

Webfoots Top UCLA Bruins

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"This was a great lift for our kids after last night's game when they got down because of the shooting exhibition of Block (John of USC); the kids showed a lot of character out there."

These were the words of a somewhat relieved but still tense Steve Belko following the Duck's "upset" 79-72 win over UCLA Saturday.

With the win and OSU's subsequent loss to USC, the Ducks are in a four-way tie for second place with UCLA, SC, and Stanford. All of the clubs have 6-4 PAC marks.

The Ducks put on a gritty performance before some 9,500 home fans, including a Dads' Weekend audience, and countless others who viewed the weekend's regional telecast up and down the West Coast. It was the largest crowd of the year.

Pinkstaff Tired

Belko, fidgetting with his after-game coke, went on to praise the work of center John Pinkstaff and guard Dave Kafoury. "John was tired out there but he showed a lot of character. He played well in the second half, but, oh, was he tired, so tired. He played a lot of it on guts. Kafoury helped us a lot when they charged us with the press. He broke it and showed some fine ball handling."

Belko had a lot of praise for UCLA's Kenny Washington, a 6-3 string bean with tremendous jumping ability. "Washington is the quickest jumper around the boards I have ever seen. I have never seen the likes of it anywhere," marvelled the Duck coach.

Washington, UCLA's leading scorer with 28 counters, had 29 rebounds to go with his points. He was the mainstay of the somewhat shoddy Bruin attack. His jumping ability and quickness got him a second and third shot at the basket time and time again.

Win First Since '50

The win puts the Ducks at a 13-9 for the season. The win over UCLA was the first in almost 16 years. The Ducks last

bested the Bruins on Dec. 9, 1950.

The first half was a fairly close period, with each team getting slight leads, but never able to increase it to more than six points. The Ducks got a big boost at the end of the first half when Bill Jennings hit a 25-foot set-shot with just five seconds left. The Ducks took a three-point lead into the dressing room, 32-29.

Oregon came out in the second half and never let the Bruins get closer than a pair of points and held them off with some fine shooting and clutch defensive work.

With 8:33 to go the Ducks had a 12-point lead at 62-50 and kept the pressure on the Bruins, who cut into the lead a little at a time.

The famed full court press of the Bruins turned into a trap and directly led to their downfall.

"Shoot Early"

"The reason they press is so you shoot early, they want the ball back and thus try to set the tempo. With the quicker kids they have they want to take the game away from you and shoot," was the way Belko explained the UCLA strategy.

However, Belko had some plans of his own and they worked to perfection for the most part, and won the game. "Our plan was to create the tempo, we wanted to be on offense more than defense, you can't afford to be on defense too long against them. We wanted to take 45 seconds and get two points to cut down on their control. The longer we take to score the more it cuts down on their attack."

"The full-court press they live by, today they died by," said the personable Duck coach. Time and time again the Ducks were able to break the press and move in for easy cripples under the basket while UCLA men were deployed at the wrong position on the floor.

Another part of the strategy late in the game was used to keep the clock moving. "The only thing we didn't want to do was foul and stop the clock," said

Belko.

The Ducks did stop the clock, but it was for their free-throw chances that finally proved the downfall of the Bruins. At the end of scrambling, the running Bruins fouled Jim Barnett numerous times, only to have the senior guard go 13-13 from the foul line. With 1:11 left in the game Barnett put it in the ice box with a one-and-one chance as he converted both and put the Ducks too far away at 75-66.

Barnett High Mark

For Barnett this was his highest scoring game as a collegiate cager at Oregon. His 33 points on 13-13 from the line and 10 fielders put him a notch closer to Charlie Warren's career record.

"If this doesn't eliminate UCLA, it'll be the funniest race on record," said Belko. "We're still playing for the blue chips," he quietly added. The Ducks do have the best shot left as they are the only contender with two games left against OSU.

"Our line-up changes hurt in many ways without Lynn (Mike) at full strength and McIntosh (Doug). We aren't a good ball club without them and Lacey (Edgar)," UCLA coach John Wooden told reporters. Edgar Lacey is a regular forward who was left at home with a fracture in his knee cap and McIntosh was low-bridged Friday night at Corvallis and couldn't play because of a severe bruise around the fifth lumbar.

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NICK JONES
Oregon Guard Scores 16 in Two-Game Series

Title Won by Ruggers

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It's a lucky thing that coach Bruce Howe is the smallest man on the Oregon rugby squad. Otherwise, the team never would have had the strength to carry him off the field Saturday, following their 11-6 victory over Oregon State.

