

# High-Ranked Cage Squads Maintain Winning Streaks

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Auburn's streak of 25 basketball wins is amazing, all right, but how about the streaks being run up by Marquette, Kansas State, St. Louis and Cincinnati?

These four high-ranked teams, bidding for even more attention as their winning strings build up, all added another notch Monday night—No. 13 in a row for Eddie Hickey's rebuilt Marquette team, 12 in a row for both Kansas State and St. Louis,

and eight straight for Cincinnati. Marquette, a real surprise package squad which has climbed to the No. 13 national ranking with a 15-1 season record, romped to a 78-63 win over Detroit as the razzle-dazzle style installed this year by ex-St. Louis tutor Hickey paid off again. Big Mike Moran led the winning Warriors with 17 points, although Larry Hughes had 18 for Detroit. **K-State Beats Nebraska**

Kansas State 16-1, the nation's No. 3 team, remained in first place in the Big Eight as it downed Nebraska, 50-43, in a ball-control battle. Six-eight Bob Bozer once again was high gun for K-State with 22 points as the Wildcats snapped Nebraska's home-court winning streak at 13 games.

The ninth-ranked St. Louis team Hickey left behind romped to a 98-57 win over North Texas State to put its season record at 14-2. Six-eight Bob Ferry had 25 points and George Burkel 20 to pace the rout. Jim Mudd had 20 in the first half for North Texas State but was held to seven in the second.

National scoring leader Oscar Robertson rolled up 27 points despite double-teaming defenders to pace fourth-ranked Cincinnati 14-2 to an 84-71 win over Tulsa. The victory kept the Bearcats in first place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

**MSU, Bradley Win**  
Two other teams with high national rankings but no long streaks also posted important wins Monday night. Sixth-ranked Michigan State came to first place in the Big Ten with an 88-57 rout over Wisconsin as Johnny Green led a well-balanced attack with 18 points. And eighth-ranked Bradley remained tied with St. Louis for second place in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 60-52 victory over Wichita as Bobby Joe Mason scored 20 points.

Tournament time, target of all these high-ranking teams, came a little closer with the announcement that the National Invitation Tournament—at New York, March 12-21—has sent "feelers" to these 15 teams—Boston College, Dayton, DePaul, Fordham, Holy Cross, Marquette, Niagara, Oklahoma City, Providence, St. Bonaventure, St. Francis Pa., Villanova and defending St. John's, St. Mary's, Calif., champion Xavier of Ohio.

# Impartial Hearing Asked By Manager

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Attorney Paul Caruso has asked the California Athletic Commission not to let growing hysteria over the questioned Art Aragon-Charlie Sawyer fight becloud the issue.

Caruso, who manages Aragon as well as being his attorney, called for an impartial hearing into the facts of the bout.

In a telegram to Jack Urch, chief investigator for the Commission, Caruso said: "I am deeply disturbed at the rising hysteria surrounding the hearing set for Saturday on the Aragon-Sawyer

sell is the top man for the Celtics and yet, it is theorized, Chamberlain may handle him when he gets in. One man fight. I respectfully request that an impartial determination of the issues be predicted upon the actual facts rather than mob rule.

**Demands Purse**  
"Any evidence of wrongdoing on Aragon's part will result in his voluntary retirement. Unless such evidence is forthcoming, we demand the immediate release of Aragon's purse. The sole purpose of this telegram is our desire to assure a fair and impartial determination and not one inspired by the ever present anti-Aragon sources."

Aragon knocked Sawyer out in the fourth of a scheduled 10-rounder in Hollywood Legion stadium. Sawyer went down four times in the fourth round from what appeared to be only glancing blows.

Immediately after the bout, Commission Secretary Clayton Frye announced the purse—\$8,000 for Aragon and \$2,000 for Sawyer—would be withheld pending an investigation. Urch told United Press International, "I haven't talked to anyone at ringside who said Sawyer was making an honest effort."

Other officials were more blunt. Frye said Sawyer "was trying to go down... it was obvious." Referee Tommy Hart said he warned Sawyer after he went down in the first four times "I want an honest effort. No one can hit you on the shoulder and knock you out."

# SPORTS PARADE OSCAR FRALEY Sport Writer United Press

New York—(UPI)—Pro basketball, for which all has been financial sweetness and lucrative light, is suffering today from the age old plight in which one or two teams get a competition-killing corner on the top talent.

