

OSU's Climb To NCAA Semi-Final Named Top Oregon Sports Story

PORTLAND (UPI) — Oregon State's advance to the semifinals of the NCAA basketball playoffs was the state's top sports story in 1963, according to a poll of sports editors.

The Beaver bid, which fell short when Slat's Gill's men were trounced twice, won by nearly a two to one margin over the runner-up story—Portland's bid for the Olympics and the proposed Delta Park complex.

Other balloting was close among a wide variety of stories with more than 30 getting votes. Here's how the sports editors saw the top 10:

1. OSU reaches NCAA semifinals.
2. Portland's Olympic bid and proposed Delta Park development.
3. Lewis and Clark's unbeaten football season.
4. Honors given Vern Burke, Oregon State end.
5. Steve Pauly of Oregon State wins NCAA decathlon.
6. Injuries to Mel Renfro and

Bob Berry and Oregon's upset by San Jose State.

7. Oregon lands future major sports events.
8. Peter Ward's fine rookie year with the Chicago White Sox.
9. Oregon prep wrestlers tour Japan.
10. Terry Baker.

Counts Led Beavers
Mel Counts and Baker led Oregon State to a fine basketball season but the Beavers were no match for Cincinnati in the first game of the NCAA semifinals at Louisville, Ky. At year's end, another fine OSU team, led by Counts, was making itself heard among national players.

Portland lost out to Detroit as the U.S. choice for the 1968 host Olympic city, but that city in turn lost the bid to Mexico City. Portland now is pointing toward 1972 when it hopes facilities will be available in the Delta Park area of north Portland.

Lewis and Clark went unbeaten in eight football games and attracted more attention when it was passed over by the NAIA for a playoff berth.

Vern Burke made the UPI all-America football team as well as given the Pop Warner trophy as the most valuable senior football player on the West Coast and the Voit award as the outstanding player on the coast.

Steve Pauly, who also was a key member of that Oregon State basketball team, won the national decathlon at Corvallis. The great C. K. Yang of Nationalist China and UCLA did not compete.

Oregon was upset 13-7 by San Jose with Renfro and Berry riding the bench from injuries suffered in the great game with Washington a week before. The Ducks came back from that to win three straight and get a Sun Bowl bid. The bowl bid ranked just out of the top 10.

Events Coming
The state came in for more national attention when Eugene was picked for the 1964 NCAA track and field meet and Portland for the 1964 NCAA basketball championships. Portland also got the 1964 NCAA Western Indoor track championships and the 1965 Women's International Bowling Congress tournament and convention. The 1964 Western Regional hoop playoffs went to Corvallis.

Peter Ward, a onetime Lewis and Clark athlete, finished as runnerup for the outstanding rookie of the year in the American League as he held down third base and hit .295 for the White Sox.

A high school group of wrestlers

Destroyer Captures Freak Victory in Hectic Mat Match

In one of the weirdest endings seen here in a long time, The Destroyer defeated Luther Lindsey two out of three falls in the headline match before about 900 fans at last night's professional wrestling card at Medford armory.

During hot and heavy action

as both men were working for the third fall, Lindsey threw The Destroyer onto the ring apron outside the ring, followed him out, and the two men fought furiously on the apron.

Referee Bing Ki Lee, under wrestling rules, started a count, which allows a wrestler on the apron a count of 10 to re-enter the ring. As the count reached about 8, Lindsey again hit The Destroyer and knocked him through the ropes into the ring. Lindsey had not climbed through the ropes as Lee's count reached 10 and the referee declared The Destroyer the winner.

First Fall Comes Quickly
Lindsey started out like he was going to make quick work of the mystery man, winning the first fall with two drop kicks and a body press in less time than it takes to tell about it. It took The Destroyer considerably longer to win the second fall, using three vicious knee smashes to Lindsey's head, capping it with a body press.

The Destroyer, who has a standing offer of \$1,000 to anyone who can break his figure four leg lock, made numerous attempts to apply the hold but Lindsey managed to wriggle free each time.

Nick Bockwinkle, who had just finished polishing off Dirty Don Duffy in the semi-windup, challenged The Destroyer to accept the hold-breaking offer but was unable to win the money.

Vachon Injured
Duffy, substituting for "Mad Dog" Vachon who was forced to withdraw because of a hand injury, kept Bockwinkle in trouble most of the time but coolness and smart wrestling paid off for the winner, who lost his coast heavyweight championship about a week ago.

Tough Tony Borne used his favorite "thunderbolt" maneuver to flatten Irish Paddy Barrett in the special event and newcomer Frenchy Tillet and Bing Ki Lee went to a draw in the opener.

Lou Thesz, recognized as undisputed world champion by the World Wrestling Association and the National Wrestling Alliance, has been signed to appear in Medford on Feb. 20 and Matchmaker Elton Owen is looking for a suitable opponent with the thought of possibly persuading Thesz to put his championship on the line.

The Destroyer, who is rated number two behind Thesz by both associations, is demanding the match but final negotiations have not been completed.

Later in his career he had his name legally changed to Gorgeous George.



