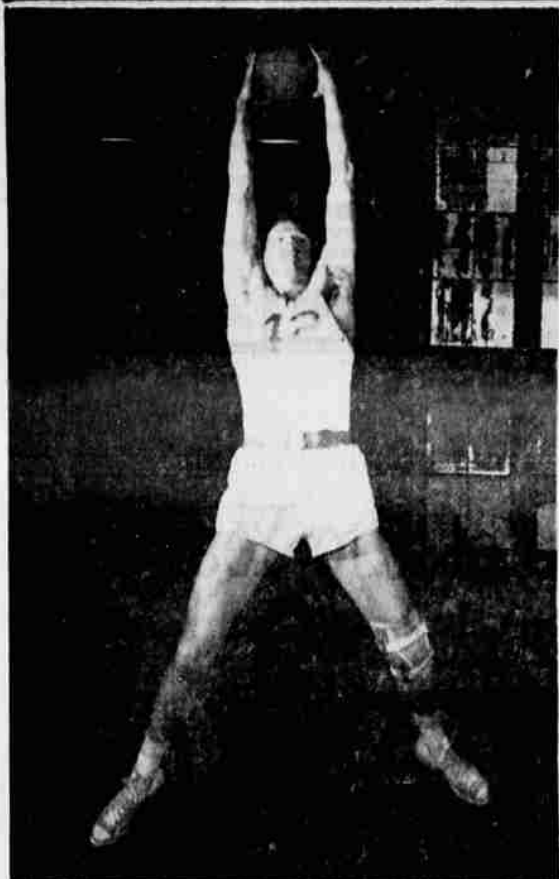




FACES EOC TONIGHT — Oregon Tech's 6-7 center Paul Layher will be seeing action tonight and Saturday evening in La Grande when the Owls meet Eastern Oregon College in a pair of Oregon Collegiate Conference games. Layher is the Owls' second highest scorer up to this weekend's games. Tech and Eastern Oregon are both looking for their first conference wins of the season after losing the opening week's games to Portland State and Southern Oregon. This weekend's OCC schedule finds Oregon College at Southern Oregon in addition to the Tech - EOC series at La Grande.



Every game you play is important — it's just that some are more important than others. This is not a new thought. It has occurred many times to coaches the world over. Probably the most recent occurrence is happening right now... as Pelican coach Dean White rides to Ashland.

Strangely enough, his thought does not necessarily consider the 2nd Saturday foe, the Grants Pass Cavemen, the most important.

His reasoning is sound. When you play in a conference that has five teams, two of which get to go to the state tournament, and three of them are as evenly matched as the Pelicans, Cavemen and the Black Tornado seem to be, then the two lesser (?) clubs assume quite an important role.

Why? Teams that are at the bottom of the heap offtimes develop a nasty habit of becoming the "spoiler." Ashland, especially with Earl Iba at the helm, is well equipped for just this sort of thing.

Since the top three are fairly close it figures that they will break even over the conference route. In this situation a letdown against one of the bottom clubs — and that's easy to do — can mean the one loss that knocks you out of the picture.

Selling the bottom man short at the right time can mean disaster. Recognizing this fact the smart coach is just as cautious and apprehensive about the so-called "easy" ones as he is concerning the toughies.

But don't think for a minute that Grants Pass isn't being given a little thought at the same time.

Odds and Ends... The OSAA has seen fit, as figured, to lift the suspension of the South Eugene Axemen... it took promises on the part of the students, lettermen's club, school officials and the Eugene Police Department that events such as caused the suspension would never occur again. Meanwhile, across town, in one of the Eugene junior high schools, two attempts were made to try to burn down the building. Problems, always problems.

The Axemen are getting back into competition just in time. Their conference schedule starts tonight... they can still make the state tourney.

The Yreka Miners, under the direction of coach Dick Edwards, have a situation that would brighten the outlook of any coach. Edwards and his squad have won 10 and lost only one this season, including a 20 point beating administered to the Grants Pass Cavemen.

The Miners accomplished this mark with four juniors on the first line. In fact there are only two seniors among his top eight men.

