







# GRIM VANDALS END WSC SERIES TONIGHT

## Idaho Hopes Go On WSC Battle

**NORTHERN DIVISION STANDINGS**

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Oregon State	10	4	.714
Oregon	8	6	.571
IDAHO	7	6	.538
Washington	5	7	.417
Washington State	3	10	.231

With faint hopes of seeking a first place tie in Northern Division basketball, Idaho's Vandals pair off tonight at Pullman with their most bitter foes — the Cougars from across the Palouse.

In the final matching of the two clubs for 1954, WSC would merely have to take their second game from the Vandals to ruin all possible chances for the latter to stay in the heated race.

Idaho took both contests on the Memorial Gym floor but fell 71-61 to the WSC five on the Pullman maple courts, a good indication of how powerful the Cougars can be when on the home floor.

Idaho weathered a tight WSC zone set up by coach Jack Friel a week ago to eke out a 45-42 win, thus keeping their title hopes alive. The Idaho lads trailed 21-22 at the rest period but fought back on better than even turns to take the contest.

**Beavers Set**  
League leading Oregon State stands as the champ unless the Oregon Webfoot can take two in a row from when both teams

Tickets for tonight's game between Idaho and Washington State are on sale in the ASUI office and can be purchased for \$1.50.

close out their season this week. Oregon suffered a surprise setback at the hands of Washington at Seattle this weekend in gaining a split with the cellar dwellers.

Slats Gill's crew rides on top with a 10-4 record after coming out with two wins upon invading the Washington State lair over the weekend. The Staters slid by on Wade "Swede" Halbrook's dunking Friday 51-49 and slapped it on harder Saturday.

**Flu Bug Strikes**  
The flu bug has been hot on the tail of the Idaho cagers during the period between WSC games as Bob Garrison and Bob Falash, starting guards, and Harlan "Lefty" Melton, second among Vandal point contributors, have all been released from the infirmary after brief stays.

Coach Chuck Finley indicates, however, that the squad will be fit and ready for action tonight and for the closing games Friday and Saturday with the Huskies from Washington.

## Skiers Seek Wins In National Test

Capt. Henry Burnett's skiers have been going through rugged workouts during the past weekend in preparation for the Pacific Northwest trials for the National meet. The trials will be held at Stevens Pass, February 27-28.

Idaho is favored to win the trials and the cross country men have been training on Moscow Mt. in an attempt to increase their chances. Slalom men and jumpers are getting ready by practicing at Emida.

The National meet will be held in Reno on March 4, 5, 6 and 7. Idaho's varsity has high hopes of placing several men in competition for national honors.

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## Finley Rumors 'Unfounded'

Dozens of people are selling his house and he doesn't even know it.

That's the plight of basketball Coach Chuck Finley as rumors of his departure for Mississippi Southern continue to whisper around campus.

But the genial casaba mentor denies selling his house, although he says he wants to get rid of it. However, he pointed out, he's been wanting to sell his house for three years.

Rumors that Finley is moving to Mississippi Southern university were termed, "Unfounded" by him.

## Boxers Lose To Strong LSU Squad

The unbeaten Louisiana State University boxers continued their spotless streak last Friday night at Baton Rouge when they drubbed the University of Idaho mittmen 7-1. The result was not unexpected since the LSU boxing teams are perennial contenders for national honors.

Five knockdowns were registered against Coach Frank Young's Vandals. One knockout and two technical knockouts were scored by LSU.

The shortest contest of the evening was the heavyweight match in which Crowe Peele of LSU dumped Idaho's Harold Solinsky 49 seconds after the opening gong. Don Anderson, Idaho 165-pounder, scored the Vandal's only triumph when he stopped LSU's Ronnie Schulingkamp in 1:48 of the first stanza.

Vandal Jerry Manderville was the victim of the knockout registered by Gary Brown in 1:38 of the second round. This was a 156-pound contest.

The summary:  
125—Freeman (LSU) stopped Ray Ragan (I)  
132—Stiglits (LSU) decisioned Wadsworth (I)  
139—Jackson (LSU) decisioned Titus (I)  
147—Clary (LSU) decisioned Nichols (I)  
156—Bowden (LSU) knocked out Manderville (I)  
165—Anderson (I) stopped Schulingkamp (LSU)  
175—Collins (LSU) decisioned Hanson (II)

Heavyweight — Peele (LSU) stopped Solinsky (I)

The Vandal leather tossers will have a two-week layoff before concluding their season with WSC on March 6 in Memorial Gym.

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## Huskies' Scramble For Third Place May Help Vandals

SEATTLE, (Special) — Washington's "comeback" Huskies, suddenly right in the fight for third place in the Northern Division after a satisfying split with Oregon State, entertain the Oregon Ducks in massive Edmondson Pavilion Friday and Saturday nights.

For one of the few times this season, the Huskies won't be complete underdogs, most of the local basketball experts thinking that they will earn a split from the second-place Ducks.

Even that would be a feather in the "Huskies" hats after such a slow start this winter, and likewise it would be a feather in Oregon's cap, since the Ducks haven't been victorious in the Pavilion since 1947.

The Oregonians, still in the thick of the division race despite two costly losses at Idaho last weekend, desperately need two Seattle wins to close in on OSC, whom they trail by a full game and whom they will meet in a climactic two-game series next weekend.

Coach Bill Borchert is expected to call on Ed Halberg, Barney Holland, Max Anderson, Howard Page and Ken Wegner for his starters, although the sophomore guard Jerry Ross has been alternating with Page in getting the starting nod.

Whether Ross or Page is in the lineup at the tipoff, the Ducks will display the fastest and one of the finest shooting teams to appear in the Pavilion this year. The Oregon slogan is "offense—and more offense."

