Owls Back in Race on Portland Split

OTI Host To 'Jacks Tonight

OCC STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Eastern Oregon	4	2	.667
Oregon Tech	3	3	.500
Oregon College	3	3	.500
Portland State	2	4	.333

The Oregon Tech Owls, back in strong contention for the Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball title after a split with defending champion Portland State, step out of the league tonight to host the Humboldt State Lumberjacks.

The series with the Arcata, Calif., five was cut to just a lone game tonight. Humboldt officials cancelled the scheduled Tuesday night game, robbing the Owls of a chance to avenge the double loss to the 'Jacks in Arcata Dec 15 and 16.

The Owls paflayed a scoring punch with a tight defense midway in the third quarter Saturday night to pull away from the Vikings of Portland for a 69-55 victory.

Portland State won 77-71 Friday night to earn the only road game victory in the OCC this season.

TIE FOR SECOND

The split put the Owls down at 3-3, tied with Oregon College for second spot. The Mountaineers of Eastern Oregon went to the head of the class at 4-2 in a double win over Oregon College Thursday and Friday. Portland State lives alone in the cellar now at 2-4.

Len Genetin was wired for long shots Saturday night, tossing one in at the final bell to run his total to 22 points, a big chunk of assistance for Jerry Wyatt, high with 24. Don Koepke, Portland State's brilliant guard, canned 21 before he fouled out late in the game.

The game was close until midway in the third quarter when Wyatt dunked two from the foul line to give the Owls a 34-33 lead they stretched to 47-36 going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings started out like they'd sweep the series when Koepke hit on a long shot and Jim Strader, who played a strong supporting role with 16 points, scored on a hook shot. The Owls managed to hang close on two free throws each by Wyatt and Genetin but didn't score from the field until four minutes were gone when Genetin swished one from the side. But that gave the Owls a 7-5 lead and they stayed a jump ahead until late in the second quarter when Don Schuberg's field goal tied the hassle at 25-all.

HALFTIME LEAD

But Genetin scored on the business end of a fast break and made good a free throw when he was fouled on the shot as Oretech posted a 28-25 intermission lead.

The Vikings went ahead at 33-32 on Koepke's two on the house early in the third but, after Wyatt also scored a double from the foul line, the Owls were ahead to stay.

Wyatt and Genetin then sparked a rally that widened the margin to 47-36 at the end of three frames and the Vikings never got back close enough to make things uncomfortable for the Owls.

After tonight's skirmish with Humboldt State, the Owls are idle until Feb. 13 and 14 when they keep a double date with Oregon College here to open the second half of their league play.

Box score:

PORTLAND STATE	FG	FT	PF	TP
Strader, f	6	4	3	16
Dahl, f	1	1	3	3
MacLean, c	4	0	3	8
Schuberg, g	2	3	5	7
Koepke, g	7	7	5	21
Reserves:				
Brown	0	0	2	0
Vandenburgh	0	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	15	21	55
OREGON TECH	**FG**	**FT**	**PF**	**TP**
Schubert, f	3	1	1	8
Wyatt, f	8	8	3	24
Thompson, c	4	2	5	10
Genetin g	8	6	4	22
Humphrey, g	3	3	3	7
Reserves:				
Butler	0	0	1	0
Hensley	0	1	0	1
Totals	24	21	16	69

Halftime score: OTI 28 Portland 25. Free throws missed: Portland 13 (Strader 1, MacLean 3, Koepke 4, Schuberg 2, Dahl 1, Green 2); OTI 16 (Schubert 3, Wyatt 3, Thompson 4, Genetin 3, Butler 2, Humphrey 1). Officials: Jones and Hess.

