



I get letters . . . letters of instruction, letters seeking information, threatening letters, constructive criticism type letters, unconstructive type letters, and I have even been known to get letters (rarely) of a complimentary nature.

But I got one Saturday . . . that beats them all. I am not only do not know in which category to place it . . . I am not even sure whether the writer is serious or just kidding me.

Basketball has been known to arouse a curious comment every now and then, usually from a football coach who more than probably is kidding, but I have never heard one like the following before.

Kidding or serious? You decide for yourself. I'll print it exactly as it was received:

"Dear Sir:

I inclose for your thoughtful consideration an article entitled "BASKETBALL TO BE PLAYED BY GIRLS ONLY - STARTING WITH THE WEST." I request its publication in full on the Sports Page, requesting the views of readers of your paper. Basketball is a fairly recent importation from the East—unknown in the early West.

Old cattlemen and other old-timers of the West refer contemptuously to male basketball players as the Basketball Buckaroos who dance around on a hard floor in their summer underwear, and bus loads of girls and boys are transported over dangerous mountain highways at night to see them perform—and the taxpayer pays the bill.

An old cowboy of the Klamath Basin—now raising cattle—gave me his views about a bus load of girls (no boys) being bound all night in a Cascade Mountain pass in the fall. The driver had to hike many miles to summon aid—highway workers with rotary saws, Forest Service men and others arrived and cleared the snowdrifts, the bus was turned around and driven out. The account was in the Oregonian two years ago. He commented: "The boys stayed at home because of threatening snow, but the bus was packed with girls who wanted to see the boys scantily clad for the same reason that men go to see girls at a burlesque show." He used rough language about the taxpayers being gouged to pay for such foolishness.

Over the United States, especially in the East, the Armed Services have rejected in the large cities and elsewhere, 50 per cent or more of the males because of physical unfitness. Sports that build endurance, such as mountain climbing and baseball, should be a part of the school program and athletic exercises every day at school to keep physically fit. Basketball should be played by girls only, supervised by a young woman physical director, and no males present.

Please develop enough courage to publish my article.

I request a courteous reply after you get the views of readers of your newspaper.

Cordially,

Robert R. Johnston
A Subscriber."

So there . . . too.

Mr. Johnston's enclosed article is entitled "Basketball to be Played by Girls Only—Starting with the West."

It follows, in part. (The only portion omitted is his description of how a radio broadcast of the girls' game would sound, as depicted, naturally, by a feminine announcer. Lack of space is the only thing that forbids the use of the bit.)

His article:

"Basketball should be played outdoors in Southern Oregon and all states with a mild climate, by girls only. Everywhere in the United States, schools should have a young woman physical director for training girls in athletic exercises and suitable sports daily as part of the school program to maintain their health and that of future generations. A sound mind and sound body go together.

The boys who do not get vigorous exercise at home over the weekend on a ranch or farm,

Huskies Collect Big Win Over SC

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Washington blew the lead several times but finished strong Saturday night for a 39-49 basketball triumph over the University of Southern California.

It was the Huskies' first Big Five victory in nine games.

Washington led through most of the first half but the Trojans got hot toward intermission time and left the floor with a 25-23 advantage.

The lead alternated until the last five minutes when the Husky defense stiffened. Bill Hanson, 6-foot-8 sophomore, and Lyle Bakken led the winners.

should indulge in mountain climbing, baseball and other vigorous exercise in the open, and suitable physical exercises supervised by a male physical director be made a part of the school program daily, so the boys will be physically fit for military service or any emergency duty.

Basketball, as the name suggests, is a proper sport for girls. It should be played outdoors in suitable weather with clothing and footwear supervised by a young woman physical director. Games should be where no males are present.

To maintain school spirit and high public interest, the girl seniors at high school could organize a basketball team to represent the school and play a similar team from another city.

A game could be broadcast over the radio but not television. A girl of the Ashland Blondes, for example, could announce the plays over the radio.

(NOTE: Readers of this newspaper, please write to the Sports Editor, giving frankly your views concerning this new and startling idea about basketball. Games to be played on Saturdays from 12 noon till one o'clock, so that all girls and parents can be home before dark. Girls and ladies only see the games—boys and men listen to the radio broadcast by a girl.)

The note is Mr. Johnston's—but be my guest.

Henley Clips Gilchrist '5' In Overtime

Guard Sam Herringshaw pumped in a 20-foot jump shot with 10 seconds left in the overtime to give the Henley Hornets a tight 40-39 win over Gilchrist in a non-league basketball game at Henley Saturday night.

Herringshaw's bucket brought the Henleyites from a one-point deficit to even their season record at 8-8. The score was tied at 35-all at the end of regulation play but Herringshaw and Kent Gooding, 6-5 freshman center, collaborated to pull out the win.

