

# Oregon State Has Basketball Team That Coast Schools Fear

(Editor's note: This is another of a series of stories on northern division Pacific Coast conference basketball prospects.)

By GAIL FOWLER  
CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 19 (P)—You'll find the basketball team here all afraid of, right here on the Oregon State college campus.

Why? Five returning seniors, principally, along with seven capable understudies. The Beavers finished second in last winter's northern division, Pacific Coast conference race, and were the only team to hold an edge over Washington State, which cleaned up the west and lost to Wisconsin in the national final. The Beavers beat WSC three out of four.

Big John Mandic, all-division center the last two years, will bid for that honor again. He does everything well, has size and speed, was third high scorer in the division as a junior and may well lead em all this year.

Paul Valenti, guard, is one of the best set shots in Beaver history.

Sophomores seek the other guard job. There's slender Don Frederickson from Hoquiam, who led that school to a Washington State prep hoop title a couple of years ago. And there are Lew Beck of Pendleton, Gene Holweiger of Portland, and Howard Jeffries, and Bill McCluskey, Corvallis.

If Don Durdan, Oregon State's three-sport athlete, doesn't get panged up in the Oregon State-Duke "Tobacco bowl" game New Year's day, he'll be available for guard duty again. He's a veteran southpaw.

Sam Dement is a steady, dependable forward and George McNutt, a transfer who didn't hit his stride until late last season, is speedy, has a good shot and callike action.

Don Hall, one-year letterman, is the fastest on the squad and may have a starting berth by the time the Beavers entrain for Madison Square garden and waypoints for a pre-season barn storming tour.



John Mandic, Center Oregon State College

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (P)—Long Island university's basketball team, winner of 59 consecutive home games—nine this season—has lost only three out of 137 contests on its own court in eight seasons under Coach Clair Bee. The defeats were by teams using the zone defense, which is most effective on the small LIU court.

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Flo Ann Eaton also rated on Santa's slate with 173-151-180-510 for second, and Mary Tyler third with an even 500.

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