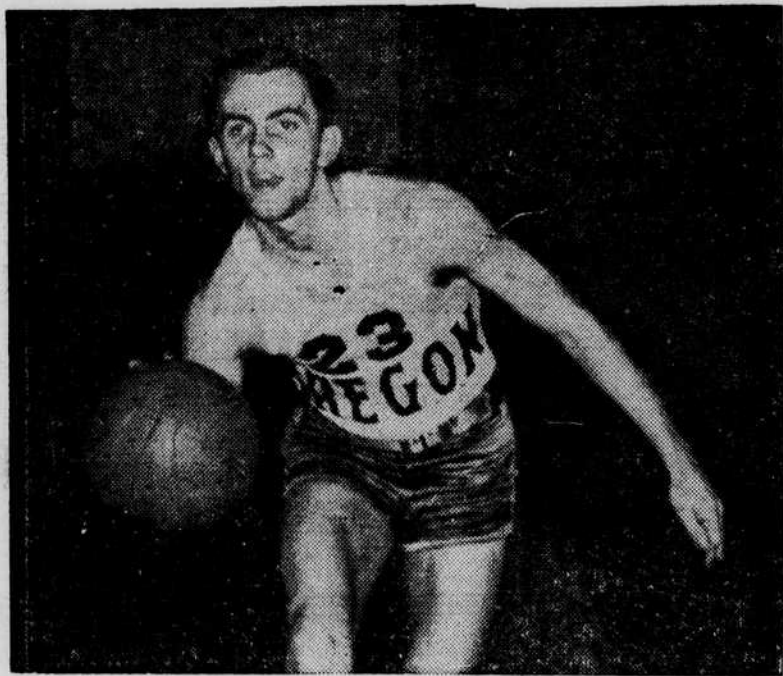


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Lavey Causes Trouble



BOB LAVEY, scrappy Oregon Guard who's rushing tactics push referees to limits on rule interpretation. His play has brought about many differences between officials and the fans in recent games at McArthur Court.

Rule Interpretation Starts Hoop Rows Coast Cage Action Starts

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9, (UP)—Age-old rivalries on the basketball court will flare anew this weekend as Pacific Coast Conference play goes into the second round of competition.

The powerful Washington Huskies, losers of only one game out of nine this season and a double winner over Idaho last weekend, go across the state to tackle Washington State in a pair of games.

Coach Art CcLarney's crew has lost only to University of Minnesota, a defeat later avenged. On the basis of their fast start, the Huskies, led by Louie Soriano, Landon Henson, Frank Guisness, Duane Enochs and Russ Parthemer, are going to be hard to stop in the race for the Northern Division title.

Another cross-state rivalry in the north country takes place when Oregon tangles with Oregon State on Friday at Corvallis.

In the South UCLA and USC, both unbeaten in conference play, exchange blows in a cross-town Los Angeles battle on Friday and Saturday. Bill Sharman, USC ace, and George Stanich of UCLA, probably hold the key in the important clash.

In the Bay Area, Stanford and California, both losers of their opening tilts against USC and UCLA, play in Stanford Friday night and Berkeley Saturday. The Indians are favored over the slow-starting Bears.

The San Francisco Cow Palace comes back into action with the independents holding the spotlight. On Friday, Santa Clara, right now the king of the Western independent basketballers (as well as in football), plays Loyola of Los Angeles; and St. Mary's meets Regis of Denver in a twin bill. On Saturday, Santa Clara battles Regis and University of San Francisco takes on Loyola in the double-header.

Looking through the statistics compiled by the Western teams that make the basketball tour through the East, one notices the unusual amount of fouls the boys pile up.

Oregon, Washington State, and several of the California teams can trace some of their losses not to inaccuracy from the field, but rather to the crimes committed on defense. Part of this was their own fault, and part of it was due to the two schools of rule interpretation that have come about.

The one, used in the East and some sections of the South and Middle West, is designed to cut down on body contact. It says that any contact between the body of one player and that of another when one of the two is in possession of the ball, shall result in a foul.

