

HIGH CLIMBER

By DICK STRITE

One big reason for the success of Oregon's Inland Empire basketball team could have been the care with which Hobbs Hobson gave his Webfoots. . . . With the thermometer hitting eight degrees below zero, Hobbs was taking no chances of colds and had chest packs on all 10 hoopers while aboard trains and following each game. . . . Two hours of sleep every afternoon. . . . A fruit salad and to bed after every game. . . . Rubdowns, but no workouts on the two "off" days. . . . Two-hour chalk talks every morning.

The only hitch in the "training" program came following the third straight victory—the Pullman hotel Friday night. . . . The kids had their rest disturbed by a fraternity dance. . . . and this may or may not have had something to do with the Saturday night loss. . . . The Oregon had a six-point lead with 12 minutes to go, but made a few mistakes such as taking advantage of numerous fouls by key Cougars and defensive errors that gave Jack Friel's hoopers a lead before the Oregon could again compose themselves. . . . Losing that first game and almost the second was a definite shock to the Cougars who had discounted Oregon's chances in the northern division race, figuring only Washington and OSC as opposition for W.S.C. Hobbs, incidentally, is conceding the northern division title to no one—not even if the Webfoots drop four games.

We understand from another source that Hobbs was disappointed—at times—with the performance of Warren Taylor and Bob Wren, veteran forwards who lacked drive and made a few defensive mistakes in the final Washington State game—and that Ralph Fuhman (the best reserve among the 10 men making the trip), Roy Seeborg and Freshman Ed Dick may make the lettermen's team for starting berths this week-end. . . . Al Popick, the dynamic sophomore guard, also performed well. . . . But it was the work of Roger Wiley, giant Frosh center, who caught the coach's eye. . . . He did most of the scoring and gave Oregon the backboard dominance in all games.

Oregon's shooting in the four games was also superior, hitting .387 in field and .578 in foul shots as compared to .245 and .365 for opponents. . . . There were less fouls against the Webfoots too, 39 as against 44. Breaking down the games, the records show:

1ST IDAHO GAME (won 43-21)	
Shots Made	Ave.
Oregon Field 53	.302
Idaho Field 55	.145
Oregon Foul 18	.811
Idaho Foul 11	.455

2ND IDAHO GAME (won 34-31)	
Shots Made	Ave.
Oregon Field 47	.334
Idaho Field 47	.298
Oregon Foul 15	.800
Idaho Foul 9	.333

1ST WSC GAME (won 49-36)	
Shots Made	Ave.
Oregon Field 63	.317
WSC Field 75	.200
Oregon Foul 13	.692
WSC Foul 11	.545

2ND WSC GAME (lost 46-40)	
Shots Made	Ave.
Oregon Field 63	.286
WSC Field 55	.365
Oregon Foul 9	.444
WSC Foul 10	.600

The picture shown above shows two definite things—that Oregon beat Idaho in the second game only through its unusually fine freethrow shooting, 70 per cent being unusually good; and lost the second game to WSC because of the Cougars' a sensationally hot shooting 25 per cent being average.

Hobby reports that Fred Quinn, Idaho's new transfer center, is every bit as good as Ray Turner of last year's Vandal aggregation and that the team is built around him. . . . Babe Brown has opened up the Vandal attack some, the Moscow hoopers shooting and running more than usual. . . . They also have speed and aggressiveness. . . . As for Washington State, Bob Sheridan, the "de-Athertonized" Webfoot, is a strong offensive man at center for the Cougars and the first five men are very fast. . . . Friel, however, is weak on reserves, although Jack still uses the unit system of substituting. The second unit saw very little action against the Oregon, particularly in the second game.

The Oregon and OSC basketball games will be broadcast from Eugene and Corvallis this season, starting at 7:30 p.m. with Burton Hutton officiating at the mike.

Estel Crabtree Joins Cincinnati As Coach

CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Veteran Estel Crabtree, left-handed outfielder and utility man, joined Hank Gowdy as a coach of the Cincinnati Reds today. Crabtree has been in ill health for the last few years. He batted .341 as a utility outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1941.

OCE Beats SONS 37-36

MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—A basket by Guard Cook on the last minute of play gave Oregon College of Education a 37-36 basketball victory here last night over Southern Oregon.