The game gave the Ducks the championship in the Northwest Intercollegiate Rugby conference.

The battle was a proper finish to the Webfoots' campaign for the league title. The Ducks were in complete control of the game at all times, with OSU never crossing the Oregon goal line.

The first half didn't have much scoring, but it was anything but dull. After some early pressure by the Beavers, Oregon moved the ball steadily downfield on a 30-yard run by wing Warren Hamill and some good punting by the rest of the team.

"Certain to Score"

The Ducks crept to within a few feet of the OSU goal line and camped there for a good portion of the first period. For awhile it seemed as though an invisible

shield was protecting the Beavers' goal line.

"I was certain we were going to score, because we kept constant pressure on them," said Howe. "It was only a matter of time." Center Dave Bottemiller finally shattered the shield with the first try of the game. The first half ended at 3-0.

Oregon hiked its lead early in the second period on a 5-yard try by Hamill. A 40-yard punt along the sideline by halfback Joe Raven set up the score. Barry Ward's extra point attempt was good, making the margin 8-0.

OSU finally broke up the shut-out on a short penalty kick by Tom Hussey. With the score at 8-3, Ward booted a 45-yard line drive penalty kick, then Hussey scored on another short kick to complete the scoring.

Freeman Impressive

Howe, who had earlier feared that OSU might have better forwards than the Ducks, said, "The forwards actually won the game for us. There was nobody that didn't play well."

The coach felt that Cliff Freeman did the best job, "upsetting

their inside backs, giving them a real hard time throughout the game." Howe commended all the forwards for keeping constant pressure on OSU the whole game.

Among the backs, "Joe Raven had an outstanding game," according to his coach. "So did Dave Bottemiller in his first game back after an injury."

Howe wasn't as impressed with the Beavers as he had been with previous Oregon opponents. "OSU wasn't very steady, not as good as the University of British Columbia," said the coach. Oregon beat UBC last month, 9-6.

SC 'Blocks' Ducks In PAC Hoop Tilt

By LYNN MUCKEN
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John Block may not be the best center in the Pacific Athletic Conference. But if he isn't don't tell the Oregon Webfoots.

They just might refuse to take the court against another opponent.

Block, the 6-9 pivot-man for Southern California, did everything but sell programs Friday night as he led the Trojans past the Ducks, 82-67.

A lay-in here, a tip-in there, and jump shots everywhere added up to 44 points, and the ball game, as Block completely dominated the action.

"Block was the difference," said Webfoot mentor Steve Belko after the game in one of the greatest understatements of all times.

Duck reserve Dave Romppanen pretty well summed up the whole evening with his words, "That was some sweet shooting."

Block Ruins Hopes

Sweet to the Trojans, perhaps, but sour to Oregon as Block hit 15 out of 19 from the field in the second panel to completely foil any comeback hopes the Ducks might have entertained after falling behind, 33-27, at the half.

The Webfoots rushed out to an early lead as each of the starting five of Nick Jones, Jim Barnett, John Pinkstaff, Bill Thomas, and Bill Jennings contributed a fielder to the score total.

The Trojans quickly closed this gap on the gunning of Block, who scored the first nine points for Southern Cal, and moved into a 13-12 lead on a lay-in by Mike

Maggard.

Although the Ducks pulled even at 25-all, they never led again as the sophomore Maggard, with able aid from Ron Shackelford, gradually widened the lead to a six-point margin at half-time.

With the opening of the second half, Duck fans were looking forward to the comeback that has marked the team as of late. But Southern California had different ideas, and four quick baskets by the hot-shooting Block proved to be a convincing argument.

Commanding Lead

This scoring splurge shot the Trojans into a commanding 41-29 lead, and Oregon never seriously threatened again.

Not that they didn't try. Five times in the closing period the Ducks made a run at the steady Southern Cal lead, but each time the powerful Trojan center would pop in a jumper, usually with a pair of Webfoots draped on his back, and push the margin back to 11 or 13 points.

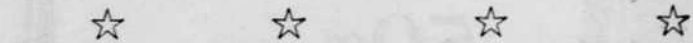
Southern California coach Forest Twogood withdrew his ace with 1:23 remaining amid well-deserved cheers from the McArthur Court fans and with his squad ahead, 78-64.

Weak shooting by the Oregon guards, who hit only 11 for 41 from the field probably was the deciding factor in the game.

Barnett Scores

It is only too obvious that Oregon lives on the play of Jim Barnett and Nick Jones. Although Barnett scored 19 points and moved into second place in the all-time Oregon scoring list, he didn't have a particularly good

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