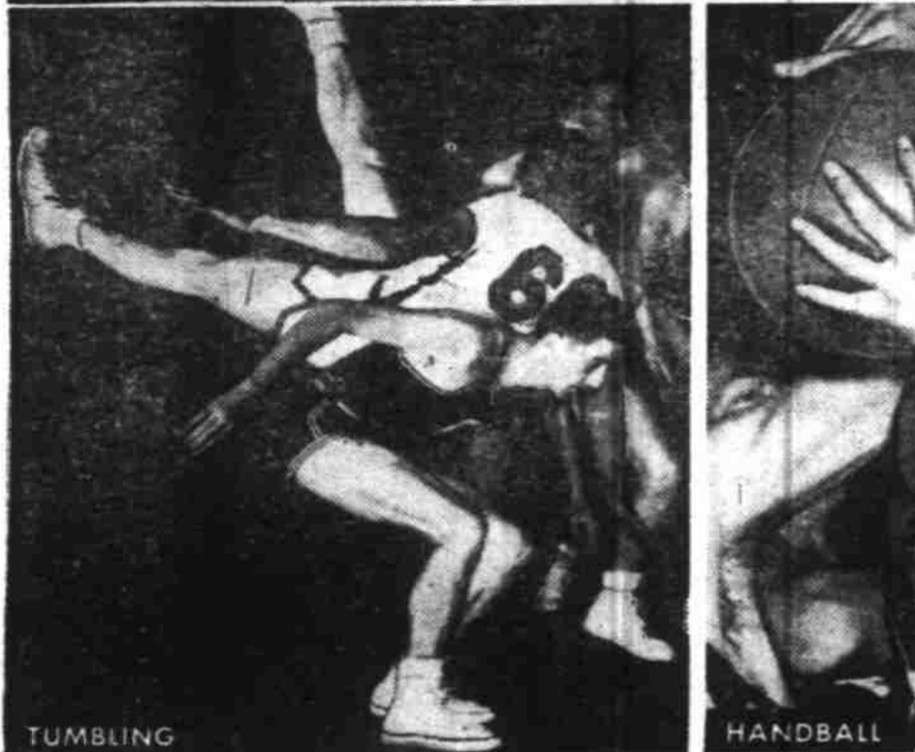


...And They Call It Basketball!

AP Newsfeatures
All these action photos were snapped during contests billed as "basketball games" but sometimes the athletes appear to be thinking of other activities.



SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

An interesting week just passed, inasmuch as the state's top football coaches are concerned. One day both Jim Aiken and Lon Stiner were all but gone, and the next they were very much back again and "happy to stay in Oregon." It's easy to sit back and second guess both gents, and it's just as easy to agree they were wise to cling to current assignments. Take Mr. Aiken first: After all he has done in two seasons for the university, both spiritually and financially, it was indeed silly to even think the "U" would let him get away in the first place. He's put more gold in the Oregon football coffer in two years than was found there in 22 before. That he should get some of it, in the form of a "big time" sized contract was a foregone conclusion. And after all, that was unquestionably what Jim was angling for when the Nebraska talk came up. The guy was entitled to a fat raise, used the right method in operating on it, and got it.

As for Stiner, there were a few howls heard last autumn when his Bearcats weren't going anywhere in particular. But his supporters stood by him, and not merely to be in position for a snatch at his scalp. Lon has been with OSC since 1933, and holds coaching seniority over every other skipper in the Coast conference. Which in these days of beheading coaches is a fine record in itself. That he has stayed on at Corvallis for so many years is another tribute to the non-bloodthirsty alumni. Usually the alumni of a school that doesn't finish 1-2-3 in league play every year holler to the high heavens for a new leader. Not so in Stiner's case, for it seems that those who count are in full realization that in his 16 years at OSC he has won 73, lost 47 and tied 16 for a quite respectable .668 "baiting average."

No doubt there are those few who howled last fall who would help Stiner a one-way ticket to Nebraska. But there are a great many more who are just as glad he has decided to stay at Corvallis as there are those Oregon faithful who are breathing freely again after Aiken's decision to stick around Eugene.

Two-Year Contract Puts Sarboe 'In' at WSC
Another conference mentor who seems to have at long last put a stopper on the "we-wanna-new-coach" yakking at Washington State is Phil Sarboe. Cougar faith in the man was surely stressed when they signed him up again for not one, but two years.