Eugene Axemen Drop 33-32 No-Name Thriller to Albany

Simons' Gift Shot Wins Tilt

Bulldogs Stop Late Rally By Local Quint

By BILL LOVE
ALBANY, Jan. 20.—Leon Simons must hold a grudge against Lane county athletic teams. Last summer, the former Toledo star pitched and batted his team to the state Junior Legion baseball title which included a three-game play-off against Springfield; on the gridiron, his passing caused the Eugene Axemen no end of trouble in the opening half, in the contest that clinched the No-Name title for Eugene here Tuesday night at the Albany gym. He sank a freethrow in the last minute of play to break a 32-32 deadlock and give Bob Buchanan's Albany Bulldogs a 33-to-32 victory over the here-to-fore once-beaten Eugene hooper quintet in one of those story-book thrillers.

The triumph put Albany on top of the southern division, No-Name league, as the Bulldogs beat Corvallis last week, 32 to 17. Simons got his foul shot on a questionable decision by the officials—who were none too popular with either side, or the spectators. After this same Mr. Simons had tied the contest with one and one-half minutes remaining at 32-32, with one of his one-handed specialties, he received a foul shot, which he missed. Then, in a wild move for the bouncing ball, Cecil Berg was charged with a foul after one official had made a held-ball decision.

Wolf Makes First Point
Simons hit the hoop, and two tattle Eugene shots failed—the last a long one—handler from the center of the court by Ernie Danner, which barely missed as the gun sounded. Eugene also had a chance to tie it up from the foul line, but Jerry Holland's shot rolled in and out—and Albany managed to keep their slim one-point lead.

With Bud Long doing most of the damage by putting one-handers from the side, Albany rolled up six points before Eugene could register on the scoreboard—Wolf sinking a freethrow after five minutes of play. Eugene then checked the Bulldogs' rapid advance, and was only four points behind, 10 to 6, entering the second quarter. Albany gradually improved its margin, however, and led 20-11 at halftime.

Albany could not score till five minutes had elapsed in the third period—the Axemen, paced by driving Al Wolf and the foul shots of Bob McKevitt, scored eight points and climbing within one point of the local five. The Bulldogs managed to hold their lead however till the last five seconds of the third period when Jack Fasset connected on a lay-in after taking a beautiful pass from Danner. That put Eugene in front, 22 to 25.

The lead see-sawed during the final frame, with Eugene missing several set-up shots that would have meant victory. Fasset left the game after 30 seconds with four fouls, and Bud Fortier followed him to the bench for Albany. Eugene was further hit in the last minute and one-half with Wolf collected his fourth infraction.

Albany Controls Boards
Eugene lost the game in the first half when the Bulldogs had almost complete control of the backboards. However, Ford Mullen's Purple hoopers completely dominated the last half, and proved to be the superior ball club—capable of winning the No-Name title and beating Albany when they meet in Eugene.

Long was high point man with 13 points—but only two came in the last half, and then on a stool-pigeon play. McKevitt scored 10 for Eugene, including six out of seven freethrows. Ray Cain and Wolf followed with eight apiece. In the opener, Fritz Kramer's sophomores blitzed their way to a 37-17 landslide over the Albany "B's" after leading 17-9 at halftime. Doug Gibson was high-point man with 10, while Gene Arland led the losers with five points.

Summary:
EUGENE (33): (33) ALBANY (32)
McKevitt, 10; Cain, 8; Wolf, 8; Fasset, 4; Fortier, 2; Holland, 2; Arland, 5; Kramer, 8; Gibson, 10; Arland, 5; Holland, 2; Fortier, 2; Fasset, 4; Wolf, 8; Cain, 8; McKevitt, 10.
Officials: Dryden and Jarock.

Bulldog Jackson Fined \$100 In Portland Court

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Ernest "Bulldog" Jackson, 38, noted northwest wrestler, was fined \$100 by Municipal Judge J. J. Quillen yesterday on conviction of intoxication and disorderly conduct.

NAVY QUINT SINKS ARMY

PASCO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The Navy sunk the Army here last night under a deluge of baskets, the Pasco Navy Flyers defeating the Pendleton Army Air Base basketball team 40-26.

No. 1 MEXICAN ATHLETE

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Maj. Antonio Nava Castillo, who starred in polo games against the United States and Latin American teams, last night was chosen Mexico's No. 1 athlete of 1942.

Webfoots Prepare For Husky Invasion

Hobby Hobson sent his Oregon hoopers through their final full scrimmage of the week here Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday's drill was confined with fundamentals. Another light workout Thursday will complete preparations for an all-important two-game series against the Washington Huskies here at McArthur court Friday and Saturday.

