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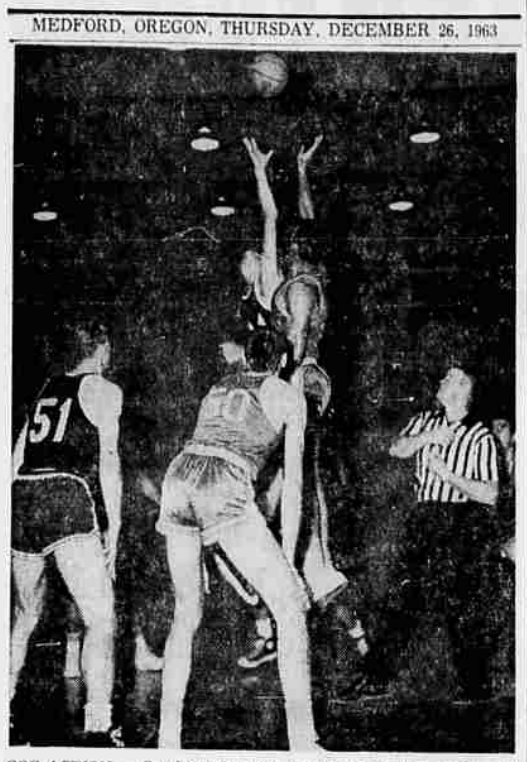

SOC ACTION — Southern Oregon's Royce Kiser, left, jumps for the ball with Humboldt State's Roger Barisdale in game between the two teams at Ashland earlier this month. The Red Raiders journey to Arcata this weekend for another two-game scrap with the Lumberjacks. Other players in photo are SOC's Paul Munson (51) and Humboldt's Paul Bush (50). Referee is Bill Esselstyn of Medford. The Southern Oregon aggregation won both of the games with the Lumberjacks at Ashland. The two-game set at Arcata opens tomorrow night, with the second game Saturday night.

Lewis & Clark Ranked 21st in UPI Small College Basketball Coach Ratings

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Evansville Aces, perennial cardsharks of the small college basketball ranks, drew a full house for the second consecutive week to retain their position atop the United Press International board of coaches ratings.

Evansville, which held a slim three-point lead over Grambling in last week's balloting, trumped Big Ten Purdue, 110-84, in its only game last week before a crowd of 12,437 at Evansville. The victory, the Aces' first over Purdue in seven years, was duly noted by the 35-man board of coaches, which accorded Evansville 21 first-place votes.

The Aces received a total points score of 304, 50 more than Grambling which remained in the runnerup position despite the fact that only three coaches voted the Louisiana school No. 1.

The third through sixth teams in last week's ratings — Western Carolina, Wittenberg, Pan American, and South Dakota State — all held their ground. The only change in the top 10 was caused by Tennessee State, which dropped from seventh to ninth, thereby pushing Fresno State and Pacific Luthern up one notch to seventh and eighth, respectively.

The 10th spot went to the incumbent, Southeast Missouri State, which nipped onrushing Hofstra. The latter made the biggest advance of the week by jumping nine positions to 11th, ahead of Kentucky Wesleyan and Southern Illinois.

Oglethorpe, Puget Sound, Washington (Mo.) and Westminster followed in that order while Ohio Wesleyan and State College of Iowa deadlocked for 18th. Northeastern completed the top 20.

NEW YORK (UPI)—The United Press International small college basketball ratings with first-place votes and won-lost records through Saturday, Dec. 21, in parenthesis:

Team	Points
1. Evansville (21) (5-1)	304
2. Grambling (3) (8-0)	254
3. W. Carolina (4) (8-0)	229
4. Wittenberg (2) (4-2)	193
5. Pan American (2) (7-2)	176
6. South Dakota St. (3-4)	100
7. Fresno State (5-2)	76
8. Pacific Lutheran (6-2)	71
9. Tennessee St. (4-3)	64
10. S.E. Missouri St. (6-2)	44

Second 10—11, Hofstra (1), 41; 12, Kentucky Wesleyan (1), 36; 13, Southern Illinois, 35; 14, Oglethorpe, 31; 15, Puget Sound (1), 24; 16, Washington (Mo.), 19; 17, Westminster, 17; 18 (tie) Ohio Wesleyan and State College of Iowa, 16 each; 20, Northeastern, 14.

