

Cougar Whizz No. 1 Shooter

Bennink's 21.0 Mark North Division's Best

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20—Ron Bennink, Washington State's high-geared point producer, and Oregon's Ed Halberg, who connects with the accuracy of a top secret bomb sight, have taken the spotlight from Oregon State center Wade Halbrook in the hectic Northern Division race, it was disclosed today by figures from the Pacific Coast Conference Commission's office.

The statistics for games through Jan. 16 showed Bennink had taken over the scoring lead with a 21 point average after four games, to 20.8 for the 7-foot 3-inch Halbrook. Bennink had 29 field goals and 26 free throws in his point total. Halberg ranked third with a 16.8 average while Dwight Morrison, Idaho, had 15.8 and Tony Vlastelica, Oregon State, 13.3.

Halberg set a new Division game record last weekend when he dropped 9 of 11 floor shots for 81.8 per cent and the feat showed up in field goal percentages where he leads the pack with a blistering 61 per cent. The lanky forward has taken 41 shots and connected on 25. Ranked second and third are teammates Max Anderson, 52 per cent, and Bob Stout, 50 per cent.

Duck Top Gift Shooter Halberg also sets the pace from the free throw line with 86.4 per cent, getting 19 points on 22 tries. Harlan Melton, Idaho, has 81.3 per cent and Barney Holland, Oregon, 80 per cent. Halbrook is the No. 1 rebounder, but by a narrow margin with an average of 12.5 per game to 12.3 for Anderson. Both are sophomores.

As a team Oregon leads in shooting with a deadly 43 per cent from the floor, followed by Oregon State with 39.3 per cent. Washington State has the top free throw mark, 61.7 per cent, while Oregon has the best point average, 68.5. Oregon State's rebounding game is the best, with 145 rebounds to their opponents 118, while Washington has exhibited the best defense, holding foes to 53.8 points a game.

This weekend Oregon State journeys to Moscow for a showdown series Friday and Saturday night with Idaho, while Oregon, tied for the lead with the Beavers, entertains Washington in Eugene.

Buckaroo Ace All-Star Pick

ST. PAUL (Special) — Sammy Smith, a senior in the St. Paul Union High School has been selected as one of 22 players on the All Star B Football team from the West half of Oregon to play in the Shrine game next August 28th at Pendleton, against the all stars from Eastern Oregon. Sam Smith has played four years of football on Coach Ned Gleason's Buckaroos and this year was the outstanding halfback in the Benton, Marion, Polk and Linn County Championship team.

This is the first time a player from St. Paul has been selected to play in one of these Shrine Benefit games. Coach of the West team is Ray Stephens of Amity, Oregon.

Knute Rockne coached five unbeaten and untied Notre Dame football teams—1919, 1920, 1924, 1929, 1930.

Gonzaga's Vermillion Leading Northwest in Point Department

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Jerry Vermillion of Gonzaga, moving at such a point making pace they may change his name to Vermillion, nudged his average up to 24.8 per game last week to take over top spot in the Northwest Collegiate basketball tally derby.

Basing the race on per-game average, Vermillion succeeded Wade Halbrook of Oregon State in the pace position after Halbrook bumped into a drought against Washington and skidded to an average of 22.8.

On total score, Joe Pehanick of Seattle U topped the field with 328 points to 323 for Vermillion and 320 for Halbrook. But Joe garnered his over a longer route and ranked third on an average of 21.9. Nine players are averaging more than 18 counters per clash, among them R. C. Owens of College of

They'll Do It Every Time



Three Quints Still in Tie For WVL Lead

With Dallas, Silverton and Estacada still in a tie for the league lead, Willamette Valley Loop basketball teams add Round No. 6 to their season Friday night. The three pace-setters have won four of their first five games in the hot pennant struggle.

Friday offers the following games in league play: Mt. Angel at Estacada, Silverton at Sandy, Dallas at Canby and Molalla at Woodburn.

Of the four the Silverton-Sandy and Mt. Angel-Estacada tiffs loom as close ones. Dallas should handle Canby, and Molalla figures over Woodburn.

Bees games Friday night are to start at 6:45 o'clock. The individual scoring race in the league is commanded by Stan Childers of Molalla who tossed in 31 points Tuesday night in the Indians' win over Canby. Childers now has 119 markers in five games for a spectacular 23.8 average and is the only league cager over the 100 level. Nearest to Childers is Herb Brandt of Dallas with 79 points, while Don Myers of Sandy has 72.

Other leading scorers are Rex Domoschofsky of Woodburn and Fred Kaser of Silverton, 59. Arlen Bigham, Canby, 58. Del Kiggins and Gary Ames, Estacada, 57. Dick Thornton, Sandy, 55. Jim Alexander, Molalla, 53. Bus Rayley, Canby and Jerry Plank, Woodburn, 51. Larry Gorman, Mt. Angel, 49. Jim Zauner, Mt. Angel, 46.