One of the juniors is 6-6 Bill Wilson (21-plus per game scorer); another is Alan Eddy, 6-4, who breaks in to the 20-plus figures every now and again. The Miners seem to have trouble scoring less than 70 points per win.

It's possible that Eddy and Wilson will grow a little before they become seniors.

Tonight Al Shipman and his Weed Cougars, who are riding a 34 straight win streak, are charged with protecting that record against the Miners.

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Ducks First

Huskies Start Vital Swing Through Oregon: Play Two

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Washington comes to Eugene tonight to start a two-game series in Oregon that is vital to the Huskies' title hopes in the Pacific Coast Conference.

The season is young, but Washington has managed to win but one of four conference games so far.

The Huskies tonight meet Oregon here, and then swing into Corvallis for a Saturday night game against Oregon State.

Both Oregon and Oregon State — also hoping for a title — will be trying to get above the .500 mark in conference play.

Oregon has a 1-1 PCC record, and Oregon State is 2-2.

Oregon Coach Steve Belko scouted Washington last week, and said that the Huskies — a pre-conference favorite — looked powerful with huge Doug Smart and Bruno Boin in the lineup.

Belko said he plans to start Denny Strickland, Stu Robertson, Dale Herron, Bud Kuykendall and Chuck Rask.

Washington will have the edge in height against Oregon, but against Oregon State will have to face 6-9 Karl Anderson and 6-8 Gary Goble.

OSC Coach Slat Gill said he plans to scout the Oregon-Washington game here. Oregon State is idle tonight.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS — The California Bears, who at 3-1 are tied with Southern Cal for the Pacific Coast Conference lead, in-

vaded the Stanford Indians' camp Friday night. If the Bears, defending conference champions, topple their ancient rivals, it will be the first Stanford loss at home in six games this season.

The two squads play a return engagement Saturday night at Berkeley in the TV Game of the Week.

Stanford, with a 3-2 conference score, goes into the game tied for third with UCLA, which has a pair on tap with Southern Cal.

Key figures in the Bears-Indian battle will be Darrell Imhoff, California's 6-10 center who is shooting at a 44 per cent field goal clip for 11.1 points per game, and Paul Neumann, Stanford's captain who's the loop's leading scorer.

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Beavers Next

Anderson Tops PNW Scorers

SEATTLE (AP) — Orville Anderson of Seattle Pacific, out to improve his fourth-place finish last year, is leading the Pacific Northwest's collegiate hoop scorers with 307 points in 13 games.

John Carr of St. Martin's is in second place with 289 points in 17 games and Ray Washburn of Whitworth has 280 in 12. On per-

game point production Anderson is averaging 23.6 and Washburn 23.3.

With Elgin Baylor and his 30-plus average gone from the regional scenery, the Northwest scoring scramble this year promises to become a see-saw contest among half a dozen or more players.

Baylor piled up 975 points last year for Seattle University to lead the field by more than 200.

Chuck Curtis of Pacific Lutheran, who was second with 720, got a late start this season due to an injured ankle and is not likely to catch up.

With the schedule about at the mid-point for most players, eight had 200 or more points in this week's compilation, based on scoring through Saturday night's games.

Jack Riley of Linfield and Doug Smart of Washington were tied for fourth with 231 points each, followed in the Top Ten by Frank Burgess of Gonzaga, Charley Brown of Seattle U., Lee Harman of Oregon State, Bruno Boin of Washington and Ron Langlois of Lewis & Clark.

The leaders:

	G	G	F	T	P
Anderson, SpPac	13	102	103	207	
Carr, St.Mart	17	—	—	289	
Washburn, Wth	12	222	76	280	
Riley, Linf	13	95	41	231	
Smart, Wash	14	95	41	231	
Burgess, Gonz	11	88	49	225	
Brown, SU	12	82	39	203	
Harman, OSC	13	64	73	201	
Boin, Wash	14	60	57	195	
Langlois, LC	12	59	49	187	

Second Ten: Wally Panel, Portland U., 133; Roger Iverson, Pacific Lutheran, 179; Kent Matheson, Eastern Washington, 178; Jerry Kalapus, Pacific, 174; Don Ogorek, Seattle U., 173; Dick Ko-

ford, Eastern Washington, 169; Terry Woods, Linfield, 168; Jim Snyder, St. Martin's, 168; Jim Armstrong, Portland U., 162; Larry Lynn, Willamette, 162.

