

La Grande Hands Union 64-31 Setback; Gain Third Victory



TOO LITTLE—Jerry Baum, 5-5, watches as Buck Corey, 6-2, goes up for a lay-in and ponders the mystery of size. Corey played only briefly in the Saturday night game and scored two points. Baum had three for the night. La Grande topped the Bobcats 64-31.

(Observer Photo)

TWO POINT THIRD PERIOD QUELLS BOBCAT WIN HOPES

By NEIL ANDERSEN
Observer Staff Writer

La Grande scored its third straight victory of the season, the second over Union, as they drubbed the Bobcats 64-31 on the Tiger's home court Saturday night. It was the third loss for Union without a win.

The two clubs battled through a ragged first quarter before the Tiger's greater experience, height and reserve strength began to take its toll. The score was knotted three times in the first stanza. Union lead only once at 8-6 with 1:47 to go in their initial eight minutes of action. Jimmy Hilliard tied the count for the Tigers and Bob Robeson connected on a lay-in at the buzzer to give La Grande a two point lead that grew constantly.

Ray Westenskow was the game's leading scorer connecting on six of eight shots from the field and five from five from the foul line for 17 points. Robeson ended the night with 12 points on six of his nine attempts from the field. Both boys hit four shots in as many attempts after the intermission to pace the Tiger effort.

Gary Voruz hit for 12 points on four field shots and four of five free throws. Hilliard and Steve Smith finished with nine.

Bill Rieker hit 10 points, the only Union player to hit in the double figures, on five field goals in 17 attempts. Little Stan Wilde contributed nine points to the Bobcat cause. Three other players contributed three points apiece.

La Grande jumped into a 4-1 lead only to see Union tie the game at four apiece. The score was knotted at 6-6 and 8-8 before the Tigers scored five straight buckets. Union fought back to narrow the gap 18-15 but once again La Grande caught fire and pushed eight points through the hoop while Union went scoreless. The two teams swapped baskets and La Grande left the floor with a 32-20 margin at the half.

It was the third period that finished Union. La Grande pushed 22 points through the hoop while holding the Bobcats to a pair of free throws.

The Bobcats didn't hit from the field following the break until 3:31 remained in the game. Wilde hit a 10 foot jump shot to end the scoring drought and Rieker cashed in for two points with little more than two minutes show-

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Cove Tops Baker JV For Split

COVE (Special)—Cove ended their weekend series with the Baker JVs by trouncing the southern invaders 43-29 Saturday night.

With Jim Mansfield topping all scorers, the Leopards lead all the way to gain their third win of the season against only one setback. Mansfield hit for 13 points for Cove. Frank Conley had nine as did John Haggerty. Ron Robinson got seven, John Chase 3 and Bobby Childers two in the Cove win.

Both teams hit poorly from the field. Cove connected on 15 of 28 shots for 26 per cent while the little Bulldogs couldn't manage more than 11 hits in 63 attempts for 17.5 per cent.

The Leopards dominated the backboards picking off 48 rebounds to 19 for Baker. Defense played a key part in the win as Cove forced the Baker team to shoot from the outside and prevented the Bulldogs from using their post man. Bob Chapman had nine points for the visitors.

Coach Arch Lowry was happy with the win following Friday night's one point setback to the team. Lowry claimed the game was ragged and that his Leopards have a way to go yet but he was happy with the ball handling displayed by his charges.

Next week Cove travels to Lostine for a game.

Cove	15	21	32	43
Baker JV	7	14	20	29

California Loop Vetoes Boise As New Entry

RENO, Nev. (UPI)—A plan to add Boise, Idaho, to the California League next season was vetoed down by the Class C loop's voters Sunday because of the travel problem it would create.

Boise is 450 miles from Reno, the northernmost city in the circuit.

League president Eddie Mulligan said there was still a good chance for a return to an eight-team league next season. He said San Jose and Porterville are in line for the two open berths. San Jose already has a working agreement with the Chicago White Sox.

