Ducks Surprise Huskies In ND Tilt; Lose 40-38

By DICK STRITE

WASHINGTON PAVILION, Seattle, Jan. 8.—Coach Howard Hobson's inexperienced University of Oregon varsity basketball team amazed a crowd of 4500 spectators here Friday night to come within a field goal and a freethrow of defeating a 4-to-1 favored University of Washington quintet, losing by only two points, 40-38. It was the opening game for both teams in the 16-game Northern Division, Pacific Coast Conference campaign.

Coach Hec Edmundson started his veteran aggregation, including four members of the 1943 team that annexed the coast crown. He substituted freely by units in the first 30 minutes—and then frantically in the closing seven minutes. That was after Freshman Ernie Danner potted multiple freethrows to put the Webfoots ahead 38-36—wiping out a 13-point lead the Huskies enjoyed after the first four minutes of the second half.

Hobson got out of a sick bed to lead his team to the moral triumph after being bitten by the flu bug en route from Eugene. Wally Borrevik, the 6-foot-8½ letterman reserve center who suffered a sprained ankle in his first workout only last Monday, played a remarkable game and apparently made the difference in the team that dropped a 19-point decision to the Washington civilians at Astoria last month in 40 minutes of action.

Ducks Play Hard

It would be unfair, however, to single out any one of the seven Oregons who took part in the gruelling battle—all of whom played their hearts out and were virtually out on their feet in the final two minutes when the Huskies played a criss-cross "hard to get" passing game to protect their two-point advantage. The lead came on Perry Nelson's driving shot into the key. Nelson, incidentally, was the lone non-letterman among Hec's first of three five-man units.

Frank Heniges of Portland and Art McLarney of Seattle, the officials, had a busy evening with 31 personal fouls charged. It looked for a while as though the boys were protecting their home states — but the whistle-tooting leveled off after a time. Washington lost Billy Morris, its All-American guard, in the last eight minutes. George Bray of Oregon went out on fouls in the final 10 seconds — when Al Akins, ace Washington Stater who proved to be a staunch hoopster for the Huskies, refused the freethrow to retain command of the ball.

Bill Phillips' freethrow in the first minute of play gave Oregon the initial lead. The advantage see-sawed until an eight-point deadlock after five minutes. Washington went ahead again, but Bray's follow shot knotted it again at 13—after six minutes. Washington was ahead 15-14 at the 10-minute mark, when Edumundson sent in a second navy-trainee unit that included Akins. Phillips' score from close in put Oregon ahead, but Jack Getaz and Don McMillan paced a Husky rally that built up a 23-16 lead with five minutes of the half remaining. The halftime count was 29-21.

Danner Comes Through

The Washington Civilians took over at the start of the second half and in less than four minutes had widened the margin to 13 points, 35-22. Danner, one of three freshmen who played, came into the game shortly afterward and remained until the final gun. He tallied from outside the key, and then Bob Hamilton and Bray sparked a scoring spree that gradually whittled down the Husky advantage. The Washingtons were held scoreless for nearly 11 minutes.

In the meantime Phillips canned a gifter that tied the score at 36-all with eight minutes to go.

Danner's freethrows followed. With 4:15 remaining, Nichols scored on a close pivot shot to tie the count 38-38. A tight Husky man-for-man defense bothered the young Webfoots considerably and they lost the ball repeatedly. After Nelson's game-winning fielder, Oregon missed three good scoring opportunities — but Washington managed to salvage a two-point victory instead of the predicted 20 or 30-point margin.

Summary:

WASHINGTON	FG	FT	PF	TP
Gronsdahl, f	2	0	1	4
Nelson, f	1	1	0	3
Vanderberg, f	0	0	0	0
Akins, f	2	1	1	5
Mallory, f	1	0	2	2
O'Neil, f	0	0	0	0
Brown, c	2	0	3	4
McMillan, c	2	1	1	5
Nichols, c	3	1	0	7
Morris, c	2	0	4	4
Taylor, g	1	0	2	2
Lager, c	0	0	1	0
Getaz, g	1	2	1	4
Codd, c	0	0	1	0
Marr, g	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	17	6	18	40

OREGON	FG	FT	PF	TP
Bray, f	3	2	4	8
Cavineas, f	0	0	2	0
Danner, f	1	2	0	4
Borrevik, c	4	1	3	9
Humphreys, c	0	0	1	0
Phillips, g	1	4	3	6
Hamilton, g	4	3	2	11
TOTALS	13	12	15	38

Halftime score: Washington 29, Oregon 21.

