

Bradley Wins Title With 88-72 Score

New York — (UPI) — Mack Herndon and Mike Owens led Bradley on a spectacular late spurt that wiped out a 12-point deficit and beat scrappy Providence College 88-72, Saturday for the National Invitation Basketball Tournament championship.

A crowd of 16,421 in Madison Square Garden and a national television audience (N. B. C.) watched the Braves from Peoria, Ill., stage their spectacular comeback in the last 10 minutes of play to win the N. I. T. for the second time in four years. Bradley won the tournament in 1957 and was beaten in last season's final by St. John's. The six-foot, six-inch Herndon scored 25 points, 14 of them in the second half, and Owens contributed five clutch field goals during Bradley's late rally that made a rout of what had been a back-to-the-wall battle for the Braves throughout the first minutes of the game.

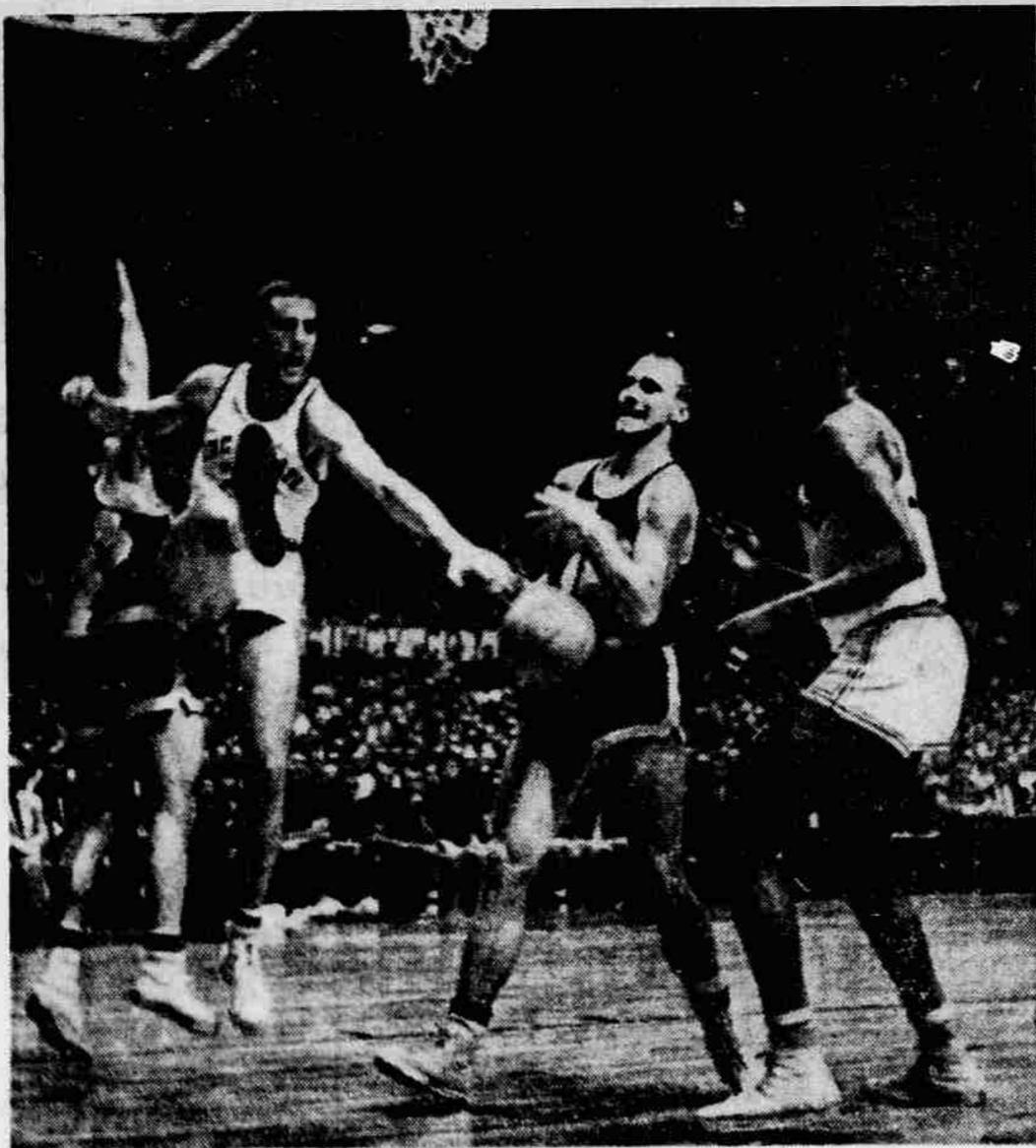
Ranked Fourth
The Braves, who are ranked fourth nationally by the United Press International board of coaches and were runners-up in the Missouri Valley Conference with a 24-2 regular season record, achieved their victory with only limited service from Chet Walker, their star 6-6 center. Walker, victim of an orange

