

OSU, California Matched in Semi-Final Of Far West Classic; Stanford Thumped

By United Press International
Two of the coast's biggest and best centers have it out tonight at Portland when California takes on Oregon State in what figures to be a brilliant semi-final game in the Far West Classic tournament.

California looked like the national champs of not so long ago Thursday night when the Bears disposed of another great West Coast club, Seattle 85-77, in overtime. Eddie Miles of Seattle hit 33 points and set a tourney record with 14 field goals, but the Chiefs just couldn't handle big Camden Wall of the Bears.

Wall has been out for a month with a knee injury but returned Thursday night and turned in his most brilliant performance ever. He scored 27 and pulled down 15 rebounds.

Oregon State mauled Idaho, 80-53, in the second game, setting up tonight's battle between the 6-foot-10 Wall and the 7-foot Mel Counts of Oregon State, who was held to 13 Thursday night.

but the one-two punch of Gordy Martin 17 and Bill Morris 16 for Troy more than offset him.

Utah State whipped Washington 71-60, in the other consolation contest.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Ashland To Host Fortuna; St. Mary's Will Go To Glide

High school basketball action will see a limited schedule this week end, because of the Christmas vacation.

In addition to the final games of the Rogue League classic at Cave Junction, written up elsewhere on today's sports pages, only two other Rogue valley area schools are playing this week end.

Davis Cup Swept By Aussies

Brisbane, Australia - (UPI) - Rod Laver bowed out of amateur tennis by helping Australia complete a 5-0 sweep over Mexico today in the Davis Cup challenge round.

The 24-year-old southpaw, who will announce Saturday night that he is turning professional for a \$10,000, three-year contract, turned back Antonio Palafox, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-6, after Neale Fraser struggled to a 3-6, 11-9, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 triumph over Rafael Osuna.

Foreign Vessel To Carry U. S. Lumber

Portland - (UPI) - The first U.S. lumber to be shipped from one U.S. port to another on a foreign vessel is scheduled to be loaded at Coos Bay late next month, a Georgia-Pacific Corp. official said Thursday.

Vice president Julian Cheatham said the Japanese freighter Taihan Maru will take on 1,400,000 board feet of Douglas Fir and hemlock for delivery at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Winstone Scores Kayo

London - (UPI) - British featherweight champion Howard Winstone scored a third-round technical knockout over Terry Rand of Los Angeles Thursday night after knocking the American to the canvas in each of the first two rounds.

Bull Picked NFL Rookie Of Year

New York - (UPI) - Ron Bull of the Chicago Bears lived up to his collegiate reputation as a speedster and handyman after a slow start as a pro, today was voted 1962 National Football League rookie-of-the-year by United Press International.

Despite the fact that he had only limited pre-season training and played his first three games on defense, the 200-pound halfback from Baylor wound up the Bears' leading rusher with 363 yards and an average of 3.21 for 113 carries.

Club Picks White

Washington - (UPI) - The Washington Touchdown Club has selected Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White as the government figure who contributed most to sports in 1962.

