

Northwest Hoop Race In Turmoil

Teams in Northern Division of Coast Conference Stand Even After First Round of Play; Webfoots' Record Surprising.

By JOE PIGNEY

The northern division of the Pacific coast basketball conference has gotten itself into a terrifically interesting mess even so early in the season. If the purity of college athletics were not so well known, the general cry of "frame-up" would rally in every college town through the northwest.

From the top ranking position in the conference down to the miserable hole in the cellar, the five teams, Oregon, Oregon State, Washington, Washington State and Idaho have played even-even at .500.

There appears no more reason for mourning over the plight of Bill Reinhart and his little men at the University of Oregon. The Webfoots have taken the lead with two victories and two defeats, and every other quarter in the sector follows with one win and one loss.

The standings this early in the conference battle look like this:

	W. L. Pct.
Oregon	2 2 .500
O. S. C.	1 1 .500
W. S. C.	1 1 .500
Idaho	1 1 .500
Washington	1 1 .500

time to stay near the top, for the Orangemen have become the wary dark horse of the league. Washington, fresh from its last year triumph over the south for the coast title, automatically gets favoritism. Washington State was touted through its veteran team, and Idaho was conceded a position far above Oregon's.

So Oregon and Bill Reinhart actually stand out thus far into the season as the sensations of the north. Long may they last, for the Webfoots have been fighting up from down under ever since the graduation of those other great stars, Okerberg, Gunther, Hobson, Jost, Westergren, Milligan and Hidding.

College basketball is one sport so full of thrills it becomes more than a day's work to see its action. In football there are lulls, and in basketball physical action is naturally limited. In basketball, however, there is never a moment's pause. Two well-matched teams racing after baskets, fighting, checking and aggressing in clever court formations become the most intense pair of human machines possible.

A well balanced competition in the northern division may put the basketball game back where it belongs. In the old days McArthur court—still on the red side of Oregon finances—was filled several times a week when Reinhart's sensational teams of yesterday were going after the title. But since Oregon lost the hold on the northern conference, no one but Washington has had a show.

This season, however, should be different, and the winner won't end very far in front of the pursuers.

K. A. C. DEFEATS CUBS IN HOT GAME

In spite of the cold weather a large crowd attended the basketball game in the Mills gymnasium Thursday night to see the Klamath Athletic club team win from the Cubs, 46 to 36. The score mounted evenly until the last few minutes of play when the K. A. C. team gained strength and obtained a small lead.

The scores:

Cubs	PG	FT	PF	TL
Palmer	5	1	2	11
Robertson	7	3	1	17
Hicks	0	0	0	0
Martin	3	0	2	6
Swigert	0	1	2	1
Crawford	0	1	0	1
	15	6	7	36
K. A. C.	PG	FT	PF	TL
Fernell, f.	4	0	1	8
Emmons, f.	4	1	2	9
Petersen	1	1	4	9
Miller, c.	0	0	0	0
Olson, e.	4	2	2	10
Hamaker, e.	0	0	1	0
Molatore, e.	1	1	4	3
White, e.	0	1	0	1
	17	6	14	40

SPOKANE, Jan. 15, (AP)—Lee He "Wildcat" Carter, 133 pounds, made short work of Red Vandervert, 138, Spokane, here last night. Rushing the fight from the bell, the Seattle seer punished Vandervert unmercifully before the latter's knees buckled.

Klamath on Victory Quest Tonight

FRENCH TEAM OUT TO DEFEAT MEDFORD FIVE

The Pelican basketball team will pursue its quest for triumph against Medford Friday in the high school gymnasium at 7:30. The contest will be a measure for the strength of both teams in their coming battles for entrance into the state inter-scholastic tournament at Salem early in the spring.

Medford will play in this region again Saturday night against the high school at Chiloquin. In six games this season the power Tiger team from the valley has scored 313 points against a meagre 67 for the opposition.

The Pelicans most brilliant showings this year were completed last week-end in two sensational victories over the Lava Bears at Bend. Dwight French's team won the first game, 30 to 19, and then barely edged out to victory in the second, 22 to 20.

The thorough recovery of a huge list of cripples will aid the Pelicans in their fight against the long standing rivals from Medford. Knieval, guard, and Estes, forward, are back in shape after recovering from severely sprained ankles. Sheets, forward, was handicapped a week ago with a stiff neck.

Klamath's tentative starting lineup for Friday night's game will include Estes and Sheets, forwards, Allen, center, and Knieval and Knight, guards.

