

Smart Paces Washington In 69-59 Win Over OSC

Corvallis—UPI—Center Doug Smart kept the Washington Huskies on the comeback trail here Saturday night as he poured in 31 points to lead his team to a 69-59 Pacific Coast conference basketball victory over Oregon State before 8,149 fans.

The Huskies, fresh from their 62-37 triumph over Oregon Friday night, moved out fast against the Beavers, hitting 13 of their first 18 shots. With Smart and Bruno Boin connecting on hook shots and laying Washington built up an 18-point lead. Oregon State whittled it down to 11 in the last three minutes of the half and the Huskies led at half-time 38-27.

Margin Hacked
Midway in the second half OSC's Jim Anderson hit six times in eight tries to cut the Washington margin to five points but Smart continued his scoring drive dumping in

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP
Washington	20-38	11-15	17	44
Oregon State	13-30	10-15	17	36
Totals	25	19-31	11	69

UCLA Goes On Top in Coast Loop

UCLA, which didn't look like a contender earlier this season, led the Pacific Coast Conference basketball race by a half-game today and that's just the way things must stand until Feb. 6 when the lull for midterm exams ends.

The Bruins, losers in two of their first three PCC tilts this year, won their fourth in a row Saturday by nipping Southern California, 65-63.

The damage was done by Walt Torrence, who paced UCLA with 20 points and meshed the winning basket with 30 seconds to play after picking off a pass from the Trojans' Jim White. Five Over USC
The victory followed Friday's 57-53 triumph over USC and gave the Bruins five in a row over the cross-town rivals.

California, a three-point loser Friday in Stanford's small gym, got hunk on the Indians Saturday at Berkeley by thrashing them, 67-46. Huskies Bark
Washington began to live up to its pre-season promise by whacking Oregon State, 69-59.
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Idaho shoved Washington State deeper into the basement by coming from behind to defeat the Cougars, 65-55.

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Illinois Valley, Glendale Victors in Rogue League

Illinois Valley high had unshared top position in the Rogue league basketball standings after a 45 to 38 victory over Phoenix Saturday night at Cave Junction.
Glendale broke into the conference win column with a 56 to 49 verdict over Rogue River.

Illinois Valley and Eagle Point both are unmarred in the loop but the IV Cougars have played three games to the Eagles' two. Eagle Point made a non-league jaunt to Yreka, Calif., on Saturday. Yreka won 77 to 51.
The Cougars pulled out of reach in the closing minutes to beat Phoenix which was in contention right up until that time. A torrid third quarter in which it piled up 22 points carried Glendale to its triumph.
Cougars Break Tie
Phoenix scored the opening points at Cave Junction but IV grabbed the lead three minutes into the game and held until the third quarter when Bill Dillree knotted the fray with a field bucket and Dave Barlow put the Pirates ahead 27 to 26 with a gift throw. Score was tied at 27-all and 29-each. The Cougars went on top to stay on Doug Lewis' lay-in and fronted 33 to 30 at the quarter.
The Pirates cut it to 33 to 32 and 35 to 34 in the final canto but Don Morgan hit from the field for IV and the Cougars utilized six free throws to up their distance to 43 to 34. Biggest edge of the night was 45 to 36.

IV headed at the quarter 11 to 8 and at the half 23 to 20. Jerry Buchhaltz paced IV scoring with 16 points and Dillree had 13 for Phoenix. Dillree Shines on Backboards
The Pirates controlled the backboards in the second half and had a 56 to 31 advantage for the game but the Cougars shot sharper from the field with 18 of 47 for 38 per cent while Phoenix put in 15 of 57 for 26 per cent.
Dillree collected 25 rebounds for Phoenix and Dave Barlow picked off 13 in the second half.
Rogue River had 14 to 11 quarter lead and 23 to 19 half leads in the fray on its home court but Glendale had a 41 to 30 bulge after three periods in which the Douglas county club hit well from long and mid-range. Rogue River had Dave Carter hitting well and had the edge on the boards and in hustling in the first half.
Carter was high point man with 24 and Bud Smart racked 19 for Glendale.
IV and Glendale won their jayvee games. Score at Cave Junction was 48 to 37 over Phoenix. Noel Turner had 12 points for IC and a Gerald Sloper eight for the Pirates.

LINE-UPS:

Illinois Valley	Phoenix
15 Buckhaltz	MacKintosh
11 Lewis	Dillree
10 Slanaker	Bleeding
2 Hanby	Construck
3 R. Morgan	Beese
Substitutions—For Illinois Valley: Tucker, Dickey, D. Morgan; for Phoenix: Barlow, Sloper, McClurg, 2, Baker.	
56 Glendale	Rogue River
19 Smart	Laws
3 Barrong	Carter
11 Worley	Archer
4 Humphrey	Goosey
2 Hutton	McCabe
Substitutions—For Glendale: Elevins, Allen, S. Thompson, Sutchem, Bertine; for Rogue River, Irwin, Van Dorn, 3, Gall.	

Pittsburgh Pirates Need Lefty, Hitting

(This is the fifth of 18 dispatches by the major league managers giving a mid-winter appraisal of their teams.)

By DANNY MURTAUGH
Manager, Pittsburgh Pirates
(Written for UPI)
Woodlyn, Pa. — (UPI) — The Pittsburgh Pirates made me the National league manager of the year in 1958.
Give us a winning left handed starter, and some offensive power behind the plate, and they can make themselves the team of the year in 1959.
Of course, the team to beat is Milwaukee. Make no mistake about that. But our club did real well last year and with a left-hander who can start and win — we didn't have one last year — and some hitting that Hank Foiles is capable of if he doesn't get hurt, why, we can be the team to beat.
That's a large order, and no one likes to get cocky in a league which can beat your brains out if you slip only a little bit, but basically, we're sound. We have good pitching and adequate defense. We have good team speed. With a little help in the two departments I noted, we can improve.
Good Mound Staff
When you improve from second place, what's left but first place?
The backbone of the 1959 Pirates will be the 1958 ball players who played .632 ball coming from seventh place and second by winning 48 and losing 28 in the last half of the season. I shudder, however, to recall that Milwaukee played .642 ball at the same time!
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Ingrid Bergman In Custody Battle

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The thrice-married Swedish actress formally asked custody of the children on grounds their father "cannot make a suitable home for them." The Paris court reserved decision until Wednesday, however, to give Rossellini opportunity to come from Rome to present his arguments "in person."

Adjustment of the 14-minute hearing was granted at the request of Rossellini's two Paris attorneys. The hearing was closed to the public and the press.
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