

# Bearcat Cagers Travel Today

Willamette's Bearcat hoopers, a Christmas holiday respite under their belts, will try to improve their fortunes this week as they leave today on a three-game road-trip to the south. The Willamettes meet SOCE's Red Raiders at Ashland Wednesday night, then cross the California line for a pair with the Chico State Wildcats.

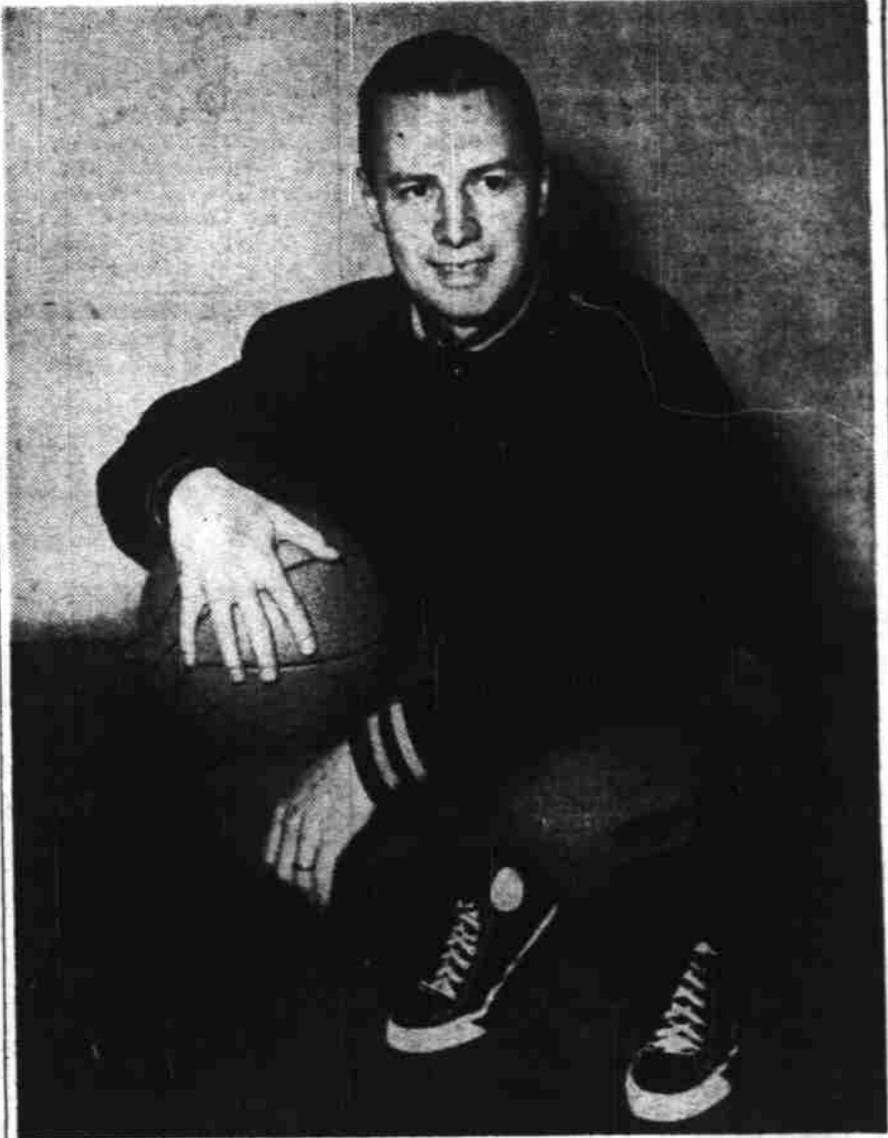
Coach Johnny Lewis' men clash with the Wildcats at Chico, Calif., Thursday night and the two teams battle again at Reading, Calif., on Friday evening.

Following the southern trip, the Methodists, Northwest conference defending kings, return and prepare to open the Conference campaign against Whitman at Walla Walla Jan. 5th and 6th.

Lewis hints of a shakeup in his lineup in an effort to break his crew from the rut of five losses in their initial six games. Larry Smith, one of the most improved men on the squad, seems assured of the center post and Ted Loder and Doug Logue, the squad's two top scorers will be in at the forwards on the southern trip. The guard positions pose more of a question. Hugh Bellinger and Lou Scrivens have been the regulars up to now but there is a chance that any one of such men as Claude Nordhill, Dan Monteg, Dick Browner or freshman Ken Benshoof may move into a starting slot.