The nip and tuck affair was deadlocked at 8-8 at the first quarter buzzer but the scrappy Grizzlies pulled to a 15-12 halftime lead. From there on the teams traded baskets with neither building any kind of a lead.

Center Charlie Russell led the hustling Gilchrist quint by pouring in 15 points off four field goals and 7-9 at the foul line while teammate Gerald Warren added 10, including 6-10 on gift shots. Mike Tachini topped the winners with 11 counters, hitting five fielders and 1-1 from the charity stripe.

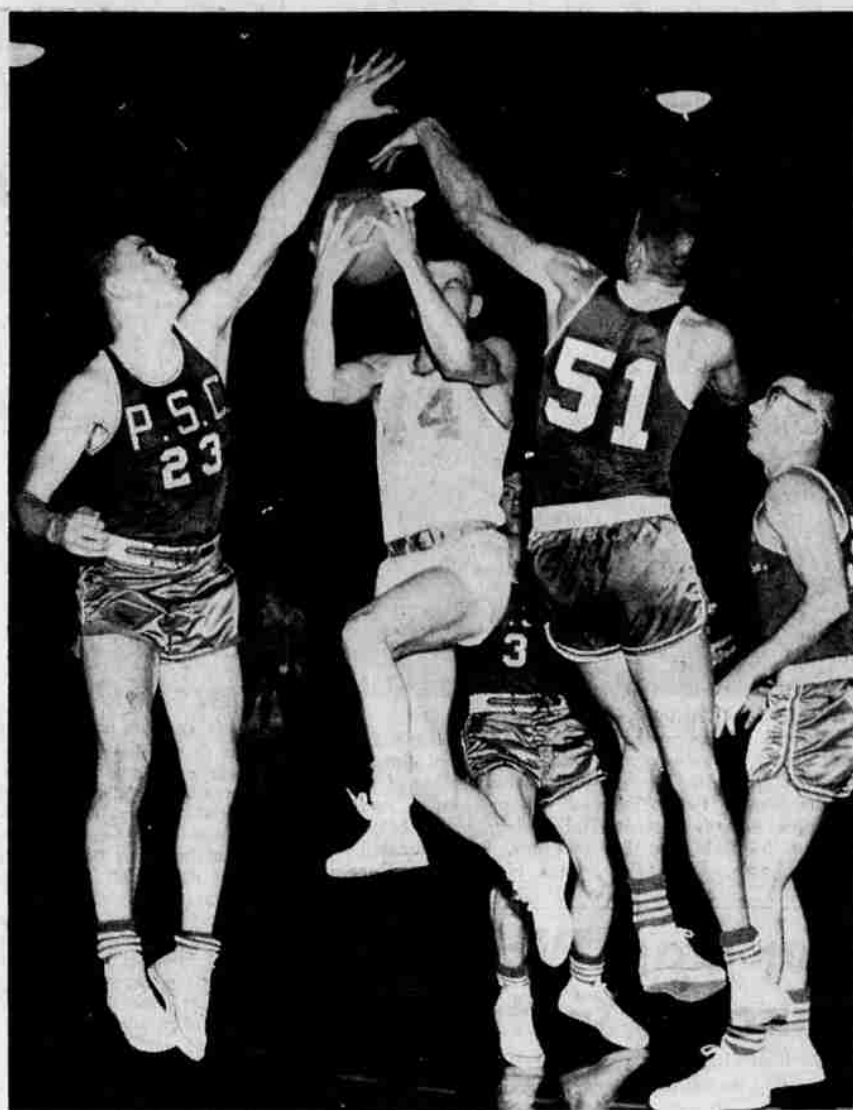
In the preliminary match, the Hornet juniors collected their 13th win in 14 games by downing the Gilchrist jayvees, 36-24. Friday night the Henley JVs defeated Phoenix, 42-37.

Henley 40-37: Tachini 11, Gopher 2, Gooding 10, Mills 3, C. Blofsky 5; Subs—DeGrande 6, Herringshaw 4, Reiling 1, Blasky, Thompson.

Gilchrist 39-24: Hitt, Warren 10, Russell 15, Emery 6, Eriksen 8.



NO WALTZ, THIS — Oregon Tech's speedy guard, Leon Wilson, with the ball does a little dance after scooping in the rebound in the Owl's important 47-46 win over Portland State Saturday night. With his back to the camera is Portland's Bob Grant. Immediately to his right is Owl Paul Layher. Troy Koontz moves up from the background.



THE CLIMB TO FIRST PLACE — Saturday night on the Oregon Tech court the OTI Owls surged into first place in the Oregon Collegiate Conference standings by virtue of a 47-46 win over Portland State. Friday night the Owls whipped the Vikings 65-54. Here Dennis McKee goes up for two points while Ray Torgerson (23) and Jack Bertell (51) try to drive him back down. At right is Vik captain Bob Grant.

