

Beavers Threaten Duck Hoop Lead

Hansen Tops League Scorers; USC, UCLA Deadlocked in South

NORTHERN DIVISION, PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE

Basketball Standings	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
University of Oregon	8	4	.667	602	553
Oregon State College	7	5	.583	538	501
Washington State College	7	5	.583	550	523
University of Washington	5	7	.417	558	616
University of Idaho	1	7	.125	312	367

SOUTHERN DIVISION, Pacific Coast Conference

Basketball Standings	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Southern California	2	1	.667	135	100
U. C. L. A.	2	1	.667	112	121
University of California	1	3	.250	145	171

Faced with the danger of losing its hard-won northern division, Pacific coast conference basketball lead in a game against the Oregon State Beavers at Corvallis next Saturday night, Coach John Warren wasted little time starting to prepare his Webfoots for the all-important tilt.

The Webfoots suffered a 55-51 defeat at the hands of Slats Gill's Beavers before nearly 7000 spectators here last Saturday night—the first OSC basketball victory over Oregon in six starts. The victory gave the Orangemen an even break in the 1945 series, Oregon having won the opener 51-44 at Corvallis a month ago. There was little consolation for the Oregonians that scoring of field goals in last Saturday's hectic battle were even—each with 22—and that the game was won from the free-throw line where the Beavers collected 11 to Oregon's 7. The Webfoots were charged with 20 personal fouls to 11 for OSC.

Because of Oregon's shortage of one-pointers, Warren is expected to make freethrow shooting one of the "musts" in his training program that opened with a lengthy workout Monday.

Outplayed at the backboards, and general ballhawking, Oregon's only consolation was a gallant rally in the last seven minutes of play when a 12-point Beaver lead was narrowed to four points with two and one-half minutes of play remaining. The Webfoots were seriously handicapped in the last three minutes when high-scoring Dick Wilkins, who dunked 19 points through the hoop during the game, was disqualified on five personal fouls.

McGrath, Labhart Key Men
Oregon State lost its great loose-limbed center, Red Rocha, in the final two and one-half minutes, but the 6-foot, 8-inch pivot man wasn't the key player of the OSC triumph, despite his 18 points. The dynamic play of Bernie McGrath in the first 15 minutes, picked up by Bob Labhart in the closing 25 minutes, proved to be a vital factor in the outcome of the contest.

McGrath and Labhart, a freshman from Corvallis high, took advantage of one of Oregon's weaknesses—failure to change on a man-for-man defense. The Beaver block plays allowed both Beavers repeated unopposed shots—and Labhart couldn't seem to miss. Warren will no doubt work on this department during the week.

The Oregon's unquestionably handicapped by sickness and injuries during the past week, held up surprisingly well during the torrid tilt, apparently in superior condition to the Beavers, who showed signs of wear and tear during the closing minutes of play.

Wilkins, Bartlett Draw Foul
The rapid whittling of the officials, Art McLarney of Seattle and Emil Piluso of Portland, early in the contest also played a part in the outcome. Wilkins, with four fouls before the first half ended, and Jim Bartlett, with his fourth personal foul 90 seconds after the start of the second half, were forced to play much of the game under wraps—fearing the fifth and disqualifying fouls.

At Los Angeles, U.C.L.A. set the stage for a southern division championship with Southern California next Friday night, by scoring a 50-44 triumph over University of California Bears.

Washington, virtually out of the championship race, was to play Idaho at Moscow Monday and Tuesday before returning to Seattle for a final series against WSC February 23-24.

Both Rocha and Wilkins lost their scoring leaderships over the week-end as Vince Hansen of WSC tied the conference one-game scoring record with 34 points in a game against Washington that moved the Cougars into a tie with Oregon State—a game behind the Webfoots. The 34 points gave Hansen 189 in the 12 of 16 conference games, 13 more than Rocha's 176. Wilkins is third with 168. Hansen also took over the national collegiate point-making lead with 453 for the season as against Wilkins' 421-point total.

