Crucial Series Set — *OCC Plot Thickens*

Owl Cagers, Vikings Scrap For Top

The Portland State College Vikings, the toughest defensive team in the Oregon Collegiate Conference, rolls into Klamath Falls Friday to open a highly crucial two-game series with the Oregon Tech Owls on the Mile High maple that evening at 8:30.

In addition to their obvious ability to hold down enemy scorers, the Viks have a half-game edge over the Owls for the number one spot on the OCC ladder.

The two squads square off again Saturday night for the second game, the last time they meet during the balance of the current season.

The Owls, who slipped into the Important number two spot with a pair of convincing wins over Oregon College at Monmouth last Friday, dropped a pair of squeaking decisions to the Viks when they met in the league opener at Portland. The first game the Owls fell 41-36 and in the second they were on the short end of a 39-34 count.

The Portlanders, as if to prove that they were not only a rugged defensive unit but could move well offensively, topped the Eastern Oregon Mountaineers 57-40 last Friday, then roared back Saturday night to win by an impressive 87-58 margin.

Coach Sharkey Nelson's Viks pose one of the strongest threats to the Owl potential on the backboards. Although coach Wally Palmberg's cagers have a height advantage with the 6-7 of Paul Layher and the 6-5 footage of Jack Horton, the Portland five is not standing exactly short.

A pair of rubber-legged sophomores, Jack Bertell and Ray Torgerson, extend 6-5 and 6-4 respectively, and right behind them comes Bob Grant, 6-3. Although not particularly high scorers the trio accounts for an amazing number of safe rebounds.

Out front the Vikings boast diminutive but dangerous scorer in the person of Don Powell. Powell, who tops the Viking shooters with 89 OCC points for a 12.3 game average, stands only 5-9. His coworker in the Owl front court is 6-2 number two scorer Don Bridges, who has collected 72 points for a 10.6 average. Bridges has also proved highly effective off the boards.

JACK HORTON
. . . going hard

PAUL LAYHER
. . . faces challenge

The general trend of thinking on the Owl practice court emphasizes the fact that the Portland defense had better be working to perfection if the Viks intend to stay out front. Workouts have stressed a rapid moving, sure-footed attack intended to keep the invaders on their heels.

Last weekend the Owls piled up totals of 75 and 79 points in earning their Monmouth victories. Their efforts have borne out Palmberg's contention that once the club found itself, its score potential could be an awesome thing.

At the conclusion of the PSC series, the Owls host the SOC Red Raiders here Tuesday night, tangle with Eastern Oregon in La Grande on February 12-13, then meet the Raiders in Ashland on February 23 and finally wind up their OCC play in their home gym when they host the Wolves February 26-27.

On February 16, the Techmen will meet the Kingsley Field Jets, a powerful service team, in a special benefit game, which, of course, will not affect their OCC standings.

Basketball Scoreboard

College Basketball
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST
Syracuse 65, Connecticut 64
NYU 67, Duquesne 58
Williams 74, Springfield (Mass) 65
CCNY 66, Kings Point 55

SOUTH
Auburn 48, Georgia Tech 45
N.C. State 87, Virginia 53
Miami (Fla.) 90, Rollins 79
Georgia 66, South Carolina 65

MIDWEST
Notre Dame 71, Canisius 65
Beloit 70, Lake Forest 61
Coe 79, St. Ambrose 70
Ill. Wesleyan 46, Carroll (Wis) 44
North Central Ill. 90, Wheaton 88

SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 82, Arkansas 79
St. Marys (Tex) 104, McMurry 87

FAR WEST
Bradley 83, Seattle 80
Santa Clara 66, Texas A&M 55
San Francisco State 76, Southern Oregon 55

Oregon Prep Basketball
Portland League
Cleveland 57, Franklin 54
Benson 45, Lincoln 34
Grant 56, Madison 38
Roosevelt 56, Wilson 45
Jefferson 72, Washington 56

St. Helens 75, West Linn 69
Oregon City 51, McMinnville 47
Troutdale 64, Wy'East 50
Tigard 67, Newberg 44
Sherwood 57, Amity 42
Tillamook Catholic 57, Warrenton 51
Sandy 81, Silverton 53
Salem Academy 51, Nestucca 48
Parkrose 60, Molalla 41
Creswell 37, Central Linn 33
Clatskanie 47, Knappa 46
Tillamook 61, Lake Oswego 52
Turner 76, Scio 58
Forest Grove 50, Dallas 36
Star of the Sea (Astoria) 46, Seaside 37
Jesuit 45, Scappoose 41
Vernonia 89, Gervais 48
Serra (Salem) 45, Woodburn 41
Clackamas 66, Gresham 48
Independence 40, North Marion 38
South Salem 68, Corvallis 53
Colton 63, Gaston 48
OCE Frosh 65, Toledo 60
Lebanon 59, North Salem 49
Beaverton 59, Central Ratholic 50