juice "poison" scare, played less than 10 minutes before he was sent into the game with 5:21 left to play when Ed Wodka fouled out. Although Walker complained he felt weak because of a virus, he contributed an important three-point play during Bradley's rally and later scored two field goals to break the game wide open.

Rule Out Poison
Police chemists Friday ruled out the possibility that a glass of orange juice given Walker by a "phony" hotel bell hop on Thursday made him ill. They officially reported that the juice contained "no narcotics, no toxic substances, and/or no common sedatives."

Despite the brilliance of Bradley's victory, the tournament's most valuable player award was won by Len Wilkens, slender six-foot Providence backcourt star, who scored 25 points and played a superb all-around game in an effort to earn the Friars an upset victory.

Wilkens was a unanimous choice of the tournament committee. He scored a total of 84 points in four N. I. T. games. Utah State captured third place in the tournament yesterday by trouncing St. Bonaventure, 99-83, as Jerry Schofield scored 32 points and Cornell Green added 26.



LOSES REBOUND — Cincinnati forward Larry Willey (23) loses control of a rebound in a semi-final game with California at the NCAA championship playoffs in San Francisco Friday night. Cincinnati lost to the stronger California five by a 69-77 count. Also pictured are Bear players, Bill McClintock (42) and Paul Hogue (22). —(UPI Telephoto)

Hard To Pick Winner Of Cal-Ohio Contest

By HAL WOOD
United Press International
Judging from the Friday night performances of Ohio State and California it was hard to pick a winner for last night's NCAA basketball championship at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

California, its poise missing in the first minutes of play, came back with a rush to whip powerful Cincinnati, 77-69, while Ohio State more or less toyed with long shot New York University, 76-54, in the semifinal rounds.

Mistakes killed Cincinnati. The Bearcats, harassed by the always-pressing Cal defense, lost the ball 14 times on errors. But Cal made only five ball-control mistakes all evening.

The big item was the stopping of All-America Oscar Robertson by Cal's Tandy Gillis; and the equally brilliant play of another All-American, Darrell Imhoff of the Bears. Robertson, who had averaged 34.3 points a game for the season, was held to four field goals plus 10 free throws — 18 points.

Imhoff Scores 25
Imhoff scored 25 points — against his average of 13.5 per game. The towering 6-9 Cal center outmaneuvered Cincinnati sophomore center Paul Hogue under the basket and

Gold Rey Fish Count
WEEK ENDING MARCH 19:
Silver salmon—None.
Winter run steelhead — 1,813.

FULL SEASON:
Silver salmon—371 (includes 4.8 per cent jack salmon) since Oct. 17.
Winter run steelhead — 5,061 since Jan. 13.

Pro Star Hurts Hand

Boston — (UPI) — Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors was taken to a hospital for X-rays of a damaged right hand late in Saturday's National Basketball association Eastern division playoff final with Boston.

Bill Russell paced the Celtics to a 120-90 win over the Warriors. The 7-foot, 2-inch Chamberlain injured his shooting hand in last night's game at Philadelphia. He played today against the orders of the Warriors' team physician, Dr. Si Ball, but was ineffectual, scoring only 12 points before retiring with one minute 19 seconds remaining in the third period.

Chamberlain's hand, heavily taped for the game, was swollen as he left for Massachusetts General hospital and he said it bothered him a good deal.

Russell, taking advantage of Chamberlain's injury, led all scorers with 26 points and turned in two NBA playoff marks while grabbing 39 rebounds. Russell's 26 rebounds in the second period and 34 in the first half both broke his own records.