Although Wilkins lost his scoring lead, his four starting Web-foot teammates were among the ten top scorers in the division, shown as follows:

	G	FG	FT	PP	TP
Hansen, WSC	12	74	41	28	129
Wilkins, Oregon	12	74	24	29	176
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Jorgensen, Wash.	12	50	30	9	148
Hansen, Oregon	12	48	11	28	109
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Smith, Oregon	12	37	28	43	103
Hansen, WSC	12	37	14	32	99
McGrath, OSC	12	39	20	18	98
Bartlett, Oregon	12	38	14	40	96

Idaho Defeats McCaw
MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The University of Idaho avenged an early season defeat by winning 37-31 over the McCaw general hospital basketball team of Walla Walla here Saturday night.

Guard Len Payne scored 13 for Idaho and Sgt. Wendell Christensen collected 10 for McCaw. Idaho expanded a 23-13 half-time lead to a 30-13 count before McCaw cut the margin to 36-30 in the final minutes.

Santa Ana Tips USC
SANTA ANA, Calif., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Santa Ana army air base basketball team completed its conquest of southern California cage teams Saturday night by whipping Southern California 51-38.

Majors Study East-West Loop

Travel Restrictions Hit Baseball Again

By BUS HAM
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The capital now is expecting an early visit by baseball representatives to look into the possibility of further big-league travel curtailment next season.

Government sources have suggested that the major leagues be divided into east and west divisions to save approximately 2,600,000 passenger miles.

Baseball has numerous problems to solve before the 1945 season opens, but the transportation pinch is one difficulty that may be gone into right away.

Ford Frick and Will Harridge, big-league presidents, have been appointed to confer with government officials on conditions affecting the game's continuance.

Reaction among baseball men was varied to the suggestion that the majors divide into two divisions to eliminate the long east-west hauls.

Such a merger was broached over a year ago, Harridge disclosed, but there was no public mention of it.

Clark Griffith, Washington Senators' owner, said that baseball men are willing to look into the feasibility of the idea if the situation is light enough to make additional curtailment necessary.

Government sources, in suggesting the plan, praised baseball's cooperation, acknowledged its value in keeping persons in the headlines and off the trains, and said that the game should be continued.

But these sources added, 96,000,000 passenger miles were traveled last year, reaching an absolute physical peak for transportation facilities, and non-essential travel must be cut again.

Haegg, Lidman Fail To 'Make The Boat'
NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Why Gunder Haegg missed the boat remained a mystery today which probably will go unsolved until the gaunt Swedish distance runner makes his belated appearance here for a running tour, sometime within the next two weeks.

Haegg and Haskon Lidman, Swedish hurdle champion, were scheduled to arrive last night by ship from an undisclosed British port, but after sports writers, Swedish newspapermen and track officials waited several hours, it became apparent that they had failed to make connections.

An American Red Cross representative on the ship said he could not say what had happened but that an explanation might be forthcoming later.

Daniel J. Ferris, secretary of the A. A. U., said he believed the athletes might have gotten another ship and that they would be here within a few days—definitely in time for the National A. A. U. indoor meet on Feb. 24.

Haegg was committed to run in three-mile at the national event, Ferris said, and he will do so even if he arrives only a day or so before the meet. If he arrives in time to get used to indoor tracks, upon which he has never run, he also will go in the mile.

Husky Trainees Trim WWC Quintet, 73 to 45
SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The University of Washington navy trainee basketball team defeated Western Washington college 73-45 here Saturday night.

Don McMillan and Bill Vandenberg led the Husky attack. The half-time score was 42-22, Washington. McMillan sank 12 field goals and a free throw to lead the scoring parade, with 25. Sievertson, WWC center, managed 19 points.

Geiger Field In Finals
SPOKANE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Geiger Field defeated Ephrata army air base 47-46 here Saturday to win the right to meet March Field in Fresno, Calif., next week-end for the 4th air force basketball championship. Geiger won on a field goal by Dick Hatfield in the last 30 seconds. Not more than three points separated the teams at any time.