The Wildcats will play in a preliminary game.

Staters Meet Orange Team Minus Thomas

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 15, (AP)—Oregon State College opens its home basketball season here tonight in a conference game with the University of Idaho.

The Orangemen surprised the Northwest basketball world last week by dividing a two-game series with the University of Washington.

With the exception of Jerry Thomas, forward, who is ill with influenza, the team is near full strength. Ed Lewis, center, who stroke his hand during a bar-storming trip to California during the Christmas holidays, is still wearing a cast but will start against Idaho.

Coach "Stats" Gill believes his team has a "pretty good chance of breaking even with Idaho."

LEVINSKY TO MEET BASQUE IN CHICAGO

By GEORGE KIRKSEY

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CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (AP)—For all his clownish capers King Levinsky threatens to develop into a dangerous contender for the heavyweight championship because he has what most of the other heavyweights haven't, a punch in either hand.

Levinsky, born Harry Krakow in New York City and reared in Chicago's tough Maxwell street district, will receive a test tonight against Paolino Ucedun, rugged Basque, which will go a long way toward determining the Chicago Hebrew's future in the heavyweight division.

Give Acid Tests

The two heavyweights most dogged by contenders and best equipped to give any rising youngster the acid test are Tommy Loughran, boxing genius, and Paolino, rough, rugged and hard to fight because of awkward style.

Levinsky, after losing his first bout with Loughran, floored the former light-heavyweight champion three times in a recent bout in New York City and won the decision. Jack Sharkey and Ernie Schaaf, ranked as two of the three leading heavyweight contenders by the National Boxing association, are the only others who have defeated Loughran since he gave up the 175-pound title.

Ring Raised for Title Mat Event

The Legion hall ring will be raised one foot for the championship waterweight wrestling match between Robin Reed, title holder, and Sam Romane, challenger, Monday night, according to Herb Owen, matchmaker. If the advance sale of tickets suggests the possibility of a more than capacity crowd, Owen will install 250 more seats for the first major professional athletic event coming to Klamath Falls.

Reed and Romane will arrive in the city this week-end for final training periods. The champion, raking the belt won at Cleveland several months ago, looks forward to this match as one of the most dangerous meetings he has had since acquiring the title.

Pete Becker, Colorado, has announced his intention of making Klamath Falls his permanent headquarters and has entered into training here for his match against Jimmy King of Wisconsin. Becker's appearance on the same card with Robin Reed will be his second showing here. Last Monday the ex-Colorado boxer-fighter won a six-round decision from Chief Thomas of Coquille in the most

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Game Refuge Needs Testing, Attorney Rules

PORTLAND, Jan. 15, (AP)—The jurisdiction of the state game commission to establish an area at the mouth of Sandy River closed to commercial fishing is not clearly defined, and should be tested in court, Attorney General Van Winkle advised today.

As a result of the opinion Game Supervisor Kelly was instructed by Chester McCarty, attorney for the commission, to post notices against the net fishermen, in accordance with the recent order of the game commission.

Section 53 of the commercial fisheries code permits closing by the state of Oregon of the mouth of streams on which hatcheries, feeding ponds of fish cultural stations are located, and which empty into the Columbia river.

The point at issue is whether the game commission is included under the term "State of Oregon."

Californians Play Tonight

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15, (AP)—Basketball hostilities in the southern sector of the Pacific Coast conference will be renewed tonight at two points—Stanford university and Los Angeles.

At Stanford, the Cardinal quintet will battle Southern California's sharpshooters in the first of a two-game series for the Division lead, each team entering the game with two conference victories and no defeats.

At Los Angeles the twice-defeated Golden Bears will attempt to salvage the 1932 season, in which they were expected to have little trouble taking high honors. The Bears will be on even terms with their foes for tonight and tomorrow night—the U. C. L. A. Bruins.

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Ruth Refuses Yankee Contract On Terms Given

NEW YORK, Jan. 15, (AP)—A mere \$10,000 stands between Babe Ruth and his signature to a New York Yankees' contract for 1932.

The first move in the annual duel between Ruth and his employers was the tender yesterday of a contract calling for \$70,000 in 1932, a 12 1/2 per cent reduction from the \$80,000 the big outfielder received in 1930 and 1931.

"I won't sign that thing," said Ruth. "I think I'm worth the other \$10,000 after the season I had. I haven't heard of them reducing the admission prices."

The home run star indicated he'd sign a contract for \$80,000 for one year or a two-year contract at \$70,000.

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