Free throws missed: Akins 3, Brown 2, McMillan, Codd, Taylor, Getaz, Marr; Bray, Caviness, Phillips, Hamilton 4.

Officials: Art McLarney and Frank Heniges.

Byrd Takes Lead In LA With 66

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—Sammy Byrd, former major league outfielder, Saturday led a group of the country's top-flight active professional golfers into the second round of the $12,500 Los Angeles Open.

The Philadelphia professional, who gave up baseball for the links, shot the rain-soaked Wilshire Country club course in Friday's opening round in 66, five under par, and two strokes ahead of Byron Nelson, pre-tournament favorite who has won every major tourney in the country except this one.

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Byrd had six birdies, 11 pars and one bogie in his pace setting round. Hitting an exceptionally long ball off the tee and pitching his iron shots close to the cup, Byrd was never in trouble despite the fact that the heavy turf added several strokes to the scores of the big name golfers.

Byrd, who won the All-American tourney last year and finished second in the recent Miami Open, fired a three under par 32 on the outgoing nine and came in with a 34, two under regulation figures.

Nelson, Toledo, O., shot-maker, went out in 33 and came back in 35. He putted for 17 birdies over the 18 hole route and sank five. He had 11 pars and two bogies.

Tied for Third

Following Byrd and Nelson were veterans Olin Dutra, host professional, Jimmy Hines, New York; Willie Hunter, Pacific Palisades, Cal.; and Harold "Jug" McSpaden, Winchester, Mass., tied for third place with 69's.

Tide Defeated By JC, 33 to 22

By RED Q. GATES

Junction City made its league start a successful one by handing University high another defeat 33-22, in a Friday night game held at McArthur court. Both teams looked ragged, and if the Tigers are to become contenders for the title, they will have to show considerable more than they did against the Campus team. Don Davenport, a smooth Junction forward paced the attack with 15 points, and played a great floor game. University high showed more aggressiveness than they have all season by producing some "fight and spunk," which before has been sadly lacking.

Jerry Rasmussen put the Tigers into a lead which was never threatened on two gifters after the tip-off, and Davenport followed it with his deadly hook shot from the side. Wilmer Lyons made it 6-0, after he stole the ball away from the Tiders and went in for a lay-in. Bob Martin made the first Tide fielder with a close in shot and Doc Sargeant tallied a freethrow. Lyons and Rasmussen hit on fielders to make it 13 for Junction and five for University as the quarter ended.

Tide Rises

University held the upper hand the second canto and for awhile it looked as if the Tiders might pass the northern team. Davenport hit at the start but Hal White, LaMont Fisher, and Dud Scroggie all hit on fielders to make it 15-11. Lyons made the final first half points when he stole the ball and split the net with a lay-in.

Rasmussen scored on a "stoolie" in the first second of the last half and Davenport broke away, scored, and was fouled on the play, giving Junction three more points. Bob Nelson and Dale Bruegger exchanged field goals to keep the Tigers ten points in front of the Eugene club. Davenport hit his hook shot, and Scroggie and Jack Lawson hit on "gratis" shots to make it 25-15 at the quarter.

Dale Bruegger scored a freethrow, but Davenport virtually sank the Campus team's hopes when he potted two fielders in quick succession, and Lyons gathered a one-pointer on Lawson's foul. Scroggie pulled the University five within ten points of Junction with two pretty shots. Davenport hit a freethrow and a fielder, and Sargeant hit a pot shot to make the final score 33-22.

UHS Has Fire

Virgil Kingsley's club showed two fine shots in Davenport and Rasmussen, and a good guard in Lyons, but beyond that it showed very little and against some of the taller teams are going to have a rough evening keeping even.

University high played ball for the first time this year, displaying more fight than before, and showed considerable improvement since its performances in the hoop jamboree. Scroggie and Bruegger both gave good performances for Uni-high.

The Tiders' fine "B" squad turned back Elvan Pitney's five 29-17. Lindy Cornelius took high point honors with 12 points. Chase and Havercroft scored 4 each for Junction.

Summary:

JUNC. CITY (33)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Larson, f	0	0	0	0
Lyons, f	3	1	1	7
Nelson, c	1	0	1	2
Davenport, g	7	1	3	15
Rasmussen, g	3	3	3	9
Patton, g	0	0	0	0
Johnson, c	0	0	0	0
Lement, f	0	0	0	0
Skinner, f	0	0	0	0
Murphy, f	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	14	5	8	33

* Technical foul on Davenport.

