

Duck Tracks

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What a weekend for Oregon basketball! We've seen a few two-night stands before but we've never had the misfortune of seeing anything quite like this past basketball series with the Idaho Vandals. Friday night's game left us a little limp from the excitement and Saturday night's game left us a little limp from the horrendous play of the Webfoots. Several facets of the series need mentioning.

Gus Johnson

To everyone who saw both games, or either one of them, there was one outstanding feature. That feature was the utter brilliance of Idaho's Gus Johnson. A finer basketball player has never entered McArthur Court. We've been fortunate enough to see the likes of Oscar Robertson, Jerry Lucas and Elgin Baylor. Gus Johnson is as fine an athlete, if not better, than any of the three.

Gus Johnson can jump higher than anyone we've ever seen on a basketball court. He was also probably the fastest man on either team this weekend. Were it not for Glenn Moore, Johnson would have looked almost super-human with all the moves he made. Moore, who is a fine center in his own right, managed to slow down Johnson just enough to give the Ducks a chance of winning. Without Moore there would have been no chance.

It Was Sad

Moore gave his cohorts the chance to win but they wouldn't take it. In the first game, once they got rolling, the Ducks played some fine basketball. They quit playing such fine basketball in the overtime and let the Vandals steal the game away from them. Friday night's overtime saw the Ducks missing free throws and lay-ins as fast as they were able to shoot them, which was quite often.

Saturday night was another night completely. The Webfoots started out playing poorly and didn't do any better for the rest of the game. Jerry Anderson had to be taken out after the first five minutes of the contest because of his lethargic playing. Four times in a row the Ducks brought the ball down the court only to see it stolen by one of the Vandals before they could get a shot off.

Steve Belko

Coach Steve Belko probably was sitting on the sidelines Saturday evening wishing that he could put on his old basketball uniform and get out there himself. Anything to release himself from the tension of watching his team play such sloppy basketball.

Belko is having to fight through one of Athletic Director Leo Harris' patented schedules that are guaranteed to give a coach grey hair and ulcers. Football Coach Len Casanova can vouch for that after the past grid campaign.

Belko must take his team up against five of the top six basketball teams on the Coast. Only UCLA of the best Coast schools is not included on the Oregon schedule. The Ducks have 15 of their 26 games against Idaho, California, Stanford, Seattle and Oregon State. Not an easy schedule in any sense of the word.

The Future

We think that this is going to be a better season for the Ducks than it looks now. The potential is there and it is only the lack of experience that is keeping it hidden.

As of right now, an old saying can be twisted and applied to the Ducks. "As Gleason goes, so goes Oregon." To a member of the Monday Morning Quarterbacks Club, it looks as if the main cog in Steve Belko's machine is a fifth man to take some of the pressure away from the other four starters.

Gleason has to be that cog. He is the best all-around performer among the guards other than Steve Jones. However, thus far this season he has been much too inconsistent to help. With his improvement will come some victories and, we think, some upsets that will shock a few Oregon opponents.

Gus Johnson and Vandals Sweep Series from Oregon

The Idaho Vandals and their 6-6 center Gus Johnson took two victories from the Oregon Ducks in McArthur Court this weekend. Johnson scored 36 points in the two encounters along with blocking shots, setting up plays, and carrying out every other conceivable basketball maneuver.

The vaunted Vandals came from behind in the last thirty seconds on four free throws by Chuck Kozak to slip by Oregon's Webfoots 62-61 in over-time Friday night in McArthur Court before 3,388 fans.

The Vandals, riding high at the top of the Northwest Independents, started fast jumping to a quick six-point lead before the Ducks could tally any counters.

