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SPORTS

Nevadans Whip SOC In Far West Fray

Arcata, Calif. — (UPI) — University of Nevada defeated Southern Oregon, 62 to 57, Thursday as the Far West conference Holiday basketball tourney opened here.

Nevada will meet San Francisco State, 72 to 61 winner over Willamette in another afternoon game, in one of today's contests. Willamette and Southern Oregon also meet today.

Sacramento State licked Chico State 58 to 49 and Humboldt State trimmed the California Aggies 69 to 42 in their first round games.

Nevada was led by Bob Lyon, who scored 14 points, including the basket that put the Wolfpack ahead to stay with two minutes and 36 seconds left in the game. Lyon's key shot made the score 58-57.

Changes Hands
Prior to that time the score had been tied twice and had changed hands four times.

Dave D'Olivio of Southern Oregon led all the scorers with 16 points. Val York of Nevada and Punk Biddington of Southern Oregon each tallied 12.

San Francisco State had no trouble with Willamette, taking an early lead and then coasting.

Jim Caranica bucketed 23 points and Mahlon Harmon 13 for the winners.

Ed Grossenbacher with 11 points and Jim Litchfield with 10 were the only Willamette shooters to get into double figures.

OSC Opens Series With Indianans

Corvallis—(UPI)—Oregon State and Indiana open a two-game basketball series here tonight which matches champions of two conferences.

Oregon State tied California for the PCC title last year and Indiana won the Big 10 crown. This season Indiana has a veteran squad back plus 6-11 Walt Bellamy, a sophomore who has cracked the starting lineup.

Coach Slat Gills of Oregon State said Ernie Johnson or Jim Woodland would hold down one forward spot, with the rest of the starting five composed of Steve Flynn, Gary Goble, Lee Harman and Jim Anderson.

Goble will draw the job of checking Bellamy, along with Karl Anderson, a 6-9 sophomore who will spell Goble.

Pilots Edge Iona Five In Garden

New York — (UPI) — Jim Armstrong and Wally Panel, a pair of flashy backcourt stars, sparked University of Portland to a 57-55 victory over Iona college Thursday night in the opening game of a basketball twin-bill in Madison Square garden.

Armstrong took scoring honors for Portland with 18 points, but Panel, who had 17, tallied the most important two points—a pair of free throws with a half minute to play that gave Portland a 57-53 lead.

Lead Cut
George Carter, who led Iona with 20 points, scored a lay-up to cut Portland's lead, but the Pilots held control of the ball as the clock ran out and Armstrong missed two free throws after the buzzer.

After Iona took a temporary lead, Portland went ahead 21-20 after 10 minutes of play and never was headed. Iona came within one point three times during the last six minutes but never could tie the score.

It was Portland's sixth win in seven starts.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

United Press International
A little "needling" job on Gump Worsley helped the New York Rangers sew up their first victory of the season against the Detroit Red Wings.

All season long Ranger Coach Phil Watson has been calling Terry Sawchuk "the best goalie in the National Hockey league."

At first, Worsley was a bit irritated by his boss' comment and Thursday night he decided to do something about it. The stocky netminder stopped 38 shots and wound up with his first shutout of the year as the Rangers beat the Red Wings for the first time in six tries this season, 2-0.

The victory moved the Rangers within one point of the idle third-place Boston Bruins.

The Montreal Canadiens pumped in three goals in the first period and then coasted to a 4-1 victory over the last-place Toronto Maple Leafs.

Robertson Averages 42.7 Points

New York — (UPI) — Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati jumper off to one of the fastest scoring starts in major college basketball history with a record average of 42.7 points in the Bearcats' first three games this season.

Robertson, defending national basketball scoring champion, tallied 128 points in the first two weeks of the new campaign as he sought to top a sophomore standard that brought him All-America honors.

Robertson scored more points (984) at a faster pace (35.1) than any first-year varsity player in college history last season.

Through Saturday, Dec. 13, Robertson outgunned all rivals with his 42.7 percentage. Bailey Howell of Mississippi State was the Bearcat star's closest competitor with a 38.0 average. Bob Boozer of Kansas State was third with 36.5 and Pittsburgh's Don Hennon followed with 34.5.

Cinco Top FG's
Jon Cincebox of Syracuse topped the list in field goal percentage with .644 on 38 of 59 attempts. Iona's George Carter was second with 33 of 53 for .623.

Hank Stein, who helped lead Xavier of Ohio to the National Invitational Tournament championship last season, was off to a fine start at the free throw line as he sank 25 of 26 attempts for a .962 percentage.

In the rebounds department, Clarence Red of Loyola of Chicago dominated the backboards as he grabbed 80 of 326 caroms to become the only sophomore among the early-season leaders. Don Jones of Niagara made 47 of 213 recoveries for second place.

Ohio University scored 305 points in three games for a leading average of 101.7. Cincinnati was second with 95.7 and Miami of Florida close by at 95.0. Oklahoma State allowed only 119 points (39.7 per game) to top the major teams in defense. Santa Clara was next with a 42.0 mark.

