



GREAT EFFORT—Jack Ward, white jersey right, Bend's not-so-tall forward, managed to get the job done in this scene against Baker. Here he slaps the ball back up for two points after a teammate missed. Bend lost the nip and tuck contest 46-43. (Nate Bull photo).

A LOOK AT SPORTS

Belko had combination to stop Counts, OSU

by Web Ruble
Bulletin Sports Editor

You've got to hand it to Steve Belko. Oregon's basketball coach really knew what he was doing last Friday when his so-so Ducks beat the Oregon State Beavers, complete with Mel Counts.

Slow it down and play like thunder. Who would have ever seriously believed that the Ducks could have done it to the great Beavers. Regardless of the rivalry that exists between the two schools, the mere thought of the Ducks doing it to OSU this year was proposterous.

Counts Better

Mel Counts, who in his senior year is half again as much as he has been in previous seasons, wasn't enough. Usually, it is considered when you have a team with a man like Counts plus some other very capable basketballers, a so-so team just wouldn't be able to handle them.

Until last Friday, no team had been able to. (No team of any calibre but tops.) Belko—who has never had anything but praise for the 7-1 Counts—had other ideas.

They paid off. Oregon nipped the Beavers in the bud, 47-45. The low-scoring contest was indicative of the kind of ball game it was. Oregon just was not about to come out and open it up against OSU.

First Half Similar

Oregon State came back on Saturday night (as expected), but again the Ducks had the Beavers by four at halftime. Counts just wouldn't quit, and neither would the Beavers. This time Oregon bit the dust in a valiant battle, 66-53.

Question—Should Beaver fans then be "outraged" at the OSU "debacle," because Coach Slat's Gill and his boys simply wouldn't take Oregon seriously?

Answer—No. There continues to exist a mystic unpredictability about Oregon-Oregon State matches. Nevertheless, one can hardly blame Beaver fans for being a little disgruntled.

Bear in mind, however, that the Beavers did bounce back the next night and put things closer to where they belong. Counts poured in 38 counters. (Friday he was limited to 26.)

Facts About Belko

Speaking of Belko, let's take a look at some of the facts surrounding Oregon's controversial coach.

Belko, a standout guard in his Brandis gets 47-45 City victory

After trailing 23-22 at half-time, the Brandis Drug City League basketball team came back in the second half last night to nudge the Central Oregon College five, 47-45.

Though the collegians had three players hitting in the double figures (Moor 13, Van Uitter 10 and Massey 12), it wasn't enough. Brandis Drug spread

Intermountain b-ball race near fever pitch

By Web Ruble
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IC STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Pendleton	5	0
Baker	5	1
The Dalles	4	1
Bend	3	3
La Grande	3	3
Mac Hi	2	3
Redmond	2	4
Madras	1	4
Prineville	1	4
Hermiston	1	4

Prineville's basketball victory over visiting Mac Hi last Saturday — its first conference win of the season — may have been good for the Cowboys, but it put the Intermountain Conference in a state of confusion.

Earlier wins by Madras and Hermiston coupled with Prineville's top-sided win Saturday night has thrown the conference cellar into a three-way knot.

Actually Eighth

Or, if you want to look at it differently, it has tossed eighth place into a three-way deadlock. Madras, Prineville and Hermiston all have 1-4 win-loss records.

Things at the top, however, were cleared by weekend action. Pendleton continued its winning ways on its road trip to Central Oregon. It nipped both Madras and Prineville.

Pendleton heads the loop with a 5-0 record. Baker, though by a shade, is clearly in second place with a 5-1 mark. The Dalles follows with a 4-1.

Bend and La Grande are knotted for fourth place with three wins and three losses apiece.

Mac Hi of Milton-Freewater is a shade ahead of Redmond with a 2-3 win-loss mark. Redmond is thus relegated to seventh with a 2-4 docket.

Action this weekend could clear things more, or throw the loop into more chaos. The top is going to suffer this time. A showdown between Pendleton and Baker is developing.

It may decide — though only temporarily and not for good — who is better. Baker's aggressive Bulldogs or Pendleton's hot-shooting Buckaroos.

Weekend action also will serve to bust up the bottom deadlock. All three swing into action against each other. Madras and Prineville travel to The Dalles and Hermiston.

By process of elimination, one should rise and two should fall. Bend hosts Redmond in a Friday night loner. It will be do or die for the unpredictable Bend Lava Bears as they must win to stay in contention for the first two spots.

'Jungle Jim' to quit b-ball

BOSTON (UPI)—Former Oregon star Jim Loscutoff said Monday that he will retire as a player with the National Basketball Association Boston Celtics after this season.

He has been with the Celtics for nine years.