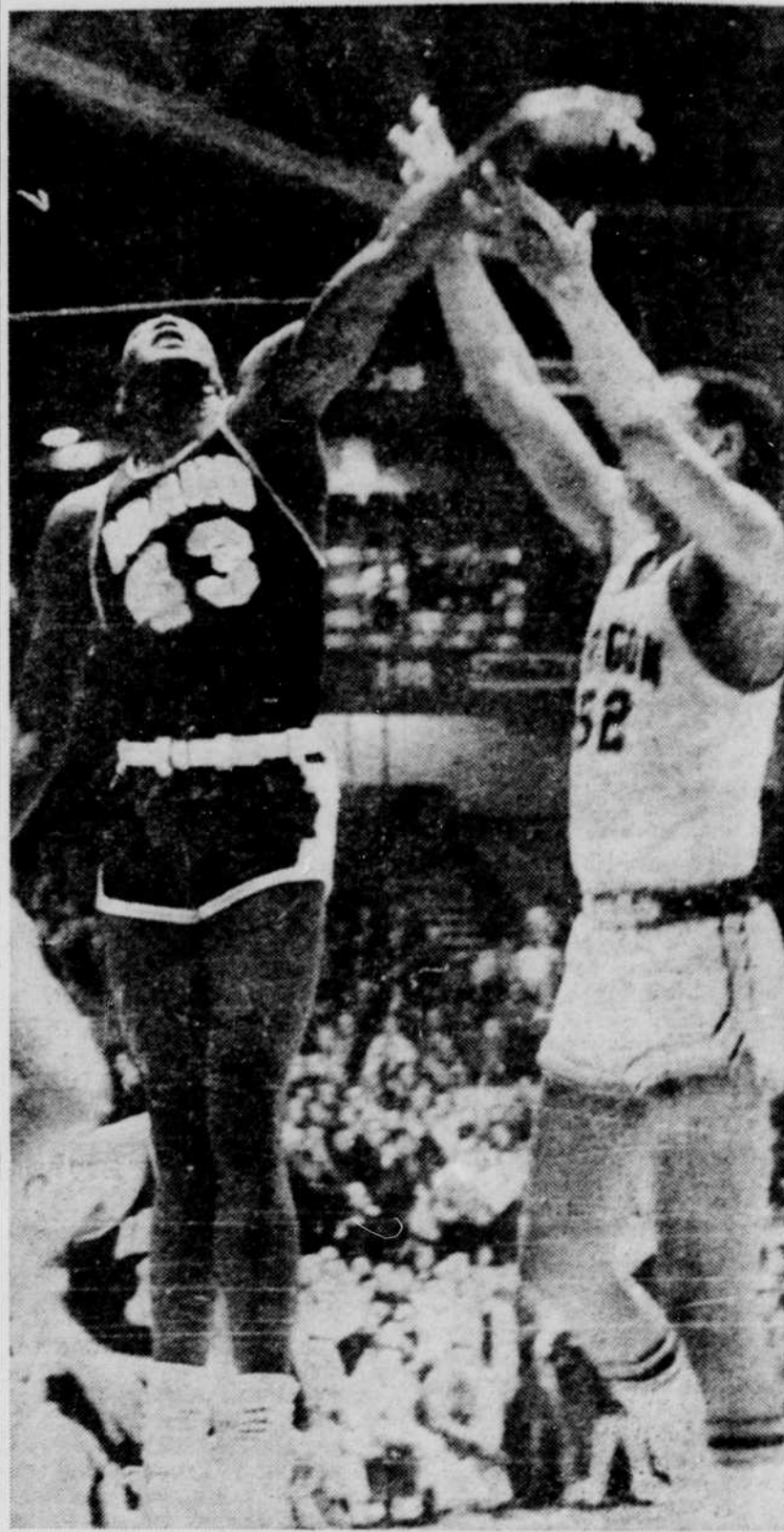
With about two minutes left in the half the Vandals began to build up a small margin. The Idaho five tallied three points on free throws and then Johnson stuffed in a rebound to give the Vandals a 25-19 lead. With 13 seconds left in the half Steve Jones closed the margin to five points with a free throw.

The Webfoots opened strong in the second half as they erased the Vandals' slip halftime lead and went out in front 32-27. Idaho come right back with a fine team effort, giving the crowd a good display of a balanced attack with all five hitting at least one counter. The best opportunity for a Webfoot upset was born in the last four seconds of regulation play. With the score knotted at 52-52, Glenn Moore was fouled by Chuck White in the act of shooting and was awarded two free throws. The crowd was silent as the Webfoot captain stepped to the free throw line. Moore took quick aim and fired, but both shots bounced off the front rim and the game went into over-time.

