

Oregon Optimistic With Barnett Back

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Sports Writer

Remarkable thing about Oregon basketball fans . . . Most of them knew from the beginning that "as Jim Barnett goes, so go the Ducks."

Jim Barnett, as the captain and acknowledged leader of his team, is an all-coast forward, outstanding on defense, and in addition to being a "team" player, currently ranks ninth among all-time Oregon scorers, and seems destined to rise much higher, perhaps to No. 1.

Obviously, there is reason for the fans' awareness—an awareness which, by the end of the season, could make for full-scale enthusiasm around the sporting neighborhood of Duckville. If there ever were any disbelievers, they were converted when they saw their Jim Barnett-less Ducks lose three straight and finish last in Portland's recent Far West Classic.

So it is only natural for Oregon followers to believe that their team's chances against UCLA and Southern Cal this weekend depend on how the senior will play—which, translated, means how his fingers hold up.

"Down" Attitude

Looking at all aspects of the question, it appears that the fans are right.

But they aren't—at least, not according to Jim Barnett.

Jim blames the Ducks' dismal showing in the classic almost entirely on the "down" mental attitude of the players.

And it is their "up" attitude now which makes him so optimistic about his team's chances against the UCLA Bruins, a team gunning for an unprecedented third straight NCAA title.

"During the classic," he says, "they (the Ducks) stood around like flagpoles—really. They gave away baskets, weren't alert, looked tired. I don't know what happened."

This week, he thinks, will be a different story. "We've been looking sharp in practices (Jim has been participating in them full time since Wednesday) and you

can bet that we'll be ready."

The team morale? "It's great. Couldn't be higher. We have an awful lot of confidence."

"Different Team"

Barnett points to one other factor in Oregon's favor. "UCLA is not the team that it was last year. Even now that Freddie Goss is in the lineup, he'll never replace Gail Goodrich. In addition, Oregon is tremendously improved. After we beat Denver (the Ducks outscored the "good" Pioneers, 45-22 in the second half), Steve (Belko) said that this team could develop into the best that he's had here."

What does this mean? Consider that the Ducks were trailing UCLA by only 53-52 late in the fourth quarter, later to lose by 11 (after Barnett fouled out) the last time they met. Then consider an upset.

But he is quick to point out that the Ducks will not be the only team poised to knock off the Bruins. "Stanford, Washington State and especially Southern Cal will make this a five team race." The Far West Classic champion Oregon State Beavers he believes "will fall flat on their faces."

"One thing for sure. No team will get through this thing (the PAC race) unbeaten as UCLA did last year."

Condition Is Problem

If there is anything that worries Jim, it is his physical condition. "After a week's layoff, it's kind of hard to prepare yourself for a whole game," he says. Actually, if I spend any amount of time on the bench, that will probably be the reason."

His injured hand? "It feels fine. It won't keep me out."

He hopes that his being benched briefly would not make too much difference anyway, since Oregon does not build its offense around him. If it did, he says, the team would have a much rougher time with the Bruins. UCLA has a habit of clobbering teams that depend on one man, no matter how great he is.

Putting the PAC race aside, his big ambition is to make it as a pro, and it is the professional scouts—such as the ones from Cincinnati who have already contacted him—that he is most anxious to impress. "They are the ones in the best position to really know a player."

Some impressions must already have been made because a committee of professional scouts writing in the last issue of Sport magazine placed him on the third team of their all-America squad.

Ironically, however, the possibilities of being selected by the press services as an all-American means little to him. He has some qualms about the way the teams are selected. "If Oregon beats UCLA, then I'll be all-coast, and if we should take nationals, then I'll be an all-American. What does that prove?"

"A lot of the time, a writer never sees the person he votes for." Maybe so. But the fans can see a lot of him and the opposition most certainly will. Right now, that is the important thing.

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Weekend Religious Activity

By MARY ANN WAKASUGI
Religious News Editor

First Baptist

"The Restless Ones," the latest Billy Graham movie, will be shown January 29 at Sheldon High. The COS college has planned a party to follow the movie.

This Sunday at 9:45 a.m. will be the regular meeting time for the COS class. Duncan Ferguson, minister of youth, will be the speaker. Rides to the class will leave the following points at 9:15 a.m.: Ann Judson House, Sigma Kappa, Hendricks Hall, Hale Kane, Douglass, Carson and Bean turnarounds, and Cloran.

Channing Club

Channing, a student religious liberal organization, will meet at 8 p.m. Sunday in the Student Union. Election of officers is on the agenda. All interested students are invited.

