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It all began Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion. The Fred Meyer Far West Classic Tip-Off Luncheon introduced all eight head coaches and the tournament was underway. Governor Vic Atiyeh and former Mayor Frank Ivancie were in attendance and seated at the head table.

Head Coach Ralph Miller of OSU was the first to speak as the comic procession began. Coach Miller has a very arid sense of humor but he seemed to enjoy what he had to say. Miller explained that his team had recently arrived from Hawaii and it was the first time in history that the host school traveled farthest to reach their own tournament. Penn Head Coach, Craig Littlepage, followed and explained his team's 0-5 start. Littlepage, the only black head coach in the field, explained that his team has six players that are paying their own way through school.

Boyd Grant, head man at Fresno State, quipped, "I try to pattern our tournament after the Far West Classic, you know; the host school always gets to the finals." Jack Avina of Portland confessed, "I'm not a good coach, but I am humble." Dick Kuchen of California was just glad to be here.

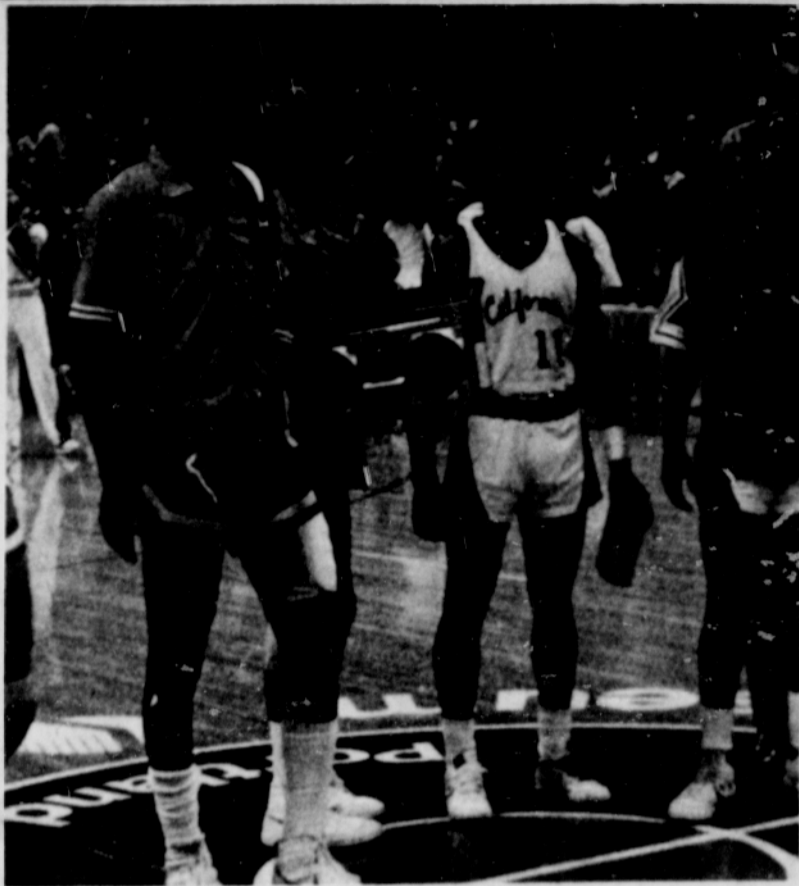
Coach Bobby Hussey of Davidson took all the fun out of my day when he jokingly proclaimed, "There's a correlation between the SAT scores and the vertical jump, the higher the SAT score, the lower the jump." Mayor Ivancie found the statement very amusing and Gov. Atiyeh looked directly into my eyes for a reaction. Davidson finished last in the tournament!

Don Monson was the last speaker and the funniest. He quickly observed that, "It's easy to spot the Beavers that are among the press, they all flash their class ring while picking their noses."

If success is measured by hard work and thorough preparation this Classic ranks right up there with the best in the country. All of the people behind the scenes deserve praise for a job well done. The selection committee can't possibly predict the quality of individual teams because the schedule is made up years in advance of play so I won't bad-mouth this year's field of participants.

The championship game looked like a piece of cake for OSU at half-time. The Orange Express led by as many as 14 points in the first half on the way to its 15th Far West Classic championship, but they almost let Cal back into the game in the second half.

Former Benson star, A. C. Green, continued his to play a strong game inside and played equal halves scoring



OSU's A. C. Green displays the prize he was awarded after being selected the most valuable player in the Far West Classic Basketball Tournament. With him are two other members of the All-Star Team, Darryl Flowers, also of O.S.U. and Chris Washington of California. (Photo: Dan Long)

13 points in each half. The Bears were not even in the game in the first half as A. C. started quickly and OSU ran up a 16-5 lead as Cal went scoreless for 6:13. The halftime score read 27-19 OSU.