U. H. S. (22)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Sargeant, f	1	2	1	4
Bruegger, f	1	2	1	4
Martin, c	1	0	1	2
White, g	1	0	2	2
Lawson, g	0	1	3	1
Scroggie, f	3	1	1	7
Fisher, c	1	0	1	2
Gillian, g	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	8	6	10	22

Halftime score: Junction City 17; University High 11.

Missed freethrows—Junction City: Rasmussen 3, Davenport 3, Nelson 2, Lyons. University: Fisher 4, Scroggie, Bruegger, White.

Officials—Ed Seigmund and Stan Summers.

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Hager, Davidson Top Three Cleanie-vs-Meanie Mat Bouts

Lane county wrestling fans will get an evening full of cleanie vs. meanie tactics at the Pearl Street arena Saturday night, as Promoter Don Owen has three such mat bouts lined up.

Topping the parade will be the return match between Buck Davidson, the Texas villain, and the Creswell Cyclone, Tex Hager. Fireworks aplenty will accompany this feature, as both boys will be seeking future main event bouts, including a match with the coast champion, George Wagner, if and when the latter returns.

Hager Backed

On New Year's day, these same two boys battled to a draw, and the fans and principals both requested a rematch, and Promoter Owen gave his consent.

Hager is virtually a home-town brother to all local grappling followers, and will have almost solid backing from the fans. Although he has appeared on few main event cards here during the past few months, he is one of the best men in the game, and last week gave Davidson a sound physical thrashing. Last summer, he was a candidate for the world's light heavyweight title while in California.

Piluso Has Weight

The semi-final bout is another of those "typical, action-filled" bouts, with Ernie Piluso, the popular Portland Italian, using his scientific knowledge against the illegal tactics of Leo Karlinko—the Mad Russian. Karlinko rates as one of the toughest "mean" boys in the business, though he will be forced to give away a few pounds to Piluso when the two enter the ring.

In the opener, Jack Kiser, another popular favorite with local fans, tackles Jack Lipscomb, the "Hoosier Hot Shot," in what should provide as much action as either of the other two contests. Both boys, due to the short time limit, will shoot the works from the start, and both have the experience and technique to come out on top—with Lipscomb also holding an edge in the illegal department of the game.

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Jack Awarded Split Decision

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. — (U.P.) — Lightweight Champion Beau Jack won a non-title decision over Lulu Costantino Friday night before 14,876 at Madison Square Garden, after pursuing the fleet New Yorker for 10 rounds. But the ring officials almost deprived him of the verdict.

The three officials handed Beau a close, split decision, in which the voting disclosed that he escaped defeat by an eyelash.

Beau's co-manager, Chick Wergeles, was so incensed at the vote that he threatened to withdraw the Georgia negro from his scheduled non-title tilt with Sammy Angott at the Garden, Jan. 28, unless the boxing commission assures Beau of "protection." Beau is recognized as champion in New York state; Angott by the National Boxing association.

The United Press scored seven rounds for Beau; two for Costantino, and one even. Most writers at the ringside thought the champion had won by a fair margin. However, Referee Eddie Joseph voted in favor of Costantino, eight rounds to two; and Judges Marty Monroe and Bob Cunningham each gave Beau the scant margin of victory—five rounds to four, with one even.

It was a dull bout, for which the customers paid $43,161. Beau tried desperately to make a fight out of it—tried frantically at times for a kayo; but slender Costantino mounted his bicycle and kept back-pedalling throughout. The result was a monotonous, clumsy pursuit race, quite similar to that staged by Joe Louis in his first bout with Bob Pastor at the Garden.

There were no knockdowns; and the only blood spilled came from a slight gash in Costantino's right brow, where Beau connected with a left jab in the seventh round.

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Army Band Team Quits; Too Dangerous; Finds Tootin' Tops Shootin'

BOISE, Ida., Jan. 8—(U.P.)—The Gowen Field army band's basketball team, the best in the base service league, was withdrawn from competition Saturday because "tootin' is more important than shootin'."

A trumpeter, Cpl. James A. Taylor, Gladwater, Tex., received a smashed lip in practice when the ball hit him in the mouth. Warrant Officer Bert Fetzer, bandmaster, said the band would have to stop playing basketball because of the risks involved.

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Amateurs Get Jolted

SEATTLE, Jan. 8—(AP)—Amateur basketball quintets playing against professional traveling teams will not be permitted to participate in A. A. U. tournaments, Ralph Cairney, Pacific Northwest A. A. U. basketball commissioner, warned last night. He said the ruling applied even if games were scheduled for charity.

