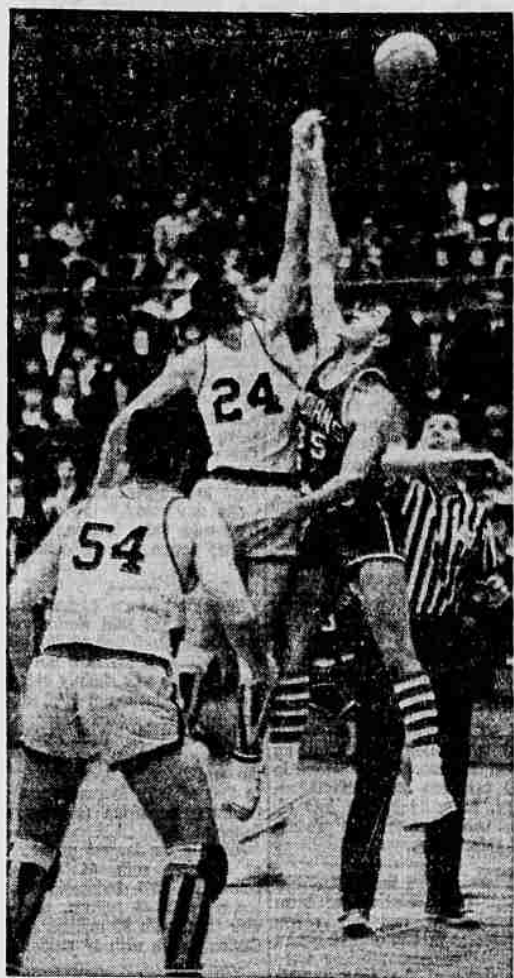




IN THE AIR—Senior Jack Ward jumps against Jay Kane, 35, of The Dalles in action Saturday. Waiting for the tip is Clyde Smith, No. 54, of the Bruins. Bend is on the road this week when they play Mac Hi and Pendleton. Redmond plays the same teams this weekend while Prineville is at Madras Friday night.

No. 1 Uclans must face Trojans in pair this weekend

By United Press International
The Pacific Coast today had the nation's top-ranked basketball team after the United Press International board of cage coaches named the UCLA Bruins as its current No. 1 pick.

It was the first time a Pacific Coast team had enjoyed such a lofty perch since the days of Lute Newell's great 1960 University of California quintet.

The Bruins, one of the shortest teams in recent years to earn the No. 1 honor, have parlayed their fast-break into 11 straight wins, including a pair of Big Six triumphs.

They face a tall Southern California squad this weekend. The Trojans gained a split at Stanford last weekend and will provide a good test for the Bruins.

Oregon State, now 11-2 after a weekend split with Cincinnati, drew the sixth ranking in

the UPI poll. The Beavers are in Hawaii for three games this week.

The only other Coast team to draw support was Stanford, which wound up in 18th place after the split with the Trojans. Stanford hosts Washington in a pair this weekend. Other Big Six action will find Washington State at California.

The West Coast Athletic Conference has one game scheduled for tonight when Santa Clara meets St. Mary's at San Jose. The Broncos lost a bruiser to USF last Saturday, but appear to have too many guns for the Gaels.

Other contests tonight find San Francisco State kicking off the Far West Conference against California State, and time-honored foes Oregon and Portland having a go at Portland.

One of the West's best quintets was cooled off Monday night at Tucson when Arizona slowed down Seattle, 59-53.

John Tresvant hit 25 points for the Chiefs, who were hurt when he fouled out. Warren Rustand had 20 for Arizona. Seattle is now 9-2 for the year and Arizona is 7-5.

Other scores: Cal Western 67 Whitworth 57, Eastern Oregon 79 Whitman 77, Westminster 83 Western Montana 79.

IC STANDINGS		W	L
Baker	.....	2	0
Bend	.....	2	0
La Grande	.....	2	0
Pendleton	.....	1	0
Redmond	.....	1	1
The Dalles	.....	1	1
Mac Hi	.....	0	1
Prineville	.....	0	2
Madras	.....	0	2
Hermiston	.....	0	2

Tenpin Alley

City League		W	L
Jim's Electric	.....	4	0
Economy Drug	.....	3	1
Lelco	.....	2	2
Medo-Land	.....	2	2
Seven-Up	.....	2	2
Pepsi-Cola	.....	2	2
Duncan Brothers	.....	1	3
Elks	.....	0	4
Team leaders: Lelco, 1005 game and 2789 series.			
High scorers: Al Simpson, 257 game; Slice Fox, 256 game; Al Simpson, 671 series.			

