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## Coast Loop Berth Goes To Honolulu

Louisville, Ky. — (UPI) — The Pacific Coast league went shopping in Hawaii today for a buyer with \$55,000 who would operate a franchise in Honolulu.

The league voted Wednesday to transfer the defunct Sacramento franchise to Honolulu, but a pair of Salt Lake City men who originally thought of the plan to operate a club in the mid-Pacific, backed out of the deal.

According to PCL officials, the league preferred to have a Hawaiian group back the club. They envisioned little difficulty in finding a suitable backer.

"The Pacific Coast league will operate in Honolulu in 1961," said PCL President Dewey Soriano following day-long meetings. "There are still several arrangements to be straightened out, such as park lease and transportation."

Soriano said "there are three other groups, which I cannot identify at this time, who are very interested, and we know one of them is ready to put up the \$55,000 to buy the franchise."

Maurice Yates and Hal Tate, the Salt Lake City men who originally had wanted to buy the Sacramento team and move it to Honolulu, would not take more than \$20,000 for the franchise.

Soriano said he would meet Friday in San Francisco with Clark Ho, head of the Honolulu Stadium Commission, to complete arrangements for use of the \$5,000-seat ballpark.

## Celts Win 9th in Row

United Press International — The Boston Celtics are off on a tear and who's going to stop them?

That's the question around the National Basketball association as the world champions reeled off their ninth straight victory Wednesday night in defeating the Detroit Pistons 125-110.

The Celtics' National Basketball Association record is 10-0 in their second consecutive 1960-61 season, in the process of the NBA doubleheader at Detroit. In their previous three games they had won 10-0.

Which team's 1960-61 season is the best? The Celtics are 10-0 in the NBA doubleheader at Detroit. In their previous three games they had won 10-0.

Bill Sharman with 30 points and Tom Sanders with 28 topped the Celtic scorers in leading off the comeback attempts by the Pistons. Sanders' 11th shot led Boston to a 100-90 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Larry Costello scored 20 points in the third quarter to give the Celtics a lead they never relinquished.

Hal Crane's 23 points were high for Boston. Costello scored 20 points while the Pistons' Bob Pettit tallied 28.

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## Golfing Awards Dinner Sunday

Annual Rogue Valley Country club tournament golf awards dinner will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the club.

Dinner will follow a 7 p.m. social hour.

Awards are for club tournaments held during 1960 and more than 60 awards are to be presented.

Persons attending are asked to make reservations. They may bring wives and friends.

The men's holiday handicapped tourney is now underway and will continue to March 1. There are 46 teams now signed, one more than the total entry for the 1959-1960 tourney. A few golfers are looking for partners and men interested in participating may contact the pro shop.

## Baltimore Buys Earl Robinson

Louisville, Ky. — (UPI) — Earl Robinson, a former bonus baby who played for Spokane of the Pacific Coast league last season, has been sold by the Los Angeles Dodgers to the Baltimore Orioles for \$65,000. It has been learned by United Press International.

The deal, according to the UPI informant, has been completed, but official announcement is being held up until the Orioles can clear space on their 40-man roster to make room for Robinson.

Oswego — (UPI) — Hal Laman, former sports writer for the Oregon Journal, Wednesday night was named executive director of the Oregon Junior-Seniors Golf association. He succeeds the late George Bertz in the post.

## Pilots Face Idaho Five

Portland — (UPI) — Portland's multi-million dollar Memorial Coliseum will host its basketball inauguration tonight when the Portland Pilots entertain Idaho.

It will mark the opening season of the arena for the Portland Pilots of General Al McGrath and Coach Tom Cipriano's Vandals.

Both the Pilots and Idaho will have tall and experienced teams in the hoop game. Each school posted 11 wins in 26 games last season.

Newport's one-two starting punch is made up of 6-9 junior center Bill Cozart and Jim Alonzo, a 6-5 senior forward. Cipriano, a former Washington Husky basketball player who was in his first year at Idaho, will coach heavily on 6-8 Ken Henson, a center, and 6-4 forward Beland Williams, both left-handed.

In other college basketball action in the state tonight, the WIAA Big-Oft tournament starts. Pacific meets Portland State and Lewis and Clark plays Oregon Tech in one bracket of the tourney at Portland and Linfield and Southern Oregon and Willamette and Oregon College of Education tangle in the other bracket at Salem.

## Dodgers Ready To Make Offer On Jim Lemon

By MILTON RICHMAN  
Louisville, Ky. — (UPI) — The Los Angeles Dodgers missed the boat on Roy Sievers but don't propose to get caught high and dry again on Jim Lemon.

"We had a shot at Sievers a year ago but we didn't get him and lost," said Dodger vice president Buzzy Bavasi. "Now Calvin Griffith tells us Lemon might be available and we're ready to make him an offer that's a cinch to strengthen his club."

Bavasi will offer the Washington-transferred Minnesota Twins a list of six players from which Griffith can choose three.

The six players are Jim Gilliam, Don Demeter, Bob Lillis, Danny McDevitt, Ed Palmquist and Jim Golden, a 20-game winner at St. Paul last season.

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Bavasi feels the long-ball hitting Lemon, a right-handed swinger, could help the Dodgers at the Coliseum where they will have to play next year and perhaps even part of 1962 until the Chavez ravine project is completed.

More than that, Bavasi thinks Lemon would mean another pennant for Los Angeles. He hit 38 homers and drove in 100 runs for the Senators last season.

The Dodgers, with nine outfielders on their roster already, are pretty popular people around the baseball meetings.

## Snowmen Will Meet Tuesday

First meeting of the season of the Rogue Snowmen ski club will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6. The meeting will be at 8 p.m. at the American Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne st. Election of officers is planned. There will be a film on Mt. Shasta skiing.



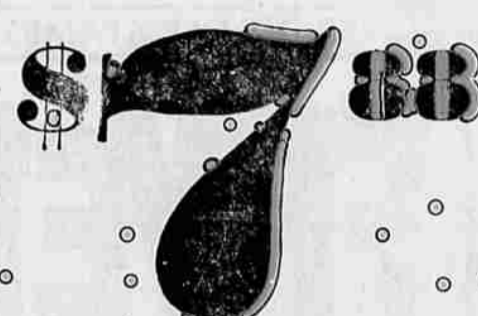
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