

# Bearcats Gain 3rd Place by Beating L-C

## Sports Report

By CHUCK BOICE

### The Long Arm of Sam Vokes

No wonder Sam Vokes' quarterback at Coalinga, Calif., junior college is being courted by practically every T-formation school from the Pacific to the eastern edge of the Big Ten. The kid, Willie Wood by name, is another Vokes importee from Washington, D. C.

While at College of Idaho, Sam latched onto the greatest basketball potential transferee in Elgin Baylor, also from the nation's capital, Charlie Jenkins, who was to appear here this week, followed the well-marked trail the following year. Sam's real bit of pro-sexying, from Washington we always figured, was the one armed basketball player. He wasn't bad except Sam seriously said his real niche was as a baseball catcher.

The word on Wood comes from Jim Anderson, the former South Salem halfback, who has just re-enrolled at Willamette after a season with Vokes.

Anderson reports that Coalinga had quite a year. They won their conference title and in 11 games were tied twice and beaten only by Antelope Valley JC in the Orange Show Bowl at San Bernardino and then by a 19-18 score.



TED WILLIAMS ... caught off base

### From Far, Farther

Sam, who lost out at College of Idaho for winning too many games, never was one to have anything remotely resembling a school or area clique on his team. In addition to Wood at Coalinga last fall he had four boys from New Jersey, two from Idaho, one from Detroit and, besides Anderson, three from Oregon—ex-Bearcat Dave Ogilby, Ralph Allen from Pendleton and WSC Frosh and Jim Allen from Medford.

Three or four Californians rounded out the key members of the squad.

Anderson will be a junior at Willamette next fall after playing here as a freshman two years ago in addition to the jaycee semester. He now weighs over 170 and still has his track speed. He could be the halfback the Bearcats are looking for.

### Anderson Has a Good Year

The records show Anderson with quite a year. He led his championship team in scoring with 54 points and averaged six yards per carry. However, he feels it should have been much better. Sam did a great job, he says, and his six yards were the lowest of the regular backs.

If the team's leading scorer and a big yardage man feels the running attack wasn't always smooth, how did they win the title? "We threw for it," Anderson grinned. "That Willie was a wonder."

The real capper for the Coalinga story is that they didn't officially lose that bowl game and thus were unbeaten. Antelope Valley had some transfers from other schools who had not sat out a semester, and because this was against their conference's rules, they had to forfeit the whole season.

Needless to say, Vokes' conference doesn't have that transfer rule!

### Musical Chairs at Guard

Slats Gill, the veteran OSC mentor, still is looking for a guard combination. In pre-season games transfer Jim Anderson started some games. Jerry Crimmins and Ken Nanson were the starting choice against Stanford in both games. Against USC Nanson and Lee Harmon won the first night and Crimmins and Harmon the second night.

In the Washington series Crimmins and Nanson were back but Don Pino and Gary Haynes were the choice the second night. Last week Nanson and Pino formed an ineffective combination Friday and Saturday Gill started Harmon and Pino. Ted Miller, the former Milwaukee ace, hasn't been shooting well at all and is the only one not apt to get into the act at the moment.

Through it all, Dave Gambee rolls on. Despite being sat in the corner for most of one game against USC (it seems to have been all to the good), he's scored 156 points for a 19.5 average. The former Corvallis high star, who used to lark his District 8 opponents with his confident attitude—and back-breaking play—also is going great in rebounds and shooting over .400 from the field and a neat .760 from the free throw line.

Gambee may get the fans overexcited on the foreign courts, but he's a real man with the round ball.

### Charlie Jenkins Quite a 'Rebounder'

Charlie Jenkins, the above mentioned Washington, D. C. lad who was found ineligible for College of Idaho this weekend, had himself some good games for the Coyotes last year before departing at the semester break on a series of school changes.