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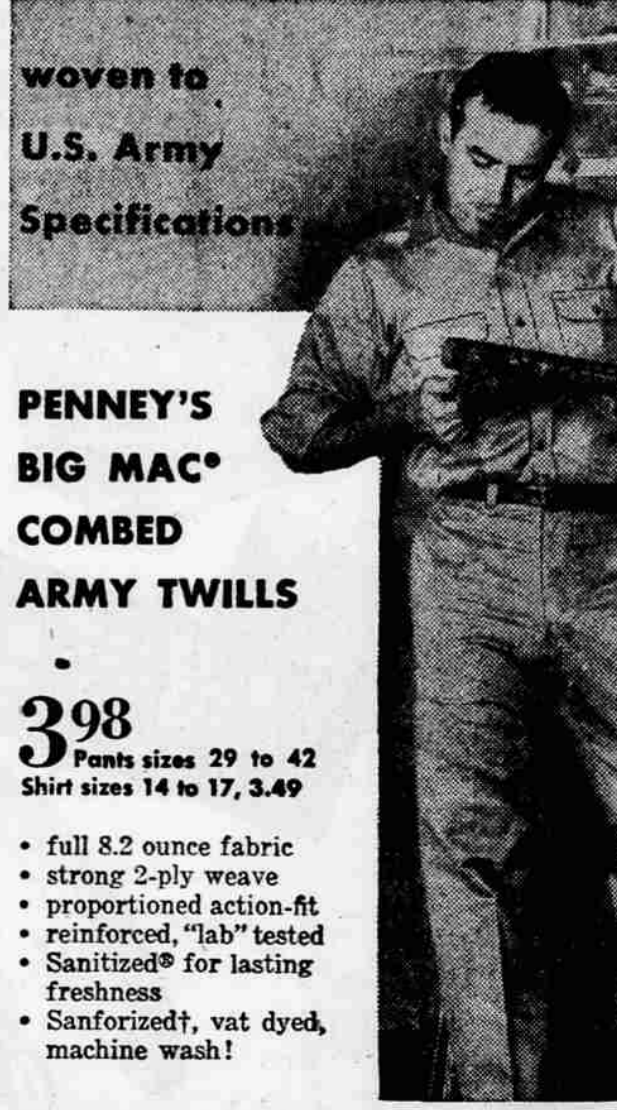


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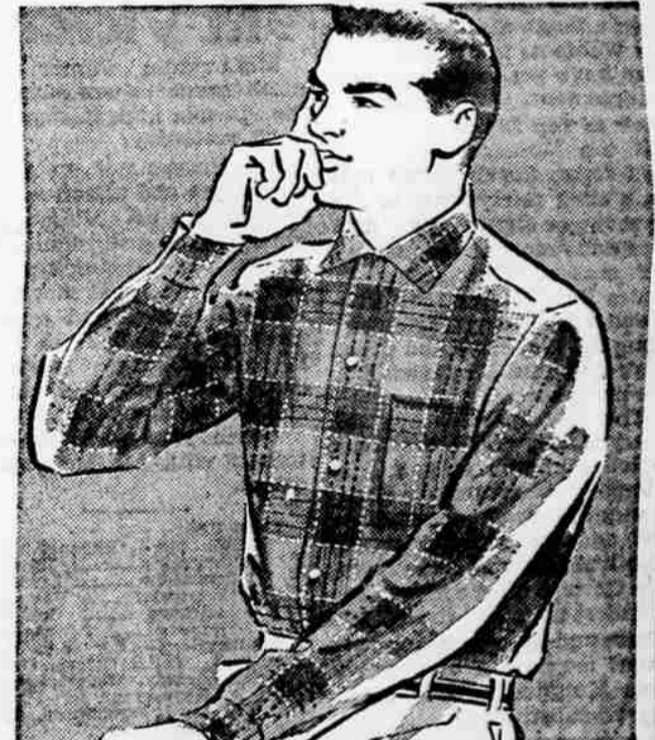


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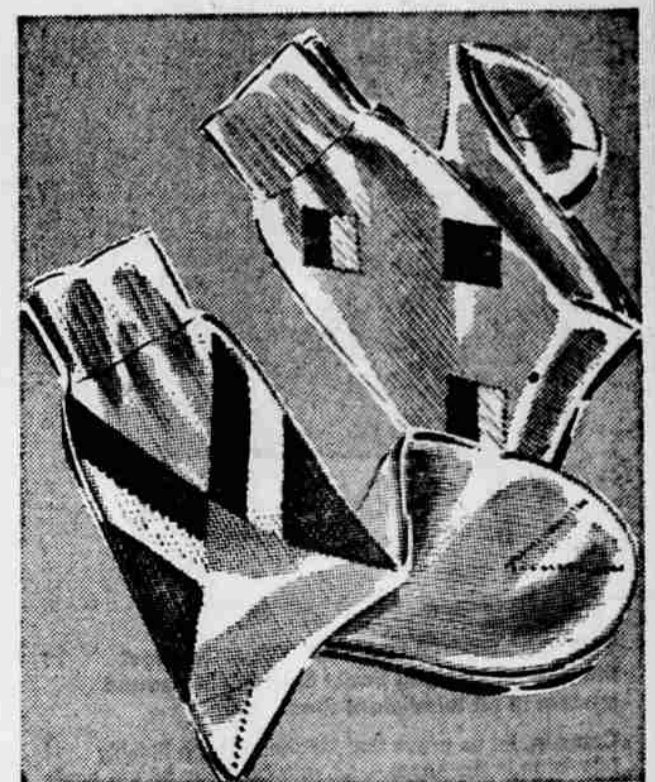


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