Mosconi Establishes New Billiard Record
CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Willie Mosconi, world's pocket billiard champion, set a new high-run inning record in defeating Ralph Greenleaf, 128 to minus 2 in the final game of the world's championship pocket billiard match here Sunday night.

Mosconi had a high run of 127. The overall total for Mosconi was 2788 and for Greenleaf 2210.

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Army's Three-Year Unbeaten Hoop Record In Balance This Week

By CARL LUNDQUIST

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Army's future generals at West Point, doing an excellent job of winning campaigns at home, face their sternest basketball test in three seasons this week when they meet St. John's.

The best of the New York metropolitan teams, for eastern intercollegiate honors.

Army, unbeaten in 10 straight games this year, has a three-year victory string of 26 games, but still rates no better than even money over the crafty St. John's quintet which has won 13 of its 14 tests this season.

The Redmen, losers only in an upset to City College, have been pointing for the Army game, having played only one minor engagement in two weeks.

Navy's midshipmen, with nine straight victories of their own, remained with Army the only other unbeaten major college team, but the records of the service quintets were discounted to some extent because they have played comparatively limited schedules.

Elsewhere on the national basketball front the situation was as follows:

Eugene Eyes League Title
The Eugene High Axemen can clinch the District 8 league basketball championship Tuesday night in a game against the fast-improving Junction City Tigers at Junction City. The game will be the only league clash of the evening, although Springfield travels to Corvallis and Creswell to Drain in non-conference clashes.

Coach Hank Kuchera's Axemen will be heavily favored over Virg Kingsley's Tigers. But should the Axemen fail they will have another chance to top the crown in a Saturday night game against University high at McArthur court.

Eugene also meets Salem here at the Armory Thursday night.

Two games Friday night could also have a bearing on the league championship, Springfield against Cottage Grove on the Lions' court and Roseburg against the Tigers at Junction City.

In other high school games this week, Coburg entertains the Eugene Baptist church team at Coburg Wednesday night, and St. Mary's travels to Pleasant Hill Friday night—both non-league affairs.

Two Western division, Lane county "B" league games are also on the Friday night schedule. The division title will be at stake in a game at Mapleton between the league-leading Sailors and the Elmira Falcons. Lorne plays Tri-angle at Blachly in another Friday tilt.

Dr. S. C. Endicott Wins Ball-Sweepstakes Golf Meet At Country Club
Dr. S. C. Endicott captured the week-end ball sweepstakes at the Eugene Country club, according to an announcement made Monday by Hugh Starkweather, club pro.

Endicott scored 84-15-69 to win the top prize in a field of 32 competitors. Bert Prescott posted the best gross score with a 78, six over par.

M. H. Kendall, 84-12-72, and John Koke, 82-10-72, tied for runner-up honors. In a four-way tie for third place were A. C. Dixon, Bill Cloyes, Ted Reed and Dr. Endicott (with his second round), all with net 73's.

Ball sweepstakes will be regular week-end features at the club, according to Starkweather.

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ing Cornell, now in second with three wins and two losses.

Southeastern conference—Georgia Tech knocked Tennessee from the unbeaten ranks with an upset victory, but the Vols still lead the race with six victories and one defeat. Kentucky and Alabama with three wins and one loss each are tied for second. The intersectional defeat of Kentucky by Michigan State ranked as one of week's top upsets.

Big-Ten—Ohio State took a half-game lead over Iowa with successive victories over Wisconsin and Northwestern. Iowa won its only game with Indiana. Illinois was in a position to strike for the lead if either of

the others falter after a victory over Minnesota.

Midwest independents—DePaul strengthened its claim for national honors by beating Oklahoma A & M 48-46, while Notre Dame picked up an impressive victory in the east, 68-60, over New York University.

Big-Six—Oklahoma with five victories and one defeat, held a half-game lead over Kansas with a four and one record. Oklahoma A & M, despite its loss to DePaul, remains the outstanding independent team in the area with a record of 15 victories and four defeats.

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