

OSU out to regain top ten spot

By United Press International
Oregon State, with a pair of two-point defeats to stain its record, tries to climb back into the nation's top 10 this weekend when it competes at the 10th annual Kentucky Invitational tournament at Lexington.

The Beavers were predicted to have their best-ever squad and are ranked 13th nationally despite the losses to Seattle and California. Moreover, Terry Baker will be back at guard to quarterback the Beavers after quarterbacking the Oregon State football team to a 9-2 record and winning the Heisman Trophy in the process.

Oregon State tangles with nationally 10th ranked West Virginia tonight with the 12th ranked Kentucky squad facing Iowa in the nightcap.

Oregon State coach Slat Gill put his team through a 30-minute scrimmage Thursday and a team of substitutes beat the regulars

29-29. However, Gill said he was more concerned about the floor play than the score.

One of the most interesting questions in advance of the tournament is how well Baker will do in his first appearance. He has had only six days to practice but Gill said he will be in the starting lineup tonight, along with Mel Counts, Jim Jarvis, Frank Peters and Steve Pauly.

Peters has been given the job of stopping West Virginia's Rod Thorn, who has regained some of his form in early games this season after laying out of competition last year.

The coast's other powerhouse cage teams also have unusually stern tests this weekend.

Cards Host Pair
Unbeaten Stanford hosts Texas and Wyoming, Seattle is at Loyola of Chicago Saturday night in a battle between two of the nation's top 10 teams.

UCLA, roaring back after dropping two early season games, takes on Wisconsin, another of the top 10, at Madison Saturday night.

The Bruins were solid as a rock in downing Northwestern, 70-63, Thursday night at Evanston, as Fred Slaughter roared for 22 points.

Touring Southern California, another unbeaten club, is at Nebraska while once-beaten California hosts Wyoming and Texas. Holiday tournament action hits its climax on the coast Dec. 29 when major tourneys open up in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Corvallis. But there's plenty of Christmas cage activity going on now.

At Long Beach, Drake and Oklahoma State join Loyola of Los Angeles and Long Beach State for the Long Beach invitational tonight.

A veritable who's who of California small college powers is at Anaheim in the uniquely-named Kris Kringle Classic.

Sacramento State, a good team which somehow manages to lose to everybody by two points, lost to San Diego, 53-51. But Orange State, Chapman, and Alameda State—a trio of outstanding teams—rolled toward a collision course.

Orange State riddled Cal Poly of Pomona, 104-76, as Leonard Guinn hit 21 points. Chapman crushed the Cal Aggies, 71-61, as Gary Larson meshed 19, and Larry Lauritzen had 27 as Alameda State dumped Hamline from St. Paul, Minn., 74-67.

In the first round of the Valley tournament at Norwalk, Occidental bumped Hope, 73-62, as 7-foot Doug Willis hit 24. Redlands whipped Westmont, 72-68, in the nightcap.

At San Diego, Cal Western thumped Westminster of Salt Lake, 65-52, and Cal Poly of San

Luis Obispo downed Whittier, 77-59, in the holiday tournament.

In other action last night, the West Coast Athletic Conference put on a good display.

Santa Clara rolled to its fifth win with a 74-53 win over Loyola of New Orleans. Gene Shields hit 16 points for the twice-beaten Broncos.

Traveling St. Mary's bounced Creighton, 93-71. Steve Gray had 18 and Tom Sheridan 17. Creighton's center, Paul Silas, hit 30 points. The game was marred by a fist fight under the St. Mary's goal in the second half.

San Jose lost a heartbreaker at Detroit, 82-76, in overtime.

Washington sneaked past Montana State, 59-50, while Powerhouse Idaho crunched Washington State, 94-57.

Action tonight also finds San Francisco State at the Eastern Montana Tournament and Washington at Montana.

Skyliner racers capture three of four top spots

Skyliner racers performed very well in the Jere Gillis Memorial novice ski races at Bachelor Butte last weekend.

Julie Meissner led the girls slalom with runs of 1:54.9 and 1:44.7 for a 1:30.6 total. Christiana Catter won the girls downhill with a 1:18.2 clocking.

Pete Francis won the boys downhill with a 1:09 time.

Other Skyliners in the girls slalom were Christiana Catter, fourth, 1:52.8; and Shannon Auld, fifth, 2:46.1.

In the boys downhill Richard Margosian, Santiam, was second in 1:11; Evan Cronyn, Cascade, was third in 1:13.2; John Kirk, Mazama, was fourth in 1:14.2; and Steve Hamman, Santiam, tied for fifth with a 1:14.3 time.

In the girls downhill Mary Randall finished second with a 1:18.2 time, Tinker Randall was fourth with a 1:22.3 clocking and Alexa Kimberly of Catlin Gable finished fifth in 1:34.2.