Chuck Robinson, who relinquished his starting center job to Smith last week, also may possibly move into the lineup at another position if Lewis chooses to better his height situation.

# He's on Thing Called 'X'



Although it isn't visible in the picture, U of Washington Basketball Coach "Tippy" Dye is squatting squarely on the "X" that is also known as the "spot." Pre-season "experts" have pointed out Dye's Huskies as the outfit to beat for the northern division championship.

# Prep Cagers Stand By for Post-Holidays Run on Schedules

By Al Lightner  
Sports Editor, The Statesman  
Their Christmas dinners behind them, along with the accompanying rest, prep basketball bands in this area are now peering forth to the schedules that will carry some into league and district championships and, the biggest prize of all, the state tournament at Eugene in March. Most quints in the valley have had half a dozen or more "tuneup" clashes. But the big battles on their respective schedules are yet to come.

Some won't get with it until after the New Year is born. Others go back to work this week. There will be no counting action in the Big Six, Willamette Valley, Marion-Polk, Yawama and Marion B circuits until after the first of the year. A few games have been played in the Big Six, WVL and Marion-Polk or Yawama have yet waded into league schedules. The Marion-Polk jamboree, involving Sacred Heart, Salem Academy, Cascade and Stayton, is set for the Cascade gym January 5. Yawama play commences the same night with Willamita at Amity, Sheridan at Dayton, North Marion at Sherwood and Yamhill at Banks. When the Marion B loop gets rolling again January 5, Detroit will be at Chemawa, Mill City at Jefferson, Gates at Sublimity and Gervais at St. Paul. This league is now led by Gates and Gervais, each with 3-0 records. Only one counting game has been registered in the WVL, and in that one Sandy nipped Canby. Mt. Angel and Molalla played also, but this game was scrapped when it was voted that an errant scoreboard clock might have caused the clash to go into two overtime periods. Mt. Angel won the game eventually, but since then it has been canceled. The WVLers are scheduled for a full round January 2 with Molalla at Sandy, Canby at Estacada, Dallas at Silverton and Woodburn at Mt. Angel. In the Big Six loop thus far Bend has divided a pair with both Eugene and Springfield, Eugene has downed Albany and Corvallis has licked Springfield. Salem starts Big Six play with Springfield January 12.

According to their schedules next games are to be played as follows, other than those already mentioned:  
December 27: Newberg at Salem, Rainier at Molalla. December 28: Taft at Dayton, Lincoln at Molalla, Grants Pass at Lebanon.  
December 28-29: Tournament at Stayton involving Stayton, Mill City, Sublimity and Cascade. December 29: Grants Pass at Albany, Canby at North Marion, Sherwood at Beaverton, Molalla, Wash., at Banks, Taft at Salem Academy, Silverton at Sweet Home. December 29-30: Tournament at Redmond involving Bend, Redmond, Washington and Benson of Portland; also Dallas at The Dalles both nights. December 30: Grants Pass at Corvallis. January 7: Springfield at Eugene, Salem Academy at Sacred Heart Academy and Cascade at Central.

# 'Souths' Capture 14-9 Victory from 'Norths'

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Pat Field of Georgia tried for the conversion but failed. It was blocked by Herb Agos of Penn. The "Rebels" coached by Miami's Andy Gustafson and Georgia Tech's Bobby Dodd, rode to victory on John (Model T) Ford's accurate passing. Ford, of Hazdin - Simmons, hurried, needle-threading passes into the arms of Duke's C. P. Youmans, Mississippi's Bill Stribling and Missouri's Gene Ackermann.

The Army backfield of Jack Martin, Jim Cain and Gil Stephenson put the North back into the ball game in the third period. Jim Janosek of Purdue blocked Field's punt and the ball rolled into the end zone for a safety. Then the Army backs went into action and smashed over for a touchdown, Martin taking it across on the fourth down.