National Basketball Assn.
Tuesday Results
St. Louis 114, Boston 113
Philadelphia 109, Cincinnati 107
Syracuse 119, New York 102

Mustangs Bomb SHA Trojans; Hornets Conquer Husky Quint

COUNTY B LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Malin (14-3)	7	0	1.000
Merrill (11-4)	6	2	.750
Chiloquin (9-5)	5	2	.714
Bonanza (8-4)	5	3	.625
Sacred Heart (5-9)	3	6	.333
Gilchrist (4-8)	1	5	.166
Bly (1-13)	0	9	.000
Non-League			
Henley	6	8	.428

The league leading Malin Mustangs bombed the Sacred Heart Trojans 60-39 on the SHA floor Tuesday night to keep their unbeaten loop record intact. The second place Merrill Huskies didn't slip from their position but they did get manhandled 45-39 by the Henley Hornets on their own home floor.

The Chiloquin Panthers had no trouble disposing of the scrappy Bly Bobcats 83-32 on the Chiloquin court while the Bonanza Antlers pounded out an 84-66 victory over the KU Wildcats on the Bonanza maplewood. In a prelim test at Bonanza the Antler JVs topped the KU sophs 66-60.

Mustangs 60, SHA 39

Although the Mustangs maintained their scoring pace in the lopsided court action, they connected at a substandard 30 per cent from the floor. The game's high scorer was Mustang Rick Illian with 20 points off 10 field goals. Next was teammate Randy Miller with 18.

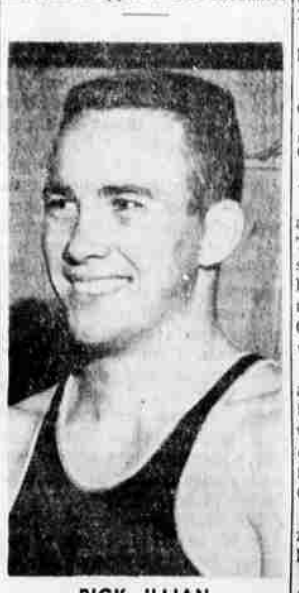
Bob Andersch paced SHA with 17 points. Andersch hit six field goals and five free throws. Tony Krok was next with seven points. Andersch, Krok and Bill Manning hustled consistently under the boards but were entirely outclassed by the much taller and faster Mustangs.

With the aid of Manning's two field goals and two free throws, the Trojans kept within striking distance of the Malin five during the initial period which ended 14-11 for Malin.

In the second stanza, Illian caught fire and tallied 10 of the Mustangs' 15 points to push SHA nearly out of contention at 29-16 at the half. With the starting five remaining in the lineup during the third quarter, Malin romped away at 41-23.

Illian fouled out in the fourth frame with 5:02 remaining. Miller took up the slack with 10 markers in the final period.

In the preliminary tussle, SHA Hi Hatfield coached his team to a 40-32 victory over the Malin JVs. SHA had dropped a 42-20 encounter earlier in the season to the same club.



RICK ILLIAN
. . . Heated Mustang

The shortscore:
SHA (39)—Murray 6, Andersch 17, T. Krok 7, Manning 6, Shuck, Jackson 3, Ryan, Wagner, M. Krok.
Malin (60)—Illian 20, Long 10, DeMerritt 4, Miller 18, Rick 6, Steyskal, O'Conner, Stastny 2, Brown 2.

Chiloquin 83, Bly 32

Chiloquin caught fire at the opening whistle, and Bly was unable to put it out. The Panthers ran up a 23-1 first quarter score and stretched that into a prohibitive 38-10 lead over the much smaller Bobcat five.

Ron Hoggarth paced the strong Panthers in scoring with 17 points. Teammate Lyle Hall chased him with 13 points. Hall pushed in 9-10 free shots in the second half and was 11-12 for the evening.

Top scorer for tiny Bly was Jim Hall who plunked 15 points through the hoop. Teammate Bill Pruitt dropped in eight points.

Chiloquin hit for 36 field goals and 9-15 free throws to amass its impressive 83 points. Bly connected for seven field goals and 18-22 gift scores.

The Panther subs took over in the second half, but the scoring pace didn't slacken, and they posted 22 in the third period and 23 more in the finale.