Others receiving four or more points—Augsburg and Lamar Tech, 4 each; Lewis and Clark, 11; Prairie View, Assumption, Ripon, 8 each; Carson Newman, Central Missouri, Emporia State (Kan.) 8 each; Northeast Missouri, Indiana State, Northern Illinois, 7 each; Seattle Pacific and Ball State, 6 each; Nebraska Wesleyan 5; Massachusetts, Warthurg, Texas A&I, Weber State, 4 each.

Sports Briefs

HAYES ENTERS MEET

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Bob Hayes, holder of the world's record for the 100-yard dash, has entered the Los Angeles invitational track meet Jan. 18.

Hayes, from Florida A & M, set the record in St. Louis last summer when he covered the distance in 9.1.

HIGH SCORER RETURNS

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—High-scoring Bud Koper of Oklahoma City University was expected to play today when the Chiefs meet Idaho in the opening round of the All-College basketball tournament.

Koper suffered a sprained ankle in a workout Monday. He has been averaging 29 points per game for Oklahoma City.

It's Basketball Tournament Time; Eight Are Scheduled

By GEORGE C. LANGFORD
UPI Sports Writer

A ponderous snowball, known as the holiday tournament season, starts rolling Thursday and by the weekend will have enveloped nearly every collegiate basketball team in the nation.

Eight major-college tournaments begin Thursday, four of them in the afternoon, and before Friday night is over a total of 234 NCAA-member colleges, including 144 university division schools, will have participated in a tournament of some description.

Thirteen major college tourneys start Friday along with 20 small college playoffs.

Second-ranked Michigan will carry a six-game winning streak into the Los Angeles Classic against 10th-ranked New York University in a night game after undefeated, fifth-ranked UCLA tangles with once-beaten Yale in an afternoon affair.

Unbeatens Also Featured

The Los Angeles tourney has the most number of ranking teams (3) in its field, but several other get-togethers will feature undefeated and highly-regarded quintets.

Villanova, ranked 11th, tangles with unbeaten Dayton in the second afternoon game of the Holiday Festival in New York's Madison Square Garden, and seventh-ranked Oregon State opens the Far West Classic in Portland, Ore., against Louisiana State in two important contests.

Rugged Wichita will face Montana State in the featured game of the All-College Tournament in Oklahoma City, the originator of the holiday tourney snowball 28 years ago.

Kansas State, No. 17, plays Nebraska and Oklahoma is paired with Missouri in the first round of the Big Eight Conference feud at Kansas City. Unbeaten DePaul meets Canisius in the Queen City Tournament feature at Buffalo, N.Y.

Major Tourney Rundown

Completing the major tournament games Thursday St. John's tackles unbeaten Utah, Cornell challenges Minnesota, No. 15, and St. Joseph's (Pa) meets Providence in the Holiday Tourney first round; Illinois plays West Virginia and Pittsburgh clashes with Southern California in the Los Angeles Classic; Iowa and Colorado State complete the first round Far West Classic; two Ohio representatives, Xavier and Miami round out the Queen City affair while the All-College meet pairs Washington and Texas A&M, Wyoming and Houston and Idaho and Oklahoma City.

The Gator Bowl will pit the Air Force Academy against Florida State and Manhattan against Florida at Jacksonville and the West Coast Athletic Conference tourney at San Francisco will match Santa Clara and Pepperdine, St. Mary's (Calif.)-University of Pacific, San Jose-Loyola (Los Angeles); and California at Santa Barbara-San Francisco.

Among the tournaments beginning Friday are the Quaker City at Philadelphia featuring top-ranked Loyola of Chicago; the Motor City Classic in Detroit; the Vanderbilt Invitational hosted by sixth-ranked Vanderbilt; the Milwaukee Classic and the Hurricane Classic at Miami.

EX-MEDFORD HIGH — Scott Eaton, sophomore, is a regular for Oregon State which plays Louisiana State tonight in the Far West Classic at Portland. He is an ex-Medford High star.

