

Vandals Show New Life, Drop Close Game To Ducks, 45-43

Phoenix And Evans Lead Rejuvenated Idahoans

NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS

W.	L.	Pct.	PF	PA
Oregon State	4	0	1,000	236
Washington	4	2	.667	340
Washington State	4	3	.571	307
Oregon	3	3	.500	330
IDAHO	0	7	.000	294

The University of Oregon Ducks fattened their average last Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the expense of the hapless Vandals as they handed the Idaho quintet losses at both ends of the two-game series by scores of 66 to 46 and 45 to 43.

The Ducks opened the series with an easy victory the first night. Led by the phenomenal shooting of Forward Dick Wilkins, Oregon caught afire in the closing minutes of the first half and maintained a lead which they never relinquished. Wilkins dropped baskets in from all angles of the floor with amazing accuracy as he racked up 20 points to lead both clubs in the scoring column. Evans was high for the Vandals with 13.

Game Exciting

Some 2500 spectators were on hand for Wednesday night's ball game, and they weren't disappointed with the show they witnessed. The lead changed hands six times in the first half alone. And in the final canto the Vandals put on a spectacular rally in the final five minutes of play to almost pass the Oregon quintet as the lead changed ownership four times in the final minutes.

With the score standing at 28 to 27 at the end of the first 20 minutes of play, the Vandals opened the second half with a brief spurt which saw them go out in front of the Ducks by five points. This rally was short-lived, as the Oregon crew, sparked by Williamson, Wiley and Hayes, scored eight points in four minutes to give the Oregonians a 39 to 34 lead with nine minutes left. The Vandals bounced right back and played the Ducks on even terms until the final minute of the game. The last five minutes were probably the most exciting seen in Memorial gymnasium this year.

Phoenix Stars

Sparkplug of the Vandal attack was Jack Phoenix. The giant center, in a complete reversal from early season form, played his most outstanding game of the year as he constantly controlled both backboards. The Vandal center looped in 12 points to lead Idaho scorers, and definitely proved that he would be a scoring threat in the future. Roger Wiley led the Oregon quintet with 13 markers.

The Oregonians will meet Washington State in a two-game series Friday and Saturday nights before returning to Eugene.

The average estimated teacher's salary in elementary and high schools in the United States in 1945-46 was \$1,975.

Vandal Showing May Mean Comeback In Second Half

Fans who attended Wednesday night's Idaho-Oregon basketball game left Memorial gymnasium quite satisfied that the Vandals can still play ball and still have a chance to win some conference games. After seeing the Idaho team take early leads in both Washington games and then bog down and come back and do the same thing in the initial Oregon contest, supporters were just about convinced that the Vandals were a first half club; however, the Wednesday performance showed that the Idahoans are capable of going the full 40 minutes.

After the game Coach Guy Wicks stated: "I have great admiration for the team as it took a lot of guts to come back after losing six straight conference games and play the way they did tonight, especially after being so badly beaten by this same team—the night before." The coach went on to explain that one of the biggest hindrances to the success of the team so far this year has been the poor playing of Idaho's giant center, Jack Phoenix. The American Falls pivot was just about the hottest center in the league last year, and was being depended on this year, but until the Oregon series has failed to produce. However, the big boy came to life against Oregon and in Wednesday's game played "a whale of a game," according to his coach, who feels that Jack's play can make the difference between victory and defeat in some of our remaining ball games.

Taylor Improves

Another factor in Idaho's sudden reversal of form, according to Coach Wicks, has been the improving play of Johnny Taylor at guard. Taylor started the season at forward, but was switched to the guard spot when that position proved weak. It has taken the tall sophomore time to adjust himself to the new position, but his coach feels that he has been improving every day and will continue to improve as the season goes on.

A third thing which will be a distinct help to the team is the

Boxers Preparing For Oncoming Match With WSC

A week from tonight the University of Idaho boxing squad will meet the Washington State mittmen in the Memorial gymnasium. The Vandals are seeking their second victory of the season, having defeated the Bulldogs of Gonzaga by a substantial margin last Friday night in Spokane. Friday night's bout will be the first home bout for the Vandals and will give the local fans a chance to see the team in action before they journey to California to meet San Jose State.

