

Top Basketball Teams Top Warm-ups With Victories

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The first returns of the new college basketball season indicated Kentucky, Cincinnati, Kansas State and West Virginia are ready to pick up where they left off last March. Although Coach Adolph Rupp used three sophomores in his starting lineup, Kentucky's defending champions opened their campaign Monday night by rolling to a convincing 91-68 victory over Florida State.

Cincinnati, led by All-American Oscar Robertson's 41 points, breezed to a 93-64 triumph over Indiana State; Bob Boozar totaled 45 points as Kansas State turned back Purdue, 96-83, and West Virginia, voted the No. 1 team in the nation by the UPI

OSC Tops Oregon 68-60 In Opener

Corvallis—UPI—Guard Lee Harmon led Oregon State to a 68-60 basketball victory over Oregon at Gill Coliseum Monday night in a non-conference season's opener for both teams.

Harmon scored 21 points, high for his career here. Ted Miller, former Milwaukee prep ace elevated to a starting forward role, came through with 19 points.

Oregon State jumped off to a 19-10 lead which the Beavers nibbled away but Harmon came back with a field goal to make five seconds left in the half to make it 38-36 OSC at the midway mark. Oregon at one time led 36-32.

Beavers Pull Away
The Beavers pulled away after intermission and at one point held an 11-point lead.

Dale Herron led Oregon with 16 points and Chuck Rask came through with 14.

Gary Goble, the 6-8 OSC forward, also had 14 while Denny Strickland, Oregon sophomore from Bremerton, hit a dozen counters.

Oregon State hit 27 out of 63 shots for a 42.9 average while Oregon had .345 on 22 out of 64.

THE BOX:				
Oregon State	G	F	P	T
Miller	0	1-1	3	19
Goble	8	2-4	3	14
Anderson	1	1-2	3	3
Harmon	7	7-9	1	21
Anderson	2	3-3	2	7
Flynn	1	0-1	0	2
Critchfield	0	0-0	1	0
Woodland	0	0-0	1	0
Soppie	1	0-0	0	2
Johnson	0	0-0	0	0
Critser	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27	14-26	17	68

Oregon 60				
Strickland	G	F	P	T
Herron	6	0-2	3	12
Robertson	5	6-9	3	16
Rask	5	5-7	5	15
Kuykendall	3	3-4	5	9
Anderson	0	0-0	0	0
Kimpton	0	0-0	0	0
Newton	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	16-25	16	60

Southern Oregon Opens Series Here

Ashland—Southern Oregon college opens the 1958-59 hoop season with a two-game series against visiting Chico State college Friday night at 8 p.m. in the SOC gym. The two teams will play again Saturday evening for the second contest.

Coach Ted Schopf has two veteran starters from last year's squad in forward Dave D'Olivo and guard Jim McAbee.

D'Olivo is the extent of the experienced height at 6-4 although Schopf does have Glen Peterson at 6-6 but the tall hoopster lacks the playing experience in college ball.

Teaming with D'Olivo at the other forward probably will be Punk Biddington, 6-3, who played one year for the Raiders back in the 1955-56 season. Biddington has the jump shot along with D'Olivo and appears to be a good rebounder.

Rebounding does appear to be a problem for the Raiders though due to their lack of height but with the shooting of guards McAbee and Gordie Carrigan from the outside this problem could be cut down.

Dick "Hughie" Smith will play the post position to start with and although he is only 6-3, Smith has proven to be an apt ball handler and jump shooter.

Injuries Plague
Injuries have played a big part in the pre-season practices with D'Olivo suffering from foot blisters, McAbee and Biddington with knee trouble. Tom Bernet is out for the season with an operation coming up in January, and Dick Puhl has a broken finger.

Also in the forward wall is Ashland freshman Jack Tobisson who has shown quite well in the rebounding department to the extent that he will most likely see some action this weekend against the visiting Californians.

Laval Meunier, letterman Dave Lowe, and Chuck Nevi round out the guards in addition to forwards Don Vannice, Puhl and Phil Sword.

Meunier and Nevi are ball handlers and do not shoot too much but Vannice appears to have a good jump shot and Sword has his best point get in a hook.

Love is a reserve of last year's squad and his speed has proven to be an aid in the fast break.

Each of the two varsity games will be preceded by junior varsity contests beginning at 6:30 p.m.

These will be the only two games the Raiders will play at home before January 2 and 3 when they tangle with Everett JC. Following the Chico series, the following week the Raiders will journey to the Bay area to encounter San Francisco State and Sacramento State before they play in the Far Western tournament at Humboldt State college December 18-20.

U. of O. Guard Gets 4th Choice

Philadelphia—UPI—Bob Grottkau, University of Oregon guard, was picked by the Detroit Lions as a fourth-round choice Monday in drafts by the National Professional Football league. He was the only player selected in the first four rounds from the Pacific Northwest.

