



SPECIAL DEFENSE WORK — Coach Wally Palmberg, far right, points out with a demonstration the defensive maneuvers he plans to use against the Red Raiders Wednesday night when they meet for the final contest this season. From left, Del Francis, with ball, strikes an offensive while Norm Oliva, background left, Charlie Wilson, Paul Layher, Jack Horton, and Dennis McKee, in front of Palmberg set up the defense. The Owls are short the services of two regulars who were dropped from the squad.

Owls Dismissed Ore Tech Regulars Dropped From Squad

The burning hope that they might beat the Southern Oregon Red Raiders when they meet them Wednesday night in the Mile High gym, dwindled considerably in the hearts of the Oregon Tech basketball team when coach Wally Palmberg issued this statement early today:

"I regret deeply that I have found it necessary to drop two regulars from the Oregon Tech basketball team. Unexcused absences from a regular scheduled practice Friday afternoon resulted in dismissal from the squad of Troy Koutz and Jess McCutcheon. The boys, both freshmen, have turned in some fine performances during the season and I looked for these young men to be outstanding

basketball players in the years to come. Naturally, with the all-important game coming up Wednesday, this will be a severe blow to the squad—but I am left with no choice," said Palmberg.

Since the Owls last outing, their ill-fated two night stand against the Eastern Oregon Mountaineers on February 12 and 14, they have been working constantly on plans to deal with the powerful Red Raider squad from Ashland a solid beating in this, their last chance for the 58-59 season. The Owls lost the first three matches.

The Southern Oregon College quint is currently riding the top rung on the Oregon Collegiate Conference ladder coming off a pair

of convincing victories over the Portland State Vikings this past weekend while the Owls were standing idle. The Red Raiders, however, will close their regular season with the Wednesday night visit to the home of the Owls and a defeat at the hands of the Techmen could put a severe crimp in their hopes of maintaining that position. A loss to OTI coupled with a trio of victories for the Vikes who meet Oregon College tonight then host Eastern Oregon for a doubleheader this weekend would drop the Red Raiders into the No. 2 spot.

The dream of accomplishing this has been the driving force behind every Owl practice in the last two

weeks, at least for most of the club.

The mistaken thought on the part of Koutz and McCutcheon that perhaps the season was already over for the Owls puts a harsh damper on the OTI plans. The Techmen canceled practices for a portion of the last few days of last week because of the county prep basketball tournament staged on their court on Thursday, Friday and Saturday but slated some make-up work during the tournament's off-hours. It was these sessions that the displaced Owls missed.

Palmberg, who has always worked on the theory that discipline is important to a winning club, insists that absolute discipline

is a demanding must for the team that is experiencing a poor season while trying to build for the next good one.

With the absence of the two regulars Palmberg must necessarily revamp his squad. A starting five for the SOC hassle will be chosen from among Dennis McKee, Norm Oliva, Jack Horton, Paul Layher, Charlie Wilson and Del Francis.

The new first string sweated through stiff offensive and defensive drills aimed directly at the Raiders, in early practice sessions.

"We want to beat the Raiders more than anything else," the Owl squad agreed. "And we are certainly going to try," grimly added Palmberg.

Herald and News SPORTS

WAYNE SCOTT, Sports Editor

California Victory Drops OSC To 6th

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—Oregon State College played nip-and-tuck ball for three-quarters of a Pacific Coast Conference basketball game here Monday night, but fell apart in the final period and lost 57-49 to California.

The victory widened California's lead in the PCC to one full game over the University of Washington Huskies. And the loss dropped Oregon State from third to sixth.

Some 5,520 fans—including Oregon legislators—watched as the Beavers played nip-and-tuck ball

until midway through the second half. Then, with 11 minutes left and the game tied 34-34, Cal started to move.

Bill McClintock sank a free throw for the Beavers, which was followed by a field goal and free toss by Al Buch. Oregon State's Lee Harman brought the Beavers back momentarily with a field goal, making it 38-36.

Then Cal fired nine straight points. Dick Doughty scored two field goals. McClintock sank another and Denny Fitzpatrick scored three straight gift tosses. From then on it was California's game.

