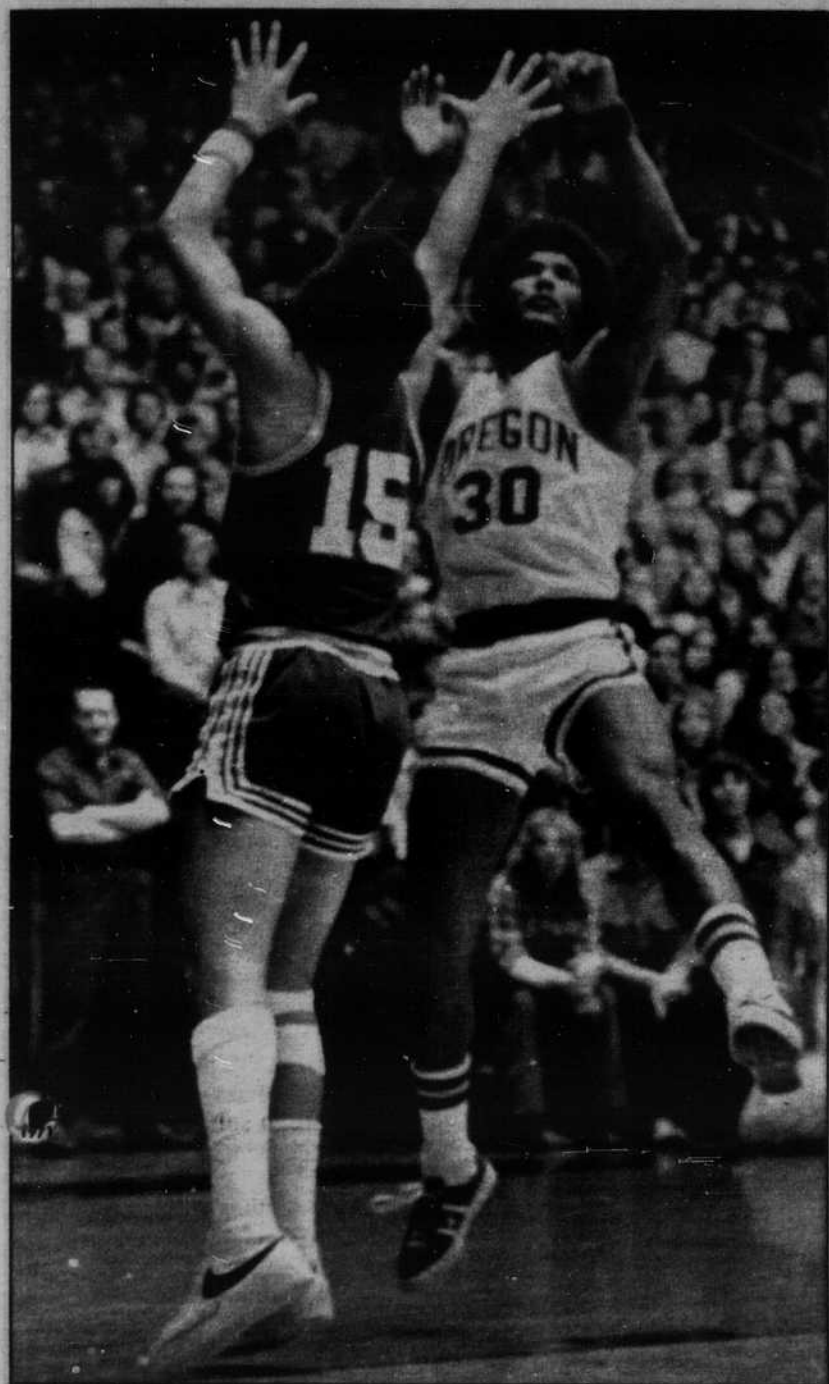


Or another Kamikaze handfight?

Was it Louie Nelson night?



In Mac Court Ronnie Lee won the battle with All-Coast guard Louie Nelson 22-18 and the Ducks won 69-65 in overtime. In Seattle last night Nelson won the dual 35-22

and the Huskies prevailed 83-75, completely burying any glimmer of hope the Ducks were harboring of gaining an NIT invitation.

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SEATTLE (Special) — You could call it the Louie Nelson show.

While Oregon was gamely trying to stave off the inevitable Monday night, the Huskies' star guard was doing some intimidating. He dribbled between his legs in the last 1:10 while they roared in Hec Edmundson Pavilion.

