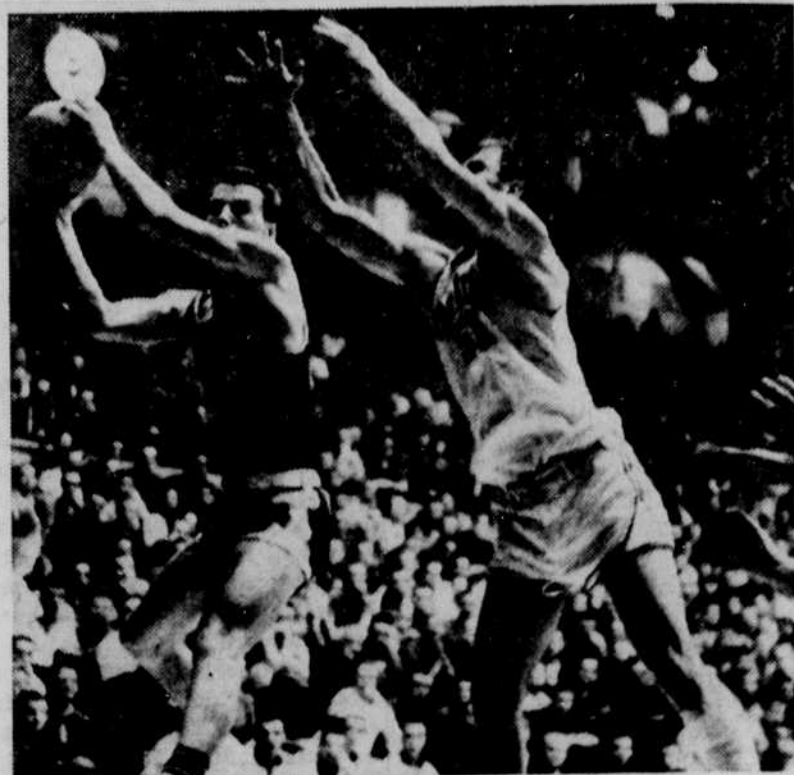
White led the point parade in the contest with 21 counters, all of which seemed to Oregon fans to come at the most crucial moments. Warren had 20 for the Ducks.

Oregon vs. WSU

Some 6,055 fans, many of them visiting Dads on campus for the annual Dad's Weekend, watched the slipping Ducks complete their weed-end downfall by taking a beating from the WSU Cougars.

From the beginning to the end the Ducks were not impressive in any respect, just the opposite of what they were just a week ago when they knocked off the OSC Beavers twice.

CHARLIE WARREN, the man who has saved the Webfoots time and again from the flames of defeat, piled up 25 points, but at the same time missed shots he normally has no trouble with.



WHITE OVER WARREN—Idaho's Chuck White leaps in front of Webfoot Charlie Warren to grab a rebound. The Vandals' control of the boards enabled them to beat Oregon, 61-57.

The Oregon quint was not even in the game for more than half of it and Oregon fans will have to admit the contest was not as close as the score 77-73 would indicate.

Three Cougars, Charlie Sells, Terry Ball, and Nick August, proved to be the executioners for the Webfoots as they compiled 48 points in their combined efforts.

BALL TOOK scoring honors for the victors with 21 points, most of them coming from the