CAGE SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
By The Associated Press

SUNDAY

Xavier (O.) 60, John Carroll 82
Arnold 73, St. Michaels 67

SATURDAY

Washington 83, Hawaii 55
California 70, Santa Clara 64
Oregon 73, Oregon State 63
Utah 68, Montana 53
Brigham Young 77, Utah State 60
Stanford 66, St. Mary's (Calif.) 65
Pacific Lutheran 68, Western Washington 60
Central Washington 69, British Columbia 60
Whitworth 95, St. Martin's 61
Willamette 58, Pacific 50
Seattle Pacific 106, Northwest Nazarene 52
Oregon Tech 69, Portland State 55
Southern Oregon 90, Humboldt State 58
OSC Rooks 52, Oregon Frosh 51

EAST

Seton Hall 84, Villanova 76
LaSalle 89, Eastern Kentucky 67
Holy Cross 78, Columbia 66
Penn 60, Penn State 56
Rhode Island 89, Brown 75
St. John's (Bkn.) 64, St. Joseph's (Pa.) 62

MIDWEST

Kansas State 81, Iowa State 78
DePaul 83, Notre Dame 56
Michigan State 64, Minnesota 60
Louisville 76, Loyola (Chicago) 72
Northwestern 84, Purdue 65
Niagara 79, John Carroll 65
Drake 88, Houston 66
St. Louis 76, Pitt 74
Miami (O.) 82, Ohio Univ. 56
Michigan 74, Washington (St. Louis) 56

SOUTH

North Carolina State 99, Wake Forest 80
West Virginia 87, Bethany (W.Va.) 65
North Carolina 91, Clemson 80
LSU 95, Tennessee 95
Western Kentucky 104, Tampa 56
Furman 111, Georgia Tech 93
Mississippi 83, Florence (Ala.) 49
Auburn 82, Miss. State 60
Duke 78, Navy 73

SOUTHWEST

New Mexico 88, Denver 63
Texas Tech 79, West Texas 68
Arizona State (Tempe) 75, Arizona 73

Oregon Prep Basketball
Saturday Scores
By The Associated Press

The Dalles 71 Columbia Prep 56
Marshfield 58 Salem 46
Grants Pass 59 Medford 51
Redmond 55 Bend 52
Albany 45 Toledo 30
Parkrose 66 Astoria 63
Pendleton 66 Hermiston 65
Milton-Freewater 81 St. Patrick's (Walla Walla) 56
Ashland 37 Rogue River 33
North Bend 69 Bandon 51
Concordia (Portland) 87 Wy'east 45
Tillamook 47 Seaside 37
Madras 56 Culver 46
Estacada 37 Silverton 35
Echo 72 Athena 39
Powers 41 Harrisburg 40
Condon 64 Maupin 42
Mt. Vernon 67 John Day 40
Cascade Locks 62 The Dalles JVs 51

Cavemen Upset Medford

By JIM COUR
Associated Press Sports Writer

The Dalles, only major undefeated team in Orgon Class A high school basketball ranks, made it 15 straight victories by downing Columbia Prep of Portland, 71-56, Saturday night.

With one exception, the other heavy favorites came through, too. The exception was Medford, which was upset by Grants Pass, 59-51, for its first loss in District 4 competition and its scond loss in 15 games. Medford had won from Grants Pass Friday.

Marshfield, District 5 leader and 1952 champion, defeated Salem, 58-46, to make its record 18 wins in 19 contests. Marshfield also won Friday's game.

Redmond won its 13th victory in 14 games, shading Bend, 55-52. Redmond continued th favorite to win the District 3 championship, which Bend will try to retain.

Albany, the title favorite in District 7, turned in its 10th straight victory and its 13th in 15 games, trimming Toledo, 45-30.

Pendleton, The Dalles' major rival in District 2, edged Hermiston, 66-65, for its second one-point win in two nights.

Milwaukie, District 12 favorite, trounced Molalla, 60-45. Parkrose pulled a minor upset, shading Astoria, the District 10 favorite, 65-63.

In Class B play, Echo won its 17th consecutive game, defeating Athena, 72-39. Powers, state B champion, edged Harrisbug, 41-40, to snap a 17-game Harrisburg victory string.

