

## Parker scores 29 in win

Jim Parker scored 29 points last Tuesday to lead Heppner's freshmen past Sherman County in the season ender, 43-32.

Parker has scored 94 points in the last four games for a

23.5 average. He was 13 for 25 from the field and three for four from the line. Along with the points, he pulled down 15 rebounds.

Heppner built a 24-16 half-time edge and coasted home

with the win. Steve Marlatt and Eric Clow each had five points for Heppner. DeGrange had 16 for Sherman County.

Heppner 13 11 8 9 43

Sherman 10 16 24 32

Heppner: Parker 29, Marlatt 5, Clow 5, Palmer 2, McCarl 2.

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## KICKIN':

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### Sorry Bill, You lose.

UCLA matches up with Greenwood and Johnson and Vroman and Hamilton and Spillane? Or Wilkes or Townsend or Vandeweghe?

You know, when you judge a team in comparing with records, UCLA will always be first. The team has a crippling dynasty that in my estimations, has lived about two years too long. It dies with John Wooden.

The Wizard of Westwood was UCLA's dynasty. Sure, players have come out of UCLA like no other players. Guys like Kareem Abdul Jabbar and the great red-head, Portland's Bill Walton. A whole other story. The Blazers and the Ducks have got this writer's approval.

PAC 8 Standings	
OREGON	8 3
UCLA	8 3
Oregon St.	7 4
Washington St.	6 5
Washington	6 5
USC	1 10
California	5 5
Stanford	3 8

Call it gradual takeover. Given time, Northwest schools will commandeer the Pac 8 basketball conference.

Bighaus probably likes the Lakers.

But I must sum this up. I put it on the line with the facts both ways. UCLA is a great school with a great history in basketball.

Oregon is a great school with a great history in basketball. We want to match histories? UCLA has the basketball nod.

But Oregon has their own, because they've beaten that great UCLA three times in the last three matchups. It will go down in history.

If we talk about now: it's Oregon. If we talk about then: it's UCLA.

Sorry, Bill. You lose. I'd like to stop, but my fingers say no. Read on, Bill. I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I enjoy writing it.

And Bill, why do you take it so hard? When the facts are presented to you in such a way as to try to console you.

May I suggest some short, easy reading on the subject. It appeared under the heading Pasero Says in the Tuesday Oregon Journal, for years one of the top sports-minded newspapers in the United States.

Pasero talks about John Wooden, too, and how Oregon's leader, Dick Harter, vowed to beat UCLA even in 1973.

Harter is going to be another Wooden, only in that he'll be a winner and a strategist and a defensive wizard. On the regionally televised UCLA-Oregon clash Saturday, network sports commentators said Dick Harter should be the shoe-in for coach of the year.

His player talent is only minimal. Bill, but Harter gets it maximum. What, tell me, would Oregon be doing if Stu Jackson and Dick Hartshorne hadn't been accidentally injured in freak accidents this summer? They would have been destroying people...UCLA by bigger margins than they've already had.

While I'm on a hot streak, let's go for broke. Harter has been criticized by even John Wooden for his style of play. In Pasero Tuesday, the Journal editor remembered some other coaches' and fans' lines about the Ducks' defense.

Wooden said it was like a wrestling match. Agreed. It's been termed Kung fu, karate, kamikaze with which the Ducks have been suitably nicknamed the Kamikaze Kids.

One Bay Area sports writer put it this way: "They use a man-to-man defense that resembles the bump and run, hurl themselves on the floor in pursuit of loose balls, or their opponents."

Harter also puts it mildly. "Basketball isn't ballet." He said that to Wooden in 1973. He said, "Our style won't change. But we'll come at him with better players."

Dick Harter and Oregon's style hasn't changed. They figure it's worth winning. They threw better players at UCLA and they won.

The coach is better. The players are better. And the fans are better. Saturday, the second half Oregon play against the big Bruins has already been described as "candy time." John Murray, who scored 14 points Saturday, said, "We started playing our 'D'. They missed a few shots, took some bad ones, turned the ball over."

UCLA had built a 37-29 halftime lead. And Oregon threw their aggressive, ball hawking, harassing defense at the Bruins.

And Bill, it's very legal. The Ducks have been called for 200 fouls more than UCLA this year. They pay the fouling price.

And amazingly, they are great charity stripe connectors. Oregon had one more foul Saturday, 15-14. They played good, aggressive ball hawking, harassing defense, and they did it cleanly.

Am I persuading you to see the light, Bill?

Harter even got pegged for his usual technical foul. The Ducks play to win. And, I won't wear it out by saying it again: they beat the Bruins, Bill.

Enough of this. It's the first time I've had a chance to put in a word edgewise with you on this subject. But as you can see, I won't rub it in or go to extremes. You're still my friend, Bill.

Pasero says it best about the fans, the big plus in Oregon favor, along with the likes of Harter and the players themselves.

Pasero writes: "Students had made a campground of Mac Court entrance since Thursday...Once inside, they made it a celebration...circus time...with the band playing, stunts and signs, the Frisbees, and a basket of apples and oranges for Marques Johnson, who had been quoted in Basketball Weekly as saying Pit fans were deranged and instead of throwing paper, threw apples and oranges. Even the rendition of the Star Spangled Banner was given a fast tempo. The three seniors—Greg Ballard, Greg Graham and Ernie Kent—were the captains. Parents of most of the players had come in from wherever. John Murray's parents had come for the Far West Classic, instead...but John ran to the phone booth to give them the news of the win. "My mom, she just flipped out," Murray said. "She started crying."

Murray is only a freshman, but he summarizes the entire Duck attitude when he said: "We work so hard to always give 110 per cent...and when we see UCLA on their uniforms, we know they have a name. So when we beat them, that's the best feeling...the best feeling."

The Bruins are good, Bill. They might win the Pac 8; but they aren't better than the Oregon Ducks. I guess nobody is.



lone's Junior High girls figure they won the Umatilla Jamboree Saturday. No trophies or official stats were kept, but lone cruised to two victories, taking Heppner, 8-7, and then Umatilla, 15-12. In both games, it was Mary Kincaid leading the way. She had 18 points in the two ball games. Annie Murray had four and Margaret Kincaid added one. (Gazette-Times photo)

## Kegler's Korner

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Gazette-Times would be happy to print league results from bowling leagues at Fiesta Bowl. However, we must know some sort of lineage each week. For the past few weeks, the results have been hit and miss. One week it will be one league and the next another. Still, other weeks nothing comes through the door. We ask that league secretaries take five minutes each week and compile up to date results and turn them into the Gazette-Times office on Friday or Monday. Thank you for your cooperation. WCP)

Central Market dusted off Morrow County Grain Growers in four games, to take sole ownership of first place in Kegler's Korner action during the week of Feb. 7.

Central, 19-5, held an impressive lead over second place Fiesta Bowl and MCGG at 13-11. In other matchups that week, Peterson's downed Coast-to-Coast four times and Fiesta Bowl won three from Gardner's.

Inetia Cantin, Peterson's, took high honors for high game of 224 and high series with a 537. Central Market took high game with a 945 and a 2707 series.

Standings		
Central Market	19	5
Fiesta Bowl	13	11
MCGG	13	11
Gardner's	11	13
Peterson's	10	14
Coast-to-Coast	6	18

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