Three Man Classic Minor		W	L
Greenwood Bowl	.....	8	0
Jim's Electric	.....	6	2
Town & Country	.....	6	2
Les Schwab	.....	6	2
Gateway Motel	.....	4	4
Shanks Jewelry	.....	4	4
Mid-State Meat	.....	4	4
OK Rubber Welders	.....	4	4
Williams Tire Serv.	.....	2	6
Pac. Auto Wreckers	.....	2	6
Southgate Union	.....	2	6
Standard Stations	.....	0	8
Team leaders: Pacific Auto Wreckers, 611 game; Les Schwab, 1597 series.			
High scorers: Calvin Sherman, 230 game; Dave Ross, 568 series.			

Starlighter League		W	L
Wahee Motel	.....	4	0
Erickson Market	.....	3	1
Denning's Richfield	.....	3	1
Thunderbird Club	.....	3	1
Gordon Randall	.....	1	3
Trailways No. 1	.....	1	3
Mahoney Office	.....	1	3
AWE Hephreys	.....	0	4
Team leaders: Denning's Richfield Service, 908 game; Wahee Motel, 2504 series.			
High scorers: Leona Osmundson, 211 game and 585 series.			

Nite Owl League		W	L
Coca Cola	.....	4	0
Brandis Drug	.....	4	0
Slate & Harris	.....	3	1
Stacy's Cafe	.....	3	1
Murray & Holt	.....	1	3
Pilot Butte Inn	.....	1	3
Jim's Electric	.....	0	4
Rock 'n Wood	.....	0	4
Team leaders: Coca Cola, 785 game and 2243 series.			
High scorers: Dot Altier and Beryl Brandma, 191 game; Hazel LeBlanc, 497 series.			

Ducks, Portland play tonight

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Oregon Ducks and Portland's Pilots collide in a basketball game at the Memorial Coliseum tonight.

The Ducks have a 2-5 record and the Pilots own a 6-3 mark. It is the teams' first meeting of the season.

Oregon probably will start 6-4 Larry Cooley and 6-5 Steve Jones at forwards, 6-5 Jim Johnson at center and 6-3 Jim Barnett and 6-2 Elliott Gleason at guards.

Portland's probable starters will be 6-3 Tom Nichols and 6-6 Cincy Powell at forwards, 6-8 Steve Anstett at center and 6-3 Ken Falkner and 6-2 Sam Coston at guards.

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19 Bend junior skiers make trip to McCall races

Bend's junior skiers, 19 in number, will leave Thursday afternoon for McCall, Idaho, to compete in the Engen Cup Races on Brundage Mountain, Coach Jack Meissner announced today.

A PNSA - sanctioned race, the McCall ski competition will be for individuals only. No team trophies will be given. Skiers will compete in both downhill and slalom.

Making the trip will be: Experts — Jerry Blann, Tom Cutler, Gerry Duberow, Steve Foley, Mike Metke, Sherri Blann, Kikki Cutler, Sara Goodrich, and Julie Meissner.

Intermediates — Randy Snider, Jerry Willard, Tom Stevenson, Mike Lafferty and Fred Duberow. Novices, Mike McGearry, Mike Ward, Paul Skilern, Shawn Auld and Shannon Auld.

Slalom competition will be Saturday, and downhill Sunday.

Liston spars to prepare for Clay

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI)—Heavyweight champion Sonny Liston sparred two rounds again today in preparation for his title bout with Cassius Clay in Miami Feb. 25.

Liston, who has been working out here for the past 12 days, held his first sparring session Monday when he went two rounds with Leotis Martin.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Floyd stops Sante Amonti

STOCKHOLM (UPI)—Former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, with an opening comeback victory under his belt, smilingly considered today whether Henry Cooper of England or Karl Mildenberger of Germany should be his next opponent on the title trail.

Monday night 29-year-old Floyd stopped burly Sante Amonti, champion of Italy, at 2:25 of the eighth round before a turnaway crowd of 11,800 in Stockholm's Johannesov Indoor Stadium. Amonti was floored four times.

In his first fight since champion Sonny Liston knocked him out in the opening round last July 22, Floyd appeared rusty and somewhat confused at times although he won with comparative ease.

He said he would need "four or five more fights" to sharpen himself properly for another shot at the title.

