

EMERALD SPORTS

WEBFOOT-PRINTS . . .

Barnett Advances

By **RANDE WILMARTH**
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It's hard to tell what might take place when the hand that Oregon's Jim Barnett injured in late December becomes completely well.

Ever since Barnett was handicapped, it appears that the Duck senior has improved each weekend and, with the protection—sponge and tape during last weekend's basketball outings—soon to come off, one wonders just what will happen.

Barnett played well during the first four Webfoot encounters, as Oregon moved to a 3-1 record, scoring 68 points and pulling down 31 rebounds. But, after the fatal Far West Classic in Portland, Jim has now played four more games and, although picking off four less rebounds than in the previous four contests, tallied 82 points. In fact, the Washington game Friday night marked his high point total of the season as he scored 29.

And all this while being hampered by a protective covering over the fingers. "Jim played real well down there against those teams," said Belko after the UCLA-USC series two weeks ago. After Friday's game with the Huskies, Belko's statements seemed like a rerun of what had taken place a week earlier: "Barnett's developing into a real fine ball player. He made some plays tonight you haven't seen for a while in Mac Court." And Washington coach Mac Duckworth echoed Belko when he added: "Barnett played real well; that's the best he's played against us."

Point Total Goes Up and Up . . .

It's obvious that Barnett hasn't let the injury let his playing ability suffer too much. And, if he's improved since pre-season contests—as statistics and coaches say he has—it appears that Barnett will be reaching greater heights of performance.

Another scale that Barnett is climbing, besides the improvement one, is the Oregon career scoring chart. His 44-point showing last weekend moved him to the seventh position, after having achieved the tenth spot in December.

And he won't be stopping at No. 7. Barnett needs only seven more to top the sixth man on the list, Glenn Moore. Moore scored 1,045 points during the 1960-61-63 seasons. It should go higher than sixth, too, as the second highest scoring Webfoot, Dick Wilkins, tallied 1,186 points and Barnett is only 154 away from that mark.

With 15 contests remaining for Oregon, Barnett will, barring any unforeseen injury, top that mark. All he needs is a little more than 10 points per game—not too tough a mark for a guy who's hitting at a 18.8 average for eight games. In fact, if Barnett would continue scoring at his PAC pace, a 20.5 average, he'd top the great Charlie Warren as the leader among Oregon hoop stars. A little less than that, 19.4 points per game, is what Barnett actually needs to score 291 more points and top Warren's 1,322.

Jones' Ability About to Break . . .

In an interview last week with Steve Belko, the conversation got around to Duck guard Nick Jones. Belko mentioned that Jones, not playing at the top form seen in his sophomore year, said Jones "hadn't gotten off to a good start. When he does, he's going to help us. It might come all of a sudden; he hasn't cracked wide open yet."

After last weekend's contests, it looks like Jones might be starting to crack. The Oregon junior tallied 12 and 15 points but, more important, improved on his defensive work and offensive performance. "He did a real good job on defense; that's where he's been weak," said Belko. "And he was good on offense this series. His problem was forcing the bad shot, but now he's beginning to kick the ball out. We're working in practice with two men on him and this is going to help him; it's just a habit you get into of forcing the shot."

Jones is still third in Oregon scoring with an 11.5 scoring average. "He's coming through," added Belko. "He may be on his way."

Besides the Duck hoop squad, Art Keith's wrestlers turned out a fairly successful weekend, winning two out of three matches on the road. A couple of Keith's grapplers were more successful, winning three out of three. Doug Robertson, after going winless in two starts a weekend previously, regained some form that earned him a 1965 PAC championship and nabbed three wins. "Robertson's much better," said Keith. "He's coming along."

Scott Just Keeps A-Charging . . .

And Curt Scott, a 130-pounder, is still charging. He, too, won three and is now 5-0 in five dual meets—the best mark on the squad. "He keeps coming along," added Keith. "Scott's attitude is such that he wants to win and hustles all the way."

One highlight of the road trip was an official's call which Keith "hadn't seen in quite a while." Doug Wilkinson, 177-pounder filling in for injured Bruce Glenn, was wrestling Washington State's Paul Adams in the third round when Adams, in control, slipped a cross body ride on Wilkinson. Wilkinson moved to his back due to the hold, but Adams, to use the ride to its best advantage, also went to his back.

