

Mark Falls—Oregon Wins, 107-68

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What promised to be a good, tight basketball game between the Oregon Ducks and the Idaho State Bengals turned into a bundle of surprises as the Ducks defeated the Bengals 107-68 Wednesday night.

The 107 points was a record-breaking performance by Steve Belko's Ducks, but they got lots of help from the Idaho State Bengals and its coaching staff.

ISC coach Claude Retherford—a spiffy dresser if ever there was one—got into it with referee Burt Burr over a goal-tending call and the result was that Burr called a

technical.

As Oregon captain Nick Jones stood waiting to shoot the free throw, Retherford had a few more comments to make and Jones got another free shot.

Gives "Salaams"

Not satisfied, Retherford gave Burr several big "Salaams" and earned a one-way ticket from the court.

Jones sank both free throws, the Ducks had a 64-50 lead and the next two minutes of play did the Bengals in.

Jones canned another free throw, John Pinkstaff hit on a lay-in and Bill Thomas dropped in three quick baskets to run the count to 75-54 for the Ducks

and Idaho State could never catch up.

The 107 points scored by the Lemon and Green was an all-time record, beating the 105 points the Ducks tallied against Gonzaga in a 105-80 victory on February 15, 1964.

Goal-tending Assist

Mike Powers, a 6-foot-4 sophomore red-shirt, will go into the books as the one who got the record breaker, but he got an assist from ISC's Ed Wilson, who was called for goal-tending on the field goal attempt.

It was the seventh time during the contest that the Bengals illegally knocked the ball away from the basket.

The Bengals looked tough at the beginning as they ran up leads of 5-0, 8-5 and 10-5 before Belko's charges got untracked and tied the game at 10-10 on a nifty

shot by Pinkstaff.

It was Pinkstaff who shortly later gave the Ducks their first lead of the evening when, finding himself with no one to pass to, the 6-foot-7 junior dropped in a 15-foot jump shot to send Oregon ahead 14-13.

Idaho State got the lead back and the two clubs engaged in tying and trading the lead before Rick Abrahamson made a good drive to knot the score at 21—all with 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Ducks Lead

Abrahamson, a soph in his second starting assignment put Oregon in front for keeps a minute later when ISC's Ron Boone flipped him the ball by mistake and the Ducks never trailed again.

Belko indicated his team's defense was the key to the win.

"We couldn't let them be on offense—that's their game. They like you to shoot."

Jones led Oregon with 24 points, followed by Pinkstaff with 16 and Abrahamson with 15.

Boone paced ISC with 24 points.

Oregon, shooting better than in its previous two encounters, hit on 44 of 83 field goal tries for a

53 per cent shooting average.



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Oregon's freshman wrestling team demonstrated why they are so highly touted Wednesday when they defeated Treasure Valley Community College 41-6 in McArthur Court. The Ducklings, who have seven state champions on the squad, collected seven pins and two decisions in trouncing the Chuckers.

In one of the featured matches, Oregon's John Miller, a two-time state champ, scored a surprisingly high 19-2 decision at 118 pounds over Ralph Carter, also a two-time state titlist.

Miller, who got an early take-down and then never let up, was praised by his coach Jim Bryan, as "an exceptional wrestler and a real leader."

Bryan, was, in fact, quick to hand out praise to the entire squad. "This is the most outstanding frosh team on the entire Pacific Coast," he said.

In the other featured match Oregon's Kip Gorton lost a 4-0 163-pound decision to TV's Junior Johnson, a three-time state champion, who has lost only one match in five years of wrestling.

It was the second time the two had met and each felt that

things had changed since the first time.

"I feel like I've improved more than he has," Gorton said afterward.

Bryan had the same feeling and thought Gorton might have won. "He was a little too conservative," he said. "If he'd have been shootin' more it might have been different."

"He's gotten a little smarter and a lot stronger," Johnson noted, but he was more concerned with his condition and that of the team.

John had played football under his wrestling coach Larry Stevens and the TV team has had only two workouts. Oregon has been working out since school began.

In other matches Oregon's Greg Morgan, 126 pounds; Rick Mailoux, 133 pounds; Brent Merrill, 140 pounds; Randy Mills, 148 pounds; George McNair, 170 pounds; Dana Roberts, 194 pounds; and Tim Wilmarth, unlimited, all won by fall.

Ed Dunne scored a 19-3 decision in the 180-pound class and Scott Phillips dropped a 20-2 decision at 155 pounds.

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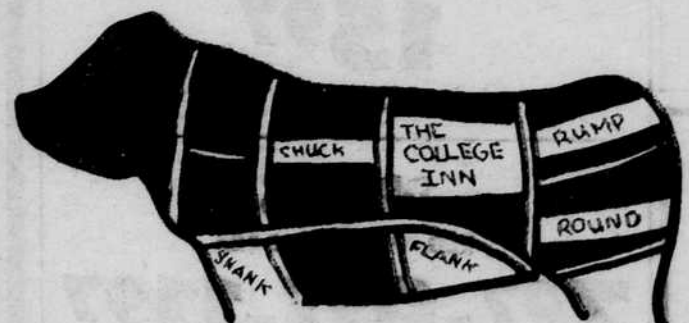
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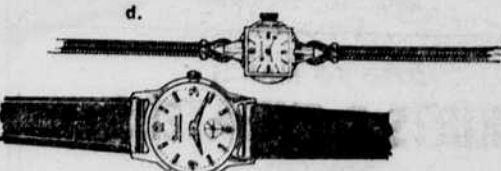
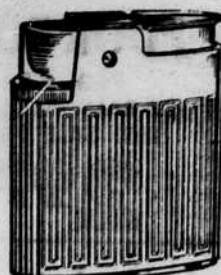
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