Home from the football wars and looking fit enough to go bear hunting with a switch is Len Younce, captain, right guard and place-kicker vet with the New York Pro Giants. Len was banged up a bit over the season and missed a few games. But he's shaken the wound completely and looks right now as if he could go 60 minutes at full throttle. . . . Any day now they'll be announcing that Charley Peterson is the new mgr. at Wenatchee. 'Tis all cut and dried.

Oregon State's well loaded Rook basketball team opens up Monday night in a preim game to the OSC-Idaho varsity rattle with a club that should test its metal but quickly. That would be Bud Page's Lebanon Warriors, a right sharp prep crew. The Rooks are loaded all right, but Carlos (Cub) Houck of Salem is reluctantly not one of the cartridges. Houck crippled his lame knee again, so will undergo an operation for misplaced cartilage. He'll miss out on the whole season. Another "name" absentee on the squad is Sammy Baker, the football mighty. Sam apparently got fouled up with his bookwork and is scholastically ineligible.

None of It for Amos Alonzo Stagg
One wee sidelight on the recent football coaches' conclave at San Francisco came when Amos Alonzo Stagg, dean of 'em all, entered the auditorium where one of numerous banquets was to be given. At ease and on vacation, a few of the coaches were imbibing of other than Coca Cola. The Grand Old Man of the game, who has never taken a drink or smoked a cigarette, took one look, shoot his head, turned and left the place.

Big Bob Amacher, half of the pair of six-foot, eight-inchers on the Webfoot cage crew, parted company with same crew "after differences with Coach John Warren," according to the Oregon Daily Emerald. As last season progressed, the former Hillsboro high had looked as if he were to truly blossom into quite a college basketball player. The new PFC rule that will forbid football coaches and players from occupying bench terrain less than five yards from the sidelines will cause a mild shift in "Operations Aiken" next time. James and a good friend of his gang usually kneel so close to the line they get their knees white.

Rowdy Rufe Jones, the negro rasser, is at it again. In Pendleton the other night, Rufe irked one spectator to such a pitch that the fan uncorked both his emotions and a bottle in the darkie's direction. The bottle conked Rufe on the head and sent him to the hospital for a two-stitch sewing job. The spectator's accuracy cost him \$54.50, an assault and battery fine. . . . So better not throw it, armory chums -- just hang onto it and think about what you'd like to do.



PHIL SARBOE

Shim Malone Anita Winner

ARCADIA, Jan. 15 (AP)—Shim Malone won the \$50,000 San Pascual handicap at Santa Anita park today before a turnout of 43,000 fans. The heavily backed On Trust ran second, less than a length behind, the second time in a week he has just missed out on a fat purse. Autocrat finished third in the 10-horse field. Shim Malone, ridden by Ralph Neves, paid \$26.60, 9.80 and 5.70. On Trust paid \$5.20 and 3.50. Autocrat paid \$3.80.

Man Broke at 47 Now Worth Fortune

January 16 — Out of work in 1937 — Earning \$13,000 in a year, four years later, as a salesman for a million-dollar Texas company, that's the success story told by C. C. Hamlin, who celebrated his 57th birthday. "As I look back," Hamlin states, "I could have hardly believed ten years ago that I could possibly make \$110,000 in the ten years to come. Believe me, this wonderful new home and my two new cars seem like a dream. I must give the whole credit where it's due—to the organization that gave me this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

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Webfoot Hoopers Defeat Vandals Again, 58-50 Cougars Top Huskies, 67-50 Keep Record Clean

Dates Named For Pin Meet

Dates for the First Annual Statesman Open Handicap Bowling tournament, to be held at Capitol alleys, were announced Saturday. The three-week conclave, to start next Saturday, is a revival of Statesman tournament of pre-war years. The meet will be open to all amateur pin-busters and will be rolled off in three rounds. Four games are to be bowled each round, with the top four scorers of each of the three rounds qualifying for the finals. The 12 finalists will win prizes. Top scorers in each round also will win prizes.
Handicaps will be determined thusly: 190 scratch, or plus 80 per cent of handicap figured from highest league average. No more than 32 handicap pins per game. Entry fee will be \$1 per round and participants may bowl at any time upon notifying alleys manager on duty. First round action is dated January 22-28, second round January 29-February 4 and third round February 5-12. Finals will be rolled off Saturday, February 12, at 4 p.m. All registrations must be made this week.

Badgers Unset Pioneer Quint

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Jan. 15 (AP)—Pacific University's Badgers upset the previously unbeaten Lewis and Clark college team, 40 to 31, tonight to change the north-west conference basketball race picture.