Two other players from the West Coast were selected in the first four rounds. They were Dick Bass, College of Pacific halfback, who goes to Los Angeles, and Southern California tackle Monte Clark, drafted by the San Francisco 49'ers.

Henry (Hank) DeVoss, elected vice-president of the Oregon division of the Isaak Walton league, is a special education instructor in Medford senior and junior high schools. He teaches remedial reading and reading acceleration. DeVoss, who lives near Talent, is a senior pilot for the Civil Air Patrol, a lieutenant junior grade in the U. S. Naval Reserve and an ardent fisherman.

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Pirates, Dodgers Start Big Boom In Player Swap

Washington—UPI—There was a sudden boom in baseball's trading market today with the Pirates and Dodgers huddling over a prospective Frank Thomas-Johnny Podres deal and the Giants making a strong bid for second baseman Don Blasingame of the Cardinals.

All the trade talk wasn't confined to these four clubs, however. Here are some of the other deals being handled about in the corridors and front lobbies of this smoke-filled major and minor league convention:

The White Sox are offering Billy Goodman and Bubba Phillips around for "a first class relief pitcher."

The Yanks have renewed their efforts to get either Pedro Ramos or Dick Hyde from the Senators.

Boston is after Vic Wertz; Cleveland is listening but insists upon Jim Piersall in return.

Gabe Paul of the Redlegs says "we'll trade anyone but everybody keeps asking about Johnny Temple and he comes very high."

The Phillies have offered the Dodgers a list to choose from that includes Willie Jones in return for rookie second baseman George (Sparky) Anderson.

Thomas Deal Hottest
The hottest deal at the moment, however, appears to be

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The Pirates believe that a southpaw like Podres would give them a pennant-winning pitching staff along with 22-game winner Bob Friend, Ronnie Kline, Vern Law, George Witt and Curt Raydon. Pittsburgh feels it can sacrifice some power and would be willing to let Thomas go. Thomas, a right-handed swinger who hit 35 homers and drove in 109 runs while hitting .281, would be right at home with the short left field screen in the Los Angeles coliseum.

Spurred in their efforts to obtain Temple from Cincinnati, the Giants have turned toward St. Louis in the hope of landing Blasingame, who hit .274 and played brilliantly in the field. The Giants are dangling shortstop Daryl Spencer and first baseman Bill White at the Cards.

Al Lopez of the White Sox says simply, "I've got to have a relief pitcher," and he'll give up Goodman or Phillips and perhaps even both to get the man he wants. He had his eye on Don Mossi and Ray Narleski but that was before Cleveland dealt them to Detroit.

Nats Want Howard
Cookie Lavagetto, Washington's skipper, says the Yanks can forget about Ramos or Hyde unless they are willing to talk about Elston Howard. That doesn't sit so well with Casey Stengel, but the Yanks are still trying.

Frank Lane of the Indians has been busy outlining a new draft proposal so he hasn't had too much time to talk trade. But he'll take Piersall from the Red Sox if they keep wanting Wertz so badly.

Milwaukee persists in its efforts to get Temple as a replacement for hospitalized Schoendienst, but Birdie Tebbets will have to come up with more than he's offered so far to get his former employee in a Braves uniform.

Manager Eddie Sawyer of the last-place Phillies blandly owns up, "we're looking for everything, I've talked to everyone, but so far no dice."

The Phillies are hot after young Anderson who hit .278 at Montreal last season and supposedly "does everything well."

The list of available Philadelphia offered the Dodgers for Anderson included Stan Lopata and Jack Meyer as well as Jones. The Dodgers are in no hurry to get rid of Anderson, however.

Army Wins Grid Trophy 7th Time

New York—UPI—Army received all but one first-place vote to win the 1958 Lambert Trophy, symbol of Eastern major college football supremacy.

The Cadets, who finished an undefeated season by whipping arch-rival Navy last Saturday, received 9.9 of a possible 10 points in the final balloting by a 10-man selection committee of coaches, sports writers and broadcasters.

It was the seventh time since the trophy was initiated in 1936 that Army was named No. 1.

Syracuse (8-1) the only other team to receive a first-place ballot, finished second in the voting with 9.0 points.

Navy, last year's Lambert Trophy winner, placed third this season with a 6-3 record and 7.2 points. Penn State (6-3-1) was fourth with 6.95 points and Pittsburgh (5-4-1) was fifth with 6.55 points.

DeVoss Named Waltonian Division Vice President

Eugene—UPI—The Isaak Walton league meeting here Saturday put its weight behind a proposal to make steelhead a game fish.

