



STAN LOVE LOOKS FOR OPEN SHOT
Ducks tangle with Southern Cal tonight

Oregon battles USC, UCLA

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IT COULD BE ANOTHER ROUGH WEEKEND for the Oregon cagers in Los Angeles this Friday and Saturday.

But this time the Ducks aren't preparing to defeat two foes. They plan to beat one, but only in their wildest dreams do they expect to beat the other.

Because, after taking on Southern California at the LA Sports Arena Friday night, Oregon moves into Pauley Pavilion to square off against UCLA, which is driving for an unprecedented third straight NCAA championship. The Bruins are 20-0 this year, undefeated in their last 34 games, and winners in 85 of their last 90 contests.

THE DUCKS, WHO DEPARTED FOR sunny California shortly after noon Thursday, have been spending their practice sessions this week hoping to topple strong USC Friday night after dual losses last weekend at Cal and Stanford. The Webfoots are now 2-6 in Pacific-8 play, 10-10 overall. Southern Cal is 4-4 in league and 11-9 for the season.

Four Ducks are set in the starting lineup—center Stan Love, forward Larry Holliday, guard Rick Abrahamson, and Bill Drozdak at either forward or guard. Head Coach Steve Belko indicated that guard Billy Gaskins may take the fifth spot, but Gaskins has been mildly ill again and is doubtful. If he doesn't start, Leonard Jackson will likely open at forward.

LOVE, INCIDENTALLY, HAS SCORED 345 points this year (17.2 average) and needs only 44 points in the season's six remaining games to become the most prolific sophomore scorer in school history. All-American Jim Barnett scored 388 in his rookie year, 1964.

If past performance is any indication, Love, a Los Angeles product like Holliday and Carlton Slater, should have a good weekend. He has averaged 34.8 points, including his Frosh record, in the games his girlfriend has seen him play. And she'll be on hand both nights.

Doing most of USC's scoring this year is 6-5 Ernie Powell. Powell carries a 16.3 average. Ron Taylor at 7-0 is clumsy but is a solid inside threat, especially with a dangerous hook. Guards Mack Calvin and Steve Jennings are steady performers.

UCLA'S BIG STAR NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION. Everybody's All-American, 7-1½ (?) Lew Alcindor has averages of 25.7 scoring and 15.1 rebounding, neither as high as in past years. But he's better than he ever was. He's getting much more help this year from stars such as forwards Curtis Rowe, Lynn Shackelford and Sidney Wicks, and guards John Vallely and Ken Heitz.

Both contests will be carried over the air by KUGN radio (590 kc.). Game time each night is 8 p.m.

Oregon's Frosh cagers, 15-3, are idle this weekend. They'll be back in action at home on Feb. 28 against the undefeated Washington Frosh.

Bruin star dedicated

Lew Alcindor 'awesome'

Editor's note: Oregon's most formidable opponent Saturday night will undoubtedly be All-American center Lew Alcindor. Dan Berger of the Associated Press describes the personality behind the man who is leading UCLA to their third straight NCAA cage title.

LOS ANGELES — Lew Alcindor, UCLA's 7-foot-1½ center, occasionally amazes his coach, John Wooden, with his ability to score.

The mobile monster is affective from two feet or 20. He can hit "nine out of 10 of those three-foot hook shots, no matter who's guarding him," says teammate Lynn Shackelford. "He is awesome," say most opposing players.

But Lew, a quiet, intelligent individual off the court, says he won't score very much when he first turns professional.

Make adjustment

"I'm going to have to make an adjustment to the professional style of play," said Lew.

"And that's a hard adjustment. I know I can do it, but I don't know how it's going to affect my game."

"I think my first year, the best thing I'll do is play de-

fense. Scoring points — well, that is good for your salary but I don't know if that wins all the games."

Winning is the key to how Lew plays. He is unselfish and a team player all the way. Anything that wins the game Lew will do.

He is dedicated to the total effort of the team," said Wooden, a bespectacled former English teacher.

Concerned about effort

"I think all players want to do well individually but I think Lewis is more concerned about the over-all effort of the team, figuring he can do his part without necessarily scoring a lot. He is a truly well-rounded ball player."

"When he indicated his desire to come to UCLA, I said at that time that one of the things that interested me most about him was all reports were that he was an unselfish team player. And certainly, I feel that is a necessity in our type of play."

That type of play uses the swiftest of fast breaks, a tenacious full-court zone press and an emphasis on defense. To that end, Alcindor has learned to become a running giant.

"I don't think I'd mind play-

ing a running game with the pros. I think I'd like that a lot better than coming down and waiting to get beat up on."

Lew, clad in a UCLA letterman's sweater, burgundy knit shirt, checked trousers and large sunglasses, was reluctant to say for which professional team he would like to play.

But when he was asked: "Would you like to play for the New York Knicks?" his eyes opened a bit wider, a smile crossed his face and he attempted to squash emotion when the native New Yorker said, "Oh, yeah. . . ."

IM schedule

- BASKETBALL L**
 3:35—Court 40—Bean West A vs. Gamma A
 Court 43—Boynston A vs. Parsons A
 4:20—Court 40—Carson II A vs. Campbell A
 Court 43—Beta Theta Pi A vs. Theta Chi A
 5:00—Court 40—Kappa Sigma A vs. Phi Kappa Psi A
 Court 43—Alpha Tau Omega A vs. Sigma Nu A
HANDBALL
 3:35—Championship quarterfinals — Delta Tau Delta vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon

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Mallards host Reed College

Third place in the Oregon Intercollegiate Soccer Association will be at stake Saturday when Oregon hosts Reed College at 2 p.m. on the football practice field. The Mallards and Griffins are currently tied for third, one game behind leaders Oregon State and Southern Oregon, and each needs a victory to stay in contention.

Oregon opened the season in October at Reed with a surprising 5-0 loss. The Griffins, who won only one game in 20 their first two seasons in the league, proved the Mallard win was no fluke as they have built a 5-2-2 record including a 1-0 loss to OSU. The Mallards' second loss in their 6-2 record was a 6-0 decision to the Beavers.

Capt. Graham Mason has reorganized the Mallard lineup since the first Reed game and expects Oregon to give the Portland school a close match Saturday. Oregon has outscored eight opponents 30-19 while Reed holds a 35-14 scoring advantage in nine matches.

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