"Both were on their backs," narrated Keith, "but the Washington State wrestler had his shoulders on the mat. The referee looked at Wilkinson, then at the other guy, then back and forth again and finally gave the pin to Wilkinson. Adams had been pinned for about ten seconds. Later, the referee came up to me and said, 'I couldn't believe it. I shouldn't have hesitated, but I thought the WSU wrestler would roll over. But I had to call it.'"

Athletics: Important Aid

By **LYNN MUCKEN**
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Intercollegiate athletics have always had enemies who claim that sports are directly contrary to the ideal of higher education.

"The college athlete," wail these elements, "is nothing but a professional. He is paid for the use of his body as an instrument for building a famous name for the school. Study and graduation are merely fronts for gross professionalism."

It has even been suggested that colleges stop punishing its athletes by forcing them to attend classes.

All these expressions are based on fact, of course. Education is not important in college athletics. Just look at the statistics for the University:

Of all the juniors and seniors listed on the roster for football, basketball, track and baseball, only 38 out of 63, or 61 percent, are listed as high academically as they are in sports eligibility (e.g. a junior rating in school vs. a junior rating in eligibility). Baseball and basketball are the

worst offenders, with percentages of 57 and 54 percent respectively.

Terrible Ogre

Obviously these facts justify all claims. That terrible ogre of college life—athletics—is keeping those poor misled lads from attaining their diplomas and a decent chance in life.

Of course there are exceptions, such as Dan Archer, Les Palm and Mike Brundage, all football players who are listed higher academically than in eligibility. These unfortunate cases are the results of "red-shirting," an even more evil practice.

But wait! According to Clifford L. Constance, University registrar, only about 25 percent of all University students complete their education in the prescribed time for their particular course of study. In addition, only about 30 percent who begin studies here receive a diploma at all.

"Financial problems and social responsibilities have greatly changed the pattern of college life in recent years," states Constance. "The student is finding it extremely difficult to concentrate on studies alone."

Perhaps athletics prove to be help rather than hindrance in attaining a degree.

Important Aid

The truth of the matter, at least here at the University, is that athletics prove to be an im-

portant aid in education. While the hours of practice necessary to compete on the collegiate level in sports may prove the undoing of some, the same love of sport that prompts this heavy work plays an important role in the athlete's education.

The athlete knows that he must study hard enough to stay in school and keep his grant-in-aid. The athlete is thus made more aware of grades than his non-athletic cohort.

According to Hal Childs, Oregon athletic news director, "the importance of a diploma is impressed on all our boys. It may sound corny, but the coaches here emphasize education, not just athletics. We look upon the players as individuals, people, not just football or basketball players."

"We've taken in boys that just wanted to play football, and sold them on the value of an education," says Childs. "And we've carried boys on grant-in-aids who never really helped the team,"

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Basketball

- 3:50—Court 40, Hauna B vs. Campbell B
- Court 43, Busads B vs. Legal Eagles B
- 4:35—Court 40, Hawaiians B vs. Hilyard Mets B
- Court 43, Sigma Phi Epsilon B vs. Sigma Chi B
- 5:15—Court 40, Phi Kappa Psi B vs. Phi Delta Theta B
- Court 43, Alpha Tau Omega B vs. Chi Psi B

Handball

- 4:00—Hauna vs. Delta Chi
- 4:45—Legal Eagles vs. Spiller

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Women's Group Plans Activities

Mary Knutsen, president of the Women's Recreation Association, has announced the winter activities for her organization. Activities are offered for both team and individual participation. Any University woman that wants to participate in the recreation is welcome.

Activities that are available winter term include basketball with intramurals meeting Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5 p.m. in Gerlinger Hall and the interest group meeting at 7 p.m. in Gerlinger Hall. Also meeting in Gerlinger Hall is the badminton intramurals. Doubles' matches are on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., while the singles matches are on Thursday at 4 p.m.

The association's bowling activity includes intramurals and a bowling club meeting at the Student Union lanes. Intramural bowling is on Wednesday at 4 p.m. and the bowling club meets Thursday at 4 p.m.

Two additional activities are offered this term; swimming and gymnastics. The amphibians meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Leighton Pool and gymnastics is taught Tuesday in the men's physical education building at 7:30 p.m.

Soccer Club Sets Wednesday Trials

The Oregon soccer club has scheduled practice for Wednesday in the east gym at 7:30 p.m. Coach Jan Broekhoff urges anyone interested in soccer to attend.

The club is a member of the Oregon Intercollegiate Soccer Association, and is 4-0 in the conference and 5-0 in all games. The team's next match is against Portland in Eugene, Feb. 6.

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