Lewis & Clark (31)	(40) Pacific
Semper (6)	F (2) White's
Mills (4)	F (2) McDonnell
Pollard (5)	C (12) Rodney
Downey (1)	G (13) Moran
Wilson (6)	G (13) McKee

Substitutes for Lewis & Clark—Peterson 3, Eliners 2, Kelsey 2, Thomas 2. For Pacific—Sickler 1, Ball 2, Morgan 2.

Troy Downs Bruins

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15 (AP)—Southern California's Trojans outscrapped the UCLA Bruins for a 59-52 victory tonight in a wild Pacific Coast conference basketball game. The win evened the series and kept the Trojans in a first place tie with Stanford in the PCC Southern division race.

Trio Prelims Added Mat Bee

Matchmaker Elton Owen last night supplied the who's who for three prelims on his Tuesday night mat party at the armory, and in



BILLY WEIDNER Takes on Rowdy Rufus

so doing supplied the crunch customers with what looks like a trio of juicy appetizers for the Tony Ross-BullDOG Clements rematch matter.

In the 8:30 o'clock starter Tues-

4th Straight For WSC Five

Gayda's 22 Points Sparks Winning Club

PUBLMAN, Wash., Jan. 15 (AP)—Washington State swamped the Washington Huskies with surprising ease again tonight, 67 to 50, for their fourth straight victory in the northern division, Pacific Coast conference basketball race. The Cougars, who won, 44 to 30, last night, led by 34 to 22 at half-time.
Sammy White, the Huskies' great forward who sprained his ankle last night, watched from the bench tonight as Eddy Gayda controlled both backboards and scored 22 points to lead the Cougar steam roller.
Washington was in the game for only about eight minutes and then fell far behind. Thirteen of the Huskies' 50 points came in the final three minutes in a scramble with Washington State third stringers.
The Cougars were leading 64 to 37 with three minutes left and coach Jack Piel cleared the bench. The Huskies picked off numerous passes from the nervous reserves and scored often.

Big Gayda had one of his best nights of the season and whipped in 10 straight points in the first four minutes of the second half as WSC increased its lead to 44 to 28. Washington (50) (67) WSC
Vandenberg 6 10 15 22 32
Henson 4 6 4 14 28
Malloy 2 1 5 5 10
Sorenson 3 1 1 7 14
Eggen 0 0 0 0 0
Menzies 2 1 0 3 6
Fekken 0 0 3 0 3
Amason 0 0 0 0 0
Patterson 2 0 1 4 7
Malloy 0 0 0 0 0
Prelims
Hanks 2 0 0 4
Scudler 2 0 0 4
Carroll 1 0 1 2
Schmick 0 0 0 0
Knipe 0 1 0 1

Totals 37 16 18 50 Totals 26 15 24 67
Free throws scored: WSC—Henson 2, Gumbold, Hamilton 2, Knipe; Washington—Mallory, Opacic 2, Sorenson, Eckstrand 3, Millikan, Henson.

Cal Loses Again

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 15 (AP)—Stanford's Indians made it two in a row over the University of California Bears tonight by scoring a 55-48 basketball victory. It was the Bears' fourth straight loss in Pacific Coast conference competition and the third win out of four starts for Stanford.

STATESMAN SPORTS

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Beavers Wait Tilts With Idaho Vandals

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Jan. 15 (Special)—The surprising Idaho Vandals will furnish the opposition for Oregon State's basketball team in the conference home openers here Monday and Tuesday nights. Both contests will start at 8 p. m. The Orange freshmen will meet Lebanon high school in a preliminary at 6:15 Monday night. Although the Vandals posted a mediocre pre-season record, they found their stride in the league openers last week and whipped the Webfoots, 68-52, the second night after dropping a narrow two-point decision the first evening. As a result, the Beavers are expected to meet competition from Chuck Finley's club.
Coach Slats Gill may throw a considerably revamped lineup against the Moscow quintet. New additions to the starting five in practice this week are Dick Ballentine, sophomore junior letterman at forward, and Jim Rinearson, 6-foot, 4-inch junior letterman at center. Glen Kinney probably will be the other forward with Captain Cliff Crandall and Tommy Holman in the guard slots.
Veteran Guard Dan Torrey is still bothered by his sprained Achilles tendon and may see very little action against the Vandals.

Vandal Star



Preston Brimhall (above) is the veteran Idaho guard who was last season one of the northern division's better scorers and all-around stars. He'll be present for the Vandals Monday and Tuesday nights at Corvallis in the series with Oregon State.

