

Bears, Indians Spoil Ducks' League Debut

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Oregon quickly got off to a negative beginning in Pacific Eight basketball league play by dropping home games to Stanford and California over the weekend.

Art Harris, a 6-foot 4 senior forward who would rather play guard, hit for 37 points Friday night to lead the visiting Stanford Indians to their second win of the season over Oregon's Ducks.

Harris popped in 25 of his counters in the second half when the Indians shot a sizzling 40-27 from the field to overcome a 32-29 Oregon halftime lead and win going away 79-73.

Harris felt that he has played better. "I was in foul trouble and didn't go to the boards much. I'd much rather play guard."

Good Defense

Stanford coach Howie Dallmar gave his team credit for playing a good defensive game, as the Indians bothered Oregon with a switching man-to-man defense.

Belko, meanwhile, felt that "their overall quickness was the big factor. I would say they played much better here than in Portland," (where the Indians pulled out a 68-64 win).

The first half was reasonably even. It was characterized by three ties and nine changes of lead. Stanford trailed in the early going, but were ahead 23-14 with 6:27 remaining in the half before a Duck rally caught the Indians at 3:38.

32-29 at Half

Two quick lay-ins by John Pinkstaff and Kenny Smith gave the Ducks a 32-29 intermission margin.

The second half was a different story. Harris tied the contest on a three-point play with a minute gone, and a lay-in by guard Gary Petersmeyer eleven seconds later gave Stanford a 38-34 lead. The Ducks crept back to a 43-45 deadlock, but a 10-foot baseline jumper by Don Griffin at 12:06 gave the Indians the permanent lead.

Chuck Moore, a 6-4 Stanford sophomore, played a major role in the Indian victory. He came on with 2:29 remaining in the first half when forward Mal Mc-

Elwain sprained his ankle, and scored 13 points while leading Stanford with nine rebounds. And Dallmar explained, "With McElwain out, Petersmeyer went to forward, opening up more options for Harris."

Smith was the leading Duck scorer with 20, followed by Bob Craven with 18 and Pinkstaff with 16. Craven pulled down 12 rebounds and Smith and Pinkstaff 10 each as the Ducks out-rebounded the Indians 48-37.

Better Away?

"For some reason," commented Belko, "we've been playing better away from this gym than at home. I don't know whether it's eagerness to show the home fans that we're capable of winning, or not."

He added intensely, "We've got to stay with our tempo to win. I don't care what anybody says."

Again, forced out of their normal offensive patterns into a running, catch-up game which proved ineffective, Oregon was outscored by California 96-81 Saturday afternoon.

Suffering from Friday's opportunity-laden Stanford contest, the Saturday encounter saw UO fall behind quickly and never recover.

Last Half Anti-climatic

With Coach Rene Harman's Bears leading 49-32 at intermission, the second 20 minutes were anti-climatic. Certainly, teams have been known to overcome margins much greater than 15 points, but Cal's overpowering backboard domination frustrated all possibility of a Duck comeback.

The fast break the Berkeley team employed to blow Oregon out of McArthur Court began with the rebounding of 6-10 1/2 center Bob Presley, and often ended in lay-ups by Russ Critchfield.

A probable All-American, Critchfield scored many of his 26 points by leaving his defensive post early and "cheating" downcourt while a Webfoot field goal attempt still hung in the air. The 5-10 guard knew who would get the rebound.

The home team never managed to lead their opponents, and kept the game close only in the initial stages of the first half. With 11:16 remaining before intermission, the Ducks trailed by just two, 20-18.

Disaster Befalls UO

Then, disaster. Cal permanently incapacitated Oregon by reeling off 10 straight points. Driving lay-ins and long jump shots by Critchfield, plus the rebounding and inside shooting of

Presley and forward Bob Wolfe sent the Golden Bears into as much as a 20-point lead before the eventual 49-32 halftime count was reached.

Oregon shook the 1,300 McArthur Court fans out of their lethargy briefly in the second half by outscoring Cal 10-1 over a period of three minutes.

Unfortunately, California was leading by 24 points prior to the Webfoot spree. Critchfield and Presley (the latter ending with 29 points and 19 rebounds) went to work soon after, and had Cal in front by 36-35 with but 4:29 remaining.

Last-Gasp Shooting

Only five last-minute shooting by Billy Cassians, Ken Smith and Rick Strickland allowed the final gap to less than 20 points—46-26—but the outcome had long been evident.

California outshot the Ducks 33-20 on 40-60 for the game, and wrestled down 50 rebounds to just 38 for the shorter Webfoots.

In his postgame interview with the press, Belko praised the victorious Californians, then derided the television-inspired practice of playing a daytime game after a night contest.

No Time to Prepare

"Again, I'm very upset that we only had a half an hour to prepare for a team like California," said the Oregon coach. "Conference games mean a lot to people and I don't think they're getting a fair shake."

Belko emphasized that "TV exposure is good for basketball," but added that playing two games in such a short span of time leaves both teams too weary to perform well.

"It's been a rugged weekend. I'll tell you that," Belko ended.

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Swimmers Win Pair To Kick Off Season

Don Van Rossum's swimmers triumphed over Portland State and Oregon State last weekend to successfully kick off their 1967 season.

The Ducks captured ten of 13 events to whip the Vikings 62-48 Friday at Loughton Pool. Saturday, led by diver Dennis Hartman, the Webfoots won 96-48.

Coach Van Rossum singled out Mike Schmidt for an outstanding performance in the Portland State meet. Schmidt swam a 2:08.9 in the 200 backstroke, his best time of the season, according to Van Rossum. He also won the 500 freestyle.

Other individual winners for Oregon were Steve Warner, 12:45.3 in the 1,000 freestyle, Don Peterson, 1:57.7 in the 200 freestyle, Don Roster, 24.7 in the 50 freestyle, Ed Wemple, 2:17.1 in the 200 yard individual medley, Eric Grossman, 2:15.2 in the 200 yard butterfly, Dennis Hartman in the one-meter diving, and Wayne Schwandt in three meter diving.

To test the level of his swimmers' conditioning, Van Rossum had some of them swim in events back to back. One of these was Schmidt, who responded by winning both the 200 backstroke and the 500 freestyle. "I think we were very successful in this," Van Rossum commented.

Hartman and Tom Speight finished one-two in both dives

to lead the victory over Oregon State. Hartman was the meet's only double-winner.

Individual winners for Oregon included Brenton Drake, 11:22.8 in the 1,000 freestyle, Bob Boyer, 1:55.4 in the 200 freestyle, Bruce Hess, 2:24.6 in the 200 butterfly, Eric Grossman, 5:29.8 in the 500 freestyle, and Ed Wemple, 2:28.2 in the 200 yard breaststroke.

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