It was unclear exactly how Chamberlain suffered his hand injury. Wilt himself said after Friday night's game he didn't know whether it resulted from a brief fist fight with Boston's Tommy Heins or whether he banged it into a basket rim while going after a rebound. He scored 29 points Friday night and opened the series with a 42-point effort here Thursday night.

BASEBALL
Saturday Baseball Results
United Press International
Detroit 7, St. Louis 6
Milwaukee 7, New York 4
Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 0
Chicago (N) 5, San Francisco 2
Cleveland 11, Boston 6

New York — (UPI) — Wilt Chamberlain, rookie basketball star for the Philadelphia Warriors, Saturday was named winner of the February poll in the 1960 race for the Hickok "professional athlete of the year" award.

New York — (UPI) — Carol Heiss, 20, Olympic and world champion figure skater, will officially announce her engagement to Hayes Allen Jenkins, another Olympic skating champ, Monday night, it was revealed Saturday.

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene—Down at John Warren's hardware store in this college town is an interesting window display which provided shoppers a means of keeping track of the Oregon Class A-1 high school basketball tournament progress.

In the window is a basketball court complete with baskets. On the floor or along the sidelines are 16 figures of players, each representing a team in the tourney and garbed in the colors of the particular school.

To begin with, each of the players stood on the court paired with its opening round rival. When the first round was over, the eight losers were relegated to the "consolation" bench and the winners were paired according to their championship quarterfinal games. Then, when a team lost a second time in the tourney and was eliminated, the corresponding figure in the window was placed on the "losers' bench."

PUSH-BUTTON BASKETBALL

One of the veteran tournament sports writers here, obviously impressed by Medford High school's well-gear'd Black Tornado as it defeated St. Helens on Thursday, said he wanted to ask Tornado Coach Frank Roelandt this question: "How does it feel to be able this year to just sit back and push the buttons?"

When this remark was passed on, it led to a possible nickname for Marshall's tremendous tall man, 6-10 Mel Counts—"The Big Button."

Medford's state hoop tourney squad has on it the son of a one-time tournament player. Darrell Miller's father, Darrell Sr., Pear city auto dealer, played for Klamath Falls in the 1934 prep cage show.

There are two other hoopmen in this tournament, that we know of, whose fathers also were tourney players. Wally Palmberg of Klamath Falls is the son of the Wally who gained all-state honors for Astoria back in 1931 and 1932. The senior mentor is now hoop mentor at Oregon Technical institute. Back in 1937, when we saw our first state tourney, an Ed Maerz (pronounced like the planet) was on the Salem team. Now his son, Ed, only a sophomore, is cog for South Salem.

Young Ed on Thursday against South Eugene set a new tourney mark of free throws, made in one game—15. He muffed only two of 17 chances. Maerz gifters helped make the scoring difference for the Saxons against the Axemen. He put in all but four of the 19 free tosses Salem got while Eugene was canning just seven.

PERKINS AT CLARK
Skeet O'Connell, basketball coach at Clark Junior college, had some fine comments to make on Larry Perkins, ex-Medford high cager and baseballer. Perkins started a number of scuffles or O'Connell during the season just finished. He was hampered by illness toward the end of the campaign.

CHISTEAN LIKED
From another source comes the report that Washington State university football mentors have high hopes for Lorin Christean another ex-Medfordite. They like his speed, his ruggedness and toughness and his hands. His ability shows up in his qualities as a boxer and track runner as well as a footballer. The Cougar grid staff is "trying to find a place" for Christean and he may wind up as an end. Lorin, a fullback in his senior year in high school, played on the Couabees team last fall.

Already a varsity lineman for WSU (seeing a lot of action last season) is of course,

Dick Copple. He didn't get much opportunity to demonstrate his placekicking ability for the Cougars last fall because WSU chose most of the time to try for two-point conversions—by running or passing.

WEARISOME JOB
Jerry Stubblefield, ex-Ashland high athlete, who is on the University of Oregon track squad, has received quite a bit of kidding. He was sitting on a chair at the tournament here Thursday afternoon, holding the rope to keep spectators off the playing surface and fell asleep.