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WINS BY KO

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 8—(AP)—Using highly effective lefts to the head, John Thomas, negro lightweight of Los Angeles, last night knocked out Baby Yucatan of Mexico City in the ninth round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Eugene Sophomores Nip Tiders, 25-23

Eugene high's sophomore team managed to come from behind in the closing minutes of a ragged contest Thursday night, to tie the score, and go on to defeat the University high sophs, 24 to 23.

The Tiders had a big lead with only a few minutes remaining, when the UHS coach sent in his second unit. All of a sudden, the Axemen—who couldn't hit their hats before—found the range, and led by Willy Dodds, brought a 21 to 12 score up to 22 all before the gun sounded.

Dodds and Louis Bradford made a fielder and gifter respectively while the Tide could only connect on one foul shot during the overtime. The above two boys sparked the Eugene team. Tom Tugman was the outstanding man for the Tiders.

Summary:

EUGENE (25)		(22) UNIVERSITY
Fredericks, 1	F	3, Purcell
Smith, 5	F	7, Tugman
Moll, 2	C	3, Carey
Walker, 4	G	2, Brown
Dodds, 10	G	6, Etter
Bradford, 2	S	1, Hulten
Fry, 1	S	

Halftime score: University 10, Eugene 5.

Officials: Bill Hutchinson and Dale Warberg.

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Ex-Detroit Pitching Star Dies at Home

WABASH, Ind., Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—George Joseph Mullin, Detroit Tigers' pitching star of 30 years ago, died at his home Friday after a long illness.

Mullin, known as "Big George," pitched a no-hit game against the St. Louis Browns in 1912, and set a record by hurling 34 innings for the Tigers in the 1909 World Series. He won 20 or more games five times during his career in the majors, which began in 1899. His lifetime record was 216 games won and 177 lost.

Eugene Beats Grovers, 55-33

COTTAGE GROVE, Jan. 8—The Eugene High Axemen won their first District 6 game of the season here Friday night, even though their regular mentor was not around to see them produce the victory. With Coach Hank Kuchera confined to his home by the flu, the Axemen under Duane Mellem, showed their old prowess at times in dumping Coach Curtis French's inexperienced Grovers.

Eugene high was not at its peak however, and although it looked especially good in part of the second and third quarters, was not consistent in its offensive performance.

Combination Clicks

The Grovers, who are led by Howard Harpole, star center and the only returning regular, showed plenty of their usual hustle and fire, typical of past Grove teams, but lacked the experience and speed as well as all-around backboard power to stop the Axemen.

Eugene was ahead at halftime, 11 to 7, but in the second quarter, turned on the heat, with the Gus Hunter, Bob McKevitt, Dale Warber, Bill Hutchinson and Jerry Holland combination clicking beautifully. The Axemen totaled 19 points in that period to five for the Grovers, and led 30 to 12 at intermission.

During the second half, French's Lions almost matched Eugene basket for basket, with Harpole and Jack Edwards doing most of the offensive work. The Axemen led 45 to 23 going into the final stanza. In that last quarter, neither team paid much attention to defense, as the contest got on the 'rugged' side.

'B's win, 49-19

Cottage Grove started a zone defense, but soon shifted to a man-for-man—the same style used by the Axemen.

Harpole copped high point honors with 14 counters. For the Axemen Dale Warberg, sub forward, scored 12 points for top honors, and played the standout game for the winner, Gus Hunter and Bob McKevitt followed with 10 apiece.

Mellem's 'B' squaders also produced a victory over the Grove seconds, winning 49 to 19 after leading 27 to 5 at halftime. Ned Collett scored 15 points for Eugene, followed by Ken Ruth with 14. Heath led the losers with eight.

Summary:

EUGENE (55)	FG	FT	PF	TP
McKevitt, f	5	0	1	10
Hunter, f	5	0	1	10
Elder, f	3	1	3	7
Hutchinson, g	3	0	2	6
Berg, g	2	1	0	5
Warberg, g	5	2	1	12
Sprecher, c	0	0	0	0
Robinson, g	0	0	0	0
Holland, g	2	0	1	4
Thomason, g	0	1	2	1
TOTALS	25	5	11	55

COTTAGE GR. (33)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Gleason, f	2	1	2	5
H. Witherspoon, f	0	0	4	0
Harpole, c	6	2	1	14
Howell, g	0	0	0	0
Edwards, g	3	1	0	7
Land, g	3	0	1	6
Kume, g	0	0	0	0
Wickendall, f	0	0	0	0
Carpenter, c	0	0	1	0
S. Witherspoon, f	0	1	2	1
Lemon, g	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	14	5	11	33

Halftime score: Eugene 30, Cottage Grove 12.