The Walton league wants the steelhead to have full blanket protection in Oregon, saying its value as a game fish far exceeds its value to commercial fishermen and that it is primarily a trout and entitled to classification of a game fish.

Resolution
The league also passed a resolution that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service should investigate sites in the central Willamette valley for a migratory game refuge.

Another resolution, like the steelhead measure sponsored by the Jackson County chapter, was approved asking the federal power commission to refuse to grant the Coos-Curry Electrical Cooperative permission to construct a high dam on the Illinois river at Bald mountain.

Luhr Jensen Jr., Hoop River, was elected state division president of the league for 1959.

Elected vice-presidents were, Allen Kelly, Portland; Ivan Masterson, La Grande; Henry DeVoss, Talent; Ted Turrel, Eugene; Don Stotler, Portland, and Tom Thayer, Madras.

Jim Handy, Ashland Young Outdoor Oregonian, was one of the speakers at the Saturday night joint banquet of the league and its youth affiliate.

St. Andrews, Scotland—UPI—The local town council has granted the Royal and Ancient Golf club permission to stage the 1960 British Open championship on the old course in celebration of the famed journey's centenary.

Star Defense Man Quits Pro Football

Washington—UPI—The Washington Redskins got the bad news today and the rest of the National Football League got the good news—Joe (Scooter) Scudero announced he is quitting football.

Scudero, brilliant two-way halfback for the Redskins over the past five seasons, couldn't overcome the handicap of a pulled leg muscle that has sidelined him periodically over the last three years.

"I'm not use to the team and the leg will never be entirely well," the Scooter said. "I may as well call it quits and go into my other profession."

That "other profession" is acting. Scudero has been a Hollywood stunt man, appeared in television dramas and movies, and is anxious for a stage career as well. Last year he was a villain on TV's "Gunsmoke" and he was tested for the role of Rocky Graziano when the latter's autobiography "Somebody Up There Likes Me" was made into a movie.

"They finally decided to get a 'name' actor for the part," Scudero mourned. "I just never became well-known enough in football to qualify as a 'name.'"

The reason Scudero has been an unsung player is a story in itself. Ninety per cent of his time with the Red-

skins has been spent on defense, a chore which won him the respect of every NFL scout but not many headlines.

"He could have been one of the finest offensive backs in league history," backfield coach Mike Nixon declared. "But we needed him more on defense and he never graped, never complained and never gave us anything but 100 per cent effort."

As a defensive back, Scudero was a deadly, vicious tackler who hit low and hard. "Without taking anything away from Jim Brown or the Browns," Washington Coach Joe Kuharich said, "I wonder if Jimmy would have broken the league's rushing record a couple of weeks ago if Scudero hadn't been injured and unable to play. The only way to stop Brown is to hit him low and hard around the ankles, and that's the way Scudero loves to tackle."

The player who will miss Scudero the most is little Eddie LeBaron, Joe's closest friend on the squad. The two room together on road trips.

"We're losing a great player," Eddie commented. "A greater player than most people think. Joe's a real pro and if he had played offense, we would have been the talk of the league."

Scudero, a doe-eyed Italian, played for Kuharich when the latter coached the University of San Francisco.

Two Tilts Tonight Open High School Basketball Season

Basketball takes up this week where football left off last week end on the Oregon High School athletic scene.

Two conflicts tonight lead off the season for southern Oregon schools. Twelve games are billed for this week with Jackson County B league member: beginning conference play.

Class B Jacksonville meets A-2 Illinois Valley at Cave Junction this evening while Butte Falls, another B school, opposes A-2 Rogue River at Rogue River.

Talent and Butte Falls inaugurate the Jackson County B loop slate Thursday at Butte Falls. On Friday in the circuit Prospect vies at Jacksonville.

Crater Plays
Three members of the A-1 Southern Oregon conference have non-loop openers this week. Crater of Central Point plays at Roseburg on Friday and Saturday nights. Ashland will be at Fortuna, Calif., on Friday and at Eureka, Calif., on Saturday. Grants Pass also has a California trip, meeting Yreka on Friday and Weed on Saturday.

Phoenix, A-2 subdistrict defender, follows Grants Pass to Yreka, with a Saturday non-counting mix against the Miners. Eagle Point, just through with its A-2 football slate, goes to Myrtle Creek on Saturday after just a bare week on workouts on the maple court.

Medford, which played in the class A-1 football semifinals last Friday, won't have basketball contention until Dec. 12 and 13. It meets Marshfield and North Bend here on those respective nights. St. Mary's of Medford begins its campaign on Dec. 9 as host to Jacksonville.

Riverside Will Tangle in Bowl

Bakersfield—UPI—Riverside City college Tigers, undefeated in nine games this season, were selected today to oppose Bakersfield College in the 11th annual Shrine Potato Bowl football game Saturday.