Mulligan said he expected to confer with St. Louis officials this week to arrange a working agreement for Porterville.

Other tie-ups for the 1960 season will align Bakersfield with Philadelphia, Stockton with Baltimore, Reno with Los Angeles, Fresno with San Francisco, Visalia with Kansas City and Modesto with New York.

Coast Hoop Clubs Record Wins In Week End Tilts

By United Press International

Trips to the midlands will occupy several of the Pacific Coast's top college basketball squads this week.

UCLA will tangle with Purdue Friday and Butler the following night, having dropped a 32-48 decision to Oklahoma State at Los Angeles Saturday night.

St. Mary's, a strong choice to repeat as West Coast Athletic Conference champion, will continue a Midlands swing at Wichita Tuesday night, moving up against Idaho State Thursday and powerful Utah Saturday night.

Notable among the stay-at-homes this week are California's second-ranked Bears, who will host Colorado in a pair of weekend games.

Bears Edge San Jose

Coach Pete Newell's defensive-minded club kept its perfect record Saturday night by downing San Jose State, 54-43.

Other teams taking the inland road this week include University of San Francisco, College of Pacific, Washington State, Santa Clara, Seattle, Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo), the Cal Aggies and Los Angeles State.

USF, downed twice in the Treasure State Tournament at Bozeman, Mont., this past weekend, tangles with Denver Wednesday, Kansas Friday and Kansas State Saturday.

Washington State comes up against Utah Thursday and Utah State Friday, while COP spends the weekend battling Wyoming and Utah State.

TO HOLD ICE BENEFIT

COLD SPRING HARBOR, L.I. (UPI)—Nancy and Ronnie Ludington, the U.S. pair figure skating champions, will appear on the program at the ice benefit for the Nassau and Suffolk County chapters of the Multiple Sclerosis Society at the Huntington Country Club, Jan. 2.

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Elgin Tips John Day In Sweep

ELGIN (Special)—Elgin scored a sweep of its weekend games with District 7 opponents by downing John Day 49-42 here Saturday night.

Jerry Crouser tossed in 14 points, Bill Showers had 11 and Bob Lyman eight as the Huskies jumped into a quick lead in district play. Tom Wilson had 13 and Rex Moles hit for 12 for the losers.

The Huskies lead the Prospectors from the opening tip to the final whistle in a foul filled contest. Wilson fouled out in the final period and four Elgin players had three fouls at the game's end.

The Huskies topped Burns Friday night, 56-43.

Next opponent for Elgin will be La Grande in a home and home series next weekend.

Elgin	12	23	37	49
John Day	7	12	23	42

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Syracuse Nets Records As John Kerr Paces Win

By United Press International

Suddenly the Syracuse Nationals are back in the Eastern Division race of the National Basketball Assn.

The Nats, recovering after a shaky start, moved to within a game of the second place Philadelphia Warriors Sunday by whipping them, 140-131, in a game which saw the upstate New Yorkers set two club records.

Two Beavers Make Thinking All-Star Team

DALLAS, Tex. (UPI)—As if their previous records weren't enough to prove it, California and Stanford dominated the Pacific Coast all-star academic team which was announced today.

Tackle Pat Nowell, who led the 28 nominees with a grade point average of 3.8, and Skip Huber and halfback Grover Garvin were members of the California squad which made the brain trust; California had a season mark of two wins and eight losses.

Stanford (37) was represented by end Bill Donohue, center J. T. Jones and halfback Dick McMillen.

The rest of the squad, as nominated by West Coast college publicists and selected by the American Peoples Encyclopedia:

Tackle, Neil Plumley, Oregon State; guards, Mike McKeevar, Southern California and Mike Crawford of Washington; backs, Jim Stonette, Oregon State and Skip Smith of UCLA.

GONZALES WHIPS HOAD

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI)—Who said Pancho Gonzales is slipping? The husky Californian, who is considering retirement, flashed some of his old-time power Sunday by whipping Lew Hoad, 11-9, 6-1, 6-1, in the final of the Ampol professional tennis tournament.

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