

Beavers Edge Out Cougar Club 54-53

Most generally the stamp of a great basketball player is exhibited by his ability to pass, score, play defense and drive while looking as if he's hardly breaking a sweat.

White, Ed Gayda, Whitey Skoog and Don Barksdale. Another you can add, with emphasis, is this John Azary of Gordon Ridings' Columbia U Lions. A husky 19-year-old junior at six-foot-three and 195 pounds, Azary doesn't look like he's operating in other than a slow trot. But all the while he's right where he shouldn't be, in the eyes of his opponents, and wearing them out with monotonous consistency.



JOHN AZARY

28 points for that game, which was just four beneath the mark established by WSC's Gale Bishop in 1946. Might add that Bishop's 32 point record doesn't include all games played in McArthur court. Lloyd Buettgenbach of Hood River high totaled 39 markers in a 1947 state prep tournament game.

The back alley that has kept Oregon's Paul Sowers sidelined has also been keeping him practically flat on his back, for it's one of those painful sacroiliac conditions. When first hit with it in mid-December, Sowers could hardly walk. It was only last Monday that the blond sharpshooter from Baker dared try a jump.

Kirsch Comes Up With Potful of Eligibility Woe

Don Kirsch, the Webfoot Fresh coach has had more fortunate experiences than the one of a few days ago in which he lost six of his top 15 cagers—three of 'em first stringers—because of scholastic deficiencies.

Hot Dog Wiley, now in his first year as a coach at Bend high. You might expect the huge six foot, eight inch Rajah to be surrounded by young giants of the basketball pavilion at Bend.

Loss of McGuire to Be Keenly Felt

Although few folks around here knew Stan McGuire other than for his great ability to play end for Oregon State, the news of his accidental death is brought much nearer home because of the other Beaver athletes involved in the tragic toboggan ride.

The loss of McGuire to the OSC team for 1950 is a great one indeed. The do-everything well and proved the past season that he definitely has the makings of a real All-American.

Naval Reserves Widen National Circuit Lead

The Naval Reserves slammed more padding on their lead in the City Hoop league's National division last night at Leslie as they handed the Burrough's Inn crew its initial defeat, 39-32.

The loss put the Innmen in a second place tie with the National Guards who lost a chance to hold the spot alone as they bowed to City Transit, 36-23.

Spunky Hogan Cards Hot 67

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4 (AP)—Ben Hogan, heading for a comeback on the money golf circuit after his near-fatal accident last February, shot a sub-par 67 today in practice for the 24th Los Angeles open tournament.

LeBaron Torrid As Tilt Looms

JACKSONVILLE Fla., Jan. 4 (AP)—A 19-year-old lad from California took the spotlight today as Yankee and Rebel squads near through two workouts at nearby Ponte Vedra Beach in preparation for Saturday's Senior Bowl game here.

No Contenders for Ez's Crown

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Ezard Charles, the world's heavyweight boxing champion as recognized by the National Boxing Association, finds himself in the position so long held by Joe Louis—the logical contender for his title.

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Stan'll Still Lead '50 Club

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—Oregon State College Football Coach Kip Taylor said today that no player would be named to replace star lineman Stan McGuire as captain of the school's 1950 team.

Couch Taylor said "Stan was elected by the boys and we'll not have another leader. We'll select someone to call the team and make field decisions, but Stan will still be our captain."

Webfoots Wait Cougar Series

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Jan. 4 (Special)—The University of Oregon Webfoots open their northern division basketball season here Friday and Saturday nights in McArthur court with the Washington State Cougars.

The Webfoots may be at full strength for the series, something they haven't been able to say since Stanford played here. Paul Sowers, up to then the team's leading scorer, may be ready for full-time action against the touted Cougars.

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Cougar Giant Tees Off at Beaver Basket in Hot Series



CORVALLIS, Jan. 4 — Gene Conley, Washington State's giant six foot, eight inch center levels at the Oregon State basket in the crucial northern division series in Gill Coliseum as he towers over both teammates and opponents alike.

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Brilliant Grid Career Ends

Stan McGuire Dies From Crash Injuries

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—Stan McGuire, captain of Oregon State college's 1950 football team, died in a hospital today, eight hours after a toboggan filled with college students swerved in front of a car.

Bill Corvallis, 21, a pitcher for the Santa Barbara, Calif., farm club of the Brooklyn Dodgers last season, was killed outright when he was thrown from the toboggan under the car.