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Dallas — 4 1 800 Mt. Angel 2 3 400
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Friday games: Molalla at Woodburn, Dallas at Canby, Silverton at Sandy, Mt. Angel at Estacada.

Contest Helps Vikings' Fund

Salem Senior High School has received \$100 in cash through the efforts of a Detroit, Mich., woman in a recent contest sponsored by the Kellogg Company. Mrs. Leta Faught, formerly of Salem, won fourth place in the contest as the result of a letter giving reasons why the Salem football team deserved a trip to the New Year's Day Orange Bowl game.

Mrs. Faught, a 1948 graduate of Salem High School, received a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond in addition to the cash award to the school. Officials say that the money will be added to a fund to provide a new Viking football scoreboard.

Michigan State has won three successive Western Conference cross-country championships.

Look and Learn

- By A. C. GORDON
1. Who reigned longest as a sports champion?
 2. Which is the largest daily newspaper in the world?
 3. What three words are used most frequently in radio commercial advertising?
 4. What is the tuft of hair above a horse's hoof called?
 5. What is the largest country of South America?

ANSWERS
1. Willie Hoppe, who retired at the age of 65, after 46 years' reign as the World's No. 1 tournament billiard player.
2. The London Daily Mirror, with a circulation of 4,432,700.
3. According to latest statistics, the words "you," "wonderful," and "new."
4. Fetlock.
5. Brazil.

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Nardico Loses Bloody Scrap

Knockdowns Add Up As Norkus Racks TKO

MAIMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Charlie Norkus, a 5-1 underdog, scored a surprising technical knockout over Danny Nardico, ranking light heavyweight, in 2:15 of the ninth round here Wednesday night.

Norkus, from Jersey City, N.J., and Nardico, of Tampa, Fla., staged one of the most brutal fights ever seen in the Miami Beach City Auditorium before a crowd of 2,535 who paid a gross gate of \$10,663 to see the scheduled 10-rounder.

Norkus staggered Nardico in the first round with a looping right and hurt him again in the second before he floored the Tampan with a looping right near the end of the round.

Nardico took the eight count and was holding on at the bell. A left hook staggered Nardico and a right sent him down for another eight count in the third. He was floored twice more in that round and fell once when Norkus moved away quickly. In the same round Nardico smashed Norkus' nose and drew blood from the Jersey City fighter.

Norkus Down
Both went down in the fourth and Nardico sent Norkus flying into the ropes with a hard left. Nardico caught Norkus with a right and sent him down for an eight count.

In the fifth, Norkus hurt Nardico and drew blood from the Tampan's mouth. A right by Norkus had Nardico hanging on in the seventh and a left and a right almost put the Tampan out for good.

In the ninth both were staggered with rights and a hard right smash sent Nardico down. He came up at the eight count and threw punches out of sheer gameness. Again Nardico went down for the eight count, got up and was helpless on the ropes when referee Jimmy Peeler stopped the fight.

Nardico weighed 181 1/2 and Norkus 197 pounds.

HUSKY MATMEN WIN

NORTH MARION HIGH SCHOOL—(Special)—North Marion's Huskies scored a 29-21 wrestling victory over Scappoose Wednesday night. The Huskies won seven matches and the losers took five. It was the fourth triumph of the season for North Marion against two losses.

College Comments . . .

By TOM YATES

Local basketball filberts find themselves with a pair of first place teams this week, and quite unexpectedly at that. The Oregon College Wolves, by sweeping their weekend pair with OTI at Monmouth, started off their Oregon Collegiate Conference season on the right foot, while the also undefeated (in league play) Northwest Conference Bearcats of Willamette top their circuit by a full game over College of Idaho. Favored Eastern Oregon College trails the Wolves in the OCC with a 3-1 record . . .

OCE hits the road this weekend for a return two-game set with the Owls at Klamath Falls, but the Wolves will be home the 25th and 30th for a crucial pair with EOCE. The Bearcats are idle till a week from Saturday when they move to Forest Grove to take on Pacific.

One of the Eastern Oregon states is 6-5 Bob Adrian, brother of Lewis & Clark's Hal. Both boys did their high school hoop at West Linn. Center Bobby Frantz of the Wolves will no doubt get the assignment of guarding Adrian when the easterners make their visit. Frantz has been one of Coach Bob Livingston's number one boys this year with his sensational hook shots and fine defensive work. When Bobby fouled out of Friday night's OTI tiff it was the first time in his career at the Monmouth school that he had collected five infractions in one game. Saturday evening he returned to form, however, being whistled down but once . . .

The Northwest Conference is turning into quite a home team monopoly on victories. Of the 15 games to date, the hosts have walked off with 12. Only teams to lose thus far on their own floor are Linfield (2 of 4) and Whitman (1 of 3). The Willamette quint not only has a perfect home record in three tussles, but they also accounted for one of Linfield's McMinnville losses. College of Idaho racked up the other win over Roy Heiser's Wildcats, while Lewis & Clark owns the one foreign win over Whitman at Walla Walla . . .