In the first game against Willamette at Caldwell last year he failed to score as a briefly used reserve, but the next night his 17 points and rebounding were the difference in a 71-63 Coyote win. In a close victory over Lewis & Clark he was the big gun with 26 points.

While waiting around Portland U a few weeks later, he had some big nights in AAU play. He's not quite a Baylor in scoring but a 20-point average still is good and he now has 190 pounds on his 6-6 frame.

"Was thought that Jenkins was a good student. This goes without saying. Anyone who can enroll at C of I, withdraw and transfer to Portland U, withdraw and transfer to some school in West Virginia, withdraw and transfer back to C of I, all in 18 months without checking himself on red tape—is a sharp lad.

At Lewis and Clark you can get the positive word that football mentor Joe Huston will reconsider and be back next fall . . . but without the burdensome duties of dean of men and a full-time assistant coach. You can also get the word that Joe positively will not be back.

### Warren-Johnson Duel a Pip

When Marshfield defeated Eugene the other night in an upset that kind of figured the all-stater duel between Roger Johnson, now playing center for the Pirates, and the Axemen's Charlie Warren reportedly was a classic.

The senior Johnson, despite giving away a couple of inches in height and fouling Warren three times in the first quarter, had a slight edge over his junior opponent. Johnson had 31 points (of his team's 56) on 13 of 20 from all over the floor while Warren finished with 29 points (of his team's 54) on nine field goals and 11 free throws.

Just to illustrate what one man can mean to a team, the next night against Springfield Johnson injured his ankle and left, but with Marshfield leading 16-12. When he returned two minutes and 19 seconds later, his team was trailing 21-16 and they never caught up.

Despite the limp he totalled 25 points in the 58-45 loss.

Going into last night's games, if any, in Southern Oregon, Medford's record was 7-1 and Klamath Falls' 6-1. Tied for third were Grants Pass and Ashland with 3-5 and Crater is 0-7. Imagine they'll have the usual playoff to see which two teams are best ones to go to the state tournament.

### Ted Williams, Base Stealer

Ted Williams, the Red Sox thumper, is a noted baseball teacher of youngsters in the game. Now he turns out to have a few lessons for the young ladies . . . to wit: never make the announcement without double-checking and then some. The guy might take off for the tall timber.

Of course, if the jilted model hits him with a \$100,000 breach of promise suit, it can be considered another lesson for the young men.

### Charlie Jenkins Ineligible to Be On C.I. Quintet

CALDWELL, Ida. (UP)—Charlie Jenkins, whose impending re-appearance in a College of Idaho basketball uniform had Northwest Conference coaches worrying, apparently won't be around to bother them this year after all.

Coach Babe Brown said yesterday that Jenkins apparently won't be eligible for second-semester competition. He said a transcript received from West Virginia Institute, where Jenkins attended classes for awhile, indicated his grades were not high enough to allow him to play.

## Revenge Looks Easy In 72-49 Hoop Play

### College of Idaho Here Next on Weekend

By CHUCK BOICE  
Capital Journal Special Writer

The Willamette Bearcats gained revenge over the Lewis and Clark Pioneers here last night—double in spades.

John Lewis' eager squad rocked the Portlanders, 72-49, and thus took some of the sting from the frustrating 49-47 loss to the same Pioneers in Portland last Saturday night.

More important, the victory hoisted the Bearcats into third place in the Northwest Conference basketball standings with a 3-3 record. The pre-season favored Pioneers now stand at 4-5, all but officially out of contention.

### Coyotes Here Next

"We did very well in many respects," Coach Lewis said after the game. "We played real good defense, ran well and the reserves did a great job, but I wish we wouldn't miss quite so many good shots. We're going to have to go great the rest of the way . . . we have a flock of them coming up."

The Willamette schedule shows College of Idaho to win Friday and Saturday, followed by Whitman Monday. Willamette then hits the road for a reverse set of games with these two teams east of the mountains.

For a jilted last night's encounter resembled the ice-cold previous meeting in Portland. With better than six minutes gone, Willamette had a 7-5 lead and both teams were missing repeatedly.