The shortscore:
Bly (32)—Watts, Thompson 4, Hall 15, Poole 5, Pruitt 8, Clemmons, Sandelin, C. Pool.
Chiloquin (83)—Harris 10, Hegland 8, Hall 13, Hoggarth 17, Ochoa 8, LeBesu 2, Bricco 9, Cunningham 10, Van Warmer 6, Nygren.

Henley 45, Merrill 39

After getting off to a slow start the Hornets finally made the grade late in the third quarter and slipped out front 30-28, for the first time during the game, at the close of the frame. In the final stanza the Henley quint racked up win number six by scoring 15 points while holding the Huskies to 11.

Bert Allbritton hauled in scoring honors for the game with eight field goals and 3-4 at the foul line for 19 Hornet points. Big Brian Fields hit 12 for the Merrillites off three field goals and six good ones in 11 tries from the free throw line.

Dennis Salvadori hit six points in the first five minutes of play to give the Huskies a 14-6 first quarter lead. In the second period Henley loosened up and counted 15 points to make the halftime count 23-21.

The Henley Jayvees topped the Husky pups 44-33.

The shortscore:
Merrill (39)—Parnell 6, Fields 12, Carleton 6, Salvadori 8, Beasly 7.
Henley (45)—Allbritton 19, Chapman 5, Reiling, Jackson 6, Kendall 8, Gooding 7, Blofsky.

Antlers 84, Sophs 66

The Antlers averaged 21 points a quarter on their home court Tuesday night to avenge themselves for a previous defeat at the hands of the Wildcats, and some red hot shooting on the parts of Chet Schooler and Butch Crume were the big factors in the win.

Schooler hit 10 field goals, 5-9 at the foul and hauled in 18 rebounds. The next closest to his 25 was teammate Crume who collected 20 points off seven from the floor plus 6-9 at the charity mark. Crume also picked off 14 rebounds.

At the quarter rests the Bonanzans enjoyed 22-14, 45-23 and 63-47 leads.

The top gunners for KU were Earl Brinson with 17, Earl Bogatay with 16 and Bob Dearing with 15. Antlers Denny Ellis with 16 and Jim O'Connor with 11 were the only others to score in the double figures.

In the prelim the Bonanza Juniors whipped the KU frosh 66-60. Buddy Wolters led the KU quint with 16 and Joe O'Connor hit 24 for the young Antlers.

The shortscore:
KU Wildcats (66)—Dearing 15, Bogatay 16, Ash 2, Allen 6, Brinson 17, Juckeland 1, Kaler 6, Stippich 3, Buchholz, Malcomb.
Bonanza (84)—Ellis 16, Dearborn 6, Schooler 25, Crume 20, Jim O'Connor 11, Brooks 2, Werner 2, Joe O'Connor 2, Al O'Connor, R. Schooler, Roberts.

Palm Springs Golf Classic Gets Rolling

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—The world's richest golf tournament starts here today — the $100,000 Palm Springs Desert Classic — and some lucky pro conceivably could pocket $66,300.

All he would have to do is win the $12,000 first prize for the 90-hole tournament proper, $4,300 for first in the pro-amateur division — and shoot a hole-in-one, worth $50,000 by itself.

A favorite is Art Wall Jr., who has scored 35 aces in his career.

The first four rounds will be pro-amateur over the Tamarisk, Bermuda Dunes, Indian Wells and Thunderbird layouts. The fifth round — over Thunderbird — will be for the pros alone — the low 60 scorers.

The amateurs include some of Hollywood's most famous names — Bing Crosby, Buddy Rogers, Jack (Maverick) Kelly, Zeppo Marx, Randolph Scott, Bob Hope, Arthur (Dagwood) Lake, Phil Harris, Danny Kaye and ex-home run slugger Ralph Kiner.

Among the pros are Dow Finsterwald, Jerry Barber, Ken Venturi, Mike Souchak, Billy Casper, Bob Rosburg, Julius Boros, Bob Goalby, George Bayer, Jimmy Demaret, Doug Ford, Jay Hebert, Lloyd Mangrum, Frank Stranahan, Gene Littler, Jack Fleck, Tommy Bolt and Porky Oliver.

Herald and News SPORTS

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Auburn Tigers Nip Georgia Tech 48-45

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Auburn has Georgia Tech's number and it may wind up costing the Ramblin' Wreck first Southeastern Conference basketball title in 22 years.

With a 48-45 ball control victory Tuesday night, the Tigers made it six in a row against Tech over a 3-year span, boosted their home court winning streak to 28, and scrambled a SEC race Tech seemed to have nailed when it beat Kentucky for the second time last week.