Tippy Dye's hopes to avenge two earlier setbacks in Eugene lie mainly in a greatly-improved Husky defense, the pivot work of Dean Parsons, a good backboard combination and the hustlingest team on the Coast.

## "I" CLUB

Final plans for the Vandal Booster banquet will be discussed at a meeting Wednesday, February 24, at 7 p.m. in Conference Room B. The banquet is set for Saturday, February 27, in the SUB. "I" Club members will take the Boosters to the final Washington game after the feed.

Thanks go to the fellows and gals who went along with the hankie waving instead of booing. What little effort it took on your part gained considerable for University prestige and the student body profited by your participation. At the next game get your neighbor to pull out his "dolly" and give it a wave instead of jumping on the officials and players.

Thanks go also to the people on the northeast side of the gym for their ingenious little slogan and their large hankie.

Thanks to the "I" Club members who stuck out their necks to catch the March of Dimes money.

At tomorrow's meeting a reception for the new football coach will be discussed.



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## Vandal Swimmers Romp, Trounce EWCE 55-29

Vandal splashers easily defeated Eastern Washington College of Education, 55-29, in a dual meet Saturday at the Idaho home pond. Idaho took first place in every event.

Two Vandal swimmers continued their personal battle in the diving events as Richards defeated Bell for the first time this season. Coach Eric Kirkland entered only one of his men in each event in an effort to keep the score down.

## Frosh Swimmers Prep For WSC Tilt

Frosh swimmers have been in heavy training this week preparing for their second encounter with the WSC frosh today. Coach Eric Kirkland said yesterday that a new swimmer, Ken Wallstrom, should add much strength in the 220-yard and 440-yard events.

Kirkland will depend on Bruce Buckman and Mike McKay in the sprints today. Jack Helle and Dale Carlisle will be carrying the load in the breaststroke and backstroke, respectively.

Ed Russ will take on the diving job and Norm White will be pacing the relay team.

## Home Field Has New Look For 1954

MacLean Field, home of the Vandal baseballers, has that new look.

During the summer and fall of 1953, the field was completely rehabilitated. Several hundred yards of fill material was added and the field was completely reshaped and regraded.

The south and east slopes (in the outfield) were reshaped and regraded, and the entire field area was reseeded.

The varsity baseball team will continue to practice and play regular games on MacLean Field, but all other activities are ruled out in order to allow the new turf to become well established.

Practice will be limited to the infield area only.

The Operations Council, reporting the work, says that this limiting of use should "provide an excellent field for the ensuing years."

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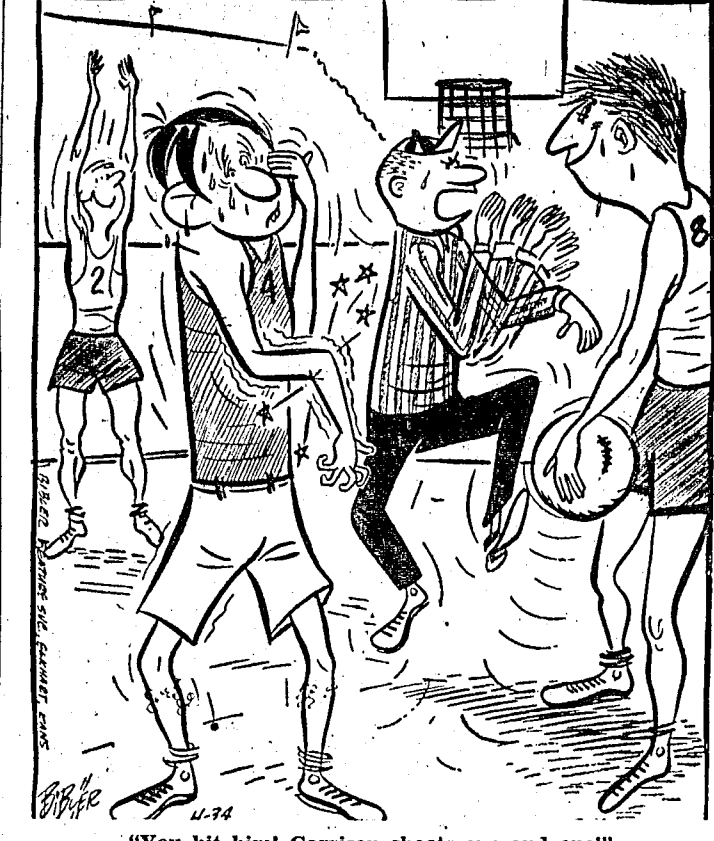
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## ND Clubs Place In NCAA Listing Of Stingy Teams

The Northern Division of the PCC is a tough place to set a scoring record, according to the latest NCAA basketball statistics which show no less than three of the five ND teams among the top 15 in team defense.

League leading Oregon State tops the list of Northern Division defenders in holding down eighth place. The Beavers have given up an average of 56.3 points per game this season.

WSC's tenacious Cougars, with a lowly 9-13 won and lost record, are in eleventh place with a 57.5 average for 22 games.

Close behind are Idaho's Vandals with a 58.4 record to show for their defensive efforts.

Leading the pack are Duquesne's unbeaten Dukes who sport a 50.8 point per game average in defense. A perennial contender for defensive honors, slow-motion Oklahoma A&M is in second place, having given up only 51.6 digits per semester.

## NEWS FROM THE Ski Club

Final plans for the Stevens Pass trip will be discussed at a meeting in Conference Room A on Thursday at 6:45 p.m.

Gem pictures will be taken and all members are asked to wear their ski clothes.

Barbara Schutt has been elected secretary of the club.

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