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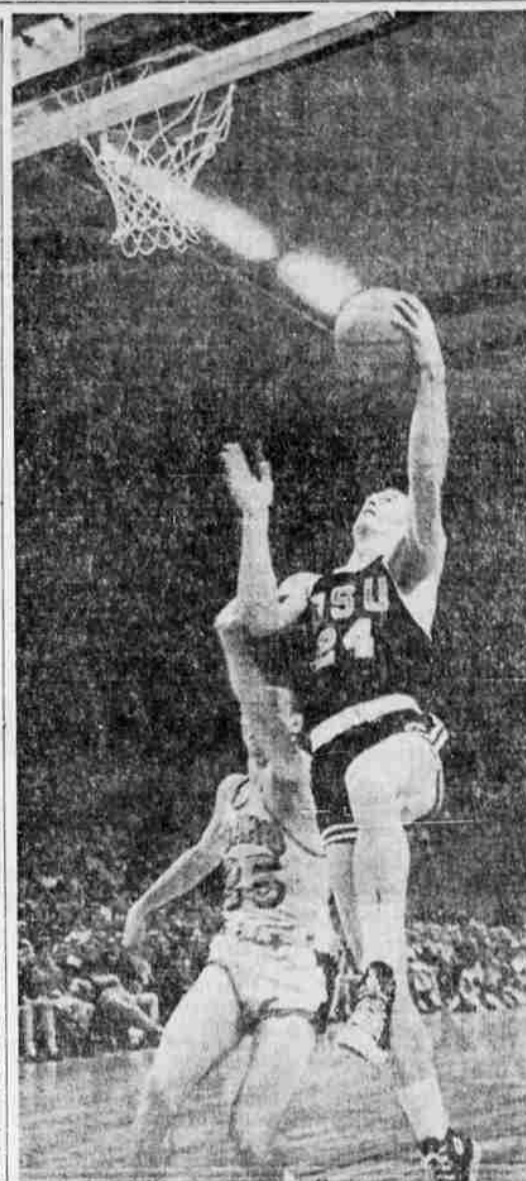
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SAME MAN—DIFFERENT SPORT—All-American football star and Heisman trophy winner Terry Baker of Oregon State has lost no time in aiding his college's basketball team. Here he is scoring two points early in last night's game against the University of Idaho. OSU won easily, 80 to 53. (UPI)

Packers Leave For NY To Meet Giants

By United Press International
The Green Bay Packers, pronounced "loose and ready" by their coach, flew today to New York where they'll try to become the sixth team in 29 years to win two successive National Football League crowns.

"It doesn't make much difference any more, just as long as it isn't wet Sunday," he stressed. Obviously, he felt rain or snow and slippery footing would upset his planned offensive for the National Football league championship game against the favored Green Bay Packers.

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Daniel Reeves, Who Brought LA Rams West, Regains Control

Los Angeles - (UPI) - The Los Angeles Rams football franchise today was back in the hands of Daniel F. Reeves who brought the club here originally, sold the controlling interest now has purchased it for \$4.8 million.

The Beverly Hills stockbroker was scheduled to seal the deal today by posting \$1.2 million of the purchase price. To get back the National Football league club from the rival owners, Reeves put a value of \$7.1 million, which meant he was bidding \$4.8 million for the two-thirds interest owned by Edwin W. Pauley, Fred Levy and Hal Seley.

The sealed bid auction was conducted Thursday by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, a former general manager of the Rams, who announced that subject to approval of league members, Reeves has regained control of the club.

Reeves announced he would take over as general manager of the club immediately but he added that general manager Elroy Hirsch, a former Rams star, could remain with the club as long as he wanted.

He said that no decision on the head coach's position would be made for a few weeks. Harland Svare took over as interim coach in the middle of the 1962 season when Bob Waterfield resigned.

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By 1950, however, the Rams became a financial success. But in 1953 the other owners, who held the controlling interest, called for Reeves to step aside because they said his other business interests prevented him

from devoting enough time running the club. Under a compromise agreement first Rozelle and then Hirsch took over running the club with the general manager getting unanimous consent of the owners on all major decisions.

That agreement expired last year and a court battle was threatened until Rozelle, as commissioner, got the owners to agree to the sealed bid auction to settle the dispute by ousting either one faction or the other.

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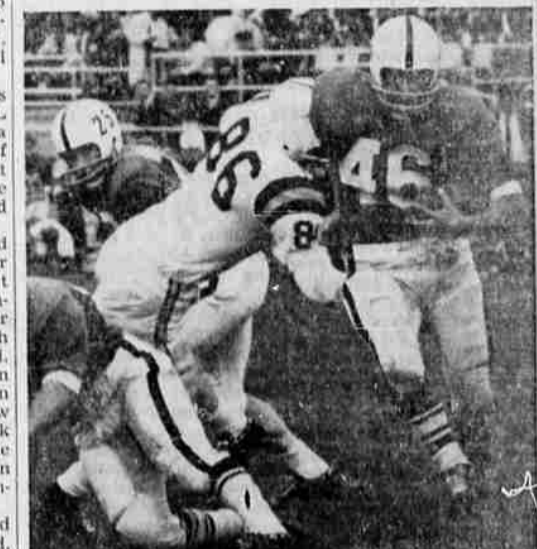
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