The other says in effect, "there is bound to be some body contact in a game, so unless it is flagrant, let the boys do a little bumping and butting." This latter, is prevalent throughout the western part of the country. It finds its greatest adherents in the Rocky Mountain Conference, which produces as good a crop of teams as ever laced on a pair of full length sneakers. Up there the boys like the game rough, as those who saw Wyoming humble the Ducks last year will testify.

When one of the body contact teams comes into Buffalo, New York, or Philadelphia they find that the traffic whistles seem to have moved indoors.

Their efforts are thwarted at the foul line where a succession of foul shots by the local club wipes out any advantage the Westners may gain from the floor. The referees concession does not break him of habits he must maintain to stay alive in his own conference.

Eastern teams stress the pass and ball handling more than the dribble. Their game is built more on speed than on power. Through the years they have drawn away

from the bumping game to the wide open give-a-basket-to-get-two type of basketball.

Once a team like Oregon comes home, they don't have to worry about interpretation. They are playing in their own crowd, and ought to know the laws used by their set. But once the referees, geared to the rougher type game begin to get a bit inconsistent, we get the same thing that we find in intersectional basketball; the game is sacrificed on the altar of the whistle.

In the two years we have been watching basketball here, we have come to wonder at the students' attitude toward the officials. All students will yell at the whistle tooter who does not toot for the home team, but when the catcalls reach the peak that they have come to at Oregon, there is something wrong. The boos did not hit their high mark during the Washington State series; that has come in games past, and will reappear as the season wears on.

The greater part of the trouble can be traced right back to where we started, interpretation. Body contact ball breeds inconsistency. It is difficult to judge when a bump is harmless, and when it is a flagrant violation of rules. You may allow one man to whirl his foe around a little after they struggle for a rebound, but how much is fair whirling? A defender follows a forward around the center, and bumps the man in the bucket. When is it an "all right bump," and when is it a foul? When do you break up a scramble, and when do you let the mkick and wrestle for position?

When James Naismith invented the hoop game he figured there would be some physical struggle for possession of the ball. We don't think he counted on seeing some of the hop-scotch tussles we saw Saturday night. If he had, he would have dropped the game and taught his pupils boxing and football.

Michigan, Cats Pull Top Upsets

Minnesota and Indiana, co-favorites to take the Big Ten basketball title fell victims to upsets in last night's court action. The Gophers lost to Northwestern by a 60-53 count, while Michigan defeated Indiana 69-67.

In another Midwest game Illinois, a perennial basketball power, took a game from Purdue 59-54.

Hogan Closes Gap In Open

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9—(UP)—Bantam Ben Hogan, firing five birdies, picked up three strokes on first place Jerry Barber in the \$15,000 Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament at the end of three rounds of play today.

Hogan fired a two under par 69 for a total of 211, compared with Barber's 82, which gave the tiny unknown from Pasadena, Cal., 209. Hogan's round was marred by three bogies on the back nine when his putter went sour on him.

His par-breaking performance was his second 69 in two days and another lap in the gallant little Texan's comeback story. He was out in 32, three under par. His drive on the 10th got him in trouble and he bogied the hole with a five. But he came back to birdie the 569-yard 11th hole with a four after dropping a 120-yard approach within 10 inches of the cup.

Hogan missed putts to bogie the 14th and 14th holes but birdied the par three, 145-yard 16th when he played his tee shot six feet from the pin. As he finished the round with two pars, he said his legs, so badly hurt in a nauto crash 11 months ago that it was thought he would never play again, are holding up "okay," indicating that he will be fighting tomorrow to close the gap on Barber.

Barber proved that he also is ready for the big time. After he rounds, many expected him to fire a 69 and 68 in his first two crack under third-round pressure from such established stars as Hogan, Sammy Snead, Jimmy Demaret and Cary Middlecoff.

Barber, however, kept right on playing the steady game which gave him his 36-hole leadership. He might have sported an insurmountable lead with a little luck on his approach shots today.

Jack Burke, of White Plains, N. Y., shot a three under par 68 to go into third place with a 212, just a stroke behind Hogan. Others who moved closer to Barber included Ellsworth Vines, Pasadena, who had a 71 for 213; Sam Snead of White Sulphur Springs, Va., who also shot a par 71 for 214; Henry

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