SPORTS in BRIEF

By The Associated Press

TRACK

BOSTON — Fred Dwyer of Villanova won the mile (4:09.2) and Mal Whitfield tied the world indoor 600-yard record (1:10.2) in the Boston A. A. games.

NEW YORK — Johnny Kopil, 19-year-old senior from Bayonne, N. J., ran the fastest mile ever run by a high school boy—4:20.1.

GENERAL

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Ken Bartholomew of Minneapolis retained his senior men's crown by winning the 220, 800-yard and mile races in the National Outdoor Speed-skating championships.

GOLF

TUCSON, Ariz. — Tommy Bolt, Maplewood, N. J., won the $10,000 Tucson Open tournament with a 15-under-par score of 265.

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Mary Lena Faulk, Thomasville, Ga., and Mary Ann Downey, Baltimore, won the Women's International Four-ball tournament.

FOOTBALL

DALLAS — H. N. (Rusty) Russell resigned as head coach at Southern Methodist University.

SEATTLE — Johnny Cherberg was named head coach at the University of Washington, succeeding Howie Odell, who was fired after five years service.

RACING

ARCADIA, Calif. — Calumet Farm's Mary-Ye-Well and Fleet Bird ($2.40) ran one-two in the $100,000-added Santa Anita Maturity, picking up $115,000 for the famed stable.

Sacred Heart Slaps Malin

Tom Mulvey, Sacred Heart's hot-shot, scored 24 points Saturday night to lead the Trojans to a 64-43 non-league victory over Malin on the winner's court.

The Trojans led all the way, 15-7, 35-13 and 52-27 at the first three posts. Gary Mauney led Malin with 17 points.

Malin won the junior varisty preliminary game, 58-27.

Box score:

MALIN (43)		(64) S. HEART
Sisyskal 9	F	9 Snider
Mauney 17	F	7 Pratt
Lyon 2	C	24 T. Mulvey
L. Travis 2	G	8 Meidaver
Miller	G	11 Neubert

Malin subs: Rick 3, Unruh 2, Nacken, McAuliffe, J. A. Travis 8. Sacred Heart subs: Smith, Seubert 2, J. Mulvey, Thill, Hurritt 3.

Basketball Exploitation

Francis Wedge to Get Rio Grande New Gymnasium

By MURRAY OLDERMAN

RIO GRANDE, O.—(NEA)—The folks of this southern sector of Ohio could give the hucksters of New York's Madison Avenue a lesson or two with the way they've imprinted little Rio Grande College on the nation's basketball map.

Rio Grande (pronounced rye-o grand) is a school of 94 students in a town of 200-odd residents in the Gallia County hills. No railroads go through here. No airplanes come within miles.

But Rio Grande has Clarence (Bevo) Francis.

Big Bevo is a loose-jointed young man of 20, with a wife and a five-months-old child and a recently granted high school diploma who as been bracketing 50 points a game in Rio Grande's only athletic endeavor. He scored 116 in one.

By any standards, Bevo would be rated a fine basketball prospect. By Rio Grande's, he's George Mikan and Hank Luisetti rolled into one. At least that's what Rio Grande's skittish young coach, Newt Oliver, impresses on skeptics.

Newt brought Bevo into the fold with him last Fall from Wellsville High School in eastern Ohio. It's clay pit country, and the elder Francis still works in the mines. At six, Bevo had suffered a severe case of what Oliver dramatically calls anemia but which the victim describes more like malnutrition.

"The family was on relief," drones gaunt-cheeked, deep-eyed Bevo, "and all we ever ate was oranges and lima beans. I was so weak I couldn't hardly stand up, let alone walk."

Bevo eventually shot up to six feet nine inches and 195 pounds and became a basketball player.

"Learned it in a barn," says Oliver, glibly. "Bevo'd go in on Friday. Shoot a few hours, sleep in the hay a few hours, get up and shoot some more, sleep some more. Didn't come out till Sunday night."

