

# Huskies Risk Slender Lead Against Ducks

By The Associated Press  
Clinging precariously to a half game lead, the University of Washington Huskies put that slender margin on the line this weekend when they invade Oregon on a trip which may make or break their championship hopes.

Washington plays the University of Oregon at Eugene Friday and Saturday nights, then concludes the tour against Oregon State at Corvallis next Monday and Tuesday nights.

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The East Texas league has passed a rule allowing Stratton to have a runner when he gets on base.

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## SPORTS

### No Legal Fireworks At Fight

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## Nostalgia For Cypress Gardens

By PAUL HAINES  
A picture on the sports page of last night's Herald and News showing two men sailing through the air with the greatest of ease on water skis at Cypress Gardens, Florida, brought back old memories and prompted us to write a yarn about that sport.

The names of the two men in the picture were Bob Wheeler and Malcolm Pope. We had never heard of the former man but Malcolm Pope we know well.

Several years ago we worked at the Cypress Gardens, a few miles out of Winter Haven, making Grantland Rice Sportlights. Pope was also in the films along with many others.

The Cypress Gardens itself was converted from a desolate swamp into one of the outstanding scenic attractions in the state of Florida by Dick Pope, Malcolm's brother.

Canals are cut through the Gardens with bridges made of cypress spanning the water and one of the stunts this scribe performed was jumping the two separate bridges on an aquaplane—sometimes erroneously called a surfboard.

(Aquaplanes are pulled by speedboats while surfboards are used entirely to ride the waves with no additional locomotion.) In making an aquaplane or water ski jump, a slide is attached to a bridge, nailed between two adjacent trees, or

floated on empty drums, according to the type of jump to be made.

The boat then either takes the rider as close to the jump as possible if it is floated, or goes directly under the bridge if it is that type of stunt.

Skis are harder to handle than a board because of the two separate units which must be controlled and the leap that was shown in the picture is an extremely difficult one to make successfully.

The skis tend to separate while in the air in much the same manner as do the more orthodox, but no less dangerous, snow skis.

During the several Sportlights which we helped make, Pope was

one of the biggest dare-devils in the show and he later went to Hollywood where he worked for a time as a stunt man.

But even his disregard for personal danger was overshadowed by the recklessness of Bob Eastman, undoubtedly the No. 1 man of all time in this particular sport.

Bob could devise more ways to end one's sojourn on earth abruptly than any other 10 men combined.

We recall that the Grantland Rice people wanted a shot of a boat being smashed to bits. Bob was not found lacking. He found an old speedboat hull, nailed two empty butter boxes on the front, filled the boxes with dynamite, and ran the boat head-on into a cypress tree. That finished the boat and almost finished Bob.

Personally, we like newspaper work!



## Victory League Hoop Results

**Matts Nudge Fords**  
In a rough and tumble Victory league game last night Matt Finnegans nudged Balsigers 27-23 after the Fords had held a small lead through the first three quarters.

They were unable to keep clear of a fourth period rally. Bill Jones scored 11 points for Finnegans and Dee Nelson hit an even dozen for Balsigers.

**Newsboys Win**  
The Herald and News Victory squad easily downed Murphys barber shop in the second game last night, 35-22.

Calvin Adkinson paced the victors with 16 points, while Joe Garner tallied seven for the Barbers.

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## Next Bouts At Armory Undecided

Whether anything will come of the Belcastro-Lynam-Lipscomb vicious circle remains to be seen but as yet there has been no announcement of bouts arranged for next week's mail card.

Last Tuesday Pete Belcastro challenged from the ring the winner of the Lynam-Lipscomb fight, stating that he preferred Lynam, and then went so far as to clip Buck on the chin by way of making sure Jumping Joe won.

That peeved Brutal Buck more than somewhat and he searched the armory diligently for Pete with intentions of whipping him on the spot, but Pete was nowhere to be found.

Another boy the crowd signified they'd like to see more of is the swarthy handsome French Canadian, Pierre LaBelle, who lost to Belcastro last Tuesday.

LaBelle is a clean-cut youngster who works along the same lines as Lynam and Angelo Martinielli.

**Two OSC Hoopsters Hurt In Accident**  
NEWBERG, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP)—Glenn Warren, regular Oregon State basketball forward, was seriously cut and John Moore, reserve guard, and Vern Eilers, trainer, were less seriously hurt in a head-on automobile collision near here yesterday.

Three other players were shaken up but unhurt. Coach A. T. Gill visited his injured players at Willamette hospital and announced that Warren would be unable to play in the OSC-Washington game at Corvallis next Monday and Tuesday. Warren's hurts required eight stitches for a scalp wound and five for a knee cut.

## Nation's Game Population Grows Faster Than Hunters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The nation's big game population is increasing faster than the number of potential hunters.

The fish and wildlife service reported today that all animals classified as big game totaled 7,148,422 in 1943, an increase of 5.9 per cent over 1941. In the same period the human population gained less than one per cent.

The service has been making annual censuses of big game animals since 1937. Because of the large number of separate counts involved, reports from the 1944 inventory have not been tabulated, and the taking of the 1945 inventory has not been completed.

Pennsylvania had the largest game population in 1943, 1,104,635 animals, nearly all deer. Michigan ranked second with 731,407, Minnesota third with

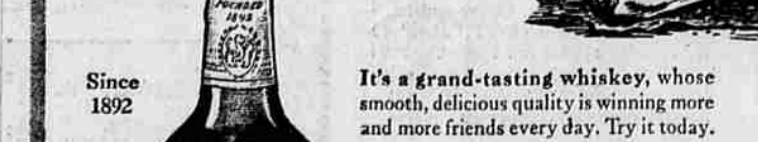
631,877, California fourth with 597,625 and Oregon fifth with 584,261.

Kansas was listed as the only state having no big game.

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by Hank Berger



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