

Vandals Break Into Division Ahead Of OSC

Beavers Go Down 47-43 In Opener On Moscow Court

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 13 (AP)—Idaho's Vandals, a unanimous choice for last place in the northern division Pacific Coast conference basketball standings, bowed into the field last night and today ranked as the division's only undefeated team.

Fashioning an upset comparable to that of their football counterpart in downing Stanford, the Idaho quintet slapped a 47-43 defeat on the Oregon State Beavers last night with 6 foot 9 inch Jack Phoenix setting the pace.

OSC, confident after two straight wins over the Washington State

Conference	Games	W	L	PF	PA
Idaho	1	0	1	47	43
Oregon State	2	1	1	135	118
Washington	1	1	1	127	127
Oregon	1	1	1	127	127
Wash. State	0	2	0	71	92

Cougars, trailed throughout most of the contest. Idaho led 23-19 at the midway point, lagged momentarily at 25-24 as Dan Torrey hit twice and Cliff Crandall once for Oregon State, and then went out in front.

Jim Catteral and Torrey brought OSC even at 43-43, but Phoenix pointed one from the key and Preston Brimhall hit from the corner to tuck the game away.

Phoenix was the big gun for the victors, his 15 points taking individual honors and his defensive strength holding the potent Crandall to a bare two points in the first half. Torrey topped the Beavers with 13 tallies.

The game marked the northern division coaching debut of the dour Chuck Finley, who straight-facedly predicted earlier this year that the Vandals would be lucky to win three games.

Whether he has cooked up a one-day revulsion at the Moscow institution will be determined tonight when the two clubs meet again. Regardless, Oregon State will be out for blood. Idaho won only one conference encounter last year—that also was from Oregon State.

Wisconsin Leads Big Nine Cage

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (AP)—Wisconsin held undisputed lead in the Big Nine conference basketball race today, with four victories and no losses.

The defending champion Badgers handed Iowa its first defeat in nine starts last night, 60 to 51, while Northwestern scored its initial conference win in knocking Michigan from the unbeaten ranks by a 51-48 score. In last night's other league contest, Indiana won its first victory by downing Ohio State, 71 to 54. The Hawkeyes have two conference victories and are tied with Illinois for second place.

Townies Edge By Merrill, 32-30

BONANZA, Jan. 13—The Bonanza Townies, paced by Frank Grohs' 15 points, topped the Merrill VFW 32-30 in an exciting Basin Basketball league game here last night. Al Duncan was high for the Vets with nine points.

The Townies are one of the strongest quintets in the county independent cage division. In last night's other contest the Merrill Oddfellows came out ahead of the Langell Valley Beavers 31-26, with Bob Henderson scoring 12 points for Merrill.

Catcher Peddled

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 13 (AP)—Sale of Catcher Hollis (Bud) Sheely to Spokane of the Western International league, was announced today by the Hollywood Stars. No price was disclosed.

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Mayer Sells 39 Racers

INGLEWOOD, Calif., Jan. 13 (AP)—Movie Magnate Louis B. Mayer, disposing of another chunk of his racing empire, sold 39 two-year-olds for a total of \$1,033,250 at auction last night.

Records were unavailable here but it was believed the dispersal, with its average sale of \$26,493.50, established a record for disposal of two-year-olds, none of which has ever raced.

The top price was \$70,000 for Imperial Rock, two-year-old son of Alabhai and Jerrybuilt, bought by Jay Paley, millionaire sportsman of Los Angeles and New York.

Sampson In 10-Rounder At Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 13—Two ten-round main event bouts lead a "no-name" fight card at the civic auditorium tonight, with Featherweights Joey Clemo of Portland and Aaron Joshua, Calcutta, India, in the feature attraction.

Phil Sampson of Klamath Falls and Sal Peres of San Francisco are in the co-feature. Both are listed as welterweights, but the fight will be at catchweights because both Sampson and Peres are expected to weigh in over the 147 mark.

The other bouts on the card match Rudy Carlson, Klamath Falls, vs. Hal Robbins, Vancouver, B. C., six rounds; Charlie Johnson, San Francisco, vs. Joe Ortega, Vancouver, six rounds; Frankie Roe, Fort Lewis, vs. Dick Abney, Salem, four rounds.

Salmon Rules Remain Work Of Game Unit

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—A ruling of the state attorney-general has left sports salmon fishing regulations in the hands of the state game commission, the commission said today.