The rest of the week he went coon-hunting.

Somewhere Bevo (the name comes from a soft drink in the area) picked up a fine basketball touch and surprising coordination for his height. Almost all his points come on a right-hand jump shot from the pivot. He has scarcely any hook and doesn't shoot at all with his left. For some quirk, he shoots fouls slightly off center but nets better than 70 per cent of them.

Bevo is not an adept rebounder, and doesn't appear too rugged off the boards. His run is a plodding trot, but he is not a basket-hanger. He goes backcourt on defense.

Allowed to round out his game, Bevo could become a great player. Right now he's a product to exploit. Says Oliver, frankly, "We need a new gym. We want to get in the Garden. Tell that to Ned Irish in New York."

Rio Grande's entire game is built around getting the ball into Bevo, even if the other team sags four men onto him. Bevo, usually a head taller than anyone in that mediocre competition, gets the points and points mean publicity.

When he rolled up the amazing 116 points against Ashland, Rio Grande fouled deliberately the entire second half to secure possession and feed Bevo.

Ahead 50 points against winless Bliss, Rio Grande smirkingly put on a "bush" imitation of the Harlem Globetrotter routine, at Oliver's direction. They rolled the ball on the floor and bounced it off their biceps. This was retribution because Bliss, which would have been hard pressed against a Class B high school team, attempted to play ball control.

And that endangered Bevo's average, a sacred item in Rio Grande College basketball.

Webfoots, Beavers Split Set

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE
NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.
Washington	8	0	1.000
Idaho	4	4	.500
Oregon	4	4	.500
Oregon State	3	5	.375
Washington State	1	7	.125
SOUTHERN DIVISION			
California	5	1	.813
Southern Calif.	3	3	.500
UCLA	3	3	.500
Stanford	1	5	.167

By The Associated Press

Northern Division basketball teams head into the backstretch of the 1953 pennant race this week with undefeated Washington holding a four-game bulge over the field and Idaho's Vandals battling to retain at least a share of the runnerup berth.

The Vandals, tied with Oregon in second place after weekend play, make their annual forsy into the Willamette Valley, playing Oregon State at Corvallis Tuesday and Wednesday and Oregon at Eugene Friday and Saturday. The Vandals must win two of the four games to hold onto a tie in the No. 2 slot.

Meanwhile, Washington, third-ranked in the nation, returns to the Northern Division after a successful invasion of the Hawaiian Island. The Huskies play last-place Washington State at Seattle Friday and Saturday.

EIGHT STRAIGHT

The Huskies, who have won eight straight in the conference, smothered the University of Hawaii 83-55 Saturday night to make their season record 18-1. Earlier in the week, they beat Universal Motors of Honolulu 66-63 and 69-51. All were non-conference games.

In conference play, Oregon, defeated 67-65 by Oregon State at Eugene Friday night, came back Saturday to down the Beavers 73-63 at Corvallis. Idaho and Washington State played a single game Friday night, Idaho winning 69-51.

Bob Houbregs again was the star for Washington at Honolulu, but OSC's Tony Vlastelica and Oregon's Chet Noe — big guns in the Friday night game at Eugene — were disappointments in Saturday's tilt at Corvallis.

28 POINTS

Hitting 65 per cent of his shots, 6-foot-7-inch Houbregs dropped in 28 points boosting his season total to 451 — 227 of them in conference play. He will need only 39 points in the two games with WSC next week to top the Northern Division record of 265 set by Jack Nichols of Washington in 16 games in 1948. Washington will have six more games in the league after the WSC series.

Vlastelica, former Aberdeen, Wash., high school star, found the basket for 28 points Friday night against Oregon but made only one point on a free throw Saturday night. Noe, who made 24 points Friday, was held to four Saturday.

Oregon's Barney Holland topped the scoring, netting 22 points before he was hurt in the fourth quarter. Holland suffered a broken nose and a cut over his right eye which required three stitches in a wide mixup under the basket.