Auburn beat Georgia Tech Jan. 19 in a game that didn't count in the SEC standings. Now Tech is the leader with a 7-1 record followed by Kentucky at 6-2, Auburn and Mississippi at 5-2, and Tulane at 4-2. Tech, sixth-rated nationally, has six conference games remaining in its bid for its first SEC championship since 1938.

Outshot 15-19 from the field, Auburn (12-3) gained its edge with 18 of 21 free throws while Tech was converting 7 of 9. Henry Hart, with 20 points, was Auburn's top scorer. Roger Kaiser had 19 for Georgia Tech, which lost its third in 19 games.

Bradley's second-ranking Braves padded their winning streak to nine and their overall record to 15-1 with an 83-80 victory at Seattle but tenth-ranked Texas A&M (13-2) and Memphis State (12-3) were beaten in other important Tuesday games.

Santa Clara (14-6) handed the Aggies a 66-55 whipping in the windup of the Texans' two-game California tour, and Tennessee Tech nipped Memphis State 67-65 on Jimmy Hagan's basket at the buzzer. Bradley, which plays at Gonzaga Thursday before getting back to its Missouri Valley Conference duel with top-ranked Cincinnati, got 24 points from soph Chet Walker and 20 from Dan Smith in its sizzler with Seattle.

Sugar, Gene Share Spot In Rankings

NEW YORK (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson and Gene Fullmer were ranked as co-holders of the No. 1 challenger's position to Champion Paul Pender in the latest middleweight ratings of Ring Magazine which also demoted ex-champion Floyd Patterson to No. 2 contender in the heavyweight class.

Ring recognized Pender as the new champion for his victory over Robinson in Boston and also honored the Brookline, Mass., boxer as "Fighter of the Month" for January.

For the first time since it paired Zora Folley and Eddie Machen as top contenders for the heavyweight crown two years ago, the magazine came up with a tie between challengers. Robinson, the 39-year-old ex-champ, and Fullmer, the National Boxing Assn. champion from West Jordan, Utah, were given equal billing.

Patterson, still waiting for a return shot at Ingemar Johansson for the world heavy crown, was spotted No. 2 behind Zora Folley who defeated Eddie Machen recently.

Henry Hank of Detroit moved into the No. 4 position in the middleweight class by stopping Jesse Bowdry.

Benny Paret of Cuba took over the No. 4 spot in the welter class on the strength of his second victory over Charlie Scott.

Boosters To Meet

The Pelican Booster Club will hold its regular weekly session tonight at 6:30 in the Chuck Wagon Restaurant. In addition to talks given by coaches Dean White and DeLance Duncan, KU basketball and wrestling heads, the group will conclude arrangements for the coming weekend's Grade School Jamboree set for Saturday night in Pelican Court.

SF Fast Breaks Southern Oregon

ASHLAND (AP) — San Francisco State used an adept fast break to run away in the second half for a 76-55 basketball victory over Southern Oregon here Tuesday night.

The Staters had only a two-point lead at the intermission but got 42 in the second half with Jim Caranica and Jim Brown leading the break.

Bradley Braves Edge Chieftains

SEATTLE (AP) — At one point in Tuesday night's basketball game here, Seattle University led Bradley by seven points. The visiting Braves never did quite that well, but they managed to win the game anyway, 83-80.

Bradley, second-rated in the nation, trailed for the first 16½ minutes, then caught up and took a 38-36 lead at halftime on the basis of a jump shot from far out by Mike Owens.

The Braves set the pace in the second half, but never got more than five points in front. The lead changed hands eight times in the final 20 minutes.

Bradley's Chet Walker took scoring honors with 24 points. Dave Mills led Seattle with 22.

Weather Key To Fight Fate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The weatherman holds the key today to the fate of California's biggest outdoor boxing show — two 15-round world title fights scheduled for Memorial Coliseum Thursday night.

If the elements are fair, upward of 30,000 fans will pay a record gate to see the action.

The attractions: Bantamweight Champion Jose Becerra of Mexico against ex - champion Alphonse Halimi of France; Junior Welterweight Champion Carlos Ortiz of New York against Raymundo (Battling) Torres of Mexico.

Promoter Cal Eaton said today he is confident the California record gate of $236,521—set when Carmen Basilio knocked out Art Aragon at Wrigley Field Sept. 5, 1958—will be broken. He said advance sales are well beyond $200,000.

Becerra, who knocked Halimi out in eight rounds to win the title in the new sports arena July 8, remains a solid betting favorite to retain the title as king of the 118-pounders.

