

SPORTS

OTI Cagers Host Portland Vikings In Doubleheader

The OTI Owls, currently tied with the SOC Red Raiders for first place on the OCC ladder, tangle with the Portland State Vikings in a two-game series beginning tonight at 8 o'clock on Mile High Court.

The Viking attack, which centered around Winters earlier in the season, has become better balanced of late as all five regulars have been scoring with regularity and should present added defensive problems for the vaunted Owls to solve. Roy, who contributed 31 points in the last three games, and Weber, who counted 14 tallies in the PSC win over OCE, have supplied a much-needed scoring punch, to make the Viks a crew not to be taken lightly.

Tonight's preliminary game is between the National Guard quintet and the Owl JV squad, with the starting whistle sounding at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday's prelim will pit the Jayvees against a squad from Brooks-Scanlon of Bend.

It was noted that special caution will be taken to make sure that the road to the Owl gym will be kept free of ice or snow, regardless of the weather.

Commission Report Shows Good Wintering Bird Count

The following table presents a comparison of wintering waterfowl for the past six years.

	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Jacks	368,721	307,790	305,274	368,952	616,029	567,228
Geese	36,018	60,257	38,578	64,841	66,734	45,490
Brant	1,500	1,500	1,685	2,173	1,400	2,778
Coot	35,189	20,539	33,887	42,157	23,559	17,811
Swan	1,302	3,275	1,900	7,477	3,998	5,706
Total	442,739	473,421	381,333	485,500	711,811	638,463

Waterfowl inventories recently completed show an excellent population of wintering birds only slightly below the high count of last year, the Oregon Game Commission reported. Final tallies disclose more than 638,000 birds as compared to some 711,000 last year.

The waterfowl inventory began on January 4 by 23 game commission biologists working in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and was completed on January 10. Five light aircraft were used by both agencies covering 1,300 miles. Aerial counts were made along the Columbia and John Day rivers, in Coos and Curry counties, and in the Klamath Basin. Waterfowl counts in other areas were made on foot or by car.

Most abundant bird in the state was the mallard with a tally of more than 316,000 birds. Populations of baldpate followed with a tally of around 84,900 birds. Pintails were third on the list with some 74,600 birds. Populations of other ducks were much fewer in number ranging from around 10,700 ruddy ducks, 7,600 green-winged teal, 5,700 scaup, and down

to 28 wood ducks and two old squaw. Total duck population numbered slightly more than 567,000 birds. Goose inventories show considerably less numbers than a year ago. About 45,000 geese, mostly Canadas, were tallied as compared to more than 66,000 last year. Black brant, coot, and swans made up the rest of the total wintering population.

Again as last year the Columbia River, Cold Springs and McKay reservoirs carried more birds than usual. Some 300,000 birds, almost half the entire wintering population, were found in these areas from The Dalles eastward. Other areas where wintering waterfowl were abundant included Columbia and Multnomah counties with a tally of about 111,000 birds. Lane County in the south Willamette Valley with about 86,000, and Coos County along the coast with a tally of some 33,000 birds.

Although fewer waterfowl were counted than last year, the number is considerably higher than the five year average of 498,960. Prior to last year's peak figure, the highest tallies were 485,500 in 1956.

Campy Not Much Better

GLEN COVE, N. Y. (UP)—Roy Campanella showed continued improvement today in his battle to shake off the paralysis that set in after he suffered a broken neck in last Tuesday's automobile accident.

"The patient spent a better day (Thursday) than Wednesday," the latest bulletin from Glen Cove Community Hospital said. "His temperature is moderately elevated—which is expected. There is further improvement in feeling which is now present over the abdomen. Paralysis in his legs is unchanged."

GLEN COVE, N. Y. (UP)—An infection in the right lung added complications Friday to the recovery of Roy Campanella, who remains on the critical list.

The hospital reported that the Los Angeles catcher, who suffered a broken neck in an automobile accident early Tuesday, had a rise in temperature Thursday night as a result of the lung condition.

A tube was inserted in his throat for removal of mucus and his temperature was lower Friday morning. Doctors said he had a comfortable night.

Meanwhile, there was no change in Campanella's partial paralysis. He has regained some feeling as far down as his abdomen but there is still no sensation in his legs.

Among the hundreds of telegrams and cards received by the 36-year-old catcher were messages from President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon, wishing him a speedy recovery.

Harry Gifford, the hospital administrator, pointed out that Campanella is improving faster than originally expected but that he remains on the critical list. Gifford said the Los Angeles Dodgers' three-time National League Most Valuable Player "has been a good patient."

Ruth Campanella, Roy's wife, visited his bedside Thursday and reported, "he looks much more cheerful and is even telling jokes." Dave, Roy's 16-year-old son, Walter O'Malley, president of the Dodgers, and Dr. Herbert Fett, Dodger team physician, were other visitors.