McGuire, 22, also of Portland, was a standout Beaver end, an AP "lineman of the week" for his performance against Michigan State, and mentioned by numerous all-coast and all-American selectors.

Four students were aboard the toboggan, being towed behind an automobile driven by Bill Austin, 21, of Woodburn, Ore.

The sled swerved into the path of another automobile driven by Vernon Kechart, Corvallis business man, near the Oregon State campus. Both McGuire and Corvallis suffered fractured skulls.

The others on the sled, Lloyd Anderson of Oakland, Ore., and Bud Coons, Salem, were not injured.

Police said the crash was unavoidable. McGuire and Corvallis were studying business and technology. Both were juniors.

The accident occurred about midnight. Austin driving the car towing the toboggan, had just traded places with Corvallis. The tow rope broke and the toboggan slid headlong into the Kechart car.

Both McGuire and Corvallis, riding in the middle of the sled, are believed to have struck their heads on the front bumper of the car. Corvallis died on the scene and McGuire was rushed to a hospital where he died at 7:11 a.m. today.

Standing vigil at the ace flankman's bedside through the night were his coach, Kip Taylor, and Spec Keene, OSC athletic director.

McGuire had just returned by car Tuesday from the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco where he was a spectator.

Bud Coons, Salem, aboard the toboggan in the Corvallis tragedy, was an all-state cage performer for Salem high in 1941. He sustained a knee bruise in the crash.

Vingo Slightly Better NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—Carmine Vingo, injured Bronx heavyweight boxer, showed a "decided improvement" today but still was in "critical condition" at St. Clare's hospital.

Vingo was injured Friday night when he was knocked out by Rocky Marciano of Brockton, Mass., in Madison Square Garden bout.

CHARITY TILT SET HONOLULU, Jan. 4 (AP)—Seven Rose Bowl game performers, four from California and three from Ohio State, arrived with seven other college football players today for a charity game Sunday. The college all-stars will meet a Hawaii professional football team which will be reinforced by Johnny Lujack.

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Quintets Split Opening Series

Lead Changes Often; Conley Hits for 22

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—Oregon State college squeezed out a 54 to 53 Pacific Coast conference basketball victory out of the Washington State college Cougars tonight to split their two game series here.

The defending Coast conference champions almost didn't make it. The Cougars rallied to tie and drive ahead consistently with sophomore star Gene Conley firing 22 points to spark the drives. His lone efforts weren't enough.

Oregon State curbed Ed Gayda—who had but one field goal—and found the power to rally at critical points. Oregon State free throws also helped erase Washington State gains.

The finish was a rousing one. Oregon State held a 54-50 margin at the two minutes to go mark, but the Beavers were barely able to make use of the new out-of-bounds rule.

With the count at that point, Gayda fouled out of the game just before Leon Mangis got a free throw and Conley sank a long shot to narrow the count to 54-53. Then with 13 seconds remaining, a jump ball was called for and in the excitement another jump was required.

WSC field goal would have tipped the victory. Although Mangis snared the ball his shot was short and it bounced on the floor just at final gun.

In opening the game, the teams tied at 3-3 and 9-9 before the victory hungry Oregon Staters started scoring and moved into an 11-point lead at 29-18 and again at 30-19. Bill Harper, Dick Ballantyne and Bob Payne shared the honors in that drive before the Cougars started cutting away at the margin.

Coming back for the recess, Conley tied it on a free throw and the lead switched on almost every shot until it was tied again at 43-43.

The Beavers got control of themselves and with Jim Padgett and Bill Harper scoring they went into a lead at 53-48 and hung on by their teeth until the finish.

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Halftime score: Washington State — Gambold, Conley, Howell, Brunsvick, Oregon State — Payne, Rinearson 4, Ballantyne 4, Detour.

The federation, meeting in Los Angeles, changed prep football rules after hearing the results of Oregon's three-year experiment with the free fumble.

VALSETZ WINNER The Valsetz high cagers Tuesday night spanked Shedd 37-30 in a game played at Shedd Center. Head swished 16 points for the Valsetz team. Shedd won the Be game, 28-16.

VALSETZ (37) (30) SHEDD Babb (5) F (3) Robb Burchell (3) F (13) C. Brown Head (15) G (6) Wren Isaacson (9) G (3) McKinley Hughes (6) G (5) Higbe



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