The commission, which issued tentative 1948 fishing regulations last Saturday, said Attorney-General George Neuner ruled that a bill passed by the last legislature did not give the state fish commission authority to regulate sports salmon angling.

The bill mentioned giving the fish commission authority to regulate salmon angling with the concurrence of the game commission.

Its title, however, only authorized the fish commission to regulate commercial fishing, and Neuner's opinion held that the fish commission could not regulate sports angling when that was not stated in the title.

Sportsmen's groups, which wanted salmon angling to remain under the game commission, had fought the measure during the last legislature.

Doerr Returns Inked Contract

BOSTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Bobby Doerr, All-Star second baseman and a veteran of 11 years—one in the army—in Red Sox uniforms, is all signed up to play for the Boston American leaguers again.

The Portland, Ore., infielders' signed contract came in yesterday's late mail which also delivered the inked agreements of veteran outfielder Wally Moses and rookie infielder George Strickland.

By **Hale Scarborough**

Game Commission Puts Its Neck Out Again On Shortening Fish Season



The often-yowled at game commission has stuck its collective neck out again, this time in the matter of proposing to cut three weeks off the general trout season for Oregon. The reduction in the length of the season seems arbitrary and undoubtedly will expose the commission to some violent objections from local outdoor organizations.

As set up in a tentative draft of 1948 regulations, general trout season would run from May 1 through September 30, a total of 153 days. In 1947 the open season ran from April 26 through October 15, for a day total of 173. The cut is 20 days, any way you look at it.

Now, 153 days of fishing might seem like plenty, if compared to 30 days of duck hunting or a 20-day deer season, but fishing for the ordinary guy is a week-end or holiday proposition during the summer, and for that reason the season ought to be spread over the entire warm weather period.

Money paid for fishing licenses is supposed to go for the betterment of fishing, so a cut in the angling season is actually an increase in the price of licenses. If the game commission was as seriously efficient in rebuilding our angling as it seems to be in finding ways to abbreviate seasons and limits, there'd be no need for season-cutting.

Lillard Back From Scout Trip

Maek Lillard, boxing and wrestling promoter, is back from a scouting trip to the wilds of Los Angeles and passes along the word that he may have some high-grade talent in here before very long for his Friday night rassing cards. Incidentally, the next card is due on January 23.

Lillard said that he was pretty sure that crowd-pleaser Gorgeous George Wagner will be in for a few battles this coming season and some of the other top-notchers who have been playing the Hollywood circuit will be along. Wagner, Lillard said, is the No. 1 grappling attraction in the country just now, what with his valet and closet full of gaudy robes.

Sampson Faces His Toughest Foe

Little Phil Sampson goes to the post tonight at Portland against probably the toughest opponent of his budding fistic career. Sal Peres, a Mexican welter who generally does his fighting out of Los Angeles or San Francisco, is Phil's foe.

Sampson won't be called little much longer. He's growing up. The welterweight top officially is 147 pounds, and Phil won't be making that weight many more times. Within the year he'll be counted a 155-pound middleweight.

Bevens, Lavagetto Being Sought

A movement is afoot to get Bill Bevens of Salem and Cookie Lavagetto of Oakland up here to lend an air to a baseball banquet proposed for late this month. Bevens and Lavagetto are acquainted. In fact, Bill will never live it down.

As pitcher for the New York Yankees, Bevens hadn't given up a single base hit for eight and two-thirds innings of the fourth game in the 1947 world series. As pinch-hitter for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Lavagetto came to bat with Al Gionfriddo and Ed Miksis on base as the result of walks. Lavagetto swung and missed the first pitch, swung again on the second and slammed it into right field for a double. The Dodgers won, 3-2.

IRISH LEADERS FAVOR GAME WITH MICHIGAN

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 13 (AP)—Notre Dame, although defeated by Michigan in a post-season Associated Press poll of sports writers, says that "championships should be won on the field."

A Notre Dame official made that statement last night before about 1200 persons at the annual football banquet at which Notre Dame was awarded the Dr. Henry L. Williams trophy, symbolic of the national football championship, presented by the University of Minnesota "M" club.

The Williams trophy was awarded Notre Dame on the basis of the Associated Press poll of sports writers at the close of the regular season December 8. The post-season poll was taken after Michigan's stunning 49-0 victory over Southern California in the Rose Bowl game January 1.