Profile Of a Coach

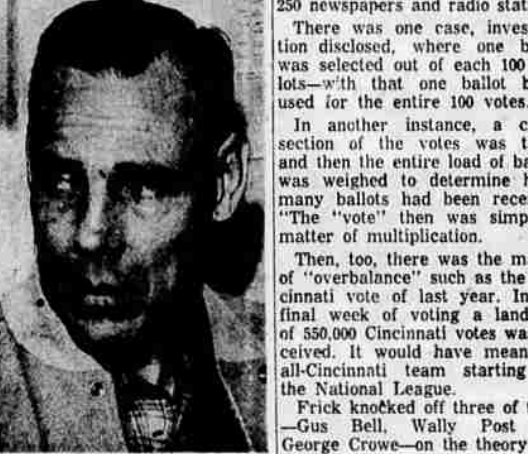
Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles on Basin coaches.

By WAYNE SCOTT
Wally H. Palmberg, scrappy Oregon Tech Owl boss, is a coach of whom it has often been said "Wally could make a basketball player of a small turtle."

While this statement may or may not be true, it is certainly a known fact that a Palmberg coached team seems to have an edge over its opponent.

In his fourth year at the Mile High school, Wally has already racked up one OCC championship and appears well on his way to another.

Wally, who will gladly tell you he was born at Astoria, Oregon, seems reluctant to mention just when the event took place. Suffice to say that he has a son, Wally Jr., 15, a likely-looking KU frosh cager and a daughter, Frances, 10, who are supervised at home by Wally's lovely wife, Lois.



PALMBERG... Owl Coach

Coaching has been Wally's profession since his graduation from OSC, with the exception of a three year period, during which time he was employed in marine construction.

As a college athlete, Wally earned the distinction of making Slat's All-Time Best which was compiled over Gill's 29-year tenure as OSC basketball mentor in eight separate classifications. Perhaps Wally's most deserved "bests" are those of "most natural player" and "hardest fighter."

Palmberg started his coaching career at Astoria and spent seven productive years at the high school. In addition to winning the district title each of the seven years, his teams won the state prep championship twice and collected a third, fourth and a fifth in state tournaments during the period. A single season spent at Baker High was relatively unproductive by Palmberg standards.

Products of Wally's efforts include 26 basketballers who have gone ahead to play first string basketball for many major colleges. Notable among these are Cliff Crandall, All-America from OSC, Stan Williamson, All-Coast star from the University of Oregon and Ward Paldanius, presently coach of North Salem high, the team which is so highly rated in today's prep standings.

When asked for an opinion on his current Owl quintet, Palmberg said, "This club compares very favorably with our last year's conference champions. If anything it is stronger of the two, but I feel they lack the polish of the '56-'57 crew."

Should you have a chance to see this year's Owls in action against the Portland State Vikings this weekend at the Mile High floor, watch for the slightly built, brown haired gentleman in street clothes who appears to be playing every minute of his squad's ball game from the bench. If, by the remotest chance, the Owls should leave the court with a halftime deficit, it is worth the price of admission, to see what a Palmberg-inspired ball team can do in the second period.

Canadiens Yawn At Hockey Lead

The Montreal Canadiens have difficulty stifling yawns over the National Hockey League "race" but they're pulling out all the stops to set a new single-season team scoring record.

Conch Toe Blake's high-scoring sextet romped over the Detroit Red Wings, 7-0, Thursday night and now have scored 181 goals in 48 games for an average of 3.77 per game. They need only 55 goals in their remaining 22 games—an average of 2.5 per contest—to equal the season mark set by the 1950-51 Red Wings.

Dickie Moore, the league's leading scorer with 63 points, notched two goals Thursday night to pace the assault on Terry Sawchuk. He scored both in a five-goal, third-period Montreal outburst that turned the contest into a rout.

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Local Club, Authorities Aid In New Teen Organization

The Klamath Racing Association, the group who has staged the local hardtop races for the past seasons, has assumed the responsibility of working with local high school students in organizing a Junior Racing Association.

The parent organization, headed by President Buff Runnels, with Ray Brackman and Bud Cook serving as advisers are working in cooperation with the Klamath County Juvenile Department, headed by Francis Mathews, in an effort to afford mechanically minded youngsters an opportunity to give vent to a normal desire for speed and auto-motors in a safe, supervised activity far from the city streets and highways.

The youngsters, who must be 16 years old and a senior in high school, will compete amongst themselves on the KRA's track for trophies, in supervised races to be held in conjunction with the adult club's program.

Every possible safety precaution has been taken as to the intractability of their racers, which must be provided and maintained by its youthful owner. Sturdy roll-over bars must be installed, airplane-type seat belts welded to the frame, extensive plate shielding for driver protection and gas tanks placed inside the car, all to meet the rigid specifications of an adult safety and technical committee.

