

Victories Please Belko

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Don Van Rossen, swimming coach, spoke just before Steve Belko at Monday's Oregon Club luncheon at the Eugene hotel.

Van Rossen, whose team lost over the weekend in Los Angeles to USC and UCLA, noted how his "simple farm lads" had been awed by the Olympians on the SC and Uclan squads; how the "poor" facilities at Southern Cal and the cold water at UCLA had handicapped them.

Belko took it from there. "I've been using Don's travelogue excuse for quite some time now," he started. "I think I'm going to skip it this time."

The reference was to the two weekend wins by Belko's club over Washington and Washington State—the first victory in ten PAC starts for the Ducks.

Belko thought his team played very well against the Huskies. "We had to play zone to contain (Gordie) Harris, their 6-10 center, who incidentally is one of the best on the Pacific Coast. We did. We surrounded him and in addition played some good offense ourselves."

Against Washington State, Belko thought the Ducks played good

defense, "though our offense was not particularly sharp. But that's a good sign . . . we aren't satisfied with just winning."

Barnett Mending Better

The Oregon coach also indicated that Barnett's fingers are improving. "They aren't as painful any more. We may be able to take those finger guards off this week."

"Those finger guards were responsible for most of the ball control errors that Jim committed during the Washington State game," added Belko.

Belko had a few other things to say about the WSU game. "Sure, the Cougars were hampered by injuries. But we have been, too. Nobody cried for us then. And I'm not going to cry for them. A paper this morning indicated that I have to apologize for winning . . . I don't think so at all."

The ruling by the officials that allowed Jim Barnett's tip-in just before intermission in the Cougar contest, Belko said, "was correct. The way our rules are set up, a ball is out of bounds if it touches the sides of the backboard—not the top. If it bounces off the top and into the basket, it is still two points."

"Marv Harshman, WSU coach, says that the ball touched a guide wire up there before coming down. If that's the case, then the basket should be disallowed. But I didn't see it. I don't know. Anyway, I'm going to try and get that rule changed."

Belko: "OSU Tough"

Belko spent a little time discussing next week's game with Oregon State, terming the Beavers "a good, tough ball club which could—believe it or not—give UCLA a run for their money." Oregon State's balance, he said, was in their depth.

UCLA's loss to Stanford over the weekend was also brought up. "This is a good thing for the conference," Belko noted. "Besides bolstering the PAC's prestige, it might make the race run into February this year, instead of ending after the first two games as it did last year. UCLA's better, too. I'd like to see those teams that beat them last December beat them now."

Besides, Belko and Van Rossen, new wrestling coach Art Keith and gymnastics head Dick

Smith also gave progress and prognosis reports on their respective teams.

Keith's squad won two out of three on a road trip through Washington and Oregon. His only loss was to Central Washington—"a real, surprisingly tough team."

He was most delighted about the results of his meet with Washington State. "They have four Pacific Coast champions, and we beat three of them."

Curt Scott, Doug Robertson, and Bob Mitchell, the three who pulled the upsets, gave "really outstanding performances . . . particularly Scott. He really mopped up on Allen Peterson at 130 lbs."

"Oregon's next meets are almost all at home," Keith added. "And we're real excited about meeting Oregon State. They've been the powers on the Coast for ten to 15 years, and we'd like to end that."

Smith—whose team beat Chico State and lost to Washington State over the weekend—felt that "Washington State is stronger." While pleased overall with his team, he indicated that the meet was close, and that "if the Cougars were only as strong as last year, we would have won. My scouting reports were wrong."

Swimmers Airborne

Van Rossen enjoyed telling about the swimming team's first plane trip. "Our boys just aren't used to all that stuff . . . after we got off the plane, one of our 5'3" swimmers walked up to a tall, mop-haired boy down there and asked, 'hi, honey, what's you doing tonight?'"

"As for the Olympians like Saari they were competing against . . . our boys acted like the opposition had a red cape on their back and an 'S' on their chest."

"On the way back, I had a square light bulb in my hand and asked the stewardess how I could get channel 7. She thought I was nuts, but my boys believed me. I told one of them that he was ruining the reception by standing where he was so he practically stood on his head to get out of the way. You should have seen his face when the light went on . . . simple country boys."



TYPICAL BASKETBALL scenes like this one were seen at McArthur Court last weekend as the Ducks defeated the Washington Huskies and WSU Cougars in PAC play. Here John Pinkstaff behind Dick Jacobs (25) of WSU goes up for a rebound. Other players include Jim Barnett of Oregon (33) and Jim McKean of WSU (42).
Jim Chaskin Photo



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More bowlers, especially women, are needed for the winter term mixed foursome league, which gets under way at 7 p.m. today on the SU lanes, AMF side.

An organizational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams after the completion of the eight-week league. Bowling fees will amount to \$1.20.

IM Schedule

Basketball

3:50—Court 40, DeBusk B vs. Young B

Court 43, Spiller B vs. Adams B

4:35—Court 40, Philadelphia B vs. Parsons B

Court 43, Boynton B vs. Burgess B

5:15—Court 40, SAE B vs. Beta Theta Phi B

Court 43, Theta Chi B vs. Delta Upsilon B

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4:00—McAllister vs. Clark

4:45—Stafford vs. Ganoe

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