# Twin Main Event Caps Owen Bicep Meeting Tonight

A two-pronged main event, installed as his annual holiday feature, caps tonight's mat menu at the armory, produced by Matchmaker Elton Owen. The muscles maestro yearly attempts to spurge with an all-star show at the popular Ferry Street Garden during the holiday season, and from the looks of the billing tonight has succeeded for 1950.

In one of the mainers will be Andy Tremaine, recognized as the world lightweight champion, against Leo Wallick, the bronze bully who holds the Coast junior heavy belt. Neither belt will be at stake, of course, because of the difference in weights of the two matadors.

The other mainer brings the blond sensation Cowboy Carlson his toughest assignment to date, a brawl with Soldat Gorky, elder and nastier of the two bearded Russian brothers. Carlson has been after Owen to give him this match for some time, and although he'll be giving away weight also, he feels that his swiftness and agility will more than offset it.

Main events occupy the prelim spots also. In the opener at 8:30 O'Clock Maurice LaChapelle tangles with Glenn Detton, the newest credit to the well known wrestling Detton family. The No. 2 prelm has Jack (Tiger) Kiser, for years a topnotcher here and one of the game's most spectacular operators going against Herb (Perpetual Motion) Parks, who needs no introduction in these parts. Parks is just as tough as they can come at his weight.

Wallick will have a considerable weight bulge over Tremaine, but Handy Andy is exceptionally fast and tricky. Which could cause the heavier Wallick and his pile driver no end of trouble.

Gust Johnson will referee.

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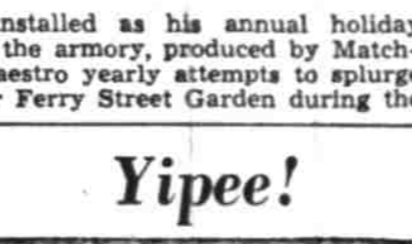
Edmundson, who will accompany Cassill to Dallas, said his squad has been bolstered by the addition of George Weidenfelt, who won the Swedish decathlon championship last summer. Weidenfelt is a Swedish exchange student.

Height is not a plentiful commodity around the Coyote campus and Parberry hopes that Jack Baker, 6 feet 5, will develop into a starting center. Dave Hawks, five inches shorter, is the pivot man at present. Another center candidate is Dick Weist, who is 6-3 and a junior.

The team has three transfers, among them Don Madsen. He moved in from Weber Junior college in Utah, which ranked fifth nationally among the Jayces fives last season. Bill Bever, who at 29 may be the Northwest Conference's oldest player, is a rugged guard.

College of Idaho opens its league schedule January 5 at home against Lindfield after a pre-season schedule of 11 games.

# Yipee!



Fully intending to put the riding fork to Soldat (Russian) Gorky in their portion of the double mainer tonight at the armory is Cowboy Carlson (above), who has been advancing to the local mat fore by leaps and bounds since first showing here. The other mainer tonight has Andy Tremaine opposing Leo Wallick.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—Leroy Smith's layup after his steal and dribble down the length of the court gave undefeated Long Island university a 59-57 victory over a stubborn Idaho quintet in the feature of tonight's basketball doubleheader before 8,126 Madison Square Garden fans. CCNY downed Brooklyn college, 64-40 in the opener.

LIU had to come from behind to register its sixth straight victory. Trailing 35-28 at halftime, the sky scraping Long Islanders rallied to tie 43-45, midway in the second half. The Vandals, continuing to hit sensationally with long one handers from near midcourt, regained their lead and clung to it until a minute from the end.

A hook shot by high-scoring Sherman White, who had been held without a basket during the first half, tied the score at 47-57. Smith then stole the ball from Nick Stallworth to drop in the clincher.

Idaho hit with 35 buckets to the Blackbirds' 18. However, LIU made good on 28 free throws to only seven for Idaho. The 6-7 White dunked 11 free throws to take scoring honors with 17 points. Stallworth was Idaho's high man with 11.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 25 (AP)—Handsome Otto Graham, who led the Cleveland Browns to the National football league championship, admitted today that he thought their last chance had gone when he fumbled in the final three minutes of play.

"I wanted to crawl into a hole and die," the six-foot-one, 198-pound quarterback said. "I wouldn't have given anything for our chances at that time."

