

OTI Opens Basketball Season Tonight

Owls, Humboldt St. Eye Weekend Series

Local college basketball fans will see five new faces in the Oregon Tech starting lineup tonight at the Milo High Campus gym when Wally Palmberg's Owls open their 1958-59 season against the always-tough Humboldt State College Lumberjacks.

Oscar Hits 45 For Cincy

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"My achin' back."
That's what most college basketball coaches mutter when all America's Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati's Bearcats comes to town. Thursday night, it was Robert, son who had the achin' back. But the injury did not deter him from turning in another superlative performance in Madison Square Garden.

The 6-5 junior, who captured the national collegiate scoring title with a 35-point average last season, scored 45 points to lead his team to an 80-67 victory over New York University. St. John's of New York drubbed Providence 73-55 in the opener.

In other games, Bailey Howell of Mississippi State, the No. 4 scorer last season, flipped in 47 points as the Maroon drubbed Union (Tenn.) 121-78. Seattle tipped San Francisco 60-53 on Francis Saunders' basket in the last four seconds. Georgia Tech finished strong to beat Baylor 65-56; Boston College whipped Holy Cross 72-67; Virginia Tech took Virginia 85-73; and Toledo snapped the 21-game winning streak of South Dakota, the NCAA small college champions, 81-79.

Robertson, who had 41 points against Indiana State Monday night, caged 29 points in the second half as the Bearcats broke a 33-all intermission deadlock and romped to an easy triumph. He had 16 points in the first half.

Sophomore Wayne Richards sparked Georgia Tech's late drive against Baylor. He scored two straight baskets as the Yellow-jackets snapped a 52-all tie and then moved even further in front with seven straight points.

Basketball Scoreboard

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National Basketball Assn.
Thursday Results
Boston 116, Syracuse 114
St. Louis 107, Philadelphia 92
College Basketball
Cincinnati 88, NYU 67
St. John's (NY) 73, Providence 55
Bucknell 77, Gettysburg 62
Muhlenberg 62, Lebanon Valley 63
Villanova 76, Phila. Textile 48
Georgia Tech 65, Baylor 56
Virginia Tech 83, Virginia 71
Tulane 68, Louisiana College 72
Louisiana State 79, Birmingham Southern 72
Murray (Ky.) 60, New Mexico A&M 51
Eastern Ky 93, Villa Madonna 69
East Tenn 77, Appalachian 71
Georgetown (DC) 94, Kentucky Wesleyan 73
Furman 82, Presbyterian 63
Phillips Oilers 74, Auburn 68
Ohio Univ 86, Marietta 53
Wheaton 87, North Central (Ill.) 51
Seattle 60, San Francisco 58
Washington State 68, Gonzaga 67
Colorado State 57, Panhandle Okla A&M 52
Colorado College 57, St. Joseph's (NM) 65



DRIVING GUARD — North Salem's Dennis "The Menace" McKee will be in the starting lineup tonight when the OTI Owls open their 1958-59 basketball season. McKee, a 5-11 guard, is expected to be one of the best guards to play under OTI colors. The Owls host Humboldt State in two games this weekend — Friday and Saturday nights.



The rejection by the Oregon School Activities Association, last Saturday, of the proposal instigated by nine Willamette Valley high schools that they be allowed to form a new "Big Nine Conference" without regard to the rest of the state has created no little dissatisfaction. Dissatisfaction among the hopeful "Big Nine" ...

Factually, the OSAA delegate assembly, which includes representatives from every school district in the state, decided that proposal deserved more study; the same treatment they accorded another important proposal which asked that the A1, A2 and B school size classifications be altered.

The assembly figured, and rightly so, that moves on either proposal should be made only on a statewide basis; allowing all possible benefit to each area. They contended that, although there are admittedly rough spots in the present districting and classification system, an abrupt or headlong move such as proposed by the "Big Nine" could result only in the whole process having to be repeated in the too near future.

From an objective angle, this makes sense. The OSAA did not place a flat rejection on the matters. It did place both issues on a three-year study plan—leaving an opening after one year of study, for new recommendations to be considered. The "Big Nine," which was to consist of North and South Eugene, Springfield, North and South Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Sweet Home and Lebanon, used as the basis for the proposal the fact that it wasn't financially feasible for them to take the long trips for athletic contests when they could restrict their travel to a 70-mile radius. Added to their arguments, strictly a dollars and cents viewpoint, was the note that the natural rivalries formed right in their own backyards would do wonders for gates. They are absolutely right on both counts and no one can blame them for their thought. Make more and spend less is a plan that appeals to nearly everyone.

Taking a look from the Southern Oregon side of things, again strictly from a financial slant, the obviously popular and sensible method, what would happen to Klamath Union High, or Medford, or Marshfield?

To any one that has made the trip across the Green Springs, accompanying the KU teams with any regularity, the answer is simple. Just the reverse of the situation the "Big Nine" would like becomes inevitable.

Klamath Falls would link with Medford, Grants Pass, Marshfield and Roseburg to form a new conference, thereby stretching, even

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Herald and News SPORTS

Owners Nix Players Percentage Demands

WASHINGTON (AP) — The major league players appeared unshaken today by the owners' rebuff of their demands for a percentage of the clubs' gross income.

The players predicted ultimate victory in the financial tug-of-war. Acting on the final day of their winter meetings, the magnates flatly rejected the players' proposal for a 20 per cent cut of the over-all revenue.

The calm reaction of the players came as somewhat of a surprise because of their earlier threat of drastic action in the event of refusal.

"The players are far from discouraged by the owners' latest action," said J. Norman Lewis, the players' attorney and spokesman.

"The owners have made flat rejections of other player requests before and eventually reconsidered."

"They intend to continue to present their arguments with persistence and patient negotiations for a more equitable participation in the increased revenue which has accrued to the owners over the past decade."

Lewis said he planned to meet with league player representatives Robin Roberts of Philadelphia and Eddie Yost of Washington to discuss the matter.

Under the plan, a minor league player who escapes the draft after his first year becomes ineligible for selection until he has completed the normal draft period. This period varies from two to four years, depending upon his league classification.

American League owners followed the example set by the National League and appointed a two-man committee to select an outside research organization to explore such baseball problems as expansion, realignment and television.

The two committees, to be headed by Phil Wrigley, president of the Chicago Cubs, will work in conjunction with the National League.

Other members are George Meindinger, Cleveland vice president; Arnold Johnson, Kansas City president; and Walter O'Malley, head of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

BALL FARE

COLLEGE
At OTI
8:00 OTI vs. Humboldt State
HIGH SCHOOL
at Chiloquin
7:00 Gilchrist vs. Bly
8:30 Sacred Heart vs. Chiloquin
at Henley
7:00 Merrill vs. Malin
8:30 Bonanza vs. Henley

Pirate Manager Hurt In Accident

CHESTER, Pa. (AP) — Daniel E. Murlaugh, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, was injured slightly today when a car and the taxi in which he was riding collided at an intersection.

He was treated at a hospital for bruises of the right knee and head and sent home. No one else was injured.

The 41-year-old Murlaugh, major league baseball's Manager of the Year in 1953, was returning home from the winter pro baseball meetings in Washington.

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