The second half was much better for the Bears when guards, Chris Washington and Kevin Johnson warmed to their tasks. This duo combined for 21-second half points. When the clock hit 11:48 in the game, Cal's guard tandem had the game deadlocked at 36-36. Leonard Taylor, a freshman forward for Cal, showed no respect for the Beavers and went on a tear that OSU couldn't handle but some pretty good coaching moves by Miller and a 3-point play by Green with 1:34 left took the air out of the Bears' bubble. California proved that they will have to be reckoned with when the conference schedule begins. OSU went on and posted the win 70-59 but the game was much closer than the score indicates. A. C. Green led the scorers with 26 points and his 9 rebounds were second only to Steve Woodside's 11. Leonard Taylor led the Bears with 22 points and Kevin Johnson followed with 16. Team rebounds were dead even at 35 and that says a lot for this California team.

## Far West Classic Capsule December 27-30 At Memorial Coliseum

### Thursday Results

Oregon 55, Davidson 50  
California 55, Portland 51

### Friday Results

Oregon State 80, Penn 58  
Fresno State 46, Murray State 44

### Saturday Results

Portland 51, Davidson 49  
Murray State 66, Penn 54  
California 70, Oregon 68  
Oregon State 66, Fresno State 50

### Sunday Results

#### Seventh Place

Penn 81, Davidson 80

#### Fourth Place

Murray State 72, Portland 49

#### Third Place

Oregon 63, Fresno State 60

#### Championship

Oregon State 70, California 59



A. C. Green of Oregon State puts down two more in the second round game of the Far West Classic against Fresno State. O.S.U. won 66 to 50 and went on to win the final against California 70 to 59. (Photo: Dan Long)

- Tournament Leaders**
- Total Points**  
A. C. Green, OSU, 62 points  
Leonard Taylor, California, 49 points
- Rebounds**  
Steve Woodside, OSU, 32  
Blair Rasmussen, Oregon, 27  
A. C. Green, OSU, 25
- Assists**  
Darryl Flowers, OSU, 18  
Derek Rucker, Davidson, 17
- Steals**  
Mitch Arnold, Fresno State, 10  
Karl Racine, Penn, 8
- Blocked Shots**  
Blair Rasmussen, Oregon, 8  
Greg Trapp, Oregon, 7
- Fred Meyer Far West Classic  
All Tournament Team**  
A. C. Green, OSU  
Steve Woodside, OSU  
Darryl Flowers, OSU  
Chris Washington, California  
Kevin Washington, California\*  
Blair Rasmussen, Oregon\*  
Mitch Arnold, Fresno State\*  
\*Three-way tie for fifth spot
- Most Valuable Player Award**  
A. C. Green, OSU

flying across the paint all night. Take the first quarter away and Portland played a good game but you can't can't take quarters away so Portland lost. Billy Cunningham rallied his troops with pleas of understanding the situation on the floor and his

Malone were just too much to handle. I'm sure that Sam will spend his Wednesday soaking in a tub of ice. Philadelphia 111, Portland 106. Malone 30 points and the Dr. 27.



MOSES MALONE

troops always responded. At one stretch during the third period Billy jumped up to protest one of the many terrible calls and ripped the seat of his pants. The fans gave him all sorts of trouble and laughter but Billy had the last laugh. I grew up with Billy and watching him handle this team up close was fantastic. Inside of 5:00 Billy saved his team a crucial turnover. Moses was trying to rebound the ball but was running out of time and that pained look of anguish crossed his face, the Philly bench began to holler at Moses to get the ball in and Billy calmly hollered time-out from the bench and the referee blew the whistle. Time-outs can't be called from the bench but the referee missed that and Philly saved a critical turnover. It's an old move but it still works.

Kiki came in off the bench and scored 27 points for the Blazers but his defense was still a lot shaky. Jack is trying to find a combination that works and deserves credit for that attempt. Valentine simply cannot hit jumpers and until he does the front line will see nothing but pressure. Sam Bowie gave his all but Barkley and

## Moses Malone full grown

"Alright, you people have made that man mad." That was a comment from the 76ers bench late in the game to the Portland fans by Clint Richardson and it proved to be the truth. Moses went off on Portland's front line and cinched the victory against the Blazers. This game got so good under the basket that I came down out of the press box and sat on the floor next to the 76ers' bench to get a better view and feel for what was going on and believe me, something was going on. It was a war zone under the hole and that always favors Philadelphia. The Doc was making his house calls and Moses sent Bowie

## Globetrotters

The Harlem Globetrotters will make their annual Portland appearance on Sunday, January 20, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

The Globetrotters, who have played before more than 100 million fans since the team was founded in 1927, will meet the Washington Generals, veteran comedian Hubert (Geese) Ausbie.

He will be joined on the court by Lou Dunbar, Billy Ray Hobley, Larry Gators, Clude Austin, Robert Paige, Harold Hubbard, Ovie Dotson, Jimmy Blacklock and Osborne Lockhart, who was a teammate at Minnesota of Mychal Thompson of the Portland Trail Blazers.

The Globetrotters have played more than 16,000 games in 101 countries.

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