Warriors Trim Boston's Edge

By United Press International

Wilt Chamberlain and the Philadelphia Warriors are closing in on those front-running Boston Celtics.

The Celtics had a seemingly insurmountable lead in the Eastern Division of the National Basketball Association a few weeks ago but the Warriors cut it to a mere three games Tuesday night when they beat the Cincinnati Royals, 109-107, and the Celtics bowed to the St. Louis Hawks, 114-113, at Madison Square Garden.

It was the third victory in as many days for the Warriors, who played last night at Philadelphia after Sunday and Monday games on the West Coast.

Chamberlain had 34 points and 27 rebounds. He has scored 2,009 points so far this season and needs only 97 more to set a new NBA single-season mark.

Nine of Syracuse's 10 players scored in double figures as the Nationals whipped the New York Knicks, 119-102, in the other game of the New York double-header. Dolph Schayes' 24 points were tops for Syracuse and Willie Naulls had 30 for New York.

Jockey Bill Boland, who won the Kentucky Derby with Middleground in 1950, is a native of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Return Match Near Reality

NEW YORK (AP) — The off-again - on - again, maybe - so-maybe-no Ingemar Johansson-Floyd Patterson return bout for the world heavyweight championship was practically a reality today.

Not quite, though.

But it appeared that most of the major stumbling blocks had been cleared and that the new promoters, Feature Sports, Inc., merely had to sit out the required waiting period for a license to stage the bout.

Johansson, who lifted the crown from Patterson last year, and his adviser, Edwin Ahlquist, headed home for Sweden in a happy frame of mind Tuesday night.

"I'm confident the contract will be signed when I return to the U.S. later this month," beamed Johansson.

"I talked to the Feature Sports people and the contract is in the process of being written. Everything looks fine for the fight in June."

Flu Bug Halts Pelican Guard, Causes Practice Plan Change

Although only one player is down so far, the threat of a possible flu attack facing the entire squad has necessitated some changes in the plans of coach Dean White in preparing for the Pelican invasion of Medford Friday night.

Guard Freddie Biehn, the very able junior speedster who has become attached to a starting post out front, joined captain Bob Lewis on the sidelines Tuesday, a doubtful starter for the weekend's important single game with the powerful Black Tornado.

Biehn's ailment is thought to be the flu. Lewis is suffering from a bone chip in his ankle.

White had planned extensive defense work and shooting drills for at least an hour and a half daily on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, allowing Thursday for a rest. Now fearing that too much activity in face of the flu threat might endanger his overall squad's health, White has decided that slower paced, shorter drills extended through Thursday are necessary.

Making comparisons with the balance of the league, the Friday Medford-Klamath encounter is a must for the Pelicans if they still entertain hopes of finishing the season on top of the Southern Oregon Conference.

The Whitebirds have experienced their only two losses of the season at the hands of the Tornado. The Medfordites remain unbeaten in loop action although they have three pre-season losses charged against them.

With a rueful grin White noted Tuesday, "Even at full strength we have our hands full with Medford—and missing two, or even one boy from among our top six or seven—we're in trouble."

Pelican scoring:

Player	G	FG	FT	PF	TP	Avg.
Bishop	14	91	48-61	21	230	16.4
Dunson	14	62	25-39	31	149	10.7
Lewis	13	42	29-32	37	113	8.70
Patzke	13	27	32-61	21	86	6.62
Brickner	8	27	7-15	12	61	7.63
Biehn	13	23	26-40	49	72	5.54
Binney	13	13	7-12	16	33	2.54
Eastman	13	12	10-14	14	37	2.85
Lapsley	9	5	8-15	7	18	2.00
Palmberg	9	3	10-10	11	16	1.77
Dennis	6	3	0-2	2	6	1.00
Hunsaker	2	0	2-2	1	2	1.00
Taylor	1	0	0-0	0	0	0.00
Others	7	4	4-10	10	12	1.70
Totals	14	312	211-328	188	835	59.6
OPP.	14	247	193-293	229	687	49.1
KUHS		182	232	194	233—835	
OPP.		136	184	159	206—687	

Beavers Name Football Aide

CORVALLIS (AP)—Doug Bradley, assistant football coach at Texas A & M, today was named to the Oregon State College staff.

Athletics Director Roy "Spec" Keene said Bradley will assist coach Tommy Prothro. As a student at UCLA in 1954, Bradley was coached by Prothro, who then was an assistant at that school.

Since then Bradley has been assistant coach at Iowa State as well as Texas A & M.

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