"Break up the Yankees," was a fearful demand in the American league a few years ago when murderer's row was making hamburger out of the opposition. The Yankees still are at it because nobody has caught up to the organizational lead they established.

The same thing has happened in pro basketball, where the Boston Celtics dominate the Eastern division and the St. Louis Hawks overshadow the Western division.

St. Louis has a 17-game lead over Detroit; 17½ over Cincinnati. Boston, in its division, has an 8½ game lead on the New York Knickerbockers, 12 over Syracuse and 15 over Philadelphia.

Customers Stay Away  
Conditions such as these stifle the late season zeal of the trailing teams and keep the yawning customers away in droves.

There has been much discussion in National Basketball association circles about expanding to the West Coast. But, before this is done, Walter Brown of the Celtics makes a telling point when he suggests that first those teams currently in the swim had best be strengthened into the status of competitors.

"We are strung out like a bunch of freight cars," he says. "Obviously this lack of balance is hurting the whole league in the matter of attendance. We must restore the element of competition." Brown suggests, as a possibility, that maybe his own Celtics and the Hawks should pass up their draft choice to give the weak sisters a crack at some of the top college stars when they become available for pro duty.

**Requires Much Thought**  
This, it must be noted, is only a suggestion. Brown asserts firmly that "it requires a lot of thought." Personal aims and gains naturally require him to think of the Celtics first and the league second.

As example, he points out that the whole status quo may be changed drastically when Wilt The Stilt Chamberlain joins the Philadelphia Warriors after the 7-footer serves his current year with the Harlem Globetrotters. One player like Chamberlain could change the Warriors from also-rans to champions.

"But certainly this isn't the time to go west," Brown contends. "First we must strengthen our present teams."

**Cities Eye Franchises**  
Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston and Portland all are looking forward to eventual membership in the NBA. Abe Saperstein, head of the Globetrotters, has dipped in a foreign or to advise the NBA franchise that it should go to the coast.

# SPORTS

## Medford In Third

Portland — The Medford cage squad was eased out of third place by Jefferson by a narrow margin in the Oregon poll today. The poll count was 70-69 favoring Jefferson.

Astoria and Klamath dropped a rung each on the poll ladder to fifth and sixth places with 58 and 48 points, respectively. Pendleton (11-3) and Bend (13-1) switched seventh and eighth ratings.

Marshfield and Baker showed strong but fell short of the "big eight" ratings. Coquille (12-2) gained some face lost last week in tying Myrtle Creek (15-1) for top "A-1" honors. The rebounding Red Devils, who set the ball pace for the first two weeks, earned the No. 1 stand-off with three victories since last Tuesday including one over Class A-1 Roseburg.

Myrtle Creek held on to a majority in first place votes gaining six en route to 91 points. Coquille boosted its point standing to 91. Serra Catholic (13-1) was third with 84 points.

Jefferson (13-2) accounted for seven of the 10 first place votes in keeping its B domination with 91 points. Yoncalla, Elkton and Corbett, all tied in an unprecedented three-way knot for second place last week, fell into second, third and fourth places, respectively.

North Salem nosed out Grant on the top rung Class A-1 ratings in the weekly high school basketball poll.

**PREP RANKINGS**  
Class A-1  
1—North Salem (14-1) 91  
2—Grant (11-1) 87  
3—Jefferson (11-1) 80  
4—Medford (14-3) 79  
5—Astoria (12-1) 58  
6—Klamath Falls (11-2) 48  
7—Pendleton (11-3) 48  
8—Bend (13-1) 48  
Others: Marshfield (8-7), Baker (12-2), Beaverton (14-4), Corvallis (9-6), St. Helens (12-1), Sandy (11-2).

Class A-2  
1—Myrtle Creek (15-1) 91  
2—Coquille (12-2) 84  
3—Serra Catholic (13-1) 84  
4—Stayton (10-2) 55  
5—Seaside (12-3) 49  
6—Philomath (10-2) 48  
7—Willamina (11-2) 48  
8—Pleasant Hill (13-3) 29  
Others: Waldport (14-2), Newport (14-3), Junction City (10-5), North Marion (11-3), Willamette (10-5), Nestucca (11-3), Elgin (10-3), Myrtle Point (10-4).