STANDINGS

By United Press International
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	23	4	.582
Cincinnati	22	13	.629
Philadelphia	13	17	.433
New York	9	22	.250
Western Division			
Los Angeles	21	11	.656
St. Louis	21	15	.583
San Francisco	16	14	.533
Baltimore	10	21	.323
Detroit	8	20	.286

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati 113, St. Louis 107
Los Angeles 134, New York 126
Thursday's Games
Los Angeles at Boston
Detroit at Baltimore
New York at St. Louis
San Francisco at Philadelphia

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Eastern Division	W.	L.	T.	Pts.	GF	GA
Providence	14	13	3	31	114	95
Hershey	15	14	1	31	98	106
Quebec	15	17	0	30	108	115
Baltimore	14	17	1	29	85	99
Spring fld.	11	17	1	23	93	114
Western Division						
Pittsburgh	19	11	0	38	102	80
Cleveland	17	12	2	36	103	80
Rochester	16	11	0	32	106	84
Buffalo	8	16	2	18	66	103

Wednesday's Results
Rochester 4, Providence 2
Quebec 5, Pittsburgh 2
Hershey 2, Springfield 1
Baltimore 3, Cleveland 2
Thursday's Games
No games scheduled.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

	W.	L.	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Chicago	19	7	3	45	111	70
Montreal	17	10	3	39	103	86
Toronto	16	9	6	38	91	77
Detroit	11	15	3	27	71	92
Boston	7	17	7	21	64	83
New York	7	19	6	20	88	108

Wednesday's Results
Chicago 3, Montreal 1
Toronto 5, Boston 1
Detroit 4, New York 3
Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

	W.	L.	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Denver	21	9	2	44	134	79
Los Ang	16	12	3	35	95	106
Seattle	14	13	4	32	108	97
Vancouver	13	16	3	29	108	109
San Fran.	13	19	2	28	86	128
Portland	11	19	4	26	96	116

Wednesday's Results
San Francisco 4, Portland 3
Thursday's Schedule
Seattle at Vancouver

Far West Classic Set Tonight

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — Oregon State's seventh-ranked Beavers, winners of seven of eight starts this season, open defense of their Far West Classic basketball championship tonight.

Coach Slats Gill's Beavers have won the classic every year since it was started in 1956.

Oregon State meets Louisiana State (2-5) at 9:30 p.m. (PST) after Iowa (4-1) plays Colorado State (4-1) at 7:15 p.m. tonight. On Friday, Brigham Young plays Seattle at 7:15 p.m. and Oregon takes on Washington State at 9:30 p.m.

The classic continues Saturday and winds up Monday.

Oregon State defeated Iowa 64-57 in the finals of the tournament last year at Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

Last year's tourney set a total attendance record of 41,855 and a one game attendance mark of 12,129.

Oregon State and Seattle are favored to go through their brackets and meet for the title and the Beavers, with 7-foot Mel Counts averaging 28.3 points a game in eight contests, are rated favorites to win their eighth crown.

Rogue Valley Tennis Club Is Formed by Group Here

A group of people from Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland met last week and formed the Rogue Valley Tennis Club.

Ron Singler was elected president of the new organization. Other officers include Ken Wright, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Danielson, secretary; and Mrs. Jose Corona, corresponding secretary. The pro and tennis director will be Jose Corona.

The first project of the club has been to organize winter tennis in the valley.

State Representative John Dellenback was able to help the club secure the National Guard Armory in Medford for tennis every Wednesday evening and on certain Saturdays.

The winter program will begin Saturday, Jan. 4. The armory will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the morning hours reserved for school children.

Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 8, the armory will be open from 6 to 10 p.m. for doubles and singles if possible.

To sign up for one-hour periods or for further information about the club, interested persons should call Corona at 855-1562.

HALAS NAMES AIDES

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Luke Johnson, Phil Handler and George Allen will assist head coach George Halas of the Chicago Bears in handling the Western team in the Pro Bowl game Jan. 12. Allie Sherman of the New York Giants will coach the East.

ENTERS SUGAR BOWL

NEW ORLEANS (UPI)—Former U.S. singles champion Ham Richardson has entered the annual Sugar Bowl tennis tournament beginning today.

Richardson, who also was a U.S. Davis Cup star, will be joined by Cliff Buchholz, Crawford Henry and Gardnar Mulloy among others for the three day tournament.

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