The predominance of home town wins bodes no good for the currently high flying Bearcats of John Lewis, who have seven of their remaining 11 league mixes on the road. And don't let that 100 to 79 licking the 'Cats handed the C of I Coyotes fool you into thinking they'll have a picnic when they visit Caldwell the end of February. Sam Vokes really has the Idahoans moving now, especially the redoubtable R. C. Owens who leads the country in rebounding off of a tremendous three games over this past weekend.

Willamette fans will be pleased to note that last year's All-Conference selection Dick Mase is still pushing them through the nets even though he completed his eligibility with the Bearcats. Rubber legged Dick has been appearing in the Salem YMCA lineup with regularity. That's the same 'Y' team that invaded the deep south last year to participate in the national YMCA tourney as district representatives. Mase is currently doing graduate work toward his teaching credentials at Willamette.

U. S. Slat Star Out of Action

KITZBUEHEL, Austria (AP) — Billy Beck, 25-year-old Kingston, R. I., skier, broke his right ankle in a practice slalom run and will miss the world ski championships in Sweden next month.

Beck, a tall, stocky veteran of the 1952 Olympic winter games in Oslo, was training on a steep slalom track with the other members of the U.S. squad who will compete in the third international ski festival beginning here Thursday.

The Cincinnati Redlegs open the 1954 baseball season at Crosley Field April 13 against the Milwaukee Braves.

Reed Leading Cats' Scoring

WU Club Takes Time Out for Examinations

Pete Reed, soph forward from Scappoose, leads the Willamette Bearcats' scoring department through the first 14 games of the campaign with 186 points and Captain Dick Hoy, junior from Newberg, ranks next with 180. Latest squad statistics were released this week as the Bearcats turned attention to semester exams.

The Northwest Conference leading WU quint gets a two-weeks layoff before resuming conference action against Pacific at Forest Grove on Jan. 30. Next home game for Coach John Lewis' men is with Lewis and Clark Feb. 5th.

Other leading scorers for the Bearcats are Center Tom Gooding with 174 points and Jerry McCallister with 145. Other scoring: Duane Shield 75, Dave Gray 62, Bill Colvard 61, Jack Bishop 42, Neil Causbie 36, Dale Gustafson 7, Wes Malcolm 4, Jim Henslee 2 and Ron Fitzgerald 2.

Lewis is giving his men only light drills this week other than for a scrimmage today with Jerry Frei's Bearkittens.

Willamette is unbeaten in conference play, having four straight wins.

Ike Passes Up Yakima Bid Because of Duties

YAKIMA (AP) — President and Mrs. Eisenhower won't be able to attend the Little World Series here next Sept. 1-4.

Owen O. Carpenter, general chairman of the National American Legion Junior baseball finals, received the information Wednesday from Thomas E. Stephens, presidential secretary.

"The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of Jan. 7 inviting him and Mrs. Eisenhower to attend. . . ."

"He wishes very much that it were possible . . . but, unfortunately, the pressure of his duties here and his calendar as already arranged will not afford him that pleasure."

"He is nonetheless most appreciative of your invitation and has asked me to convey his very best wishes."

Tide Table

Tides for Taft, Oregon — January, 1954 (compiled by U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.)

Jan.	Time	Hi.	Time	Hi.
21	2:22 a.m.	5.9	7:46 a.m.	2.7
	1:30 p.m.	6.7	8:21 p.m.	0.2
22	2:52 a.m.	6.0	8:53 p.m.	2.6
	2:11 p.m.	6.2	8:50 p.m.	0.7
23	3:24 a.m.	6.1	9:22 a.m.	2.4
	2:55 p.m.	5.8	9:20 p.m.	1.2
24	3:56 a.m.	6.2	10:13 a.m.	2.3
	3:45 p.m.	5.1	9:51 p.m.	1.7
25	4:30 a.m.	6.3	11:11 a.m.	2.1
	4:40 p.m.	4.6	10:24 p.m.	2.2
26	5:09 a.m.	6.3	12:15 p.m.	1.8
	5:54 p.m.	6.2	11:04 p.m.	2.7
27	5:53 a.m.	6.4	1:22 p.m.	1.6
	7:24 p.m.	4.1	11:53 p.m.	3.1
28	6:42 a.m.	6.5		
	8:55 p.m.	4.2	2:25 p.m.	1.2
29	7:25 a.m.	6.6	12:56 a.m.	3.4
	10:06 p.m.	4.4	3:21 p.m.	0.8
30	8:28 a.m.	6.8	2:05 a.m.	3.6
	10:57 p.m.	4.5	4:10 p.m.	0.3
31	9:20 a.m.	7.1	3:09 a.m.	3.5
	11:36 p.m.	5.0	4:54 p.m.	0.1

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