Class B  
1—Jefferson (13-2) 91  
2—Yoncalla (12-2) 83  
3—Elkton (13-2) 71  
4—Corbett (14-3) 55  
5—Merrill (12-2) 54  
6—Monroe (12-3) 50  
7—Joseph (12-1) 48  
8—Powers (11-1) 32  
Others: Pilot Rock (12-4), St. Mary's of Medford (9-1), Vernonia (11-3), Helix (12-5), Heppner (10-2), State of the Sea (11-5), Mapleton (10-6), Arlington (11-1), Alsea (8-7), Condon (9-2), Wheeler (12-2).



**MANHUNTING**—Local and state policemen follow bloodhound during intensive manhunt at Englewood, N. J., for two men who shot and seriously wounded two cops and then fled into a heavily wooded area. One of the wounded policemen is in critical condition.

# Medford Compares Conant's List With Local School Policy

An authoritative study of America's 21,000 high schools was made recently by Dr. James Bryant Conant, president emeritus of Harvard university.

A report of the study appeared in the U.S. News and World Report magazine of Jan. 9 and included a check list of 12 basic things that every high school should do.

In commenting on the basic list, the Medford High school newspaper, Hi-Times recently reviewed Dr. Conant's "musts" and showed how the local school rates against the national standards.

(1) Must graduate at least 100 pupils each year. MHS graduates far more than 100 each year.

**Require Students**  
(2) A good high school should require every student to take at least four years of English, one year of U.S. history, one year of general history, one year of American government, one year of algebra or advanced mathematics, one year of biology or general science.

In the Medford system, all of this is required except the general history credits.

(3) Bright students are expected to take at least four years of English, four years of a foreign language, four years of history or social studies, three years of mathematics, three years of science—and do 15-20 hours of homework each week.

MHS advocates this. The mention of foreign language, however, presents the problem of having to add one or two more class periods in each day, in order to complete all of this education in 4 years. This is the reason that MHS hasn't required this extra effort. Also, the exact amount of homework done by the individual student has not been calculated at this time.

**Testing Pupils**  
(4) Dr. Conant suggests testing all pupils in English composition each year.

This testing is in progress in the Medford system now.

(5) Offer a special English course for twelfth grade pupils lagging in English.

Many MHS seniors will vouch for this. Obviously this is in reference to the remedial tests and courses offered at MHS. This has been done for years.

(6) A good high school would limit elective subjects to about half a pupil's time, and insist that electives add up to a meaningful course of study, preferably in one field.

At MHS this is done for all students.

(7) A high school should offer four-year courses in foreign languages.

At MHS four years of Latin is offered, three of Spanish, and two years of French. These courses include those offered in the Medford junior highs, which are the complement of the MHS courses.

**Group by Ability**  
(8) A good high school should group pupils by ability, subject by subject, so fast learners are not held back by slow-classes.

This is an essential feature at MHS. Students are grouped into the general, college prep, and advanced or academic

courses, so bright students will not take easy courses just to get high grades.

At MHS, quarter and semester "honor roll" standings are publicized. It should be noted that extra credit is given for courses in advanced subject fields, thus discouraging bright students from "goofing off."

(12) High schools should give graduates a durable record of courses studied in high school and the grades received.

This is to provide a record and proof of the kind of education one received, for the purpose of securing jobs. The system used in the Medford public schools awards a diploma to each graduate. If requested, a complete transcript of the student's grades is presented to the graduate.

# HILTS Meeting Held at School

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN  
Hilts—Men's night was the feature of the Hilts PTA meeting held in the school cafeteria Jan. 22.

An educational film was shown as part of the program followed by several accordion selections by Tony Marin.

A committee was appointed to select a recipient for the honorary life membership award which will be presented at the February meeting in honor of Founders Day.

Committee members are Mrs. Robert Preston, Mrs. Victor Van de Weghe, Mrs. Donovan Ward, Mrs. Rodney Eastman, Frank Graves and Tony Marin, president of the unit.

It was voted, for this year's project, to build book shelves for the classrooms where there is a need for them. Volunteer help will be appreciated.

Cake and coffee were served by Tony Marin, Aristo Perez, and John Fenton.