The Rev. John H. Murphy, Notre Dame vice president and chairman of the faculty board of control of athletics, took cognizance of both polls in a speech in which he declared:

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Hounds Run Two Months

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—Greyhounds will chase the rabbit at Multnomah stadium for 60 days between June 21 and September 4, and the pooles will gallop at Portland Meadows for 40 days or nights or less between May 1 and July 5, the state racing commission disclosed today.

Dates of the meeting were made approximate rather than specific as the result of a ruling by the attorney general that the commission can only approve or reject license applications.

The commission said it would ask clarification of its powers from the next legislature.

City Hoopers Resume Play On OVS Floor

The city division of the Klamath Basin Basketball league goes into its fourth-week whirl tonight with a pair of games scheduled for the Oregon Vocational school gym.

In the second contest one of the league's best outfits—Oregon Wooden—comes to grips with a pretty fair Bluejay squad, while in the opener at 7 p.m. the Gun Store quintet plays Link River Motors.

The county division has games on tap for Bonanza, Chiloquin, Keno and Tulelake.

The high school circuits are idle this week until Friday, with the exception of a Henley contest at Merrill, non-league, coming up tomorrow night.

At Klamath Union high school the sky-riding Pelicans are getting down to cases with the Medford Black Tornado for a couple Friday and Saturday nights on the local floor. Klamath holds two league wins, over Grants Pass, while Medford lost two decisions to Ashland, but that will not keep Pelican pavilion from being packed to the rafters this week-end.

McQuinn Only Yankee Holdout

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—George McQuinn, regular New York Yankee first baseman last year, is the only member of the world champions' starting infield who hasn't signed his 1948 contract yet.

Tim Rizzuto, stellar shortstop of the Bronx Bombers, came to terms yesterday as did lefthander Tommy Byrne. Previously the Yanks had signed Third Baseman Bill Johnson and Second Sacker George Stirnweiss.

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In mid-season, Irish Coach Frank Leahy said publicly at a Chicago luncheon that "we're ready to play Michigan anytime, anyplace."

Bill Spangler Elected President Klamath Baseball Corporation

W. A. (Bill) Spangler, prominent lumberman, was chosen to head Klamath Baseball Inc., as president of the corporation by the newly-elected board of directors' meeting at the Palmerton Lumber company office last night. All officers were elected for a one-year term.

Last night was the occasion of the first annual meeting of stockholders in Klamath Baseball Inc.

The question of whether Klamath Falls is to have professional baseball by next summer—the question the baseball club backers are trying to answer in the affirmative—is rapidly coming to a head and plans for a grandstand are to be submitted to an architect this week.

Within the week also an announcement should be made of the acquisition of six or seven acres of ground as site for the baseball field. A deal is virtually completed for a plot between S. Gill and Shasta way near the fairgrounds.

Paul Farrens last night reported receipt of the baseball club's revised working agreement with the Philadelphia Phillies, through the Philadelphia club of the Three-Eye league, and the agreement is an apparently advantageous one to the locally-owned club.

The Phillies agree to furnish the Klamath club a player-manager and such other players as needed to fill out the Far West league's roster limit, but leaves the local organization free to sign and use any players of its own. The players the Phillies have a string on would not be subject to immediate call, but would be assigned here for a season and the local club given the right of release if any player does not do the team any good.

Trigger-Happy Job Seekers Ruining Alaska's Big Game

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Wolves, airplanes and an influx of what he described as trigger-happy job-seekers are ruining Alaska's game resources, Earl N. Ohmer, chairman of the Alaska game commission, said today.

An area one-fifth the size of the United States.

Ohmer, a businessman of Petersburg, 100 miles south of Juneau, and a resident of Alaska 32 years, flew to Washington to "bend the ear of everyone in congress" on territorial wildlife problems.

Alaska gets \$175,000 a year for game law enforcement and fish and wildlife administration—less than for any state," the grey-bearded, bespectacled Ohmer told reporters.

"With \$200,000 additional, we could just barely hold the line on our game law enforcement, which now consists of seven officers for

an area one-fifth the size of the United States.

Honkers Slate Just One Tilt

TULELAKE, Jan. 13—The Tulelake high school Honkers have only one basketball contest slated for this week, that with Weed to be played at Weed Friday night. It is a conference game.

In games of last week-end, the Honkers defeated Yreka 32-25 Friday night, and were defeated by Alturas 33-19 Saturday night. The latter game saw the Modoc Braves win back the "scalp" trophy the Honkers had captured during football season.

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