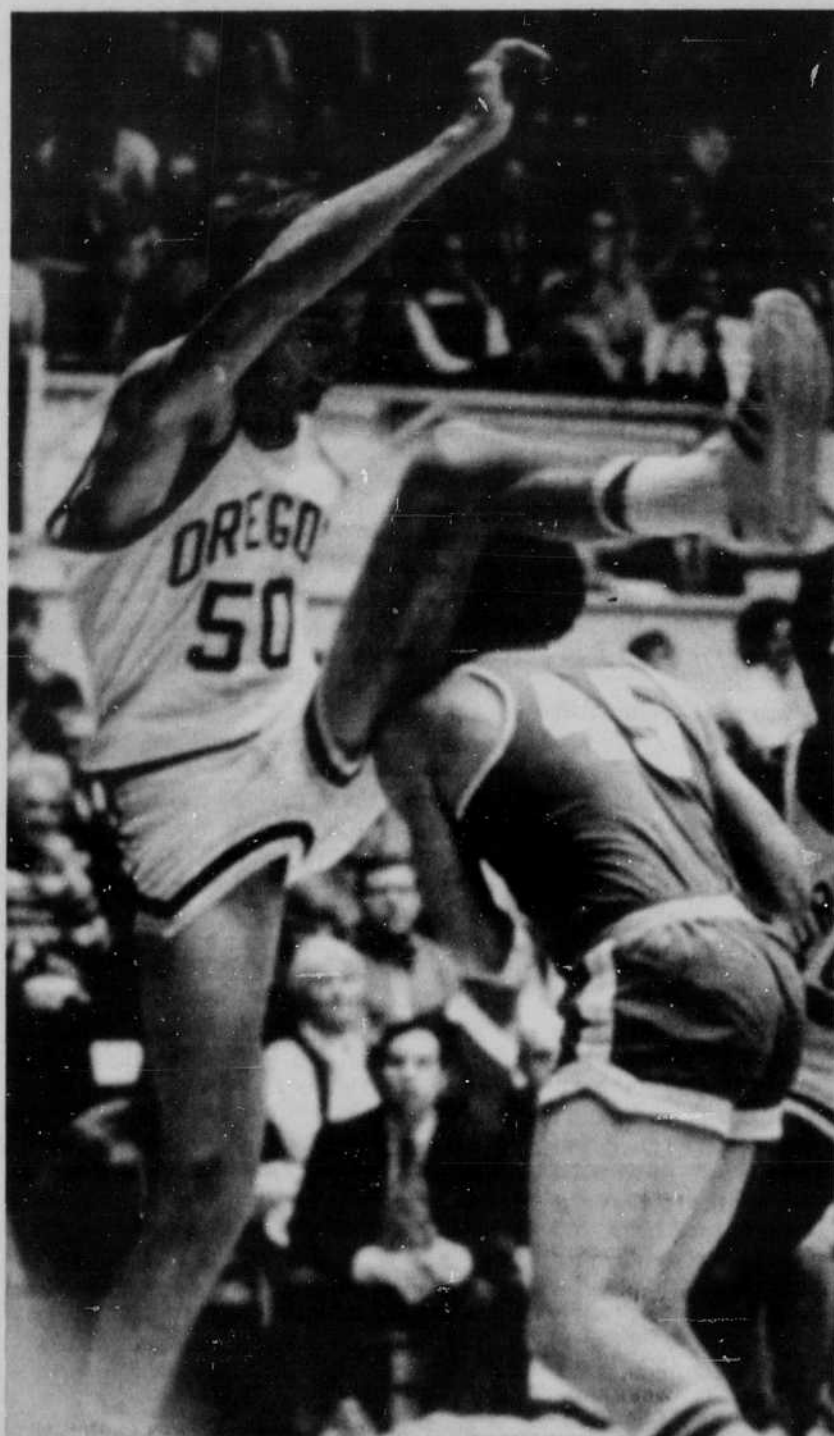


Ranked powers too much

Spunky Ducks fall to Trojans, Bruins



Photos by Matt McCormick

No, Al. We know you've been away from the game for a while, but the idea is to go around the guy, not over him. So what happened? The 6-11 center, playing in only his second contest this season, got called for fouling UCLA's Henry Bibby. Carlson ended up with 21 points against the Bruins.

By RICK ROGOWAY
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Enthusiasm couldn't undermine expertise and determination couldn't ward off defeat last weekend as nationally-ranked basketball powers Southern California and UCLA flattened the Ducks at McArthur Court.

The Trojans shrugged off a pesky Oregon defense and a lackluster first half shooting effort to win, 66-46 Friday night, while UCLA punctuated its preeminence with a 93-68 victory Saturday.

Although junior Al Carlson lent his six-foot, eleven inches to the Webfoot front wall, and turned in credible performances both nights, the Ducks were still overmatched underneath the basket, as they have been all season.

The Webfoots couldn't get the inside shots, the percentage shots, and had to settle for prayerful castoffs from outer space.

Pac-8 Conference

	W	L	Pct.	GB
UCLA	2	0	1.000	—
USC	2	0	1.000	—
Stanford	2	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	1	.500	1
California	1	1	.500	1
Oregon	0	2	.000	2
Oregon State	0	2	.000	2
Washington State	0	2	.000	2

Friday's Results

UCLA 78, Oregon State 72
USC 66, Oregon 46
Washington 79, California 63
Stanford 76, Washington State 54

Saturday's Results

USC 87, Oregon State 75
UCLA 93, Oregon 68
Stanford 85, Washington 80
California 79, Washington State 76

The first half of Friday's game underscored the problem which has plagued Oregon all year.