Calumet Entry Captures Cap

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 15 (AP)—Calumet Farm's Faultless won the \$10,000 added Tropical handicap today on the final program of Tropical park's 40-day racing season before 14,783 spectators.
Warren Wright's five-year-old son of Bull Lea ran a smart race and came up in the final stride to beat Bobanet stable's King Midas by a head and earn \$8,375 of the \$12,050 purse.

Amateur Boxing Card Planned

E. H. Lafky, who is planning a new Boys' Town near Stayton, announces that an amateur boxing card will be held Wednesday night at the armory under sponsorship of the 20-30 club. Lafky hopes to make the matches a weekly affair.

Foul Shooting Produces Win

Ducks Take Series, Three Games to One

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 15 (AP)—Oregon defeated Idaho 58 to 50 in a roaring finish tonight to take both games of their Pacific Coast basketball conference northern division series.
Foul line sharpshooting gave Oregon the eight point margin, but the fighting Vandals weren't turned back until the final few minutes.
Sophomore Bob Pritchett, who fired 19 points before fouling out late in the game, sparked Idaho rallies and scored deadlocking goals two of the three times the count was tied in the second half. Oregon's big Roger Wiley at center and guard Paul Sowers each posted 18 points to lead the victors in scoring and give Oregon the push to go in front at crucial moments.
Oregon jumped to a quick 4-0 edge behind Wiley and Jim Bartlett as the game got underway, but Idaho tied 4-4 on shots by Pritchett and Preston Brimhall and then went ahead 6-4 at the six minute mark. Oregon snipped out of a lull here and Wiley put the Ducks in front to stay at 8-7. Oregon kept rolling until the Ducks held a ten point lead, 23-13. Coach John Warren pulled out his starters for a rest and before he could get them on the floor again, the Vandals had narrowed the gap to three points, 23-20. Oregon led 25-23 at the half-time.
Through most of the second half, the widest lead Oregon held was six points, 39 to 33. Idaho caught up three times.
Bartlett and Wiley with field goals and Sowers with a field goal and two free throws produced the winning margin at the end.
The two victories here gave Oregon a three to one edge in the four games played between the two northern division teams.

Idaho (50)	fg	ft	pf	(58) Oregon
Pritchett	9	1	5	Urban
Geisler	1	3	1	Bartlett
Stallworth	0	5	2	Wiley
Grove	0	3	3	Sowers
Brimhall	2	2	3	Neeley
Raney	1	0	1	Switzer
Winters	0	1	1	Cooper
Wheeler	1	0	2	Hamilton
Gunneberg	1	2	1	Don
Luck	0	2	6	Lavey
				Peterson
				Uris

League Action Due for Cats

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Willamette	1	0	1,000	51	44
Lewis-Clark	1	0	967	42	14
College Idaho	1	0	867	160	145
Whitman	1	2	333	151	150
Pacific	0	1	0	0	0
Linfield	0	1	0	0	4

44. College of Idaho 46; at Pacific 40. Lewis-Clark 31. This week's games: Pacific at Willamette Tuesday, Willamette at Lewis & Clark and Linfield at Pacific Friday.
Willamette's Bearcats, residing with a 1-0 record atop the Northwest conference standings heap after Lewis and Clark suffered its first loss to Pacific last night, ride into more circuit action this week. On Tuesday night the Pacific Badgers, one-game winners, come to the WU pavilion for an eight o'clock mix. Then on Friday night the Cats go to Portland to play the L-C Pioneers, the team that last week hung losses on both Whitman and College of Idaho during an eastern swing.
The only other conference action of the week puts Linfield and Pacific together Friday night at Forest Grove.
The Bearcats will be favored Tuesday night, inasmuch as Pacific lost her first two starts, 53-44 to Whitman and 66-51 to College of Idaho.
Coyotes Top Whits
WALLA WALLA, Jan. 1 (AP)—College of Idaho barely topped Whitman, 46-44, here tonight in a Northwest conference encounter.

Tennis Stars Await Tournney

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Jan. 15 (AP)—Thirty-two of the nation's top tennis stars are scheduled to compete in the national professional clay courts tournament, starting Tuesday. The tourney, only winter meet sanctioned by the Professional Lawn Tennis association, runs through Jan. 23.
Frank Kovacs of Oakland, Calif., defending champion and ranked with Don Budge as the No. 3 pro in the nation, is rated a slight favorite to win again this year.

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