Thunderbirds Trip Delts 90-82

The Chiloquin Thunderbirds had to pour on the coal in the second half to hand the Klamath City League Delts a 90-82 defeat in a non-conference basketball game played at Chiloquin Wednesday night.

Paced by high-pointer Bruce Parazoo, the ex-Panther ace who drilled the cord for 18 points, the T-Birds maintained a narrow lead throughout the game. The half-time count was 38-34 for the Chiloquin five.

The top scorer for both squads was Delt Ron Owens who amassed a total of 26 points.

The Thunderbirds, leave Chiloquin Friday afternoon for a trip to Toiyonish, Washington, where they will meet the powerful Papooses. The Papooses appeared in the All-Indian tourney in Chiloquin last year. Upon returning home the Thunderbirds will face the Air Force Jets at Kingsley Field Tuesday night, January 20.

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Herald and News SPORTS

Buchholz Becomes The First Yank Casualty In Nationals

ADELAIDE (AP) — Earl Buchholz, of St. Louis, acclaimed the world's outstanding junior, became the first major casualty of the Australian National Tennis Championship today. And then in a fit of depression said he may quit the game.

Later, after cooling off a bit, he amended the threat to say "I would like to knock off for six months and get back in the right frame of mind."

The unpredictable 18-year-old Missourian, listless and lacking in fire, fell before Neil Gibson, un-ranked Australian in a second round match on the Memorial Drive courts. The score was 8-6, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

It was a miserable day for the lean crewcut American. He accidentally cracked his best two rackets. He held his violent temper, but in doing so apparently lost his fight and determination.

At the intermission, trailing two sets to one, Buchholz was summoned from the dressing room to the stands and given a pep talk by Perry Jones, captain of the United States Davis Cup team.

Jones reminded Buchholz of his obligation to the U. S. Lawn Tennis Assn., which spent about \$5,000 to send the boy to Australia and exhorted him "don't think of yourself. Think of the association, St. Louis and your family back home."

Buchholz told his captain that he had no heart for the game and perhaps he should give it up. "I can't play my best because I am always blowing my top," he said.

Jones counseled that a rest might do Buchholz good, that he must conquer this temper and cultivate a better attitude before he can reach greatness.

Buchholz plans to continue in junior tournament.

The defeat of Buchholz left three members of the U. S. Davis Cup team still in the fight. All scheduled to play Saturday for the right to enter the round of 16.

Topseeded Alex Olmedo, Peruvian hero of the Davis Cup Challenge Round, faces Wayne Reid, Australia.

Barry MacKay, Dayton, Ohio, plays Queensland junior Ken Fletcher and Chris Crawford, Piedmont, Calif., meets Barry Phillips, Moore, Australia.

Boros, a former National Open champ, and ex-amateur king Maxwell both caught fire with a string of birdies on the second nine holes of Thursday's opening round to shoot five-under-par scores of 67.

That gave them a one-stroke advantage over U.S. Open Champion Tommy Bolt and fast-rising John McMullin. Nine others were deadlocked at 69. On that list came Art Wall, Dow Finsterwald, Howie Johnson, Bob Goalby, Arnold Palmer, Frank Stranahan, Bo Wininger, Doug Sanders and Paul O'Leary.

Except for Wall and Palmer, all the leaders played the Monterey Peninsula Country Club course, easier than the other two used in this tournament — Cypress Point and Pebble Beach.

Each of the 150 pros competing for the \$4,000 top prize also is teamed with an amateur in a best-ball event with \$2,000 awaiting the pro on the winning team.

Maxwell, of Odessa, Texas, and his partner, Dr. Robert Knutson of San Francisco, ended that category with best ball score of 61. Bolt with singer Don Cherry and Mike Souchak with Bob Goldwater of Phoenix were tied at 62. Boros, of Mid Pines, N.C., and his partner from Las Vegas, Moe Duhlitz, carded a best-ball 66.

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