Christian House

Christian House presents a "Last Lecture" series, beginning at 8:30 p.m. this Sunday. The first lecture will be delivered by Charles Pyron of the business administration department.

Discussion group will continue to meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Grace Lutheran

Sunday evening, James Klonoski, professor of political science, will discuss "Viet Nam: Escalation to . . . ?" The meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the student lounge of the church.

Newman Center

Newman student center, 1850 Emerald, will celebrate First Friday mass at 8 a.m., noon, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. today. Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. Saturday.

University to Hold Institute in Math

The University will offer an Academic Year Institute in Mathematics, with a related summer program, for teachers of high school mathematics. The Institute will be supported by the National Science Foundation.

Applications for admission must be submitted to program director Andrew F. Moursund, head of the department of mathematics, by January 20.

Associate program director will be Eugene A. Maier, associate professor of mathematics.

The institute will prepare participants to teach the advanced college preparatory and advanced placement high school mathematics courses, and to teach the extension and in-service mathematics courses for secondary school and grade school teachers offered by many school districts.

Campus Briefs

Announcements for Campus Briefs must be turned in by 3:30 p.m. the day before publication. Because of space limitations, no announcements will be run more than twice.

"The World of Susie Wong" will be shown by the SU Movie Committee at 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the SU Ballroom. Admission is 50 cents.

Orides is holding an open meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the Orides lounge on the first floor of Gerlinger Hall. All interested co-eds are invited to attend.

There will be a Publicity Committee meeting January 9 at 9 p.m. in room 308 of the Student Union. Members who can not attend should call Gayle Hofflich at ext. 1757 before Sunday.

followed by a work party at 9. Choir practice will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday masses are celebrated at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., and 6 p.m.

The Sunday evening program will be at 7 p.m. Pasquale DiPasquale, assistant professor of English will tell some of his experiences as a lay volunteer in Tanzania for three years. Refreshments will be served.

Temple Beth Israel

The second speaker of the Festival of Jewish Arts and Culture, Rabbi Joseph Gumbiner, will speak on January 18. Gumbiner is the director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of California at Berkeley. An author and lecturer, Gumbiner is active in the civil rights movement. He will speak on "The Philosophy of Martin Buber."

Tickets for the Festival are available at Kaufman Bros. on campus.

Wesley Foundation

Wes-Weds, a married student group, will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight for a potluck dinner at Wesley Foundation, 1236 Kincaid. Discussion will be "THE Issue in 1966 — Viet Nam" led by Bob Kingsbury. A nursery will be provided at the First Methodist Church.

"Dialogue" will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Rides to church leave at 10:40. "Getting Acquainted — with Jazz" is the theme for Sunday evening at 6 p.m. Christy Wyckoff will present the program and worship. This will be an informal evening which includes games, readings, worship, conversation, and refreshments.

"Called to Be Human," a seminar, will begin Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Harvey Cox's book "Secular City" will be the text. Campus Chapel will be a communion service Wednesday at 9:30 p.m., led by Steve Wurster.

1st Assembly of God

1330 Madison M. W. McLees, Pastor
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School
Attend Chi Alpha College Class — Les Binkley
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11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship
Pastor McLees, Speaker
3:00 p.m. — Pastor's Study
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7:00 p.m. — Revivaltime

Grace Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)
17th and Hilyard Street 344-2361
Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Bible Class for Students: 9:45 a.m.
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1185 Willamette 345-8764
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Next to the Co-op Bookstore
Robert Kingsbury, University Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar
10:40 a.m. Rides to Church
1236 Kincaid
5:15 p.m. Supper
6:00 p.m. Wesley Forum

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3350 Willamette Street
Sunday School—All Ages—9:45 a.m.
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Broadway at High 9:45 C.O.S. Class
11 a.m. Morning Service
"Archaeology and the Bible"
Dr. Vance H. Webster
7 p.m. Evening Service
"Can Human Nature Be Changed?"
Pastor
345-0341 1332 Kincaid 8:30 College Hour

Sports Slate

Friday

Oregon vs. USC, varsity basketball, 8:30 p.m. at Los Angeles.

Oregon vs. Western Washington, varsity wrestling, 4 p.m. at McArthur Court.

Oregon vs. Stanford, varsity swimming, 7:30 p.m. at Leighton Pool.

Saturday

Oregon vs. UCLA, varsity basketball, 8:30 p.m. at Los Angeles.

Oregon vs. Washington, varsity wrestling, 7:30 p.m. at McArthur Court.

Oregon vs. California, varsity swimming, 2 p.m. at Leighton Pool.

Gymnastics intersquad meet, 2 p.m. at McArthur Court.

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