Coach Bill Borcher said Bob Hawes will replace Holland in the starting lineup against Idaho.

Bolt Wins Tucson Open

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Relentless, almost faultless golf gave aggressive Tommy Bolt of Maplewood, N. J., the championship in the $10,000 Tucson Open yesterday and added $2,000 to his bankroll.

The temperamental Tommy went over par only once during four days of play. Sixteen birdies gave him a 72-hole total of 65-68-66-66—265 for the par 70, 6,402-yard El Rio Golf and Country Club course. He showed no signs of his famous temper when he accidentally touched the ball on the ninth fairway and penalized himself a stroke.

Chandler Harper shot three 66s and one 68 for a total of 266, for second place.

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ROSS RILED — Tough Tony Ross breaks away from Referee Treach Phillips (left) to chase Gino Vagnone Wednesday night after Vagnone had re-opened Ross' old forehead cut. Ross demanded Vagnone come back and "finish the fight" even though the Salem Slaughterer won by disqualification. The two continue their fued Wednesday night at the Armory in one-half of a double main event.

Two Bouts Share Mat Spotlight

A veteran with speed and know-how tangles with an upstart with muscles to spare and two other wrestlers tangle in the rematch of a blood-sprinkled feud in a double main event on Wednesday's night's wrestling card at the Armory.

The canny veteran is Al Szasz, who returned to the local mat scene to give two tough boys their come-uppance the last two shows.

Szasz, who has lost none of his blinding speed in 19 years of wrestling, faces Eric Pedersen, self-styled Body Beautiful.

The match with the grudge tag brings together Tough Tony Ross and Gino (Red) Vagnone.

Ross won by disqualification last week when Vagnone purposely re-opened an old forehead wound the Salem Slaughterer was nursing from a previous match.

This is a slugfest with no similarity to catch-as-catch-can wrestling.

Pedersen, a sneering performer who loves to ripple his muscles in tune with the fans' cat-calls, is expected to become Szasz' third straight victim. The Rubber Ball of the Mat holds two wins here—over Ross and Tor Yamato.

Pedersen had to post a $50 appearance forfeit when he failed to show two weeks ago for a scheduled match, his second such offense. His forfeit money virtually assures his being on hand Wednesday night.

Lou Mecera and Bronco Lublich tangle in the opener.

Reserved tickets are on sale at Castleberry Drugs.

Tonight's Cagefare

CITY LEAGUE (Altamont): Jayhawks vs. Hilltop, 7 o'clock; Hal's vs. Gilchrist, 8:30.

GIRLS LEAGUE (Mills): Malin vs. Oregon Woolen, 7; Midland vs. Rockets, 8:15.

KLAMATH BASIN: Camp Newell vs. Beatty Merchants and Tulelake vs. Sprague River at Sprague River; Keno vs. Merrill Clothing and Chiloquin vs. Merrill VFW at Merrill; Malin vs. Beatty Lakers and Dorris vs. Bly at Bly.

OREGON TECH: Owls vs. Humboldt State, 8 o'clock.

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Cincinnati, Boston Eye Pirates' Kiner

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK (AP)—If Ralph Kiner, the National League's home run king for the last seven years, leaves the Pittsburh Pirates he will, in all probability, don the uniform of either the Cincinnati Reds or the Boston Braves.

Out of the wave of reports circulated during the major league metings here over the weekend came these two definite facts concerning a deal for the 30-year old slugger:

1. The Reds have offered Pittsburgh five players, valued by Vice President Gabe Paul of Cincinnati at $300,000, for Kiner.

2. The Braves have handed Branch Rickey, general manager of the Pirates, a long list of players which they are willing to include in a deal for the home run hitter.

There were other reports the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Philadelphia Phillies also were interested in Kiner but they were denied by top club officials. And still another had Wid Mathews, personnel director of the Chicago Cubs, offering $200,000.

