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Where Is The Rally Squad?

The Oregon crowd came alive Saturday—proving that Duck fans can support their team.

McArthur Court from its rafters to the basement as 6,500 people, mostly Oregon partisans, almost brought the old structure to the ground. The noise, the cheers, and the game was one of the best in recent Oregon history.

The great Civil War rivalry against Oregon State triggered this outburst and fan reaction. The game was close, the Ducks winning 61-60, and it was played before a West Coast regional audience.

It must first be noted that the cheering was led mostly by the Creston Creek and Sigma Phi Epsilon sections; they were responsible for getting the whole show off to a fine start.

The Creston Creek section, a group of boys from Boynton Hall, was born early in the season and, though not strong in some of the early games of 1966, showed more courage and spirit Saturday than has been exhibited at a Duck basketball game in a long time. These fellows brought with them boisterous voices and painted letters which they raised to spell out their cheers.

The SPE's got into the act for the first time this year, and with a big bang. They had their own version of batman and some cheers of their own which added to the student morale.

Rally Turns Into Followers

This brings me to the point of this article: the downright poor rally squad. They are the one's responsible for leading the yells and cheers, yet they turned into followers at Saturday's game. When they got into the act the Mac Court crowd was unified from alumni to the pep band.

The basketball team appreciates the extra noise and homey atmosphere created with crowd unity. With the excitement generated by a large crowd they can sometimes play just a "little better" which in some cases produces the power to overcome certain obstacles. The team feels a sense of inner pride, a feeling that makes them want to win for their fans—the students that they actually represent—on the hardwood court.

A recommendation is now in order. Might it not be possible to relocate the pep band, nearer the student body section in the western ground floor bleachers. Give them room where the now almost useless or shall I say somewhat unorganized Frosh 200 exists. It seems to me that the Frosh 200 does not accomplish too much by just waving their pom poms when the pep band plays. Besides the pep band is almost too far away for good co-ordination. This might get more unity within the student body section as a whole.

In addition, Oregon could take a lesson from the OSU rally squad and their pep band which seem to co-ordinate so much better than Oregon's. With the new proximity of the pep band it would be possible to organize and have planned in advance direct cheers and yells for time-outs and other times when the clock is stopped.

What's Wrong with 7,000

Now let's consider another point—this was a special game to most of us, it was against OSU and it was also regionally televised. OK, it was a bigger game than most; there is a Chancellor's Trophy at stake plus the mythical state championship, but why should this be any different than any other game? Sure, there were 6,500 people there and scores more at home watching it on TV. Why don't more students turn out for the game? It was in the afternoon, there were few other activities taking place. If UCLA can get 12,000 for most home games then why can't Oregon get 7,000 regularly?

The first retort is—they are better, they have two NCAA Championships tucked away under their belts and who knows how many more in the next couple of years with their fantastic freshmen just around the corner. So what! Oregon's good, too, in its own little way, even though it may seem insignificant to a lot of you. Where is your pride, your school spirit and the desire to improve. Here the rally squad is at fault. When or where have they attempted to promote spirit? There have been no rallies, signs, or even non-violent demonstrations.

The Oregon students expressed a desire to improve, as witnessed last Saturday. The spirit has a chance to grow. It can improve. The team is finding a place in the history of Oregon sports. Their desire and drive to win Saturday, after being beaten badly the night before, shows that they are not quitters as their fine coach has emphasized. The students can and must help them continue.

A good example of Oregon's support came last weekend. A few made the trip to Corvallis, where the Ducks were defeated on the court and also from within the OSU stands. The word must have gotten back in time because Oregon students helped demoralize the Beavers Saturday with enough noise to call out the national guard in some areas of the country.

The crowd got on the Beavers. Some of it must have been retaliation for what happened to Oregon's Jim Barnett in Corvallis.

