



Webfeats

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(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of four columns comparing freshmen basketball teams and prospects in the Pacific 8 conference.)

There were four Frosh teams in the Pacific-Eight this year that lost either zero or one games. UCLA went undefeated; Cal and Oregon lost once each. Washington State also dropped just one game.

A letter from WSU sports information director Dick Fry says "We figure that Dennis Hogg, Jim Meredith, Mike Gomez and Jim Smiley will help the Varsity."

Meredith, who with Smiley was tallest on the team at 6-6, missed the last three games of the 23-game schedule with a fracture of a small bone in his right wrist. In the games he did play, however, the Anaconda, Mont., product was the top scorer in the Couababe attack, averaging 20.5 points a game and hitting .517 from the field. He also picked off 224 rebounds.

Hogg, a 6-4 forward-guard, was the third leading scorer on the team with a 16.6 average, but he led the WSU Frosh in rebounding with a 12.5 average. Smiley averaged 12.0 a game to go along with a 10.7 rebound mark.

Eugene Register-Guard sports editor Jerry Uhrhammer called Gomez the best of all, though. The 6-3 guard from Spokane's University High hit 495 from the field and a sharp .793 from the foul line, averaging 17.4 per game.

The Couababes, who averaged 79.8 points as a team, went 17 games before finally falling to the Gonzaga Frosh, 61-51. Among their wins were a 64-44 blasting of the Oregon State Rooks and a pair of overwhelming victories over the Washington Pups, 89-64 and 89-69.

Uhrhammer and Oregon assistant basketball coach Frank Arnold agree that Washington didn't have much beyond one player, but, oh! that one player!

Most fans of the Oregon Frosh remember Mike Troyer. The 5-10 guard from Greencastle, Ind., scored an all-time Washington Frosh record with a 52-point performance in his team's 107-82 defeat at the hands of the Ducklings early last March. He finished the season with 483 points in 21 games, a 23.0 average. Both marks were well over the previous record of 402 points and 19.1 average set by Gary Ostenson two years ago.

Troyer's big advantage over other guards is his ability to shoot on the run, going to or away from the basket. Although he favors the jump shot, he has learned other shots to help him inside where the big men prey the basket.

"Troyer is a fine prospect," said Arnold, "but I wouldn't trade him for any of our boys."

Beyond Troyer, the Pups didn't have too much, as they had only an 8-13 record, including losing their last seven in a row. They were unable to beat a school bigger than Western Washington State.

Oregon State, Oregon's rival to the north, had a fairly good freshman team, but nothing really outstanding. They finished the year with a 15-5 mark, including three losses and the only win over the Ducklings.

OSU didn't keep any official statistics for the Rooks, but athletic news bureau director John Eggers estimated that 6-5 forward Tim Perkins, definitely the team's leading scorer, averaged about 17 points for the season. He hit 10, 17, 17 and 23 in his four performances against Oregon, consistently connecting on 20-foot jumpers from the field and deadly from the free throw line. "He's gonna be a good one," Oregon's Arnold said.

Other prospects are 6-6 forward Jeff Haller from Port Townsend, Wash.; 6-5 guard Larry Webber from Sacramento, Calif.; and 6-0 guard Tom Phipps from Prosser, Wash. Against the Oregon Frosh, Haller averaged 8.3 and Webber and Phipps each hit at an 11.3 rate.

It's a good thing that the OSU Varsity has a strong center in 7-foot Vic Bartolome, because they sure aren't going to get anything at that position off this year's freshmen team. Center Pete Parsons, 6-9, from Ventura, Calif., if his performance in the four Frosh-Rook games is any indication, is not very adept, and neither is his back-up man, 6-7½ Clark Hoss from West Linn. Between the two of them, they averaged 5.8 against the Ducklings.

Next Tuesday: 1968-69 Oregon basketball prospectus.

UO Frosh Host PSC Trackmen

Oregon's Frosh track team will be in action today at Hayward Field as the Portland State freshmen and junior varsity provide the opposition at 3:15 p.m. Running events will start at 4:00. There is no admission charge.

Game Called; Webfoots Set Full Weekend

Both baseball games scheduled for Thursday were postponed because of rain.

The varsity game against Pacific University at Forest Grove has been rescheduled for this afternoon at 3 p.m. Joe Kniser, who carries a perfect earned run average for five innings pitched, will be on the mound.

The Frosh, who were to have played the Linfield JVs in a home doubleheader, also had their game called off.

Oregon's varsity Ducks are in action again Saturday when they face the University of Portland in a doubleheader at Portland. Mike Niexsic (3-0, 0.56) and Larry Hayes (0-0, 3.07) will pitch against the Pilots.

Second baseman Roger Schiwe (.342) and shortstop Larry Hanson (.325) lead the Webfoots' hitting attack.

The Frosh are in action again on Saturday when Clark College of Vancouver, Wash., travels to Howe Field for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.



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IM Schedule

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Upper Field—Bean West vs. H.E.P.
4:55—North Field—Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Chi Phi
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