The Trojans staggered onto the floor in a fog. Thanks partly to an alert and spunky Webfoot defense, SC looked ragged, shot wary and generally played more like it was 112th in the nation rather than 12th.

However, while the Trojans were choking, the Ducks were gagging a whole lot. While the Trojans converted just 28 per cent of their first half attempts, Oregon could manage just 37 per cent.

The Ducks were a surprising 27-24 leader at intermission, but it well could have been an even more comfortable advantage.

The main reason that it wasn't was that every time a Webfoot would attempt a shot from anywhere closer than 100 feet or so, Mike Westra would be standing there like a change machine rejecting dollar bills.

Westra, a 6-10, 210 pound sophomore, blocked at least five shots in that first half, all underneath the bucket.

Thus, the Ducks were forced to take their shots from University Street. And when USC shooting improved in the second half after an ear-rattling locker room session with Coach Bob Boyd, the Ducks were dead.

The killer was Paul Westphal. The winners' senior guard turned the ball over to Oregon three times early in the first half and suffered until halftime. The Webfoots suffered after that, as Westphal canned eight of eleven shots, including Troys' go-ahead points with a half-minute gone in the second panel.

Saturday night all the Ducks had to contend with was a mediocre professional team. Although they're ranked first in the nation in college ball, don't let the Bruins fool you—they wouldn't finish any better than third in any division of the NBA.

The Webfoots outshot the Bruins in the first half, yet found themselves 13 points in the hole. The reason was that UCLA's rat-a-tat-tat offense tried 10 more field goals and made an additional four.

The Bruins were led by 19-year-old sophomore center Bill Walton, who makes a lot of shots, blocks a few, too, and spurs comparisons to Kareem Somebody.

Walton, displaying some quicksilver moves, hit 13 of 20 from the field and wound up with 30 points and 17 rebounds. He also clogged the middle and forced those heaven-bound shots by the Webfoots.

It was the Bruins' first road trip of the season, and Walton was a bit put out by the accommodations. Seems Walton couldn't tell the Mac Court shower room from "a hole." He was probably miffed because it's harder to walk on water in a shower than in a bathtub.

The Bruins' supporting cast won't louse up any reviews this year, either. A guy named Swen Nater hit six of eight shots, scored 14 points, and further terrorized the Webfoots. And he's Walton's replacement. Add three starting sophomores and senior ringleader Henry Bibby and start planning for 1973.

It is apparent that while the Ducks might still not have the mechanics, at least they have regained the motivation which was so utterly lacking during the Far West Classic.

They weren't embarrassed by any means last weekend—and what more can one ask when the opposition is back-to-back Los Angeles powerhouses.

Next action for the Ducks 4-7 will be next Saturday night against New Mexico State at MacCourt.

Harter feels Frosh play on Varsity level a 'poor rule'

Saturday the NCAA approved competition by freshman in varsity football and basketball starting this fall.

Whether Oregon goes along with this ruling depends on the Pacific-8's decision. But varsity basketball coach Dick Harter feels it's a "poor rule."

Contacted at this home Sunday, Harter explained, "If I was voting I'd have to vote against it for the welfare of the college athlete and student. Having coached freshman teams I know it's a very difficult transition from high school to college ball. The added pressure of varsity competition could well work a hardship on a student.

Also, the hardest thing to control and manage by the NCAA is recruiting practices of coaches and alumni. This will just increase violation of recruiting rules. Those are the reasons why I think it's a poor rule."

Harter can understand the reasoning behind the rule change. "It's financial. Schools do not want to pay a person for three years of school and only get to play him three years."

But Harter doesn't think that too many freshmen will be able to come out of high school and move into a starting college spot. "There are just too many mature juniors and seniors."

Speaking "as a basketball coach," Harter said "I'm glad to see a rule change that could immediately help our program. It will change our goals somewhat but we still want the good player, good student, good attitude athlete. To that end our top 40 recruits will still remain our top 40 recruits."

Harter foresees a league adopting the freshmen eligible rule if they expect to remain competitive. "A player will want to go where he can play four years instead of three."

Frosh's 'second season' starts in fine fashion--a pair of wins

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Undoubtedly the television networks hope their "second season," which begins this week, meets with the kind of success that the Oregon Frosh did in commencing their second season last weekend.

The Ducklings, who took a two-week leave of absence from practice sessions during the Christmas break, entered the two contests with a week of practice and came out with a pair convincing victories—78-46 over Lewis & Clark JV and 98-66 over Clark College.

The wins left the Ducklings with a perfect 7-0 record.

Frosh Coach Dick Stewart had been worried about what effect the layoff would have on his team, and his concerns turned out to be well founded as evidenced in Friday's night affair with Lewis & Clark.

The Ducklings, in scoring their victory, shot a cold 28 per cent from the field. But fortunately for them, the Pioneers were able to connect on only 25 per cent of their efforts.

"There is no question that we took a lot of poor shots," said Stewart "It was just a matter of

getting back in the groove."

Stewart did, however, have praise for the team's defensive efforts. "Our defense kept us in the ballgame. It proved to the guys that you can shoot 28 per

cent and still win a game with good defense."

The outcome of the game was never really in question as the Frosh pulled to an early lead and led 32-19 at intermission.

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