Officials: Bill Robins and Cliff Horner.

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Hawks Get New Goalie

CHICAGO, Jan. 8. — (U.P.) — The Chicago Blackhawks Saturday acquired Mike Karakas, veteran goalie who led the Hawks to the Stanley Cup title in the 1937-38 season, from the Providence club of the American hockey league.

Karakas will join the Hawks Sunday night.

Hoop Scores

COLLEGE

Washington 40, Oregon 38.
Oregon State 39, Idaho 34.
Gonzaga 49, Whitman 34.
Eastern Washington 37, Washington State 30.
Willamette 39, Fees Music Makers 27.

OREGON HIGH SCHOOL

St. John's (Milwaukie) 30; Hill Military 14.
Roseburg 25, Medford 20.
Beaverton 25, West Linn 19.
Mac-Hi 36, Pendleton 34.
Taft 51, Newport 19.
Corvallis 32, Albany 19.
Astoria 34, Salem 31.
McMinnville 23, Forest Grove 22.
Commerce 21, Lincoln 21.
Gresham 42, Parkrose 23.
Columbia Prep 27, Milwaukie 23.
Junction City 23, University High 22.
Eugene 55, Cottage Grove 33.
Silverton 36, Mt. Angel 33.
Grant 54, Sabin 25.
Washington 35, Benson 31.
Roosevelt 35, Franklin 34.
Ashland 37, Grants Pass 17.

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Montgomery Awarded Ten-Round Decision

DETROIT, Jan. 8—(U.P.)—Former lightweight champion Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia, gained his second decision over Joey Peralta of Douglas, Ariz., by outboxing his lighter opponent in a fast 10-round bout before 5,000 at Olympia stadium Friday night.

There were no knockdowns although Montgomery had Peralta staggering in the sixth round with smashing rights and lefts which drove the Mexican into a corner and forced him to hang on.

The Philadelphia negro, who dropped his crown to Beau Jack at Madison Square Garden last November, weighed 137 pounds and Peralta 134.

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Rucker Intends To Be With Giants Again

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 8.—(U.P.)—Johnny Rucker, New York Giants' outfielder, revealed Saturday that the baseball manpower shortage had changed his previous plans to retire and that he will report for spring training.

Rucker has been troubled with a bad back, an ailment that made him 4-F in the draft.

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Leonard Listed 1-A

AUBURN, Ill., Jan. 8. — (U.P.) — Emil "Dutch" Leonard, star knuckle-ball hurler for the Washington Senators, was in 1-A today.

Leonard, 33, and the father of two children, spends the off-seasons at his home here. He was reclassified by the local draft board Friday.

Beavers Stop Vandals, 39-3[illegible]

MOSCOW, Ida., Jan. 8.—[illegible] Two eight-point rallies, [illegible] close of each half, gave the [illegible] State college basketball [illegible] 39-34 victory over Univ[illegible] Idaho here Friday night [illegible] northern division Pacific [illegible] conference game.

Idaho pressed Oregon [illegible] throughout their Moscow [illegible] getting off to a 10-4 lead [illegible] first half. The Beavers, [illegible] tied the score at 15-15 with [illegible] toss by Forward Allen A[illegible] and left the floor at half[illegible] a 23-16 advantage.

Jay Gano led a Vandal [illegible] that brought them to within [illegible] point of Oregon State, 31-3[illegible] seven minutes remaining. [illegible] Beavers unleashed an [illegible] spree in the next four [illegible] Gano of Idaho and Anderson [illegible] Oregon State were high [illegible] with 13 and 12, respectively.

Summaries:

OREGON STATE	FG	FT
McGrath, f	2	3
Anderson, f	4	3
Lee, f	3	1
Marshik, c	2	1
Reiman, g	2	0
Hiatt, g	1	0
Sertic, g	3	0
Vannet, g	0	0
TOTALS	16	7

IDAHO	FG	FT
Grand, f	5	3
Olson, f	1	1
Call, f	2	0
Stewart, c	2	1
Collins, g	3	0
Pyne, g	0	2
Ablin, g	0	1
TOTALS	13	8

Halftime score: O.S.C. 23, Ida[illegible] Free throws missed: O.S.C. [illegible]son, Marshik, Reiman 2, Hiatt [illegible] art 2, Collins 2, Pyne, Ablin 1.

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