Because of several letters protesting the closing of the Southern Pacific depot Jan. 10, the Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a hearing in the near future. Until then, Orville Rife, agent, will remain on duty.

It is believed the reason for the closure was to eliminate all one man stations on this route.

Dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Whittaker and family were Miss Patty Swickard, Miss Nancy Whitman, Miss Louise Hitchcock, Miss Annette Hunstman and Miss Sharon Kerby all of Yreka.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Sticken and daughter, Alanna

Mari, were Sunday callers at the Victor Van de Weghe home.

Mrs. T. D. Kellingsworth and Mrs. Naomi Owens of Hornbrook visited Thursday at the home of Mrs. Raymond Middleton and daughter Raelynn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith of Winston, Ore., visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Raymond and son. Mrs. Raymond is their daughter.

Miss Phyllis Alphonse underwent nose surgery at the Ashland General hospital last week.

Mrs. Nelson Watts returned to her home in Chico after spending several weeks here caring for her father, Dick Williams, who is convalescing from a recent illness.

William's son, Roy, of Yreka, visited here Tuesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maguire attended the wedding of her nephew, Tom Mathews to Charlene Davis on Jan. 24 at the St. Joseph's Catholic church. The reception was held in the basement of the church. She remained in Yreka until Wednesday to be near her sister, Mrs. Margaret Weston, who was a patient at Siskiyou County hospital.

A pinochle party was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Groves. Coffee and cookies were served to Mrs. Al Simmens, Mrs. Art Hartman, Mrs. M. G. King, Mrs. Ernest Spannaus and Mrs. H. G. Thompson.

High prize went to Mrs. Simmens, second high to Mrs. Spannaus and low to Mrs. Groves.

# 'Neighbor Lady' to Resume Broadcasts

Miss Helen E. Webster, county librarian, and formerly KMED "Neighbor Lady," will resume her "Neighbor Lady" broadcasts this week as a public library service.

The first program of the new series will be broadcast Thursday, Feb. 5, at 9:45 a.m. Broadcasts will continue each Thursday morning.

The original "Neighbor Lady" series was broadcast daily over KMED in 1952 and 1953, and was interrupted when Miss Webster left to travel abroad. The new series will be similar in content, Miss Webster said; informal, neighborly chats on a variety of subjects that will include animal stories, local events, personal experiences, travel information, and interviews with interesting personalities.

As its public service feature each program will now have some tie-in with books available in the Jackson County library.

# Shasta Skiing Rated Excellent

A few of the area skiers went to Crater lake last week end where the skiing was good, Bill Brooks, of the Rogue Snowmen, reported.

The majority of the southern Oregon snowburners went to Mt. Shasta where the skiing was "par excellence" with lots of deep powder snow, Brooks added.

Next meeting of the Rogue Snowmen will be held at the last of this month at the Red Cross building. Uncertainty of the meeting date is due to delay in obtaining a skiing film, Brooks said.

About 50 crops grown in the U.S. depend upon insects for pollination.

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# John L. Lewis Reported Improved

Washington—(UPI)—John L. Lewis, 78, president of the United Mine Workers, was reported to be improved today from complications which followed last week's heart attack.

Dr. John B. Minor said Lewis "had a good night" at Georgetown University Hospital and now "looks much better."

"Things are looking favorable now," Minor said. The UAW chieftain, who had a mild heart spasm about a year ago, entered the hospital last week after feeling ill for several days. Minor said tests showed he had suffered a mild heart attack.

Lewis was stricken Sunday with pneumonia but Minor said he "seems to have responded to treatment."

# CIVIL ENGINEER DIES

Manhasset, N.Y.—(UPI)—Eugene F. Halmos, 81, a civil engineer who designed naval and steamship drydocks on all three coasts, died Sunday after a brief illness.

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**Beat This!**  
by Tip Brady  
WHO MADE THE BEST SINGLE-GAME "FREE THROW" RECORD LAST YEAR?  
John Lee, Yale basketball captain hit 21 out of 21 in his game with Oregon State last year.

**Tualatin Buses Propose Service**  
Salem—(UPI)—Eugene E. Laird, Salem attorney, said today it is the intent of Tualatin Valley Buses to furnish local service to all points the Greyhound Corporation has asked to abandon in proceedings to be heard at Portland Feb. 9 before the Public Utility Commission.

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