DEAD AT 48—Gorgeous George, shown here in 1949 photo, died in Los Angeles Thursday of an apparent heart attack. He was 48. The golden-haired wrestler hippodromed his way to a fortune with zany antics in the ring.

Gorgeous George Dies

Gorgeous George, professional wrestler, died of an apparent heart attack in Los Angeles late yesterday.

He began his professional wrestling career in Oregon at the age of 20.

For some time he made his home in Eugene, where he owned a turkey ranch, and wrestled under his real name of George Wagner. He appeared many times at the old Bartlett Street armory while Mack Lillard was the promoter there.

Later Wagner began being billed as Gorgeous George Wagner, allowed his hair to grow long, kept it curly with the aid of beauticians, wore beautiful floor-length robes into the ring, which he always entered to the accompaniment of "Pomp and Circumstance" played on a portable record player which he carried with him to all of his matches.

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MEL GETS SET—With two Louisiana State men guarding him, Oregon State's Mel Counts (21) takes a second to think things over. LSU men are Bobby Feltner (25) and Bill Wilson (45). LSU's efforts to control Counts didn't work very well. The amazing Beaver scored 48 points to lead his team to an easy win in the Far West Classic last night. (UPI)

Counts Scores 48 Points As Beavers Thump LSU 87-57

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — Oregon State has never lost a Far West Classic basketball game, and as long as Mel Counts is available the Beavers appear safe.

Counts scored 48 points Thursday night as he personally demolished Louisiana State 87-57 in a first-round game. It put the Beavers into the semifinals of this eight-team tournament Saturday night against Colorado State, which beat Iowa 61-56 in the first game Thursday night.

More action is scheduled in the opening round tonight with Seattle University playing Brigham Young and Oregon taking on Washington State.

Oregon State, ranked seventh in the nation, has won 19 straight Far West Classic games and has taken every title since the tournament was started in 1956.

Counts, a seven-foot senior center, wiped out tournament, modern school, and all-time Oregon State scoring records with his outburst.

For the first 25 minutes, the only other players who scored for the Beavers were Jim Jarvis and Frank Peters, who finished with 13 and 17 points respectively.

The big boy from Coos Bay, Ore., hit 15 of 26 field goal attempts and 18 of 23 from the foul line and grabbed 21 rebounds. His 48 points broke the Classic record of 36 set by Dave Gunther of Iowa in 1953, as well as his own modern Oregon State record of 42 set last weekend against Indiana and the all-time Beaver mark of 47 chalked by Nollie Reed back in 1907.

Colorado State had the night's first game in hand most of the way, but it almost got away in the closing five minutes. The Rams rolled to a 44-31 halftime lead, but Iowa closed the margin to 55-50 with three minutes to play.

Other Stars
Some of the boys who may be playing opposite him aren't exactly pushovers, however. One of these is Gary Kirner, a 218-pound tackle from University of Southern California. Kirner was the outstanding lineman in the West during the collegiate season. He not only is a deadly tackler, but is reputed to be one of the fastest forward wall men in the business.

And when it comes to defense, the four starting ends are rated in the "cat 'em alive" category.

For the East, there are Dave Ellison, 251-pounder from Purdue; and Don Underwood, 210-pounder from Michigan State.

For the West it will be Mel Profit, a towering 6-5, 230-pounder from UCLA; and Jim McNaughton, 230-pounder from Utah State.

These four won't draw the headlines that the offensive ends, such as Jim Kelly of No. 17 Iowa.

Tigard, Sandy Play Tonight

By United Press International
Tigard and Sandy, the Cinderella teams of last year's Oregon high school basketball tournament, collide tonight in the feature game of a slim prep basketball schedule.

The Tigers, ranked fourth in the latest Coaches' poll, and the sixth-ranked Sandy Pioneers meet in a non-conference game at Sandy.

Tigard finished second and Sandy third in last year's state tourney.

Marshfield and Corvallis, both unbeaten, meet tonight and Saturday in a two game series at Corvallis and Sweet Home is at Klamath Falls for two games.

Pendleton plays at Pasco, Wash., Saturday night in another top contest.

Clay Voted Fighter of Year Instead of Liston

By JACK CUDDY
UPI Sports Writer
NEW YORK (UPI)—Unbeaten Cassius Marcellus Clay, boxing's golden gasser, defeated heavyweight champion Sonny Liston in their first head-to-head contest—for the Ring Magazine's title "fighter of the year" that publication announced today.

Despite Liston's remarkable repeat first-round knockout over ex-champion Floyd Patterson, Liston finished second to young Clay in the ring-staff's voting because of the lively fight that Cassius gave the fight game as he larruped and laughed his way to the challenger's robe.

Clay also was credited with participating in the "fight of the year" because of his victory over Doug Jones on March 11 before a turnaway crowd of 18,732 at Madison Square Garden as he "drove" Doug out of his path in a heavyweight championship shot in their thrilling and controversial bout.

Despite those accolades for the "Louisville Lip," the magazine admitted frankly "Clay is not considered likely to win the championship from Liston at Miami Beach on Feb. 25."