Tuesday's scrimmage was virtually the only stiff workout of the week—the Webfoots arriving home late Monday from their successful Inland Empire road trip. The Webfoots, however, were in the stands at Corvallis to watch the Huskies play Oregon State Tuesday night and planned to look over Hec Edmundson's pre-season favorites again Wednesday.

Junior Rubes Lose To Frosh, 70 to 54

The University of Oregon freshmen set a rapid-fire scoring pace at McArthur court Tuesday night to submerge the strong Rubenstein Juniors by a score of 70 to 54 and notch their fourth straight win of the season.

Coach Earl Sandness' quintet divided the scoring in each half, but kept the team going throughout the game. The Frosh led at halftime 37 to 20.

The Rubes almost matched the Oregon team in scoring accuracy, but couldn't cope with the freshmen's height advantage. Bob Kramer and Wayne Stump of the Rubes shared scoring honors for the game with 14 points apiece. Ken Hume and Ed DeVane led the Frosh with 13 and 12, respectively.

Summary:
FROSH (70): RUBES (54)
Hume, 13; DeVane, 12; Kramer, 14; Stump, 14; Sandness, 8; Hume, 13; DeVane, 12; Kramer, 14; Stump, 14; Sandness, 8.
Officials: Dryden and Jarock.

NCAA Hoop Finals Planned for Gotham

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The eastern regional basketball playoffs and the finals of the NCAA cage tournament will be held at Madison Square Garden this year in addition to the regular national invitation tournament, it was learned today.

Final confirmation is expected shortly from the National Collegiate Athletic association and plans are being made to pair the winner of the NCAA final with the survivor of the invitation tournament to determine a national basketball champion.

The Garden has already announced March 18, 22 and 24 as dates for their annual invitation tournament—won by West Virginia last season—and two evenings of NCAA play will have to be added. Last season the eastern regional was held in New Orleans and the western playoffs in Kansas City.

Proceeds of the projected championship final will go to the Red Cross.

Recreation

Eugene Plywood bowlers defeated Booth-Kelly 2-1 in the only West Coast league match at Eugene Recreation Tuesday night. Springfield Plywood won three games from Oregon Lumber Sales by default. Thurman of the losing Booth-Kelly team was high individual with a 192 single and a 559 series.

Results:
Eugene Ply—520 968 906—2034
Booth-Kelly—512 968 948—2736
High Single—Thurman, BK, 192
High Series—Thurman, BK, 559

Steelers, Christians In Feature Hoop Tilt

Electric Steel Foundry's hoop "giant killers" and Northwest Christian College meet in the feature City league basketball triple-header at Wilson Junior high Wednesday night. The Steelers knocked the Baptist Churchmen from the top of the league standings Monday night. The Christians are tied with Richfield Oil for the league lead. The game is scheduled for 9 o'clock.

Preliminary games will be played between Springfield C. I. O. and Peterson's Grocery at 7, and Man's Shop Guards and Medo-Land Creamery at 8 o'clock.

St. Mary's, Creswell Play Here Wednesday

St. Mary's high school's District 6 co-leaders will entertain Dean VanLydegraft's Creswell high Bulldogs at St. Mary's hall court Wednesday night, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The game was originally scheduled to be played at Creswell.

Father Louis Sohier's Saints have beaten Junction City and Uni High in district play but have not been too successful against "B" opponents. The Bulldogs defeated Clatskanie in their last appearance.

SPORT COATS

Slacks, Sweaters and Loafers Coats in a great variety at
DeNeff's 1022 Willamette

Beavers Show Strength In Posting 42-39 Win

By DICK STRITE
CORVALLIS, Jan. 20.—The Oregon State college basketball team showed no signs of relinquishing its northern division, Pacific coast conference basketball crown here Tuesday night when the surprising Beavers beat a favored University of Washington quintet, 42 to 39. It was the opening division game for both clubs, played before an under-capacity crowd of inevitable partisan spectators.

As an opening game it was a fair-to-middle contest, but to students of the finer points of the hoop game the skirmish was on the ragged side and at times resembling Oregon-OSC rough-and-tumble.

Oregon State, led by that dynamic Don Durand, was the better team here Tuesday night—superior in every department of the game. The Beavers completely dominated both backboards.

Washington was definitely off—not only on defensive tactics, but shooting, always the main forte of Hec Edmundson's aggregations. It was remarkable that the Huskies came as close to winning as they did.

Huskies Hold Early Lead
The only time the Seattle outfit held the advantage was in the first two minutes after Bobby Morris had bagged the first of five field goals (and he shot enough to make 15). Don Cecil, a good stretch forward transfer from Long Beach, potted a long one-hander for the Beavers and then on for the next 10 minutes the score was tied five times with Oregon State taking a com-

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Kids To See Oregon Games

Eugene's youngsters get a break!

