

OTT Slates Humboldt Owl '5' Travels For Tilts

Wally Palmberg's Oregon Tech Owls pushed off this morning for Arcata, California, and a two-game series with the basketballing Lumberjacks of Humboldt State College Friday and Saturday nights, and their work seems to be cut out for them ahead of time.

The Lumberjacks, flooded with experienced hoopers, including four of last year's starters, are pointing for one of the finest seasons undertaken by a Humboldt team. Coach Franny Givins, a former Humboldt State football and basketball standout, lists nine returning lettermen on his roster this season.

The comparison of nine veterans to Palmberg's two letter winners, both of whom are only second-year cagers, makes the picture a dark one for the Owls from the Mile High Campus.

But Palmberg indicated the trip might not be a lost cause, because of Tech's backboard strength. Led by Charlie Bogle's 6-foot-9 inch stretch, Oregon Tech will have the height advantage over the four-year Lumberjacks of Arcata. Givins reports that his tallest squad member is center Joe Myers, 6-4, three-year letterman senior.

The eligibility status of Johnny Foster is still up in the air according to OTT officials. The 6-2 rebounding artist must complete this semester's studies before he is eligible for competitive action. Palmberg stressed the fact that Foster's scholastic work here at OTT is very good, but the former Oregon all-star, lacking credits when he enrolled at the campus on the hill. The additional backboard strength that Foster will lend and the ex-Central Catholic star's ability to ring up the points is expected to be a big help to the 1-1 Owls.

Last week Oregon Tech split with Olympic Junior College to open their season. Humboldt has yet to open their year officially, but last Friday the Lumberjacks toppled the Shasta Plywood team of Redding 73-69 in overtime. The Plywood quintet is comprised of former college cagers in the Redding vicinity.

Humboldt is expected to open with Paul Shields and Bob Lawson at forwards, Myers at center, and George Ibarreta and Henry Cooper at the two guard positions. All are lettermen, with Shields, Myers and Ibarreta holding senior ratings and Lawson and Cooper listed as sophomores. Two other possible starters are Glenn Wallace, a two-year letterman last year of the service, and Larry Taylor, another two-year letter winner, who led the Lumberjacks against Shasta Plywood last week with 18 points.

Palmberg said earlier this week he would probably open with the same lineup against the "Jacks as he started the second Olympic contest. This would find Bob Frost and John McCutcheon at forward, Bogle at center, and Richie Perkins and Lyle Harris at guard. The only change that the Tech maples boss might make is placing Foster at one of the forward points if he has cleared his name with OTT instructors.

Baylor Dumps Oregon State

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Oregon State rallied in the closing minutes Wednesday night but the attempted comeback was too late to save the Beavers from a 62-57 basketball defeat at the hands of the touring Baylor University Bears.

Baylor led from midway of the first period but saw a once-comfortable margin narrow to two points with 49 seconds to go with Wayne Moss's tip-in.

With six seconds remaining, Baylor guard Wayne Connally scored with a driving lay-in to end the Beavers' threat.

Baylor led 37-30 at the half.

OSU's Dave Gambee was high scoring, netting 25 points before fouling out five minutes from the end. Gambee, a 6-6 sophomore center, substituted for 7-foot Phil Shadoin who was benched by Coach Stals Gill.



OREGON TECH'S ONLY SOURCE of experience lies with these two lettermen that greeted coach Wally Palmberg this year. Left, Richie Perkins, a set-shot artist, and right, John McCutcheon, sophomore forward from Willamette High of Eugene, are the lone Owls returning from last year's club. Both are expected to draw starting spots against Humboldt State Friday and Saturday nights at Arcata, California.

Rocky Safe, Baker's Win Over Valdes Dull

By JACK HAND
CLEVELAND (AP)—Merry Christmas, Rocky Marciano. Slop up on turkey and dressing. Don't spare the mashed potatoes and gravy. Nobody's coming to spoil your fun as heavyweight champion of the world.

The much-heralded meeting of Bob Baker, No. 2 challenger, and Nino Valdes, the 10-1 favorite, last night at the Cleveland Arena served only to bolster the position of Archie Moore, the No. 1 contender. As Rocky knocked out Archie in September, the future looks clear.

Pudgy Baker, a 12-5 favorite, plodded to a unanimous decision over the Cuban Valdes in a dreary match that probably eliminated both from consideration as Marciano opponents.

"Maybe I'll have to fight Archie Moore now before I get the Marciano shot," said Baker in his dressing room after the dull 10-rounder fought to the tune of "Jingle Bells" and "Let Me Call Your Sweetheart" and a steady chorus of boos from the 8,380 fans who paid \$63.32 to see the Cleveland News annual Christmas fund show.

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Lewis, O'Brien Head Friday Fight Program

Promoter Mack Lillard unfolds the second boxing card of the season Friday night at the armory and a swiftmoving, hard-punching Seattle welterweight tangles with a rough and tough Nevada Irishman in the evening's main event.

YoYo Lewis, who appeared before local fans here last month on the Weiser Benefit card, the Seattle welter, will face off with battling "Red" Rusty O'Brien of Reno when the bells sounds for the evening's featured attraction.

Lewis, a natural left-handed power puncher, but who can also bang away with a solid right hand blast when needed, scored an impressive fifth round TKO over Dick Jones of Klamath Falls in their meeting on the Weiser program.