Tom and Al Bolan of New York's Championship Sports, Inc., who teamed with Swedish promoter Edw in Ahlqvist in Monday night's very successful

show, said Floyd's next fight probably would be at Stockholm or London.

Championship Sports staged five of Patterson's title bouts. When Floyd was asked if he planned to fight soon in the United States, he said, "No, but I'll return to my camp at Highland Mills, N.Y., in about three weeks and begin training there."

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A LOOK AT SPORTS
Some call it luck, others say poise
by Web Ruble
Bulletin Sports Editor

Tid bits... of the slightly ironic.

One of the interesting things about the Bend Lava Bears last Saturday night was the fact that the locals could play their loudest game of the season and still win.

Actually, it's a credit to the Bruins. It's no particular credit, perhaps, that the Bruins came on with their worst performance, but it has some merit that they still had the wherewithal to pull it out.

Though The Dalles had a 1-3 win-loss record before it toured Central Oregon, the Indians are improving and are not an aggregation against which you can do some loafing. They will beat you on hussle. What they lack in finesse they'll make up for go-get'em.

Bend Still Won
They had it Saturday night, but Bend still got by them. This often is the mark of a good team. Everyone is gunning for the marked target (and Bend has reached this status). The recipient of all of this attention usually finds opposing squads playing all the harder to beat them.

It's a mark of good training that the Bears can win the close ones. Bend has "the makings" (call it poise) of being the Intermountain Conference title contender. Whether or not the locals find themselves of shooting distance of league honors will depend largely on how soon Bend's young squad matures. It may also depend on how really few bad nights the Bruins have.

New Revelation
Last weekend's turn of events on the maple courts up in the Blue Mountain country has brought a revelation. With Pendleton just getting by the Mac-Hi Pioneers and La Grande soundly trouncing two mid-Oregon teams, the loop looks to be stronger than first anticipated.

La Grande's Tigers, not really highly regarded at first, now must be viewed with a serious peeper. Though Baker appears to be keeping its reputation as having the loop's best dribble five, the Bulldogs now have company on the oddsmakers' docket.

BEND MATMEN SURPRISING
Another interesting turn of events is the fortune of the Bend wrestling team. Though not given much of a ballyhoo by the sportslooker (or anyone else), the Bruins came through in the Central Oregon tournament. Coaches Glenn Hays and Harold Carlile admit Bend had more than its share of luck in the tournament's original pairings.

Yet, the Bears go on giving a good account of themselves. Short on depth, experience and the sheer number of bone benders, the Bruins provided a greater surprise last weekend

when they dumped the Mac Pioneers and reached a 24-21 deadlock with The Dalles.

Strange Development
And...speaking of that grunt and groan fest at The Dalles...the mat duels had a bit of irony for head mentor Hays.

In all his years of coaching, Bend's 24-24 tie with the Indians Saturday was the first deadlock for Hays. It was also the first time that Hays or Carlile could remember when varsity and JV mat squads both reached deadlocks with respective squads from the same opposing school.

Bend's JV's also tied. They knotted the Indian juniors at 28-28.

Takedowns Galore
If the record is any indication, Bend mentors must be teaching the local grapplers the art of takedowns. In Saturday's double dual meet safari, the Bruin mat minders scored 14 (count them) takedowns.

Bend shot eight of them against Mac Hi, and six against The Dalles.

A twist that Central Oregon grapple fans might consider concerns the Madras White Buffaloes. Madras, who is making an improved performance over last year but still finished a so-so fourth in the mid-state mat tourney, looks to be much stronger when it comes to dual meets.

Bufs Over Burns
Madras provided a minor surprise to the sportslooker Saturday when the Bufs edged the always - strong Burns Highlanders, 25-22. Friday the Bufs gave a good showing against the loaded Redmond Panthers. The Cats clipped the Bufs by a 32-18 margin.

It points to one thing, Wrestling in Central Oregon, by and large, is well above average. Contrary to the way the picture has looked in other sports, the wrestling power seems to be here in the Central Oregon half of the conference.

Portland invites move of K-City

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI)—An invitation was sent Monday to Charles Finley asking him to move his American League Kansas City Athletics here.

Multnomah County Commissioner Mel Gordon issued the invitation to the Kansas City owner in a telegram.

"Portland is one of the great sports centers in the west with more than 2.5 million people to draw from," Gordon said.

"We are now in the process of voting on a new 50,000-seat covered stadium," he said. "I know that the people of Portland and the great Northwest stand ready, willing and able to provide your club with a new home."