The Ducks' hopes came alive again just after the over-time period started. Johnson fouled out and the Webfoots built up a five point lead. The Vandals were not to be denied a victory though as they fought back to a 60-59 lead. Chuck Kozak, Johnson's replacement, stepped in to put the game on ice with his third and fourth free throws of the overtime period.

Oregon closed the gap to one point with one second left to play. The Vandals gave the Ducks a free basket as they stood by and watched to avoid the three-point play.

Saturday night the two teams played again.



THE BIG INDIVIDUAL battle in the Idaho game took place between Idaho's Gus Johnson and Oregon's Glenn Moore. Pictured above is some of the action of this duel. Johnson (13) is futilely trying to block one of Moore's (52) shots. The shot took place with just five seconds to go in the game with the score tied 52-52. The shot was off but Moore was fouled on the play. However, he missed both free throws.

Emerald photo by Dave Sands

Statistics

Friday

Idaho (62)	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
Whitfield	4	0	6	3	8
White	3	9	13	3	15
G. Johnson	10	0	19	5	20
Porter	3	2	1	3	8
Parks	3	1	4	3	7
Kozak	0	4	1	1	4
Mattis	0	0	0	3	0
Moreland	0	0	1	0	0

TOTALS 23 16 57* 21 62
* Includes 13 team rebounds

Oregon (61)	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
J. Johnson	4	5	10	5	13
Anderson	3	1	10	3	7
Moore	6	5	12	2	17
Gleason	3	1	7	3	7
Mack	1	0	3	2	2
Yates	0	0	1	0	0

TOTALS 23 15 58* 19 61
* Includes nine team rebounds

Saturday

Idaho (81)	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
White	7	5	6	2	19
Whitfield	6	1	5	1	13
Johnson	7	2	17	2	16
Parks	2	0	2	3	4
Porter	7	3	4	1	17
Kozak	0	0	0	3	0
Levias	1	0	0	0	2
Moreland	2	0	1	1	4
Sowar	0	1	1	0	1
Mattis	1	0	0	0	2
Crowell	0	2	0	0	2
Henson	0	1	0	0	1

TOTALS 33 15 49* 13 81
* Includes 13 team rebounds

Oregon (58)	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
Anderson	2-9	3-5	8	2	7
Johnson	7-14	3-5	8	5	17
Moore	4-12	0-0	7	2	8
Gleason	0-3	0-0	1	2	0
Jones	8-12	2-4	3	0	18
Mack	1-5	1-2	4	0	3
Cooley	0-2	0-0	1	1	0
Hanson	1-1	0-1	0	0	1
Yates	1-5	1-1	2	2	3
Loy	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Nosler	0-0	0-0	0	2	0

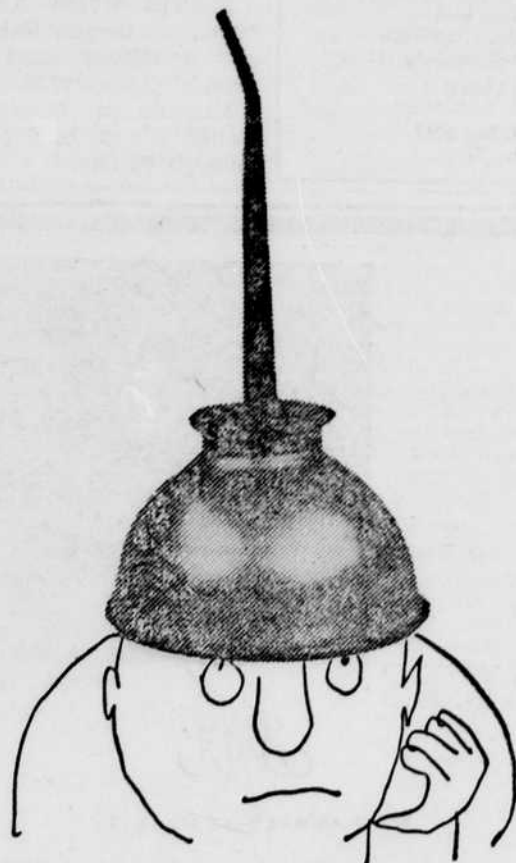
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Idaho	34	47-81
Oregon	20	38-58

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