Each driver will be provided with a proven crash helmet and must pass strict driving tests before being allowed to compete. The KRA will hold driver-training courses in addition to a mechanical course on the building and maintenance of a motor.

As a name for their organization, the teens have picked "Klamath Junior Racing Association" and have picked a board of officers, drawn a set of bylaws, a complete set of technical specifications and racing rules, to be adhered to rigidly under penalty of being expelled from the association.

President of the junior group is Dave Blevins, vice president Tony Bonotto, Jim Hakanson, secretary, Richard Dick, treasurer while serving on the advisory board are Police Sgt. Odell Olson, juvenile officer Francis Mathews, KRA presy, Runnels, Ray Brackman and Bud Cook.

The club members will be identified by a plainly displayed club emblem on their jackets and automobiles.

When questioned about the necessary precautions for the safety of the boys, President Runnels said, "This isn't a thing that has sprung up overnight. Every possible aspect of safety, insurance, education and guidance for the boys has been well thought out and planned in advance. Parents of these boys are welcome to attend their meetings and training programs and see just how well these lads conduct themselves."

Sgt. Olson of the city police had this to say, "I feel that a properly supervised program of this type, will be an ideal approach to some of our teen-age driving problems. The club members have an opportunity to reflect a lot of credit on themselves and their schools, provided of course, that they maintain the right attitude. It's all up to them."

Today's Sports Parade

NEW YORK (UP)—Baseball made certain today that the stars will play in the All-Star game.

For 11 years it has been a ballot "fiasco" in which fans across the nation voted for their favorites. It became a real farce last year when a Cincinnati landslide would have made the National League team an all-Redie aggregation.

The difficulty wasn't in the balloting of the fans—but in the fact that the ballots weren't actually counted.

So Commissioner Ford Frick announces that the teams now will be selected by the men who should know best who are the real "All-Stars." National League players, coaches and managers all will vote for the National League team, voting only for opponent players to preclude ballot box stuffing for teammates.

The American Leaguers will pick their league's team in the same manner and the ballots for both teams will be counted by the commissioner's office.

"It was simply an impossibility to count the six million ballots last year," Frick admitted in wiping out the poll conducted by 250 newspapers and radio stations.

There was one case, investigation disclosed, where one ballot was selected out of each 100 ballots—with that one ballot being used for the entire 100 votes.

In another instance, a cross-section of the votes was taken and then the entire load of ballots was weighed to determine how many ballots had been received.

"The 'vote' then was simply a matter of multiplication.

Then, too, there was the matter of "overbalance" such as the Cincinnati vote of last year. In the final week of voting a landslide of 550,000 Cincinnati votes was received. It would have meant an all-Cincinnati team starting for the National League.

Frick knocked off three of them—Gus Bell, Wally Post and George Crowe—on the theory that such players as Stan Musial, Hank Aaron and Willie Mays deserved prior All-Star ranking. Even Birdie Tebbets, the Cincinnati manager, would go along with that thinking.

But, while it was the greatest voting swindle since Tammany Hall voted tombstones, it also proved the fallacy of the All-Star balloting setup.

There possibly may be some bugs in the new system, Frick admits, but it's a start in the right direction.

Famed Hunter To Show Wild Life In Color

Some of the nation's best outdoor color photography will be on display Monday and Tuesday, 8 p.m., at Mills auditorium, when internationally renowned wildlife photographer Jim Bond screens his latest technicolor productions.

"The Mule Deer," "The X-Ring" and "Saskatchewan's Fabulous Fishing."

Bond is known as one of the world's greatest and most daring big game hunters, but he is far better known for his superb camera action shots of live animals. Some of his sequences are being used in both Hollywood and New York and he recently completed a series of programs for the Trans-Canada TV network.

His newest color film, "The Mule Deer," has taken Bond into the best deer ranges where he spent more than a year in photographing this wary animal. This is a complete life cycle story that covers the deer from the tiny fawn to maturity. The picture shows many big bucks. Even the predator, the mountain lion, plays a part in this colorful film.

"The X-Ring" is the best of all Bond's Alaska-Yukon wildlife motion pictures with a number of giant bull moose, enraged grizzly bear, captivating caribou, mountain sheep and a half million honking geese doing the acting.

The fishing picture shows the untouched wilderness of Upper Saskatchewan's 30,000 lakes and streams and its 20-pounders trying to tear up light tackle.

The Klamath Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Jim Bond show. It promises to be an interesting and educational entertainment.

MIAMI, Fla. (UP)—Longshot players who dabble in the daily double should be smiling again at Hialeah Park. Wednesday's double returned \$1,426 and Thursday Ranchero 2nd and Whip Out, a pair of outsiders, won the first two races for an \$869 return.

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