He taunted Mark Barwig. But his biggest performance was measured in 35 points as Washington beat Dick Harter's Ducks, 83-75.

"I wanted to give them something to remember me by," smiled Nelson, a 6-2 senior from Compton, Calif., with immeasurable talent but minimal class.

"I felt I owed them something. I thought I had the winning basket down there (when the Ducks won in overtime, 69-65) but they called me for an offensive foul.

"I wanted to give them something to remember me by."

Who, Louie? The 4200 Husky fans or Harter and the Ducks?

"Both," shot back Nelson. "And I think I did."

It was Nelson's driving lay-up with 4:10 left in the game and a baseline jumper at 2:54 that shoved Washington in front, 72-62, and Marv Harshman's team stayed there.

The NIT? Already decided before Oregon even took the floor. USC goes to New York, but despite the loss the Ducks held onto third place in the Pacific-8. Lowly Washington State Knocked off Oregon State, 67-64, at Pullman Monday night.

The only thing left was for Oregon to try and nail down a shot at second place — and for Harshman to prove a point.

"When you play these guys," said Harshman, "you have to play the way they do. You get punched and you punch back."

"That's not basketball, and it never will be."

What is THAT WAY?

"They bump and run a lot. They're physical," said Nelson.

The box score gave Washington a one-hack decision: 25 fouls to 24 for the Ducks.

With 9:41 left, Huskie forward Reggie Ball was called for throwing an elbow. He didn't like it and before it was over referee Bob Herrold had levied a technical. Ball continued to rant, the Huskie bench emptied, and assistant coaches Dick Stewart for Oregon and Bob Gillum of Washington, began yelling at each other.

Harshman ran off the bench, too.

"I'm gonna' back my ball club when I think we're getting screwed."

From all appearances, there was hate out there as Harter glared at the Washington bench. At the time, the score was 60-48 and a miracle was needed to bring Oregon back.

"Is that the way to play?" Harter laughed. "Do we hit people? Do we charge off our bench and go to the other guys' bench?"

On a night when Doug Little was hitting the bombs for 24 points and Ronnie Lee was scoring 22, there was no miracle. But the Ducks fought back within four, 60-56, with 7:13 left in the game. That came after Washington had blitzed to a 60-46 lead.

Huskie freshman Lars Hansen stretched his 6-10 frame for a key tip moments later, then Nelson popped from the top of the key to make it 64-56. Oregon couldn't come back.

Washington played keep-away and twice Ball was all alone for cripples. On the second, Barwig was guilty of a foul. Nelson gleefully jumped over, motioned the bucket was good in Barwig's face, and laughed to the crowd. They loved it.

Minutes later, he was dribbling between his legs as the Huskies ran out the clock.

Still, Oregon went for the ball. Twice the Ducks went to the floor to try to make steals.

Too rough?

"I don't like that kind of basketball," continued Harshman, "and I'm not going to let anybody intimidate me in my own gym."

Harter, quietly smoking a cigarette underneath Hec Edmundson, wouldn't comment on Nelson's show-boating.

"All I'll say is he played very well." He's got my vote for the All-Star team."

The Ducks played a poised, collected first half but still trailed by five, 37-32. Credit that to Nelson's 16 points, including 8 of 8 at the line. Washington hit 11 straight free throws in the first 20 minutes and matched the bullies of the Pac-8 elbow-for-elbow, which is how it should be from now on, said Harshman.

"They've been playing tougher than the other guy. The rest of us in the league haven't accepted it yet. We have to play that way or we get beat."

If you were searching for a positive definition of the Harter style here Monday night you went home a little perplexed. If you wanted to see the final home installment of the Louie Nelson show, the night was a scorcher.

Ducks survive Bohler, just barely

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One level below the handball courts, two levels below closet-like Bohler Gym Dick Harter spoke:

"It was a team effort."

That it was on the part of Oregon—and on the part of Washington State.

It had to be a two-way agreement for the Ducks to win like they did Saturday night, 66-65.

Doug Little, Ron Lee and Gerald Willett did their part, chipping in 23, 22 and 15 points. And the Cougars did their all-important bit, turning the ball over 19 times and shooting only 43 times—11 fewer shots than Oregon MISSED.

A team that shoots 20.1 per cent worse from the field than its opponents can still

win; but it usually has a big advantage at the free throw line or on the boards. Not Saturday at Pullman. The Ducks were outscored at the foul line 15 to 12 and had only a four rebound edge.