The offers of the Reds and Braves fit in with Rickey's pattern of disposing of top-notch players just a little past their peak and rebuilding with younger talent.

Rickey, the pastmaster at double talk, declined to say what players had been offered or even with what clubs he had discussed a possible deal.

"Let's put it this way," said Rickey. "A deal for Kiner definitely is contemplated and is nearer completion than 24 hours ago but it will not be completed as soon as another 24 hours."

"I am not interested in chas. I want young players who can help us. That is the only reason Kiner is on the market."

Paul declined to identify the Reds' players but said they were all highly regarded and could play regularly for Pittsburgh. And he added that Kiner's reported salary of $90,000 last year doesn't worry him even though the figures show Ralph never has hit well in Cincinnati's Crosley Field.

HOCKEY

By The Associated Press

SUNDAY
WESTERN LEAGUE
Seattle 9, Calgary 1

SATURDAY
WESTERN LEAGUE
Tacoma 10, Calgary 1
Vancouver 10, New Westminster 2
Saskatoon 6, Edmonton 5

TEN YEARS AGO — Brooklyn purchased infielder Steve Mesner from Cincinnati for $7,500.

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Pelicans Shut Out Roseburg

The Klamath Pelicans earned a two-week rest — before they jump back into conference action—with a sweep of the cage series at Roseburg.

The Pels pasted the Indians, 59-43, Saturday night after a squeaky 51-47 win Friday night.

The Indians went in front early Saturday night and stayed that way until late in the first frame when Jack Horton gave the Pelicans an 11-9 lead on two free throws.

The Klamath five never relenquished that lead the rest of the way, stringing 16 points together in the second quarter for a 32-22 lead, after a shaky 16-14 advantage at the end of the first chapter of play.

Horton paced the Pels from his pivot spot as Paul McCall's team stayed from 10 to 12 points ahead, capturing its biggest lead late in the game at 50-39.

Horton ended with 16 points for hotshot honors.

Nub Beamer was high for Roseburg with 11.

The Pelicans travel to Grants Pass for a Feb. 13-14 series with the Cavemen, then finish out the season on Pelican Court against Ashland and Medford on successive weekends.

Box score:

KLAMATH (59)		(43) ROSEBURG
Barron 10	F	5 R. Backen
Yarnell 5	F	3 Durking
Horton 16	C	6 Danehok
Young 8	G	11 Beamer
Gilmore 4	G	2 Parmeter

Klamath subs: Munsell 4, Pence 4, French 2, Dougherty, D. Mills 1, C. Mills, Bevans, Davis 3. Roseburg subs: Crabb 2, H. Backen 2, Gilbert 1, Sanders 2, Carter 1, Polley 3, Booth 8.

Hornets Maul Bly, 61 to 42

The Henley Hornets led all the way Saturday night in a 61-42 win over Bly, a non-league game on the winners' court.

Francis Roberts scored 17 for the Hornets, Bob Hill 17 as Henley posted an impressive 24-11 first-quarter lead. The Bobcats rallied to close it to 26-35 at halftime.

Odell Lybrand led Bly with 16 points.

The Bly junior varsity was sidelined with sickness, cancelling the preliminary game.

Box score:

BLY (42)		(61) HENLEY
Lybrand 16	F	17 Roberts
Nixon 5	F	3 Yeden
Harter 4	C	18 Hill
J. Martin 8	G	8 Case
Cavan 9	G	3 Seaberry

Bly subs: Winfield, Chronister. Henley subs: Anderson 3, Jones 8, Parker 3, Wright 5.

Petty Wins Race

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Lee Petty, Randleman, N.C., stock car driver, picked up $1000 and 200 valuable points toward a national championship Sunday by winning the 100-mile race at the Palm Beach Speedway.

He scored with a 1953 V-8 Dodge, beating 22 other stock cars in the 200-lap grind over an oil-dirt track.

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