

# OTI Owls Strengthen OCC Cage Command by Beating Southern Oregon 77 to 61

Ashland — Oregon Technical Institute strengthened its position at the front of the Oregon Collegiate conference basketball chase here last night by thrashing Southern Oregon college 77 to 61.

It was the fourth victory against two defeats in the OCC for the Owls. Southern Oregon fell into a second place knot with Eastern Oregon. The Raiders are four and four in the loop and the Mounties of EOC three and three.

Action was close through the first 10 minutes of the ruckus but then OTI combined defen-

sive backboard control and a fast break with hot shooting on the part of John Rhine, Jerry Fasten and Ted Fischer to take command in the tussle. Southern Oregon tried and had its spurs but couldn't get together a serious challenge.

**Seven Deadlocks**  
Score was tied seven times in the opening 10 minutes of the game as both clubs were cold and erratic. With 10:4 minutes gone in the mix Fasten plunked in a tip-in that made it 16 to 14 and the Owls were on top for keeps.

Rhine followed with two field goals and got four free shots. Fasten put in three from the field and Fischer two and Truman Williams swished a pair of gift tosses to give the Techmen an 18 point lead at 36 to 18. Halftime score was 40 to 25.

Southern Oregon kept the action on an even scoring basis in the early part of the second half as Dale Bates and Norm Oliva collected three field goals each. Then the Owls began to pad their margin and, when John McCutcheon hit a jumper with 9½ minutes contested in the half the OTI bulge was 22 points at 60 to 38.

**Raiders Fire Up**  
The Red Raiders of the Rogue sparked up after two other gaps of 22 in their scrappiest and warmest firing of the night. At this stage Bates sank a pair of long shots, Bill Hollingsworth two close-in buckets, a long jump and two free shots and John Foust a close-in bucket as the Raiders made headway against the OTI ball control game. Southern Oregon succeeded in slicing its deficit to 11 counters at 67 to 56 but that's the nearest the Raiders could come to the Owls in the second half.

Coach Wally Palmberg left his starting five in the tussle for three quarters of the game and each of the five scored in double figures. Williams was the big gun with 18 points and 22 rebounds. Fasten also had 18 tallies and Fischer 16. Oliva with 16 and Bates with 14 were the high SOC scorers. Bates hit seven field goals in 10 tries.

Oregon Tech shot a warm 411 average from the field and Southern Oregon 361. The Techmen fired 390 in the first half while the Raiders had a cool 220. Rebounding favored OTI in the game 51 to 45.

Southern Oregon college won the jayvee opener 64 to 45.

# Pittsburgh Signs Face At Increase

By UNITED PRESS  
No Pittsburgh player is being asked to take a salary cut this year and a choice few, like little Elroy Face, the workhorse of the Pirates' bullpen, are receiving whopping big raises.

The 5 foot, 8-inch right-hander signed his 1957 contract today after earning a nice boost for his work last season. The 155-pound forkballer, who picked up that pitch from ex-Yankee Joe Page when he had a brief fling with Pittsburgh, won 12 games and lost 13 last year in addition to saving eight other victories.

General Manager Joe L. Brown of the Pirates has said there will be no pay cuts this year and that several players will receive raises. Face worked pretty hard for his. He set a new record for the Pittsburgh club by appearing in 68 games and set a major league record for consecutive appearances when he pitched in nine straight games.

**Purkey Signs Contract**  
Right-hander Bob Purkey, who had a 6-8 record with Hollywood of the Pacific Coast League also signed with the Pirates, giving them a total of 23 players already under contract.

The St. Louis Cardinals reported 33 players under contract and only nine more to go with the signing of pitchers Jim Davis, Gary Blaylock and Tom Cheney.

Davis, a left-handed knuckleballer acquired from the Cubs last month and since sought by the Dodgers, had a 5-7 record with Chicago and a .368 earned run average. Blaylock had an 8-5 record with Rochester of the International league while Cheney, a well thought-of 22-year-old righthander compiled 10 victories and five losses with Omaha of the American Association.

**Giants Sign Gomez**  
Pitcher Ruben Gomez and Johnny McCall and first baseman Gail Harris all returned their signed contracts to the New York Giants, thereby giving the Polo Grounders 20 men accounted for this year. Gomez, who had a 7-17 record, may be dealt before the start of the season. McCall had a 3-4 record and Harris, who will get first shot at first base now that Jackie Robinson has quit baseball, hit .270 at Minneapolis.