So how come Oregon won?

As Harter noted, after sighing that there has to be an easier way to win a game, "We did it when we had to."

"Had to" was the final four minutes of the game. Ahead 62-60 and with possession, the Webfoots went into a slowdown and played around in backcourt until 45 seconds remained.

At that point Lee broke clear for what appeared to be a certain lay-up. It wasn't, he missed the basket and WSU's Mike Dolvan rebounded, and he was fouled by Willett on the way down.

The Cougars' leading scorer hit the first

free throw but missed the second; and now it was his turn to foul. Willett responded more favorably, hitting two, making it 64-61 with 39 seconds.

Washington State countered and then in an attempt to get the ball, fouled Lee with 14 seconds. Ronnie canned them both and that was it.

Aided by 15 first-half WSU turnovers the Ducks held a 33-28 lead at the break. But the Cougars, buoyed by 3,000 racous fans, came back, paced by Washington State's prize freshman, Sammy Miller.

Miller, who finished with 18 points, engineered WSU to a five point lead before getting his fourth foul and cooling his sneakers on the bench.

Said Harter about the Ducks' early second half doldrums, "We were not getting back to cover the fast break well at

all. Part of that was because of the zone offense we were in; it didn't leave us in good position.

"I guess we came out a little flat, too. We were ready at 3 or 4 that afternoon, not at eight o'clock. That was maybe because of the long week or the close loss last time."

For what ever reason, things picked up when Miller picked up. Washington State's offense, running smoothly with Miller in there, sputtered with his absence. In the six minutes he sat out the Cougars managed only one field goal.

After it was over the Ducks had their seventh Pac-8 win and the 15th of the season Harter spoke about the unexpected accomplishments in his usual guarded terms. "We're proud of where we are and what we've done, but we've got two to go."

Flying Ducks break record, but on wrong night

Pressure, inexperience and a lack of depth can always make a large difference in deciding which team is able to win an extremely close gymnastics meet. "If we'd done the routines we're capable of doing," commented Oregon Coach Bill Ballester, "we would've won the meet." Instead the Ducks were defeated and California-Berkeley walked away with a 159.20 to 157.05 victory.

Leading by .4 going into the meet's last event, the high bar, Oregon seemed assured of victory but instead could produce only a 24.55 team event score and one of Oregon's normally strongest events blew right out the window. Freshman Steve Roskam was having a super night Oregon Daily Emerald

until the high bar, but scored only 8.2; senior Warren Weiseth went on to score an 8.9; and then senior Greg Maxwell had his worst performance of the season with a meet event low 7.45 in one of his best events.

Freshman Roskam still scored 50.85 in the all-around competition, to place in the top three, and other Oregon highlights did exist in the Cal-Berkeley meet. Among these were: a first place win by undefeated freshman Bob Rikli in the floor exercise with a 9.3; an Oregon sweep on the side horse by sophomore Joe Percival, at 9.3, Jim Lester, with 9.05, and freshman Mike Luzny at 8.85; and a second place by Roskam on the rings at 9.0.

Other Oregon places in the Cal-Berkeley meet were taken by senior Greg Maxwell with a tie for third place on the long horse vault at 8.95, Steve Roskam at 8.95 for a third place tie on the parallel bars, and senior Warren Weiseth also with a third place tie at 8.9 on the high bar. What made the difference between victory and defeat Ballester said, was "Too much pressure, maybe. The type of team we are, we've got to go out and do nothing wrong," to win.

Against Southern California the night before the Ducks had put it all together for a school record 159.05 to 151.60 victory. Scoring a school record 9.3 on the rings junior Kevin Cornelius was in top form,

unlike his 8.15 against Cal the next night, and he helped Oregon greatly on its way to a record obliterating performance.

"Interestingly enough," said Ballester, "the 159 was accomplished when Steve Roskam had a bad night. We've been inconsistent on the pommel horse and the parallel bars all year... but tonight we hit them cold." Highlighting the record making meet, freshman Bob Rikli won the floor exercise with a 9.2, freshman Jim Lister tied teammate Joe Percival at 9.1 for first on the side horse, senior Greg Maxwell won the long horse vault at 9.15, Steve Roskam won the parallel bars with a 8.95 and senior Warren Weiseth took first on the high bar at 9.20.