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Hartshorne leads Ducks in two categories after missing a year

Center Dan Hartshorne, who missed all of last season because of a knee injury, has come back to lead Oregon in both scoring and rebounding after three games this season.

The 6-foot-10 Hartshorne, a sophomore from Mission Hills, Cal. is currently scoring at a 15.0 point per game clip, and is garnering 8.3 rebounds per outing. Kelvin Small is tied with Hartshorne in the rebounding department.

Hartshorne is hitting a blistering .621 clip on his field goal attempts, connecting on 18 of 29 shots. His best scoring game came in Oregon's 69-61 win over Cal-State Fullerton when he poured in 21 points.

Small ranks second behind Hartshorne in scoring, pumping through 12.3 points per game. Small is tied with Felton Sealey for the team lead in blocked shots, each having two. Small has also played the most minutes, recording 78 minutes in three Oregon wins.

Freshman Phil Barner leads the first year players in scoring, ranking third on the team with a 10.3

average. While only shooting .387 (12 of 31) Barner has attempted the most shots on the team.

The first-year player from Fremont High in Oakland tops Oregon in steals with five. Sealey and Mike Drummond follow Barner with three each.

Drummond, who has been recovering from illness but has still logged 77 minutes of action, leads Oregon in assists. Drummond has racked up 14 assists in three games to easily outdistance

runner-up John Murray, who has seven. Drummond is scoring 5.3 points per game.

Joe Moreck is the owner of some very impressive averages, but having played only one game due to a knee injury, he hasn't had much opportunity to amass large totals.

In his only start, the 6-foot-8 junior scored 12 points against Fullerton. More spectacularly he hit five of seven shots for a hot .714 shooting percentage.