### 32-19 at Halftime

The Cats fast break began generating speed about this time and in a few minutes was resulting in baskets. The tempo increased considerably and Willamette bagged 12 points in the last five minutes of the period to lead at the intermission, 32-19.

A backcourt steal and solo lay-up by Masa Watanabe and a steal by Eddie Grossbacher followed by a quick tip to Don Hoy for another quickie highlighted the drive. Watanabe, the 6-4 sophomore from Hawaii, gave an at-times spectacular performance in his first time in a starting role.

The second half was more of the same Bearcat domination and it was quickly evident that it was all over.

After a couple of misses, Backlund jumped in a shot, Watanabe followed with another from outside and the Bearcats led 36-19. At the 16:00 mark, Backlund was fouled while connecting on a driving lay-up. He added the free throw to re-gain the 17-point spread at 40-23.

And wipe out whatever belated hope the visitors had.

### Bearcats Shot 37.3

Through it all, only Duane Brady, the veteran guard, could hit a lick for the Pioneers. The Powers senior connected on 7 of 20 chances and a pair of free throws for 16 points, double his Saturday output but coming a long way from including any game-winning baskets this time.

Hoy, having one of his best games of the year, also scored 16.

For the game, Willamette hit 28 of 75 from the field for .373 while Lewis and Clark managed only 27.3 against the agile man-for-man defense employed by the Bearcats.

Bearcat dominance in this one was well-illustrated in the rebound advantage of 58-38. Backlund, doing an excellent job of following his own misses, grabbed off 16 while Causbie had 15.

The reserves came on early for Willamette. With still ten minutes

### Seattle Takes Offer to Play In Garden NIT

SEATTLE (UP)—Seattle University announced Tuesday it had accepted a bid for its basketball team to play in the National Invitation Tournament March 16-23 in Madison Square Garden.

The Seattle Chieftains, ranked seventh in the nation, have an 18-2 record including one victory over the Seattle Buchanan Bakers, national AAU champions. The Chiefs have won their last 14 starts.

This will be the Chieftains' third appearance in the Garden. They played there in 1952 and 1953, when All-America Johnny O'Brien and his twin brother, Eddie, were the stars of the club.

### Lewiston Broncs Sign Pitcher Bob Roberts

LEWISTON, Idaho (UP)—The Lewiston Broncs of the Northwest Baseball League Tuesday announced the signing of pitcher Bob Roberts, who had a 14-11 record with Wenatchee and Lewiston in 1956.

The Broncs also announced the release of catcher Mike Donahue, who hit .239 last season.

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## To Fight Here



Johnny Wells, above, 150-pounder, will box in the six-round semifinal bout Feb. 16 at the Salem Army against Tommy Thomas, former national AAU champion.

"Giardello just loves to battle those standup guys," said Will. "Anyone who stands up to fight Joey is going to get belted real good, just ask Bobby Boyd."

### 2-1 Favorite

Giardello put Boyd on the shelf with a broken jaw and lacerated mouth when he hammered the No. 1 middleweight contender into a pulp at Cleveland for a fifth round kayo last Sept. 28. That fight shot Joey back into the middleweight picture, and he meets Sandy as the No. 2 rated contender.

Giardello is a better than 2-1 favorite. By winning he can make a big stride toward getting a title crack, probably in June.

The winner is to meet the victor of the Spider Webb-Neal rivalry Feb. 15 fight, with that winner progressing to a championship match with either Gene Fullmer or Ray Robinson in early summer.

### Giardello, 26, has a 63-13-5 record.

## Lincoln Spills No. 10 Team

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the top ten teams in the weekly Associated Press poll on high school basketball stumbled Tuesday night.

Jefferson of Portland, ranked No. 10 this week, fell before Lincoln of Portland, 60-51. The loss also knocked Jefferson from a first-place tie to a deadlock with Lincoln for second place.