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Sled dogs to race

Annual Hoodoo-Big Lake mush on weekend slate

Special to The Bulletin

BIG LAKE — Assuming that the 42 people who were stranded near here this week at Hoodoo Ski Bowl will be out and that the winter blizzards blow away, the annual sled dog races will run as scheduled this weekend.

Entries from Oregon, Washington and California have indicated they'll compete in the fourth annual Santiam Pass dog race event.

Several events are on the docket. This year's feature race (Saturday) will run from the Hoodoo Ski Bowl road, but will go 15 miles instead of 12.

New Route

Teams will "mush" via "a new route," part of which is down the old Sisters wagon road, to a point north and east of here, and then return to Hoodoo for the finish.

Oregon team owners who will compete include, Christ Christensen, Jefferson; Bill Muller, Tangent; James Keller, Sisters; Eugene Leist, Oregon City, and Richard Woolen, Medford.

Last year's winner, Gary Gunkle of Chico, Calif., may return to defend his canine crown.

A shorter race of five miles over a packed trail is set for 10:30 a.m. Sunday. It will be followed by some "gold rushing," consisting of a weight pulling contest, a junior race of three dog teams, and a pee-wee race with one-dog propellers.

on new 15 mile course

Annual Hoodoo-Big Lake mush on weekend slate

Sponsored by the Cascade Sled Dog Club, this weekend's races precede at least two other scheduled musher events. February 8-9 will see the dogs pull sleds at Government Camp on Mt. Hood. Races are planned for the Bachelor Butte area March 21-22.

Dukes, Rats win in Teen League action

Teen League Standings (Corrected)

Team	W	L
Rats	4	0
Dukes	3	1
Apes	1	1
Jokers	1	2
Tads	1	2
Rebs	0	4

Teen League hoop wars were renewed last night with the Dukes posting a 63-55 victory over the Rebs. The Rats followed with a 32-29 squeeze over the Jokers.

Two basketballers, Val Lewis and Bill Ruble scored 25 of the Jokers' 29 points in a losing effort. Lewis tallied 15 and Ruble 10.

Tonight it is junior high school Church League basketball with Catholics facing the Methodists and the First Presbyterians battling the Free Methodists.

Action will be in the Kenwood School gymnasium. The first game (Catholic - Methodist) starts at 7:30. The second game follows at 8:30.

Tonight also will be ladies' gym night in the Bend Senior High School gymnasium. It gets underway at 7:30.

Box scores:

Jokers (29)	(32) Rats
Gasbar 0	8 Matson
Lewis 15	7 Karpstein
Ruble 10	6 Randolph
DeGree 0	1 Lillenthal
Huchinson 0	0 Flaherty
Scoring subs: Jokers — Richards 4, Rats — Rukavenuo 2, Hickman 8.	(55) Rebs
Dukes (43)	Radke 11
15 Jackson	Gillihan 11
10 Slimkosky	Sachtjen 12
4 Koho	Karpstein 10
6 Shepard	Kemple 2
7 Raymond	Scoring subs: Dukes — Holjenbeck 7, Rebs — Cartmill 13.

Uclans 'handled' Stanford with 'quick press' punch

By United Press International

"They're so quick. The minute you poke your nose out the dressing room door they start pressing you."

That's how shell-shocked coach Howie Dallmar of Stanford today summed up the great UCLA basketball team after the Bruins thumped the Cards twice last weekend.

Stanford gave UCLA a real battle Friday night, but folded when UCLA broke the game open with 11 points in one minute 25 seconds. Saturday, the Uclans boomed off to a 10-0 lead after the opening tip-off.

"We didn't anticipate as well in the second game," said Dallmar. "Our first half Saturday was our worst of the year."

But Dallmar took nothing away from the Bruins. "It's like five guys throwing right hands at you all at the same time. What an offensive punch. They can hurt you anywhere."

"Those guards, Walt Hazzard and Gail Goodrich, are amazing. I don't know where you could find two better," he said of the UCLA pair who now stand one-two in the Big Six scoring race.

Are the Bruins likely to go all the way in the NCAA? "They sure are," Dallmar replied.

He was asked if the Bruins could be derailed from the Big Six title. The Bruins are now 6-0 with California (5-1) the only team left with a chance of wresting the title from them. The two teams meet Feb. 7-8.

Dallmar said California could possibly win it "but it will take pretty near perfect basketball. The only way anybody is going to stop them is to control the tempo for all 40 minutes."

UCLA was also again saluted by the UPI board of coaches, who rated the Bruins as the nation's top team.

The Coast had two other teams on the top 20 in Oregon State (14-3), No. 10 and Stanford (9-4), No. 20.