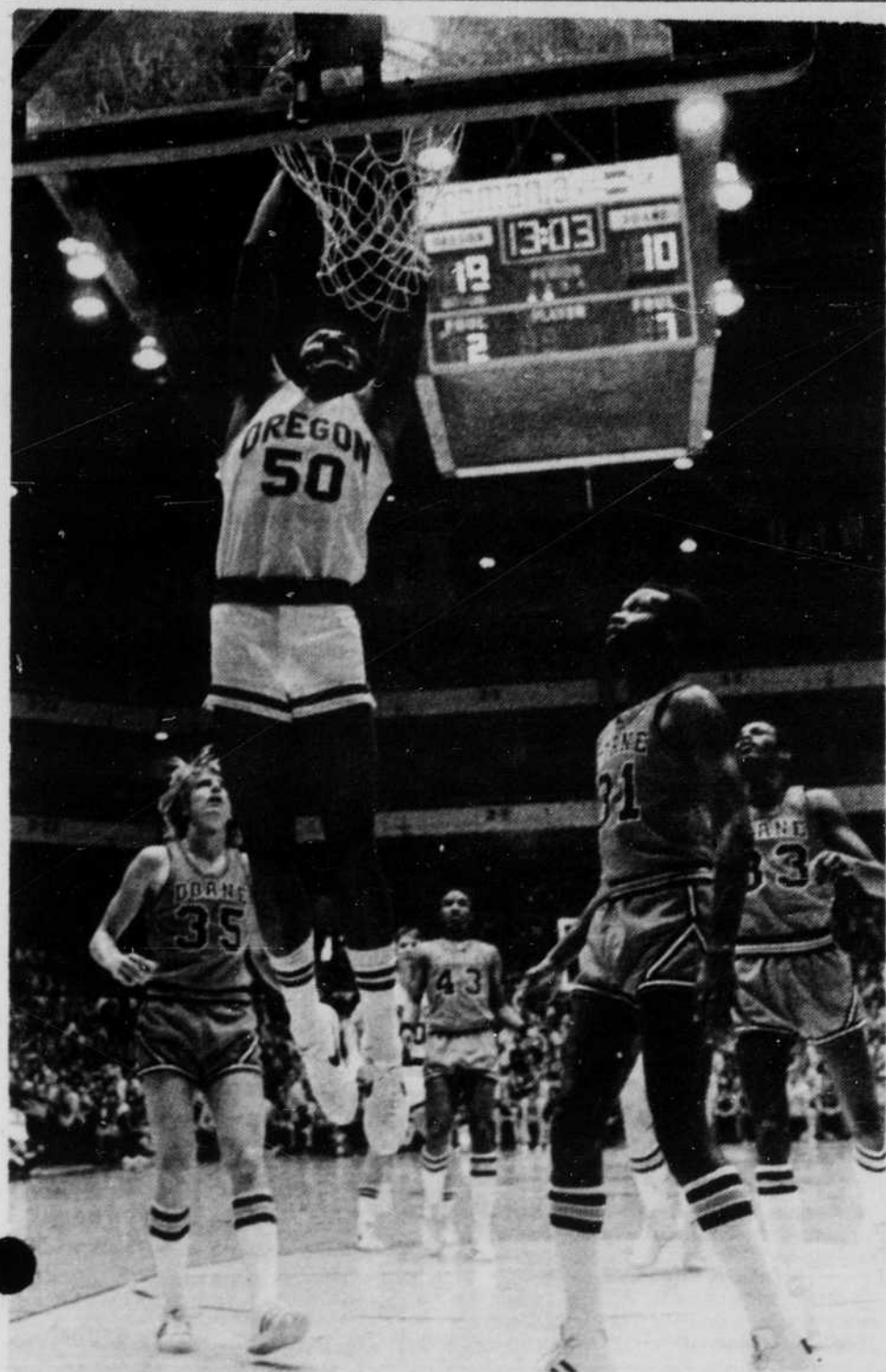


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Junior Kelvin Small is tied for the team lead in rebounds and is second on the Ducks in scoring.

Olsen makes rapid transition from gridiron to acting career

NEW YORK (AP) — The days dwindle down quickly for a professional athlete. At a time when most people are in the process of carving out a career, a pro athlete is finished. Some have enough foresight to look beyond next Monday's game and prepare for the inevitable. Some don't.

"I worried a great deal about the transition period," says Merlin Olsen, for 15 years a superb defensive tackle for the Los Angeles Rams. "I knew the day would come when I would have to leave football behind. I prepared not only for broadcasting and acting, but I had several alternatives.

"I sat down roughly five years ago and laid down some goals for myself to prepare to handle this transition time. I wrote out a mock contract and laid out the kinds of things I would like to be doing.

"When I signed a contract with NBC I compared it to the earlier one and they were almost identical. It was amazing. I never expected to be this comfortable. It's all fit together too well.

"I'm almost waiting for someone to tip over the boat and say 'It's all a dream. You're off the series. You have no job.'"

Olsen is one of the lucky ones. Lucky, but also intelligent and industrious. He landed a job with NBC Sports as a football commentator and will appear on the new "SportsWorld" show, due to debut in January. And he has a regular role on NBC's "Little House on the Prairie", the kind of role that actors spend years trying to get.

Olsen plays the role of the farmer-woodsman on "Little House." This is not a 'Don-

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Drysdale-visits-the-Brady-Bunch' part. It involves creating a character, depicting emotions, some real acting.

"Fortunately I'm blessed with a good memory so I haven't had trouble with the scripts," he says. "But, oddly, one of the things that has been difficult is to portray anger. I'm not angry or violent by nature, which is kind of unusual for having spent 15 years in the pros. It's much easier for me to portray sadness or happiness."

Olsen says his football experience has helped his acting career. Every actor has days when he just doesn't feel like acting. But, as in football, the show must go on.

"They don't cancel football games. You have to ignore the fact that it's five degrees out and you're freezing. You have to ignore that it's snowing or raining. Maybe you have the flu or an injury and feel terrible. But those are things you have to adjust to as a football player and it has given me an advantage as an actor.

A respected name in the game, Olsen was a natural to become a football commentator. But he kind of fell into "Little House." Olsen was being considered for a one-shot guest role on the series when Victor French, who was a regular, got his own show, "Carter Country."

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Sailors host eliminations

The Oregon sailing club will host the Northwest National Sloop Eliminations Dec. 10 and 11.

The competition will determine which team will represent the Northwest Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association in the finals to be held in Hawaii.

Schools participating in the race include Washington, Oregon, and Western Washington. The races will be held at Dexter Lake starting at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Intramural forms available

Winter term entry forms for intramural sports activities and recreational sports are available in room 171 Esslinger or in 8 Gerlinger.

The forfeit deposit fee may be withdrawn from between 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Dec. 9, in Room M-109A EMU.

Fans asked to vote

A new idea in sports polls is being introduced by a group in North Carolina. An organization called National Fan Poll is inviting basketball fans to join in the selection of a top 20 basketball teams.

Basketball fans who are interested in voting should send their selections to National Fan Poll, PO Box 2715, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.



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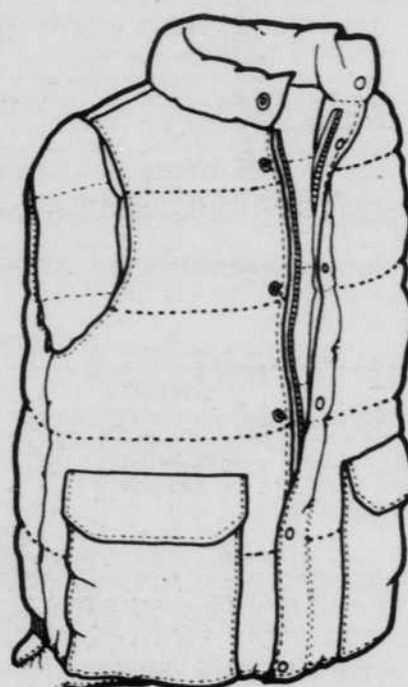
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