Other Skyliners in the boys downhill were Fred Duberow, tied for fifth with a 1:14.3 time; Ricky Francis, eighth, 1:16; and Wally Jones, 15th, 1:19.0.

In the girls downhill Julie Meissner finished third with a 1:19.2 time, while Shannon Auld was 10th with a 2:04.2 clocking. John Schwabe of the Cascade Club won the boys slalom with runs of 42.6 and 42.5 for a 1:24.1 time. David Kunkel of the Evergreen Club was second with a 1:26.3 time.

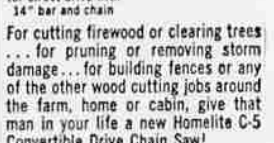
Other Skyliners in this race were Fred Duberow, third, 1:26.9; Rick Francis, fourth, 1:32.2; Wally Jones, eighth, 2:10.0; and Pete Francis, 15th, 3:26.8.

Non Skyliners making good showings were Tinker Randall, Cascade, second in girls slalom, 1:43.8; and Mary Randall, Cascade, third in girls slalom, 1:52.8. In the boys slalom Craig Hobbs of the Santiam Club was fifth with a 1:39.2 time, and Mike Howard, Evergreen, finished sixth



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Patrol Tips



By F. W. Rogers
Bachelor Butte will be moving into a daily operation this coming weekend, continuing daily until April 14.

According to Cliff Blann, all equipment is in tip-top shape. Incidentally, Bachelor is one of two facilities in the Northwest that will be operational this weekend.

One should look to his better judgment so early in the season. Remember, you enthusiasts who are beginning your skiing in earnest this weekend, do not overdo the first time out. Remain under control at all times, as there will be lots of new skiers on the hill over the holidays. Another tip, if it gets real cold, watch out for frostbite. You might check yourselves and others periodically.

Bend may have a snow-machine soon. Bob Cutter and Jack Meissner returned from Reno, Nev., Thursday with encouraging news. This is a wonderful program for our young skiers. So let's all dig deep, when the time comes, and get this thing off the ground.

Fifty-five youths have signed up so far for the five-day racing school to be held at Bachelor on afternoons starting December 26. There is still time to register.

Congratulations to Julie Meissner and Fred Duberow on qualifying as Intermediates. Everyone seemed well pleased with the way the novice races went last weekend. It was a fine coordinated effort.

Cascade tops 'travelers'

The Cascade Bowl No. One team won the first spot in the first half of the Central Oregon Traveling League at Redmond last Sunday, even though trounced 4-0 by Premier Bowl in the position round.

Premier Bowl of Redmond finished second, only one game back of the leaders.

Other match results saw the Greenwood Bowlers trounce the Cascade No. Two squad 3-1, the Greenwood Travelers beat the Pelton Tigers 3-1 and Pelton Lanes and Ochoco Bowl splitting 2-2.

Final first-half standings:

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Cascade No. One	36 1/2	23 1/2
Premier Bowl	35 1/2	24 1/2
Cascade No. Two	32	28
Greenwood Bowlers	31	29
Pelton Lanes	28	32
Ochoco Bowl	28	32
Pelton Tigers	25	35
Greenwood Travelers	24	36

Portland State cagers belted

By United Press International
Western Washington continued its lopsided mastery over Oregon basketball teams Thursday night with a 79-36 lacing of Portland State at Bellingham, Wash.

Western beat Pacific 77-47 the previous night.

Pacific regained its winning ways Thursday night with a 70-63 decision over St. Martin's at Olympia, Wash. Ken Alcorn scored 21 points for the winners.



HUSTLING BRUIN—John Welborn stands only 5-5, but the hustling Bend High junior is liable to appear a lot taller to opponents this season as John really gets around the court. The "little scooter" is scheduled to start tonight when Bend plays at Klamath Falls. Same two teams will meet in Bend 8 p.m. Saturday.

Exciting prep games slated

By United Press International
A non-conference encounter between two unbeaten teams, Oregon City and Molalla, is one of the highlights of tonight's Oregon high school basketball schedule.

Molalla is a pre-season favorite for the Wilco League title and Oregon City is rated a contender in the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley League. The game will be played at Molalla.

Defending state champion Grants Pass travels to Eugene to play Willamette in the first game of a doubleheader. Medford meets South Eugene in the other game.

Two other teams risk perfect records tonight when Lebanon plays Crater at Central Point.

WARD RECEIVES HONOR
LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Indianapolis 500-mile speedway champion Rodger Ward has been selected auto racing driver of the year to be honored at the National Sports Award dinner Dec. 28. Ward also won major races at Trenton and Milwaukee during 1962.



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