

Hoop Team Wins Two PAC Tilts



OREGON'S Jim Barnett confers with Duck coach Steve Belko during Friday's Webfoot-Washington basketball game in McArthur Court. Barnett went on to tally 29 points for the evening and Belko's Ducks went on to halt a five game losing string and dump the Huskies, 71-62.

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	PAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
UCLA	3	1	10	4
OSU	3	1	9	4
Stanford	3	1	8	5
USC	2	2	8	6
Oregon	2	2	5	6
WSU	1	3	9	5
Washington	1	3	5	8
California	1	3	5	9

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It couldn't have happened at a better time.

In fact, Oregon coach Steve Belko stated that his Duck basketball squad's 71-62 win over Washington Friday in McArthur Court "may have been the most important game we've played in a few years."

The nine-point victory meant a lot of things to the Webfoots:

- It snapped a five-game losing string this year.
- It broke a 10-game AAWU losing string dating back to the 1965 season.
- It continued the Duck's jinx over the Huskies this year, having beaten Washington in December.
- And it showed Oregon followers just how good Jim Barnett really is.

The Oregon senior scored 29 points and raised his point total for the Ducks in three years of play to 1,017, good enough for the seventh best position in Duck scoring history.

But Barnett's point production was only half of the story—he



was continually setting up scoring opportunities with passes to open teammates—by either the conventional method of the forward pass or with behind the back tosses—and using the fast break, after defensive steals, to either score or to allow a teammate to score on the two-on-one situations.

And Barnett's performance — along with the remainder of the team's—made the Friday night show an "important game."

"Our ball club was pressing," said Belko. "We were under a lot of pressure; everybody was down on us. But it sure feels good to be back up there. We're over the hill now."

Foul Trouble Comes

Although the Ducks were playing well in the first half, they quickly ran into trouble of the foul variety. Big 6-7 John Pinkstaff picked up three quick fouls and, with just a little more than seven minutes gone in the first half, left the game.

John Franz replaced Pinkstaff but he also was charged for three fouls in the first half. Both were whistled for two in the last half, with Pinkstaff fouling out at 17:52 and Franz at 11:26.

Belko then sent in 6-6 Bill Jennings and switched to a zone defense. "We were afraid of their board play," Belko said, "and the zone gave us men right there on the boards. Jennings really helped us on the boards there at the last."

Jennings played only about ten minutes, but he pulled down five rebounds.

Forget about those few foul problems and it was a great night for the Ducks. It was also a great night for the Huskies—in the first half

Score Stays Close

Both teams stayed close on the scoreboard in the first 20 minutes, with three points being the biggest margin separating the squads. The lead changed hands 11 times and the teams were tied in 12 instances, with Washington leading by a single point at intermission, 35-34.

"We played pretty good the first half," said Husky coach Mac Duckworth, but Washington grew cold in the second half and could only hit at a .231 percentage after shooting .438 in the first period.

"We were getting plenty of shots, awfully good shots," Duckworth continued, "but we just couldn't get them in. Shooting 23-for-71 won't win you any ball games. That's too many shots and not enough baskets."

Washington increased its half time lead to 38-34 on a three-point play by 6-10 Gordon Harris, but that was as far as they got. Barnett sank two field goals in a row on a lay in off a pass from Bob Craven and a full court drive and knotted the score at 41-41.

Jones Scores Two

And then with 13:39 left, Barnett passed to Nick Jones on a fast break and Jones sank the two-

pointer to put the Ducks ahead for good, 47-45.

From then on the Huskies could only sink five field goals—the final goal being scored from the mid-court line by Rob Fahnestock while the final buzzer sounded—and fell at one time to an 11-point deficit.

Barnett earned praise from both benches. "Barnett's developing into a real fine ball player," said Belko. "He's finally realizing his values. He made some plays tonight you haven't seen for a while in Mac Court."

Duckworth echoed Belko: "Barnett played real well; that's the best he's played against us. Oregon compares about the same (as in December when the Ducks edged Washington, 63-61) except Barnett played much better. We did a better job on him up there in Seattle."

Dave Kafoury followed Barnett in the scoring column with 17 points. "Kafoury played real well," added Belko. "He's getting confidence."

Jones was third man for Oregon with 12 and Craven tallied eight.

Harris was top man for Washington with 20.

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Webfoots Top Cougar Squad

By **D. L. SONNICHSEN**
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Coach Steve Belko's Oregon basketball squad achieved something Saturday night that escaped them all last season, as the Ducks defeated Washington State, 66-58, at McArthur Court—Oregon's second straight Pacific Eight victory.

Never during the 1964-65 campaign could the Webfoots concoct better than a one-game victory "streak" in all-important league play. Sadly though, Saturday's win did not bolster the hopes of partisans who felt they might be viewing the emergence of a "new Duck" team after their heartening conquest of Washington the previous night.

Had the scoreboard been out of order, the 5,500 spectators might have been unable to distinguish winner from loser. WSU's inability to get a second or third attempt at the basket negated their far superior .460 shooting percentage. Oregon hit only .393 from the floor, attempting 11 more shots than the Staters could manage.

WSU Presses

After a first half that saw Oregon accumulate their eventual eight-point victory margin, the accurate shooting of guard Nick Jones kept Belko's boys in front despite an error-filled final pe-

riod.

Many second-half mistakes were a by-product of State's full-court press, which forced the Ducks into committing 12 turnovers after intermission. Subtract Jones' floor accuracy and the consistent play of John Pinkstaff from the total Oregon effort, and Washington State might have done more than play the hometowners to a 37-37 second-half tie, after trailing, 29-21 at the midway mark.

Cougar center Jim McKean, a 6-9 soph, gave final energy to the short-lived WSU first-half lead when he hit a 12-foot jumper for a 7-6 Cougar advantage. However, Jim Barnett's 20-footer with 15:18 left put the Ducks in command for good.

WSU In Bad Shape

Guard Tom Tømmervik, a 5-11 hustler, and McKean, although double-teamed by Bob Craven and Pinkstaff, kept State within five to seven points in the remaining 15 minutes of the second half. A Barnett follow of Craven's jumper with 1:01 left gave the Webfoots their 29-21 lead.

WSU started the second 20 minutes in worse shape than ever. Already missing two regulars due to injuries sustained in previous contests, the Cougars returned to the floor knowing starting forward Dennis Kloke would be lost for the remainder of the game

due to a first half ankle sprain.

After Barnett converted a free throw—the result of a technical foul assessed to WSU coach Marv Harshman for questioning Barnett's final first-half lay-in—the temporarily inspired Cougars moved up to 30-27 before charities by Jones and Pinkstaff and a Pinkstaff layup put Oregon in front 34-27 with 17:26 to go.

State Cuts Lead

Three jumpers by the hot-handed Jones gave the Oregonians a 41-34 lead at 11:29, but again the Cougars came back to cut the lead to 47-44 with 6:27 remaining, on fielders by Mike Werner and Doug Kloke.

The Ducks failed to drive the middle against State—relying as usual on long jump shots rather than playing percentage basketball—and rarely shooting from the key. Each time the Webfoots would miss a series of 20 to 25 footers, the Cougars would close the lead, but never enough to attain control of the game.

Washington State's final threat came with 3:46 on the clock, as the 6-7 Werner hit a driving lay-in for 55-51. But Jones quickly connected on a 15-foot jumper after taking a pass from Barnett, and Craven hit a pair of free throws to finally get the

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