In Clay's other two fights this year, he stopped Charlie Powell (3) at Pittsburgh on Jan. 24 and climbed off the canvas on June 18 to knock out England's Henry Cooper (4).

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Shrine Game Will Feature Clash Of Forward Walls

By HAL WOOD
UPI Sports Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — This is the year of man-eating lines (not lions) in the 39th annual Shrine East-West game.

And despite Rudyard Kipling's classic claim that "ne'er the twain shall meet," there'll be a lot of head-on collisions in the forward wall on the lawn at Kezar Stadium Saturday.

In fact, some of the bone-grinding charges may be heard clear up in the 60th row—if you can believe what some of the coaches and players have to say.

"That Carl Eller of Minnesota," said a pro scout watching from the stands during practice, "is so tough that he sweeps aside a whole line when he charges. Man, he's going to be a great one in the pro ranks."

"I'll betcha he eats live wildcats for breakfast and spits out the claws."

Eller stands 6-6 and weighs 250. The pro thinks he'll finally round out to a nice solid 290 in the pro ranks when he reaches maturity. He is 22 now and already has been signed by the Minnesota Vikings.

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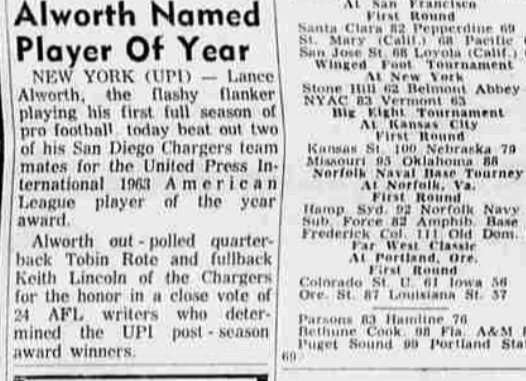
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Alworth Named Player Of Year

NEW YORK (UPI) — Lance Alworth, the flashy flanker playing his first full season of pro football today beat out two of his San Diego Chargers team mates for the United Press International 1963 American League player of the year award.

Alworth out-pollarded quarterback Tobin Rote and fullback Keith Lincoln of the Chargers for the honor in a close vote of 24 AFL writers who determined the UPI post-season award winners.



EX-MEDFORD HIGH — Bob Quinney, junior with Brigham Young, will probably see action tonight when BYU takes on Seattle in the Far West Classic tournament at Portland. Quinney is a former Medford High all-star. It is reported that he scored 35 points for BYU against Michigan State last Monday night.

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Hornung Trade Said Speculation

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Dan Rooney, general manager of the Pittsburgh Steelers, today branded as "pure speculation" reports that defensive end and placekicker Lou Michaels was involved in a trade that would bring halfback Paul Hornung to Pittsburgh from the Green Bay Packers.

Rooney said a local sports-caster reported last week that there was to come in a surprising trade which sent the Steelers' flanker back Buddy Dial to the Dallas Cowboys for the rights to University of Texas All-America tackle Scott Appleton.

The Steeler executive said a local television station expanded on the report Wednesday, contending that there was a three-way deal between the Packers, Steelers and Cowboys.

The report was that the Dial-Appleton deal was the first segment of the trade. The report said if Dallas would send offensive end Frank Clark to Green Bay, the Steelers would then send Michaels to the Packers and get Hornung.

Hornung was suspended from the National Football League last year for gambling and it has not been determined whether he will be permitted to play next year.

Rooney said the Dial deal was a separate trade.

"Any other deals to be made will be apart from the Dial deal," he said.

Basketball

THURSDAY COLLEGE RESULTS
By United Press International
Holiday Festival Tournament
At New York
First Round
Utah 73 St. John's N.Y. 66
Villanova 77 Dayton 73
Minnesota 89 Cornell 77
St. Joseph Pa. 66 Prov. 53
Gator Bowl Tournament
At Jacksonville, Fla.
First Round
Air Force 78 Florida St. 53
Florida 103 Manhattan 75
All College Tournament
At Oklahoma City, Okla.
First Round
Texas A&M of Washington 53
Wyoming 75 Houston 72 (ot)
Oklahoma City 164 Idaho 66
Wichita 85 Montana St. 69
Queen City Tournament
At Buffalo, N.Y.
First Round
DePaul Ohio 69 Miami 68
Xavier 102 Central 77
Michigan 83 New York U. 74
Pittsburgh 82 South Calif. 72
West Coast Athletic Conference
At San Francisco
First Round
Santa Clara 82 Pepperdine 69
St. Mary (Calif.) 68 Pacific 62
San Jose St. 68 Loyola (Calif.) 63
Winged Foot Tournament
First Round
Stone Hill 62 Belmont Abbey 39
NYAC 83 Vermont 83
Big Eight Tournament
At Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Kansas St. 100 Nebraska 79
Missouri 85 Oklahoma 88
Northwest Base Tourney
At Norfolk, Va.
First Round
Hamd. Svd. 82 Norfolk Navy 74
Sub. Force 82 Amphib. Base 69
Frederick Col. 111 Old Dom. 82
Far West Classic
At Portland, Ore.
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