COUNTS FOULS OUT

You wonder about accuracy of the statement, "As Counts goes, so goes Marshall." For that was not absolutely true here Thursday when the Golden Pirates of Coos Bay whipped Cleveland of Portland 71 to 57. Big Mel fouled out with 4½ minutes left to play and with Marshall leading 60 to 45. A writer next to us said, "It's a new ball game, now." But any hope of the Indians that the absence of Counts would enable them to overtake the Pirates was dashed as the Bucs held their own without the spire over the rest of the route.

It certainly has to be admitted nevertheless, that, despite his premature departure, Counts played a big role in the triumph over Cleveland. He made 11 of 16 field basket tries and all seven of his free attempts for 29 points and had 15 rebounds. In addition, Mel reached ups and out and all around with his long arms to frequently mess up the Tribe attack.

Marshall had a whopping 538 firing mark thanks to the shooting of Counts and the four of five efforts of Bob Burles.

Reserves Do Well

Klamath Union high, runner up to Medford in the Southern Oregon conference maplecourt campaign, showed good tournament bench strength in its 81 to 53 pasting of Lake Oswego. Pelican reserves were on duty for almost half the game. Medford reservists also have seen plenty of service in the two easy verdicts that assured the Black Tornado a full four-day stay in this Emerald Empire metropolis. Medford Coach Frank Roelandt's choice to play all his squad rather than shoot for records has been admired.

NEAR MARKS ON FTs

Medford came close to setting a free throw mark for this prep hoop classic in its quarterfinal against St. Helens. The Tornado cagers made 20 of 21 for .952 average. A perfect foul heave night would have tied them with the 1,000 effort by Lakeview in 1953 but would have put Medford at the top of the list since the Honkers' mark is 10 for 10.

Bob Quinney, Dick Ragsdale and Cal Dean each flipped four of four and Booth Deakins and Darrell Miller two of two apiece.

The Thursday free tossing was an improvement on Wednesday's 9 of 18 against Jesuit and gave Medford 29 of 39 for .717 average for the two games. From the field the Medford mark was 63 of 137 for .459.

LEAD FADES AWAY

South Salem's victory over South Eugene in Thursday quarterfinals was another of those occasions in which the winner had a poorer field shooting average than the loser. Eugene out-marked the Saxons .357 to

First Ducks Arrive In Basin Area

Portland — the first waterfowl to head toward their nesting grounds in the far north began arriving in the Klamath basin in early March, according to a report just released by the U. S. fish and wildlife service.

Leo L. Laythe, regional director of the interior department's bureau of sport fisheries and wildlife, reported 1,500,000 pintails, 170,000 diving ducks and 200,000 snow geese along the Oregon-California border.

These birds have completed the first leg of their annual journey by moving some 300 miles from the Sacramento valley of California. They are slightly ahead of schedule this year. Generally these birds move on schedule with little regard for weather.

An aerial survey at the same time revealed another 60,000 snow geese in the Goose Lake-Warner valley areas near Lakeview, Ore. The birds have most of their flight ahead of them with the snow geese nesting at the

.377 and made more goals, 23 to 20. We've been told that the Axemen this season have had a habit of piling up leads then seeing them slip away. In a good number of scuffles they've managed to halt the opposition in the clutch and win. This time they couldn't hold the Saxons, a team they topped twice early in the season.

BRACK CLUTCH PLAYER

The tussle of the two South's topped the championship quarterfinals for excitement and Brack was the clutch player of the Saxons. Two of his goals gave Salem tie scores, an assist gained another knot and a Brack fielder put the Saxons on top to stay. Still another helped the Saxons hold the lead.

Brack came up with a key recovery when he and Eugene's Bo Blair tussled for the ball under the Salem bucket. The Saxon finally nabbed it and passed to Loren Seitz, whose shot deadlocked the mix at 48-all.

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Marshall 37, Klamath Falls 53
Medford 36, South Salem 32

Fourth Place
Lake Oswego 36, Cleveland 49
South Eugene 64, St. Helens 46
Consolation
Jefferson 37, Hermiston 44
David Douglas 44, La Grande 40

COLLEGE BASKETBALL RESULTS
NCAA Tournament
At San Francisco
Semi-Finals
Ohio State 76, New York U. 54
California 77, Cincinnati 69

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