The Browns were trailing 28-27 when the ball slipped from Graham's fingers on Los Angeles Rams' 17-yard line yesterday. The Browns came back in the last 20 seconds of play to win the contest 30-28 on Lou Groza's field goal.

Graham has been the Browns' outstanding player since the team was organized in the All-American conference in 1946. He connected yesterday with 22 of 33 aerials for 298 yards and four touchdowns.

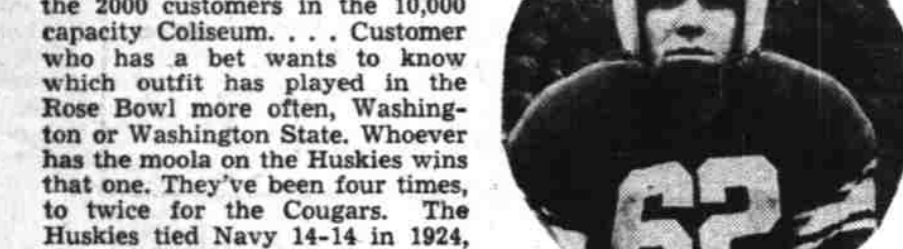
"Boy, what a great team those Rams are," he said. "I wouldn't want to play them very often. I can assure you of that. They were definitely up for the game and had a tremendous desire to win."

"Automatic Otto" also had high praise for his passing rival, Bob Waterfield, who completed 18 of 31 passes for 312 yards and one touchdown.

"He's a wonderful ball player, one of the best I have seen," Graham observed.

# SPORTSLIGHTNER

After looking over the relatively poor gatherings that took in the intersectional cage duet between his Beavers and the Pitt Panthers over the weekend, OSC Athletic Director Spec Kene allowed as how he learned something the hard way—never again schedule a costly intersectional set so close to Christmas. "Guess everybody's broke, or fast getting there with their Christmas shopping," surveyed Mr. K. as he looked over the 2000 customers in the 10,000 capacity Coliseum. . . . Customer who has a bet wants to know which outfit has played in the Rose Bowl more often, Washington or Washington State. Whoever has the moola on the Huskies wins that one. They've been four times, to twice for the Cougars. The Huskies tied Navy 14-14 in 1924, lost to Alabama 20-19 in 1926, lost to Pittsburgh 21-0 in 1937 and to Southern Cal 29-0 in 1944. The Cougars in their two tries beat Brown 14-0 in 1916 and were whacked by Alabama 24-0 in 1931. . . . This will be the 37th Rose Bowl classic coming up, the first one having been played in 1902 between Michigan and Stanford. A large of 13 years followed that one, after which WSC and Brown played in 1916. The Rose Bowler has been an annual occasion ever since. . . . Certainly the daddy of all bowl games in number of years in existence, the 36 previous Pasadena pitches far outnumber the three other "big" bowl games, the Sugar, Cotton and Orange. The Sugar at New Orleans got started in 1935, the Cotton at Dallas in 1937 and the Orange in Miami in 1933. It will be No. 17 for the Sugar Bowl come Jan. 1, No. 15 for the Cotton Bowl and No. 19 for the Orange. . . .



The Dope on Those Basketball Phone Calls  
Along with more than our share of nice things for Xmas, we were recipient of a phone call reading us off for not having the box score in last Saturday morning's effort on the Sacred Heart vs. Columbia Prep basketball game in Portland. As we explained to the exceedingly irked gentleman who called, no forgetfulness, malice, prejudice, etc., were intended. It was merely a case of one of our dozens of so-called reporters apparently thinking of Santa Claus instead of his pledged duty to telephone us right after the game with the box score.

As we further explained to our critic, here is how we are set up in the sports division concerning the reporting of both football and basketball engagements: We contact coaches of all schools in the area at the start of the season and not only ask, but beg and plead that they appoint someone, preferably their team managers to call us, collect, following each home game and those on the road with teams that are not in this particular area. We pay that kid for every game he calls in, a practice we might add that isn't followed by any other paper in this area. During the course of the season we write dozens of letters, reminding the coaches and their appointed correspondents to keep on the ball with the call-ins.

Most schools give us no trouble at all. Their caller-inners are Johnny-on-the-spot. Others are strictly hit-and-miss despite our (Cont'd. Next Page)

# Shoemaker Moves Up on Cuban In Race for '50 Jockey Honors

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 25 (AP)—Jockey Willie Shoemaker closed ground on Joe Culmone today and trailed by only two winners in their race for riding honors of the year.