Leading the Portland race now are Benson, ranked No. 5 in the state, and Grant. Benson defeated Washington, 76-45, Tuesday, and Grant conquered Franklin, 58-53, after Franklin's 6-9 Bjarne Jensen again suffered a knee injury after scoring 26 points.

The only other high-ranking team in action was Portland's Central Catholic, rated No. 3 in the state. Central downed Beaverton, 66-47.

A couple of class B teams with long winning streaks kept them intact. Knappa scored its 19th win without a loss by defeating Star of the Sea of Astoria, 57-46, and Drain won its 15th straight with a 48-25 decision over Junction City. Drain's only loss this season was to Elktion, which has 16 consecutive wins. The teams are scheduled to meet again next Tuesday.

### COLLEGE RESULTS

Willamette 72, Lewis & Clark 49; Portland State 65, OCE 50; Idaho State 88, Colorado Mines 65; Seattle University 106, Seattle Pacific 72; Oregon City 57, Crow 56; Marcola 56.

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## Pressure Builds Up Under Upper Crust

### North Carolinians Pushed to Win No. 17

By PETE PEDERSEN  
The Associated Press

Life among college basketball's upper crust gets more precarious as the season approaches its end. Building pressure and ambitious underdogs combine to threaten the proud records of the nation's elite.

Monday night it was Iowa State, No. 9, the Associated Press weekly poll, pouncing past Colorado 72-71 in a last-gasp thriller. Last night top-ranked North Carolina grayed Coach Frank McGuire's locks before upending Maryland in double overtime 65-61 for their 17th straight.

### Epping Bowls To All-Events Lead, Class C Men's State Tourney Changes Listed in Each Event

Jerome "Jeep" Epping, local contractor, bowled his way to the top of the C class all-events column with games of 529, team: 548, doubles, and 596, singles, at Cherry city's state men's bowling tournament over the weekend.

Charles Harshberger, Sr. of Portland took over second with 1670.

Other changes in the top five of all events included one change in each event.

CLASS A  
Herb Reed, Hillsboro, 1774  
Cliff Sells, Portland, 1765  
Charles Huston, Albany, 1764  
Norm Haner, Portland, 1763  
Leon Miller, Brookings, 1760  
(Still in money-250)

CLASS B  
John Fertis, Tillamook, 1728  
Mahlon Peterson, Portland, 1706  
Mel Spaulinger, Lebanon, 1705  
Dick Atchack, Albany, 1703  
Dan Garcia, Grants Pass, 1695  
(Still in money-160)

CLASS C  
Jeep Epping, Salem, 1673  
Charles Harshberger, Portland, 1670  
Ron Gage, Forest Grove, 1631  
Jack Olney Jr., Portland, 1620  
James Deagen, Woodburn, 1629  
(Still in money-150)

CLASS D  
Alvin Billabrook, Prineville, 1672  
Tubby Martin, Prineville, 1622  
Dick James, Mt. Helem, 1601  
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Jerry Gabriel, Sweet Home, 1597  
(Still in money-150)

In conference battles, North Carolina State had little trouble downing Virginia 67-60, and Idaho State, No. 20, trampled Colorado Mines in driving toward its sixth

## Jaycees Plan 2nd Session Of Ski School for Feb. 24

A second four-week session of the Salem Jaycee Ski school at Hoodoo bowl will start Feb. 24, chairman Douglas Sheldon announced Wednesday. Interest in the school has brought enough requests for the second session that it has been scheduled, he said.

Registrations for the school may again be made at Salem sporting goods stores, he said. Students under 18 must have the signature of a parent on their registration card, he said.

Fee for the four Sunday classes is \$6. Bus transportation will also be available, Sheldon announced.

The present school will end Sunday. Some 130 students have participated in the school under the supervision of Chief Instructor Nap Roque, Salem. Qualified skiers interested in teaching classes for a nominal fee are invited to contact Roque, Sheldon stated.

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