Spunky Don Zimmer and rookie catcher Herb Olson were the 29th and 30th members of the Dodgers to agree to terms. Zimmer was on the involuntarily retired list after being beamed last June 23 and will be trying a comeback. Olson batted .251 at Fort Worth last season.

# SPORTS BOWLING

## LADIES CLASSIC LEAGUE

Jorgensen's Dairy took three points from the Wooden Shoe in the Ladies Classic Bowling league last night to tie the Morning Fresh team for first place.

Jacks Drive-Up had high team game of 862 and Motor Haven noted high team series of 2350. Mable Clark of the Morning Fresh team had high individual game and series of 223 and 584.

Other high games and series were rolled by Sandy Kessler 220-556. Vivian Knox 540, Helene Culy 532, Norma Burroughs 530, Eleanor Lenz 203-529, Annadale Bohannan 200. Kathy Jennings converted the 3-7-10 split.

Standings:	W.	L.
Morning Fresh Bakery	6	2
Jorgensen's Dairy	6	2
Trail Creek Lumber Co.	5 1/2	2 1/2
Hawkinson Tire Tread	5	3
Wooden Shoe	4	4
Crater Inn Motel	4	4
Anderson's Thrift Market	3 1/2	4 1/2
Motor Haven Motel	3	5
Jacks Drive Up	2	7
Union Club	1	7

Results:	W.	L.
Jorgensen's Dairy	3	Wooden Shoe 1
S. Kessler	490	N. Burroughs 530
T. King	486	V. Corby 383
P. Willetts	382	V. Johnson 417
P. Gardner	416	G. Blind 400
	496	R. Barr 480
	2302	2210

**Ortiz Favored Over Bob Rogers**  
Chicago — (U.P.) — Carlos Ortiz ruled as the favorite today for his scheduled 10-round lightweight bout with Bobby Rogers.

Ortiz, undefeated, will be seeking his 20th successive victory in the pro ranks, and a possible shot at Larry Boardman, rated No. 3 contender by the National Boxing association.

Matchmaker Ben Bentley said he hoped to sign Boardman for an April fight with the winner of the Ortiz-Rogers TV bout to be shown over ABC.

**Crater's Frosh Top Eagle Ponit**  
Central Point — Crater high frosh defeated Eagle Point freshmen 42 to 29 in a basketball game yesterday. The Comets led 19 to 17 at the half after an 8-4 each first quarter tie. They pushed to 31 to 21 in the third quarter.

**NO GROVE NO-HITTER**  
Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Lefty Grove won 300 major league games and won 20 games in eight seasons but he never managed to pitch a no-hit game during his 17 years in the big leagues.

# Idaho Vandals Whip WSC 69-57 In Coast Conference

By UNITED PRESS  
The University of Idaho, a cellar-dweller from way back, signed the lease over to Washington State Tuesday night and climbed out of the murky depths of the Pacific Coast conference basketball standings.

The Vandals made the step by defeating the Cougars, 69-57, and took a spot percentage-wise with Southern California and Oregon in sixth place—but Idaho's lodging is built on a pretty shaky loss column.

The present standings are: California 5-3, UCLA 4-0, Washington 5-1, Oregon State 2-2, USC 1-3, Idaho 2-6, and Washington State 1-5.

There was only one game played in the California Basketball association, too.

The surprising Fresno State Bulldogs weren't able to add to their two-game win streak, but they came as close as they could. San Jose State held off a last minute scoring flurry to edge the Bulldogs, 77-75.

Idaho took an early lead on Washington State, but the Cougars tied it up 59-59 in the second half with eight minutes remaining. Then guard Wahylen Coleman poured through 10 points in the remaining time to clinch the game for the Vandals.

**Schaefer Holds Beck**  
Third string guard B. J. Schaefer of Idaho held PCC scoring ace Larry Beck to 13 points, while center Gary McEwen rolled up 17 for the Vandals.

The San Jose-Fresno game wasn't distinguished for shooting accuracy as neither team hit for better than 35 per cent from the floor. However, in spite of

the lack of marksmanship, Fresno's Gary Alcorn scored 24 points to improve his position as the league's top scorer, and Art Powell sparked the Spartan attack with 21.

The CBA standings: Santa Clara 3-1, St. Mary's 3-1, San Jose State 4-2, University of San Francisco 2-1, Loyola 2-2, College of Pacific 1-2, Fresno State 2-4, Pepperdine 0-4.

The scores of other games: Pasadena-Nazarene 67 Cal Tech 35; Stockton 61 San Mateo 58, overtime; Chapman 83 Whittier 82; Hancock 92 Coalinga 54.

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