Riverside was champion of the Eastern conference, rolling up 300 points to 68 by opponents this season.

Bakersfield was runner-up in the Metropolitan conference, losing only to Santa Monica City college which was selected for the Junior Rose Bowl game.

NAMED WESTERN COACH
Los Angeles—UPI—Webb Ewbank, coach of the Western division champion Baltimore Colts, has been named coach of the Western representative for the ninth annual All-Star National Football league pro bowl game Jan. 11.

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Frankfurt, Germany—UPI—When Vladimir (The Sailor) Kuts announced his retirement last month, Russia lost more than its top athlete. It lost a fine sportsman as well as a performer who was different from the unsmiling type of Soviet athlete.

Stomach ulcers have sidelined Kuts, Olympic 5,000 and 10,000 meter champion, for good, a recent Moscow announcement said. The end of his sports career came at 31—at an age when his idol, Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia, still had many years of great running ahead.

With his whipping, blond mop of hair bouncing as he ran, Kuts dominated international distance running for three years. He set Olympic records in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races and also holds the world marks for those events.

Remains "Nice Guy"
But as Soviet sports authorities marked his records by heaping decorations and titles on him, Kuts remained what can best be described as "a real, nice guy." He was frank and relaxed during interviews—even with reporters from Western nations.

He preferred to talk about his hobbies—books and music. He is the only Soviet athlete who ever showed this reporter pictures of his wife and baby.

Kuts probably will be remembered by most track fans for his victory over Britain's Gordon Pirie in the 10,000 meter race at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne. Pirie, then at the height of his career, doggedly kept on the Russian's heels. There was a tremendous roar from the crowd of 100,000 when the Briton once overtook Kuts briefly.

Suddenly, Kuts uncorked a sprint that made it appear that Pirie had "switched off" his power. He hadn't. Kuts was just running that much faster.

Politics Were Out
While Pirie faded to finish a demoralized eighth, Kuts crossed the finish line smiling and waving to the crowd. He appeared fresh as a daisy and trotted on for a full lap while his opponents struggled home one by one, completely exhausted.

The most impressive thing about Kuts' brilliant Olympic triumphs was the way he took them. Soviet officials spared no efforts to present him as a genuine product of their "superior" system but Kuts never tried to bring politics into running.

"The medals are for my little son," he pointedly told reporters.

He brushed aside with a contemptuous smile suggestions from reporters from Communist nations that Pirie had tried to spike him.

Like Zatopek, Kuts believed in the type of training which few Western athletes have the time or energy to follow.

He ran a daily average of 20 miles in training. Ever since the first signs of his ulcers showed in 1955, he suspected they were the result of never being allowed—by his coaches or his conscience—to break training.

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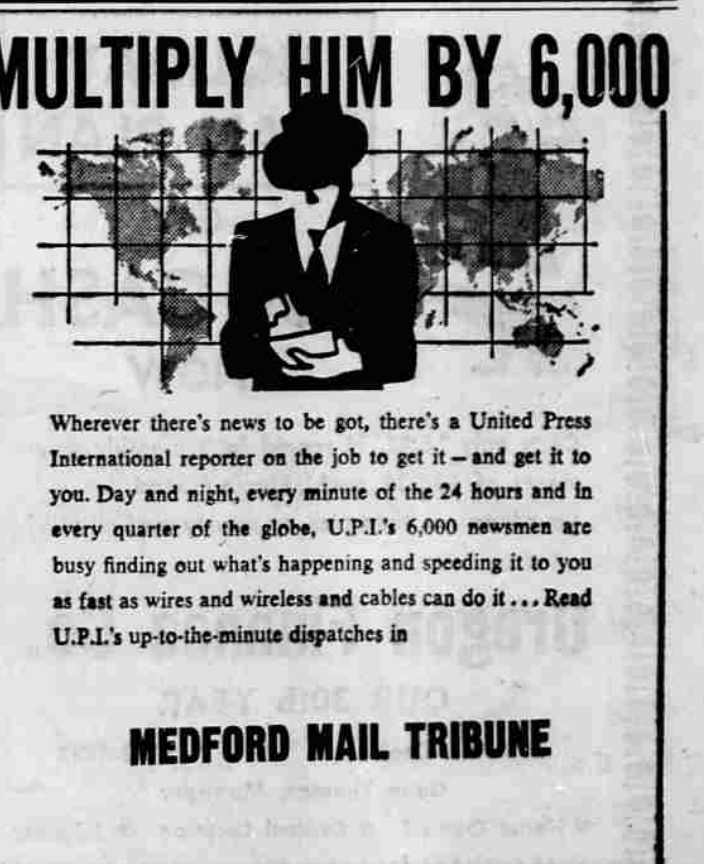


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