Lee Harman, Oregon State's leading scorer, scored only five points—all on free throws.

Cal's defense slowed the Beavers considerably in the final period. After shooting a 451 percentage on field goals in the first half, the Beavers dropped to 100 in the final period. This left OSC with a 31.0 average for the game, while Cal ended with a .327 average.

The box:

California	G	F	P	T	
Dalton	1	7	9	2	9
Groat	1	1	1	1	3
Irnhoff	0	1	2	3	1
Buch	5	4	6	2	14
Fitzpatrick	4	0	1	8	9
McClintock	3	3	7	4	9
Doughty	6	0	1	1	12
Simpson	0	0	0	3	0
Langley	0	0	0	0	0
Gillis	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	23	32	18	57

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2. North Salem (18-2)	115
3. Jefferson (16-2)	100
4. Klamath Falls (16-3)	94
5. Pendleton (17-3)	83
6. Medford (15-3)	74
7. Bend (16-2)	48
8. Marshfield (11-9)	41
9. Baker (16-2)	23
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Astoria Tops High School Poll Squads

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Astoria consolidated its position atop the weekly Associated Press poll on Oregon high school basketball this week.

The Astorians, who barely nosed out North Salem at the top of the poll last week, conquered Milwaukie and Beaverton in games this past week and emerged from the voting with a sizeable edge over North Salem, which is again the No. 2 team.

Astoria polled eight votes for first place, North Salem four, and Medford and Baker one each.

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Zouaves Feature OTI-SOC Game
Special entertainment planned for the halftime intermission at the Oregon Tech-Southern Oregon game in the Owl gym Wednesday night is built around the Zouaves, a girls drill team representing Job's Daughters Bethel 6.

The classy, 41 girl squad of precisionists is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gallagher and perform under the leadership of drill captain Becky Mack. Platoon leaders are Amy Kerr and Pat Crowley.

Added to the big program is a preliminary game pitting the OTI faculty and the OTI diesel class squads. Garpe time is 6:30 p.m.

Basketball Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ohio State 82, Indiana 83
Iowa 66, Purdue 62
Michigan 87, Wisconsin 83
Northwestern 79, Minnesota 62
Kansas 85, Missouri 81
Nebraska 62, Colorado 61
Cincinnati 92, Tulsa 69
Bradley 72, Wichita 70
St. Louis 70, N. Texas State 38
Houston 77, Drake 66
Kentucky 29, Alabama 32
Tennessee 56, Auburn 35
Georgia Tech 76, Florida 72
Vanderbilt 78, Georgia 50
Mississippi State 65, Tulane 51
Louisiana State 99, Mississippi 93
Clemson 38, Wake Forest 51
Southern Methodist 56, Arkansas 51
Colorado College 72, Colorado Mines 54
New Mexico State 81, Arizona State Univ. 71
Texas Western 76, Arizona 51
California 57, Oregon State 40
Seton Hall 63, Detroit 59
St. Francis (Pa.) 84, St. Vincent (Pa.) 71
Boston College 55, Boston Univ. 54
Florida State 94, Rollins 83
Miami (Fla.) 102, Morehead State 83
Tennessee Tech 97, Chattanooga 81
Stetson 64, Florida Southern 53
Western Kentucky 82, Xavier (Ohio) 73

Classic Features Donkeys, Riders

Basketball talent and horsemanship (?) will be combined tonight on Pelican Court at 8 o'clock when the Oregon Tech coaching staff, plus a few ringers, and the Klamath Union High mentors, plus a like number of ringers, will tangle in what should be the basketball classic of the season—aboard donkeys.

A challenge contest, the match will see squads led by KU coach Dean White and OTI coach Wally Palmberg go full tilt astride what they understand are trained donkeys that wear rubber shoes to assure their footing on the slick gymnasium surface. Little or no provision has been made to assure firm seating.

As a preliminary to the contest a basketball game of more sensible proportions is scheduled although the contestants were not known at this writing. The gym doors will open at 6 p.m. with the prelim slated for 6:30. Admission prices are 90 cents for adults and 50 cents for children.