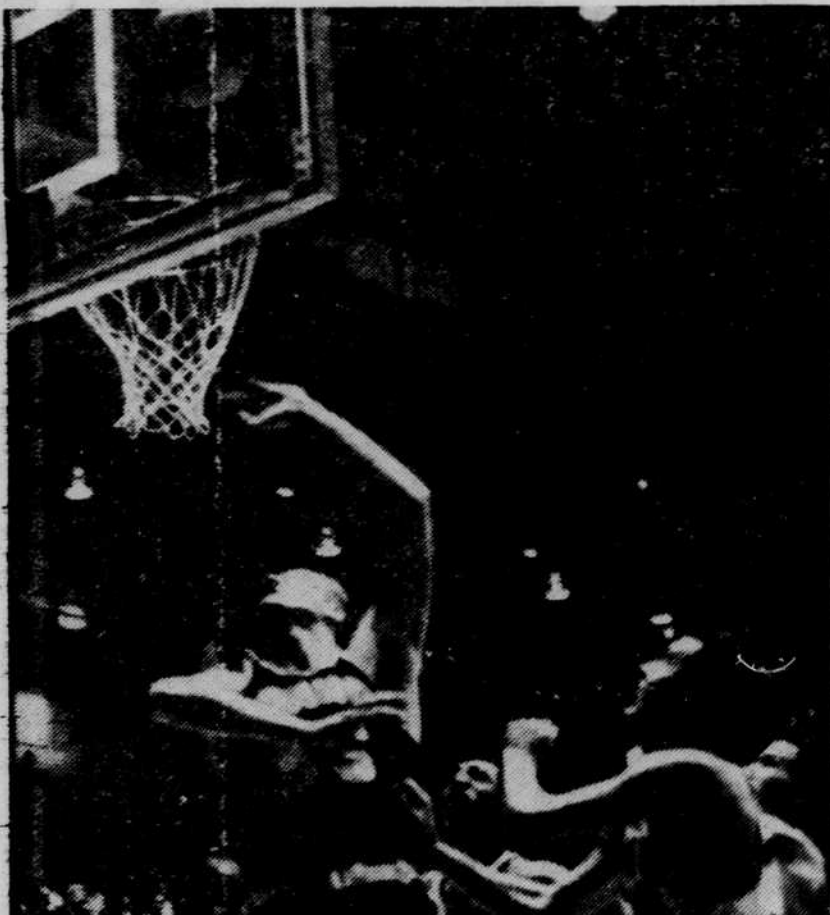
charity line where he hit 11 of 12 tries. And unfortunately for the Ducks, many of them came in the closing minutes of the contest when the Oregon athletes were trying one last desperate drive to victory.

The game was a see-saw battle for the first 16 minutes with each team taking the lead again and again. Then, with 4:34 showing on the clock in the first half, the spirited WSU squad started a

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Team Statistics

IDAHO 61					OREGON 57				
	fg	ft	pf	tp		fg	ft	pf	tp
White	9	3	4	21	Warren	7	6	4	20
Carolan	2	3	3	7	Simmons	6	1	2	13
Maren	1	3	5	5	Moore	1	2	3	4
James	6	6	4	18	Strickland	5	1	5	11
Gwilliam	1	2	1	4	Hayes	2	5	5	9
Parks	2	2	1	6	Kimpton	0	0	1	0
WASH. STATE 77					OREGON 73				
	fg	ft	pf	tp		fg	ft	pf	tp
August	5	3	1	13	Kimpton	0	0	1	0
Ball	5	11	2	21	Hayes	3	0	4	6
Woods	1	1	0	3	Strickland	3	7	5	13
Carlson	0	1	0	1	Simmons	3	1	2	7
Sells	7	0	4	14	Warren	9	7	5	25
Damon	2	6	5	10	Moore	8	6	3	22
McKenzie	0	4	1	4	Knecht	0	0	2	0
Dirom	2	0	5	4	Mack	0	0	0	0
Lemery	3	1	1	7					



HOOK SHOT—Reg Carolan, Idaho's 6-6 forward, tries a left-handed hook in front of Oregon's Glenn Moore and Denny Strickland. The fine all-around play of the rugged Carolan helped Idaho defeat the Ducks, 61-57, Friday night at McArthur Court.

UO Swimmers Edge WSU, Arden Hills

The University of Oregon swimmers scored two dual meet victories Friday, downing Washington State and Arden Hills Swimming Club of Sacramento, California.

The Oregon-WSU meet was close all the way with the Webfoots coming through in the 400-yard freestyle relay—the final event of the day—to edge the Cougars 50-45. Oregon defeated Arden Hills by 58-34.

Oregon edged WSU despite fine performances by Gary and Del Chase of the Cougars. Gary Chase won two events, the 220 individual medley and the 200 backstroke and his brother Del picked up a win in the 440 freestyle, edging out Dick Moody of Oregon.

Dave Boyd, probably Oregon's outstanding swimmer, turned in another impressive performance. Boyd won the 100 and 200 freestyle sprints and also was a member of Oregon's winning relay team.

Oregon's Rick Friberg took diving honors with a total score of 255.05 points.

In the Oregon-WSU meet, the Ducks broke three meet records and one varsity record while the Cougars bettered five meet and two pool records.

When the Webfoots and Arden Hills met, six meet records were broken along with one pool record as Boyd again was a double-winner in record-breaking time in both of his races.

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