With jarring left hooks and slashing right crosses, Lewis showed

the fight fans of the Basin he was a dangerous battler at all times.

The Seattle Negro pugilist has won three most popular fighter contests this past year, which in its own tells the ring ability of Lewis. In Tacoma, Spokane and Vancouver, B.C., fight fans have been impressed by the punching power and colorful fighting of Lewis.

O'Brien's record is one that is very impressive too. Throughout the Southwest and Eastern fight arenas, Rusty has been a popular call-letter. Between 1951 and 1953, "Red" Rusty held the Arizona Welterweight Championship. During this time, O'Brien has met such names as Charlie Salas, Pedro Jimenez, Jackie Palmer and Joe Martinez.

One of the top fights for O'Brien came last July when he battled "Snut" Warren to a draw. Warren being at that time the Orient Command Middleweight champ while in the service.

According to manager Joey Albina, who is known to most fight fans here for his exciting bout with Jack "Ginger" Snapp several seasons back, "O'Brien is an aggressive crowd-pleasing fighter, and local sport fans should see a 'shoot-up' affair at the armory tomorrow evening."

Besides this promising 10-round attraction, Lillard has two six-rounders on the program along with a pair of four-rounders making for 30 scheduled rounds of square-circle action.

Tickets for the four reserved sections are on sale at Dick Reeder's Store for Men. General admission pasteboards will go on sale fight-night at the armory.

Cagers Bring On Grey Hair

By ED WILKS
The Associated Press

Question: Why are even young college basketball coaches either grey haired or balding? Answer: Take a look at what happened last night.

Tulsa remained unbeaten, but only by the grace of Junior Born's two free throws in the final 75 seconds that beat Texas Western 57-56.

Kansas, a suspected Big Seven powerhouse, had to get up and move in the second half to quiet winless Wichita 56-55.

Notre Dame got its first victory in three tries by the margin of Bill Weiman's second field goal of the game, coming in the last 23 seconds of overtime to beat Loyola of Chicago 85-84.

Utah State defeated highly regarded Gonzaga 92-91 on Frank Polak's 25-foot push shot in the last second of play.

Bowling Green was knotted four times in a second overtime before beating Western Michigan 93-89 in the first Mid-American Conference game for both.

Brown downed Tufts 56-54 on two late free throws by Charley Merritt.

And Pittsburgh, which trampled Michigan 75-66 in its opener, had to scramble to beat little Allegheny 99-96 on Johnny Lazor's two field goals in the last 2:16.

Those were the close ones. And there were others which weren't as easy as they look.

St. Louis had to scamper in the second half to beat Centenary of Shreveport, La., 95-84. So did Marquette in its 89-75 decision over Valparaiso.

Yale upset previously unbeaten Connecticut 92-87 with Johnny Lee and Chuck Ross totaling 61 points, but the Elis had to freeze the ball in the last 1½ minutes.

There were very few runaways, but seventh-ranked Dayton, Cincinnati and Memphis State managed it. Dayton, led by army-returnee Jim Paxson's 19 points, made Miami (Ohio) its third straight victim 73-50; Cincinnati passed the 100 mark for the second time in its two starts, clubbing Tennessee 109-82 with Phil Wheeler canning 31; and Memphis State, topped by Forest Arnold's 46 points, dumped Hardin-Simmons from the unbeaten 102-52.

Villanova got in the act too, routing St. Francis (Pa.) 100-77 with Jim Power scoring 27.

Baylor of the Southwest Conference won its first in three starts, belting Oregon State, 10th ranked last season, to a third straight defeat 62-57.

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Hugh Daugherty Selected Gridiron Boss Of The Year

NEW YORK (UP)—Hugh Daugherty, who in his second year on the job guided Michigan State to a Rose Bowl berth, today was chosen football "Coach of the Year" in the annual poll conducted by the New York World-Telegram and Sun and the other Scripps-Howard newspapers.

The 40-year-old Spartan mentor, who didn't get a single vote in last year's balloting, this time rolled up the greatest winning margin in the 21-year history of the poll.

A total of 492 members of the American Football Coaches Assn. took part in the voting and Daugherty received the first-place ballots of 199. A distant second was Bud Wilkinson, coach of Oklahoma's Orange Bowl bound Sooners with 54.

Woody Hayes, coach of Big Ten champion Ohio State, was third with 42 and was followed by Paul (Bear) Bryant of Texas A & M with 29. Abe Martin of Texas Christian with 26, Johnny Michelson of Pittsburgh with 20, Bobby Dodd of Georgia Tech with 13, Art Guepe of Vanderbilt with 12, Jim Tatum of Maryland with 11, Bowden Wyatt of Tennessee with 10, and Terry Brennan of Notre Dame and Ara Parseghian of Miami of Ohio with eight each. A total of 81 coaches received mention in the ballots, which included first, second, and third choices.

The award comes after a season that saw Daugherty build a team with only a three games out of nine record the previous year into a formidable machine that won eight of nine and landed in the Rose Bowl.

Schooling his players in an intricate system that utilized the straight-T, split-T, and single-wing formations, Daugherty came up with a smooth combine that left rivals confused and battered. The soph-loaded team dropped a 14-7 game, then found itself and roared unchecked through Stanford, Notre Dame, Illinois, Wisconsin, Purdue, Minnesota, and Marquette.

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