Shoemaker had four winners in eight races at fair grounds in New Orleans while the best Culmone could do was two winners in seven mounts at Tropical Park in Miami.

Culmone now has 373 winners to Shoemaker's 371. Shoemaker plans to fly to Agua Caliente, Mexico, Sunday to finish out the year there and could overhaul the slender Sicilian at the finish. Culmone said he would end the campaign Saturday at Tropical and would not go to Agua Caliente Sunday, when U. S. tracks are idle.

Walter Miller rode only 1,384 mounts in 1946, finishing in the money 887 times. Culmone has been in the money 861 times in 1,628 attempts while Shoemaker had 1,588 mounts and was in the money 847 times.

The Score:  
Mts. 1sts 2nds 3rds  
Culmone .....1,628 373 279 209  
Shoemaker .....1,586 371 255 221  
Miller '06 .....1,384 388 300 199

It's Boy for Rote  
PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 25 (AP)—Rylee Rote, Southern Methodist backfield star, was beaming today when he said "It's the finest Christmas present anybody could have." He was advised by telephone from Dallas that he had become the father of a baby boy. Rote, training at nearby Stanford with the western football squad for the East-West game next Saturday, had been expecting the event momentarily.

# Bevo Soccer Team's Flavor International

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 25 (AP)—Foreign nationals enrolled at Oregon State college give the school's soccer team an international flavor that fans of the sport believe is potent.

The game is one that Americans rarely flock out to watch, but fields in countries across the Atlantic and Pacific are crowded with spectators. This may mean OSC's club has the makings of a title winner.

The 23 student players of OSC's cosmopolitan soccer club hail from 18 countries. Only three are U. S. citizens.

Mansur Ferdows of Iran, a sophomore in agriculture, is playing captain and Ahmed Abd El-Samle of Egypt is team manager. Octave Levenspiel of Poland is the coordinator of the club.

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# Triumphant European Tour Ends

Robinson Chalks Kayo Over Germany's Stretz  
FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 25 (AP)—Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson closed out a triumphant tour of Europe tonight by knocking out Hans Stretz, former middleweight champion of Germany, in the fifth round of a non-title ten round bout.

It was Sugar Ray's fifth victory—four of them by knockouts—in less than a month of European touring.

The great 30-year-old champion kayoed Jean Stock in Paris, stopped Luc Van Dam in Brussels, outpointed Jean Walzack in Geneva and halted Robert Villmain in Paris last Friday.

The 22-year-old German was no match for the cool, hard-hitting American.

Robinson floored him six times in the first four rounds and then dropped him for keeps early in the fifth.

It was the first time a reigning boxing king ever had fought in a German ring and Sugar Ray gave the fans a show.

Stretz, eager to make good before the home folks, charged after the champion at the bell with a flurry of blows.

Robinson parried the thrusts, coolly measured his rival, and then knocked him to the canvas. That happened five times up to the close of the fourth.

A few seconds before that round ended, Robinson decked Hans for the sixth time with a right to the jaw. The bell rang with the German (Continued on next page)

# Eugene Eyes Liska, Mails

EUGENE, Dec. 25 (AP)—Ad Liska, veteran of the Portland Beavers, and Walter Mails may move into the Eugene Larks club in the Far West league to bolster the outfit's financial woes.

This was indicated today by Art Badler, club president, who said the club's board may act on the plan Jan. 16. Just how Liska and Mails will figure in the new plan was not explained.

IRONMEN WHIP CANUCKS  
SEATTLE, Dec. 25 (AP)—Bullet Joe Bell cut loose with Seattle's first three-goal hat trick, then added a fourth for good measure as the Ironmen came from behind to whip the Vancouver Canucks 5-3 tonight.

That tied the score at 3-3 and Dick Steere of Drake converted for the North to put the Canucks in front, 9-8.

The South threatened early in the fourth but was halted on the one yard line. Carl Tasseff of John Carroll punted out on the North's 44 and Bishop Strickland of South Carolina passed to Youmans who made a beautiful catch on the North's five. Two plays later Davidson rammed over for the score that won the game.

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