All boys 15 years of age and younger will be the guests of the University of Oregon for the Washington, Idaho and Washington State basketball series here. Those planning to attend the Husky series this week-end are asked to meet at 7:15 p.m. at the south end of McArthur court from where they will be marched into a reserved section of the Igloo.

The program is being made possible through the interest of the Eugene Active club and the members of the local service club will be responsible for the conduct and supervision of the youngsters. Membership cards will be issued the "Gang Busters" at a later date and it is successful as the program will be carried through the baseball and football seasons.

Junction City Beats Harrisburg, 44-40

HARRISBURG, Jan. 20.—The Harrisburg Eagles, considered one of the strongest "B" basketball teams in the state, dropped a 44-40 decision to Junction City's District 6 "A" class quintet here Tuesday night in a tight game.

The Eagles took a commanding 9-point lead early in the game and held a 26-23 half-time advantage before Coach Frank Thomas' Tigers rallied to move ahead 33-30 at the end of the third quarter. Junction City took an 8-point lead with two minutes to play when Harrisburg rallied but fell 4 points short of a tie.

Cliff "Lefty" Mortenson led the Junction scoring with 15 points.

Summary:
JUNCTION CITY (44): HARRISBURG (40)
Mortenson, 15; Thomas, 12; Smith, 10; Patterson, 10; Davenport, 10; Leonard, 10; Mortenson, 15; Thomas, 12; Smith, 10; Patterson, 10; Davenport, 10; Leonard, 10.

Willie Pep Scores 58th Ring Victory
HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 20.—Willie Pep of Hartford, the "dancing dynamite," held his 58th consecutive ring victory today and appeared fully ready for his venture into the lightweight class on Jan. 29 when he meets Alvie Stolz in Madison Square Garden.

Pep, third featherweight champion this city has had in 15 years—he is recognized by the New York commission but not by the National Boxing association—easily defeated Bill Speary of Nanticoke, Pa., in a 10-round no-holds-bar bout last night.

Weighing 129½, Pep battered Speary unmercifully to win every round in an over-the-weight bout before a crowd of 3000.

Baugh Case Is Dropped
CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Elmer Layden, commissioner of the National Football league, said today the case of Sammy Baugh, "charged with wilful failure to attend and participate" in a benefit game at Philadelphia Dec. 27 between Washington Redskins teammates and a league all star squad, had been "dropped for want of evidence in substantiation."

was high-point man with 15. Glen Warren, 6-foot-4 forward, was also foot-loose and fancy free for good shots at the help.

But it was Durand, who has given all of the northern schools a series of basketball, football and baseball headaches during the past three years, who sparked the Beavers. He potted long swishers early in the second half when the Huskies staged a scoring spree, holding the OSC margin. He was the pivot man on set plays and even did some of the backboard work.

The same two teams were scheduled to play here again Wednesday night, with the Huskies moving to Eugene for a series against Oregon Friday and Saturday.

Doug Ford Disappointing
Washington was disappointing, to say the least—particularly Doug Ford who looked so good as a sophomore last year. Ford failed time and again to check Erland Anderson, 6-foot-4 sophomore center, who scored repeatedly on short pivot shots in the key. He

Pacific Coast Baseball League Sets Opening Games; April 18

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The Pacific coast league's 1942 campaign will begin Sunday, April 18, and close Sept. 12 after a 152-game schedule.

Secretary Harry Williams announced the dates after conducting a mail poll of the club owners. The league is starting three weeks later than usual and is playing 26

Boyd Brown Makes All-American Team

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Leslie MacMillan defeated Gil Dadds twice in their three meetings last winter and was clocked in the year's fastest mile at 4:07.8 but the Boston theologian was named to the all-American track team today by Dan Ferris of the A. A. U.

Although Dadds lost more often than he won from MacMillan the Boston A. A. runner did triumph in the National A. A. U. indoor mile and in the outdoor 1,500 meter event.

It is Dadds' first appearance on the all-American team.

Lieut. Joe McCluskey of the Navy and the New York A. C. is assigned the 10,000 and 15,000 meter berths his twelfth appearance on Ferris' annual selections.

Cornelius Warmerdam of San Francisco, the world's only 15-foot vaulter, and Ensign Fred Wolcott, hurdler, are back for their fifth appearances while Lou Gregory of the Millrose A. A., is honored for the tenth time at 20 kilometers.