March Of Dimes Game Scheduled

The Chiloquin Thunderbirds invade the Oregon Tech basketball court tonight for a special March of Dimes game with the OTI Diesel Class quintet which is slated to begin at 8:15 p.m.

All the proceeds from the event are earmarked for the March of Dimes fund. Admission charge is 25 cents per ticket.

Prior to the main event a contest between the Chiloquin Parks and the Kingsley Field Air Force Jets of the Klamath Falls City League is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Thunderbirds, the host team in the annual National Invitational All-Indian tournament scheduled for March 17 through 21 at Chiloquin is composed of a squad of ex-high school and college aces. Included on the roster are John McCutcheon, JoJo George, Erwin Crume, Bruce Porazoo, Ivan Joe, Gene Gentry, Vernon Joe, Chuck Ruff, George Wright and Phillip Nelson. The squad is coached by Woody Joe and managed by Ron Hatfield.

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'O' Cinches Grip; Howell Hits Mark

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati held a firmer grip on the college basketball scoring lead today following a hectic night in which red hot Kentucky overcame a deep freeze and Bailey Howell of Mississippi State set a Southeastern Conference scoring mark.

Robertson whipped in 36 points to lead the Bearcats to their 13th straight victory, 92-69 over Tulsa. Oscar's output was only three less than the entire Kentucky team compiled in turning back stalling Alabama 29-32.

Howell had 32 points as Mississippi State rode over Tulane 65-51. That boosted Howell's career total to 2,024 points, breaking the record of 2,002 set by Bob Pettit at Louisiana State.

Despite Robertson's performance, Cincinnati had a tough time getting past Tulsa. The Bearcats led by only three points with six minutes to go, then racked up 11 straight points to move to their 10th Missouri Valley victory against no setbacks.

Robertson's season's average jumped to 33.2. Loy Byrd of Marshall is next with 30.2 followed by Jim Hagan of Tennessee Tech, 28.5.

Kentucky, back in the No. 1 spot in the latest Associated Press poll, was hampered by "Bama's deliberate style and wound up in a 23-all deadlock at halftime. But the Wildcats started the second half with a nine-point scoring spurt before Alabama hit its first field goal.

Mississippi State clinched at least a tie for the Southeastern Conference title and a berth in the NCAA championships. But because of Mississippi's segregation custom, State may not take part in the tournament.

Kentucky and Auburn, which was beaten by Tennessee 56-55, are both 11-2 in the league. Mississippi State is 12-1. Auburn, on NCAA probation, is ineligible for the tourney.

Auburn's setback was its second straight after racking up 30 victories in a row covering two seasons. Bobby Carter sank two free throws in the final two seconds to put Tennessee's SEC record at 8-5.

In the Big Ten, Iowa moved into sole possession of second place by defeating Purdue 66-62 as Pete Schebler scored six points late in the game. Michigan whipped last place Wisconsin 87-63. Ohio State gained revenge for a humiliating 122-92 setback by beating Indiana 92-43 and Northwestern, holding Minnesota star Ron Johnson to 16 points, trounced the Gophers 79-62.

Ninth-ranked Bradley took a solid hold on second place in the Missouri Valley by edging Wichita 72-70. In other league games, St. Louis swept to a 70-58 triumph over North Texas State and Houston tripped Drake 77-66.

Chieftains Edge R&R, 43-42

Action in the Victory League Monday night saw the Chieftains edge out a 43-42 victory over R & R while the Wildcats won by forfeit over the Tigers.

Jim Webb tossed in 13 points to lead the Chieftains while Ron Gresdel topped the losers with 10.

TV Fight Rhubarb Expected

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CHICAGO (AP)—A competitive war to promote the top boxing shows for respective television programs is in the making between newly formed organizations in Chicago and New York.

Arthur M. Wirtz and Jim Norris the big guys behind the court-closed International Boxing Club, will continue to promote matches under the name of National Boxing Enterprises, Inc.

Wirtz announced Monday at a news conference that the NBE will be directed by Truman Gibson, former president of the IBC, and will be a subsidiary of the Chicago Stadium Corp., one of many properties owned by Norris and Wirtz.