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IM Schedule

Basketball

- 3:50—Court 40, Douglass A vs. Decou A
 - Court 43, Dymont A vs. McAllister A
 - 4:35—Court 40, Hauna A vs. Hilyard Mets A
 - Court 43, 69 A vs. Fuddlers A
 - 5:15—Court 40, Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Beta Theta Pi A
 - Court 43, Delta Upsilon A vs. Phi Delta Theta A
- ### Handball
- 4:00—Tau Kappa Epsilon vs. Kappa Sigma
 - 4:45—Beta Theta Pi vs. Delta Tau Delta

Webfoot Keglers Measure Beavers

The results of the Oregon-Oregon State men's bowling match last weekend were the same as they've been for the past 15 years. Oregon won.

This year, the Ducks scored a 5822-5576 win over OSU after a six-game home-and-home match. Friday's competition was held in Corvallis, while Oregon played host on Saturday.

At the same time, the Oregon women came through with a 4952-4667 victory over their opponents. After losing by only six pins in the match Friday, the women came back with an impressive 2600 series to overwhelm Oregon State.

The match Saturday saw all five Oregon women shoot series of 500 or better. In addition, they boasted a second game of 943. Pacing Oregon was Janet O'Dell's 1045 total.

Larry Bell topped the men both days with series of 630 and 635. He hit the 200 mark five of the six games and also had the high game for both teams, a 242.

The remainder of the Oregon teams included Mariann Furrer, Pat Johnson, Carolyn McCoy and Gayle Starnes; and Rod Smith, Jim Donaldson, Dave Young and Jim Parker.

Jellybeans Coach's Menu

Anyone for jelly beans?

That seems to be the reward for a good performance next weekend as swimming coach Don Van Rossen hopes to induce his swimmers with jelly beans. The Washington Huskies invade Leighton pool Saturday night.

Van Rossen opened the weekly meeting of Oregon Club Monday with this light approach.

The swimming mentor's team was hard pressed by OSU in Corvallis Saturday but managed to come back from a 21-4 deficit to win.

Van Rossen singled out Monte Holding for his fine performances saying, "We pulled that one out of the bag with the performances we got from Holding."

He then went on to talk about the coming meet with the Huskies. "Every point we score will be worth a jellybean to the competitor. This is one of the top meets each year and I'm using the jellybeans to get our boys up for the event."

Van Rossen also asked for student support. "The Huskies have some outstanding swimmers and we just don't have the horses to match them. We'll have to throw them off balance."

Wrestlers Win

Grappling coach Art Keith followed Van Rossen to the podium and spoke about his team's wins over OCE and Portland State.

"The score said we beat Portland State but I'm still not sure we did. They have some fine kids but ours have come a long ways." He bemoaned the Ducks' lack of depth and said that if a key injury occurred, "we could be in bad shape."



A Slim but Sweet Victory

Head basketball coach Steve Belko got a loud round of applause, when introduced, for his team's fine comeback Saturday afternoon when they dumped OSU 61-60 at Mac Court.

Belko opened with, "A few of our men earned jellybeans on character alone out there Saturday night."

OSU Defense One of Best

"Paul (Valenti) has one of the finest defensive teams I've coached against," reported Belko. He then went on to say, "There were a lot of outstanding players Saturday, it sure was a brutal and hard fought game. Paul's done a fine job, OSU is underrated."

Looking ahead a little Belko sees no relief. "Portland is dedicated to beating us. They have

played some good clubs and lost, but they have a sort of crusade to play well against the two large schools in the state (UO and OSU)."

Going back to the weekend Belko said, "Jim Barnett was good both nights. Bill Thomas performed like a real fine athlete, not just a basketball player, an athlete is a lot more."

Continuing, the Duck mentor praised John Franz, Nick Jones, and Bill Jennings. "Franz played probably the best game of his career. Jones did a real fine job. He has learned to pass-off and that will help us a lot. Jennings showed a lot of improvement and should help us more now."

Belko finished by adding, "This ball club isn't going to quit on you and I'm not either."

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