UCLA, No. 1, has chance to remain 3 weeks

NEW YORK (UPI)—Unbeaten UCLA, enjoying the most comfortable lead of any top-ranked college basketball team this season, was a strong candidate today to remain in first place for at least the next three weeks.

Coach John Wooden's Bruins, who Monday were rated No. 1 by the United Press International Board of Coaches for the third consecutive week, get a boost from the schedule-arranger until Feb. 7.

Wooden's speedballs will be busy in the classrooms with final exams this week and won't return to the basketball court until Jan. 31 in the first of two strictly tune-up matches with small college neighbor, the Santa Barbara branch of the University of California. UCLA's next major college opponent is California, Feb. 7.

The top six teams in the standings remained unchanged from last week's rankings, but the top 10 did welcome its first new member in a month, Wichita, in eighth. Villanova advanced from 10th to seventh.

UCLA received 32 of the 35 first-place votes and boosted its point total to 346, just four points short of a perfect 350. Kentucky, ranked fourth, received two ballots for the No. 1 spot and Davidson, only a point behind Kentucky in fifth, was awarded the other.

Assistant at Cal signs again

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI)—Rocky Carzo has signed a one-year contract to remain as assistant football coach at the University of California.

It was announced Monday that Carzo, 31, will continue to coach the offensive backfield and handle the over-all offense.

Carzo was considered a strong candidate to succeed departed coach Marv Levy. Then, when Ray Wilsey got the job, many thought Carzo would take a job with a different school. He was known to have been approached by at least four other universities.

But Carzo said Monday, "I wanted to remain at California all along."

Directors Meet

Board members of the Skyliners, a Bend ski organization, will hold a special meeting tonight at 7:30 at West's Coffee Shop, 1070 Bond Street.

Pension fund row in NBA nearly broke anew upon players' threat

NEW YORK (UPI)—The pension feud between the National Basketball Association and its players broke open again Monday when Commissioner Walter Kennedy said the league's All-Stars nearly struck despite a written guarantee that their proposals would be presented to NBA owners.

Kennedy, detailing his account of what happened in Boston last Tuesday, said he made the guarantee at a meeting with Boston's Tom Heinsohn, president of the players association, and a player committee composed of Tom Gola, New York; Guy Rodgers, San Francisco; and John Kerr, Philadelphia.

The commissioner said he met with Heinsohn and the committee in his hotel room for more than an hour Jan. 14 and the players told him they had approved a pension plan designed in 1961 by Fred Zollner, owner of the Detroit Pistons. Zollner is chairman of the players' pension committee.

When the players approved the plan, Kennedy said he and Zollner agreed to "reinstate this at the next meeting of the board of governors."

"I explained to the players that I would put it on the agenda for the next meeting but that if there was not full representation of nine owners, it would not be discussed, as I felt very strongly that such an important matter needed the attention of all owners," Kennedy said.

"I indicated that if there was not full representation at our next scheduled meeting in February, it would definitely be placed on the agenda at the annual meeting to take place around May 1."

The commissioner then said the players asked for a meeting with the league owners in the dressing room before game-time and demanded that six owners sign a document approving the plan.

The owners refused to meet with the players and at 8:25 p.m. Kennedy said he met with the players in the locker room. "I indicated very strongly that I had put in writing a commitment to place the matter of the proposed pension plan on the agenda of the next meeting and that I intended to keep the commitment," Kennedy said.

The players then held a closed meeting and agreed to play the All-Star game.

NBA Standings

National Basketball Association By United Press International Eastern Division

Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	32	9	.780
Cincinnati	31	17	.646
Philadelphia	20	23	.465
New York	15	35	.300

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	28	18	.609
St. Louis	27	21	.563
San Francisco	24	20	.545
Baltimore	15	29	.341
Detroit	11	31	.262

Oregon State U. ranks UPI 10th

NEW YORK (UPI)—The United Press International major college basketball ratings with first-place votes and worst records showed Saturday, Jan. 18, in parentheses:

Team	Points
1. UCLA (32) (15-0)	346
2. Loyola (Ill.) (11-1)	256
3. Michigan (12-1)	250
4. Kentucky (2) (13-2)	198
5. Davidson (1) (14-0)	197
6. Vanderbilt (13-1)	150
7. Villanova (12-1)	85
8. Wichita (13-3)	86
9. Duke (10-3)	82
10. Oregon St. (14-3)	70

Second 10: 11, Texas Western 44; 12, DePaul 27; 13, Oklahoma State 21; 14, Cincinnati 18; 15, Utah 14; 16, Bradley 13; 17, Utah State 11; 18, Illinois 10; 19, New Mexico 9; 20, Stanford 5.

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