Coach Ken Butler has been putting his boxers through strenuous workouts in preparation for the card with the Cougars. The Vandals will have had two weeks to prepare for the match and, according to Butler, are expected to be

Vandals List Seven Games On 1947 Football Schedule

University of Idaho will open their 1947 football season in Neale stadium September 20 against College of Puget Sound of Tacoma. Graduate Manager Gale L. Mix announced yesterday.

Mix reports that three home games were already on schedule for the Vandals and that negotiations for a fourth were underway for a game to be played on Saturday, October 18.

Reside their opening game with College of Puget Sound, the Vandals will meet their traditional rivals, the Washington State Cougars, in the annual homecoming game, scheduled for October 4. Also on November 7 the Vandals will enjoy their home field again when they meet Montana state university Friday, November 7. The Montana game was originally scheduled for November 8, but was moved up one day to avoid

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in great shape for the bouts. Two probable changes have been listed in the Idaho line-up: Ray Radford will replace Dorset McClure in the 130-pound class, and Ted Diehl will fight at 165 pounds instead of Howard Morton.

To lead the Vandals against the Cougars are: Luane Erickson, who scored a first-round knockout over Paul Gikrest in the 175-pound bracket; Bill Williams, who decided Bob La Tendresse; Herb Carlson, 155-pound winner of Gonzaga's Dan Longpre; Larry Hanson, who kayped Don Jabbara; and Ray Engberson, who decided Les Scott in the 135-pound class.

BEARS WIN FOURTH

The undefeated University of California Bears won their fourth Pacific Coast conference game Saturday night as they defeated Stanford 48 to 36. The Bears led at halftime 29 to 16.

This was California's second victory over the Indians as they downed the same team the previous night by a score of 47 to 40.

Tankmen Tackle Strong WSC

The University of Idaho tank squad will journey across the state line for a rematch with the Washington State swimming team today at 3 p.m. in the W.S.C. gymnasium.

Washington State will be favored, having one of the strongest swimming teams for several years, it is reported. Don Anderson is stressing distances and endurance in their daily workouts.

"With the additional practice, the squad will be in better shape and should make it tougher for the Cougars than in last Saturday's meet," stated team captain Don Anderson.

The remainder of the Vandals' swimming schedule is: January 24, Washington State at Pullman; February 1, Montana at Moscow; February 8, Washington at Moscow; February 14, Oregon State at Corvallis; February 15, Oregon at Eugene; February 22, Northern Division championship at Seattle.

Praises Guards

In commenting on the Oregon team, Coach Wicks appeared to be especially impressed with their guard combination of Stan Williamson and Al Popick. He said "that Stan Williamson is just about the best guard we have run into this year. He plays an aggressive game for a man his size."

FACULTY DATE

Dancing at the Faculty club will be held January 31 at 8 p.m., not January 24 as previously announced.

OREGON	G	F	PF	TP
Wilkins, f	3	2	3	9
Hays, f	1	4	3	6
Wiley, c	4	5	4	13
Williamson, g	4	5	4	11
Popick, f	2	0	0	0
Dick, f	0	0	0	0
Seaborg, g	0	0	0	0
Berg, f	0	0	0	0
Lavey, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	15	23	45

IDAHO	G	F	PF	TP
Evans, f	4	4	4	12
Quinn, f	0	3	2	1
Phoenix, c	5	2	2	12
Carbaugh, g	1	0	0	4
Taylor, g	1	0	0	2
Ryan, f	0	1	0	1
Mortenson, f	0	0	0	0
Gano, c	0	0	0	0
Fredekind, g	2	1	2	5
Totals	15	13	20	43

Halftime score: Idaho 28, Oregon 27.
Free throws missed: Oregon—Wilkins, Hays, Popick, Williamson 3, Idaho—Quinn 3, Evans, Phoenix 3, Taylor, Mortenson, Fredekind, Gano.

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