The NBE will continue presentation of the Wednesday night televised fights from various cities in co-operation with local promoters.

"Our new organization has the know-how and the resources, and we are going to continue in boxing on a major basis," said Wirtz. "The new NBE has the full backing of Jim Norris' and my companies."

In New York, Harry Markson, general manager of the newly formed Madison Square Garden operation, said:

"We will be in competition not only with the Chicago outfit, but with all other promoters, including Bill Rosenzohn (promoter of the Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson heavyweight title fight)."

"This is what the federal court envisioned when it broke up the relationship between the Chicago Stadium and Madison Square Garden — more competition between all promoters. We will continue to try to get the best fights for the Friday night show. It has consistently provided the better fights and has gotten better (television) ratings."

Under a court anti-trust ruling which dissolved the IBC of New York and Illinois, Wirtz and Norris had to sell their stock in the Garden.

Former heavyweight champion Joe Louis also will be with the IBC, Louis, who was drawing a reported \$20,000 a year with the IBC, will serve in an advisory capacity. Louis was paid by both the New York and Illinois IBC operations.

Tournament Spots Loom For Preppers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Oregon high school basketball heads into a busy schedule this week, which probably will see many of the tourney teams named.

Some district representatives have been named, while in other districts one team is well ahead in the race.

Here is the way the race for tourney berths looks, by district:

Class A-1
District 6
Klamath Falls, 11-2 in the district, and Medford, 10-3, are close to tourney spots. Grants Pass, 8-5, still has a chance with three games to play. Klamath Falls meets Grants Pass Friday and Medford Saturday.

District 1
Jefferson can cinch a tie for the Portland league title and playoff berth by defeating Wilson Tuesday. Cleveland and Grant, tied for second place, will meet Tuesday with the winner to get the inside track to the district's second tournament spot. Wilson can stay in contention by upsetting Jefferson.

District 2
Sandy has cinched the championship. Scappoose, which meets Rainier Tuesday, and WyEast, which plays Hood River, are vying for the second district position.

District 3
Astoria, holding a one-game lead with four games left, is idle Tuesday. Beaverton and Milwaukie, which play Tuesday, and David Douglas of Portland, which is idle, all have chances to win a second tourney position. District season ends March 7.

District 4
St. Helens has won playoff berth and can cinch tie for Tualatin-Yamhill Valley League title by defeating Tillamook Tuesday. McMinnville, with a two-game lead for the district's second playoff spot, plays Dallas Tuesday. Tillamook and Lake Oswego, which meets Forest Grove Tuesday, each has a chance but would be eliminated by only one defeat.

District 5
North Bend and Marshfield are tied for the district lead with 8-2 records. South Eugene is right behind at 7-3. All three contenders for the two district playoff spots

play twice next weekend as their regular season ends. One of the games will be North Bend vs. Marshfield.

District 7
Pendleton and Baker have won the district's playoff berths.

District 8
North Salem can nail down the district title and tournament bid by defeating Corvallis Tuesday. Corvallis then would play the Central Oregon subdistrict winner, probably Bend, for second tourney position. Bend needs to take one game from Pringville next weekend to stay in contention.

Class A-2
District 6
Myrtle Creek won the north subdistrict title. Glendale and Eagle Point tied in the other subdistrict and will go into a three-team playoff with Henley to determine which is to meet Myrtle Creek for district honors.

District 7
Milton-Freewater, which defeated Vale for the eastern subdistrict title, faces Madras in a playoff which opens Friday.

Sports Scene

BASKETBALL
Donkey Basketball
At Pelican Court
8:00 OTI Coaches vs. KUHS coaches

Exhibition
At Oregon Tech
7:00 Chiloquin Parks vs. Kingsley Field Jets
8:30 Chiloquin Thunderbirds vs. OTI Diesel Class

City League
at Conger School
8:30 Price Wise vs. Hal's Sptg. Goods

YMCA-Church League
at Allamont
7:20 First Baptist vs. First Methodist
8:30 First Christian vs. Klamath Temple

Nor-Cal Championship
8:00 Yreka vs. Weed at Weed

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