Herald and News SPORTS

WAYNE SCOTT, Sports Editor

Oscar Sets National Mark; Hits All-Time 2600 Points

CINCINNATI (AP)—Oscar Robertson Saturday night became major college basketball's highest all-time scorer, but his University of Cincinnati Bearcats teammates sorely needed all of his 29 points to beat a stubborn University of Houston team 67-55. Cincinnati is rated No. 1 in the nation.

Robertson, the lithe Negro from Indianapolis, ran his total points over 76 games to an even 2,600 points in less than three seasons of collegiate competition. The previous record of 2,587 was set by Dickie Hemric of Wake Forest in four seasons and 104 games, ending in 1955.

Robertson broke the three-year record earlier this week in a game against Drake.

It was only in the last three or four minutes that the Bearcats were able to pull away for their 17th victory in 18 games.

Robertson and Paul Hogue, a 6-foot-9 sophomore, killed off the Cougars in those dying minutes of the game.

Robertson set his scoring record shortly after the second half started. He had 16 points in the first half and a field goal shot him into the all-time scoring record, and at the same time eased a tight Cincinnati situation by giving the Bearcats a 40-37 lead.

The 90-hole circus, played over four courses for four days, goes into the final 18 holes Sunday at the par 36-35-71 Thunderbird Country Club.

Palmer, in quest of the \$12,000 top money, held a one-stroke lead over another Palmer, young Arnold, no relation, from Ligonier, Pa., who also had a 66, registered on the Thunderbird course.

The pace setter through the last two rounds, West Ellis Jr., a Texan now from West Caldwell, N.J., slipped well back with a 74 for 278.

In the pro-amateur competition—each pro played in a foursome with three amateurs for 72 holes—former National Open champion Jack Fleck and veteran Jim Turnesa led their team to a tie. They had a best ball score of 230 and the two pros split a \$4,300 pot.

In the pro competition, three were tied at 274—John McMullin and Bob Goolby, with 68's, and Bill Johnston with a 67.

Tommy Bolt was the big name in the 275 bracket. Bolt set a course competitive record of 31-32-63 for the new Indiana Wells par 36-36-72 course. He beat a 64 Johnny Bulla shot there in the 1959 Southern California Open.

The short score:

Yreka 46: Severns 8, Eddy 18, Wilson 18, G. Gresham, Sanford, Hill 1, Conroy 1.

Anderson 36: Dunn 8, Jones 13, Daum 3, Savage 4, Chase 8.

McDaniel Sparks Pioneer Triumph

PORTLAND (AP)—Lewis and Clark, the second in a row, whipped College of Idaho in a Northwest Conference basketball game. The Saturday night score was 76-61.

Both teams hit 23 field goals, but Lewis and Clark hit 30 of 42 attempts from the free throw line as C of I managed only 15 of 23.

Palmer Gives Links Lesson To Lead Field

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—Johnny Palmer, a professional in (ear in any tournament in the 1940's, gave the younger generation another lesson in golf Saturday and leads the pack into the final round of the \$100,000 Palm Springs Desert Classic.

The gentleman from Dixie, now 41 and since 1955 a club professional in Tulsa, shot a 6-under par 66, his fourth straight sub-par round, for a 72-hole total of 272. He played the Bermuda Dunes Country Club course.

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OTI Double Winner

Owls Grab OCC Lead

Oregon Collegiate Conference	
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Oregon Tech	7 3 .700
Portland State	5 4 .555
Southern Oregon	5 5 .500
Eastern Oregon	4 6 .400
Oregon College	2 5 .285

Saturday Results	
Oregon Tech 47, Portland State 46	
Southern Oregon 75, Eastern Oregon 73	

By WAYNE SCOTT
Herald and News Sports Editor
The Oregon Tech Owls soared to the pinnacle of the Oregon Collegiate Conference standings with a spine-chilling 47-46 victory over the Portland State Vikings here Saturday night. On Friday the Tech eagles grabbed a half game edge over the Viks when they hauled in a 65-54 triumph.

The twin wins give the Owls a 7-3 league record with only six games remaining on the chop slate. The Techmen get a chance to pad the lead when they host the Southern Oregon College Red Raiders in the OTI gym this Tuesday night.

The losses left the Portlanders in second place with a 5-4 mark. While the Owls were fending off the Vikings, Southern Oregon moved into third place with 75-73 win over Eastern Oregon.

The Saturday game, a tight defensive scrap most of the way, ended in a fashion that had the hair on the heads of a mediocre crowd standing virtually straight up.

It turned out that a layup scored by big Paul Layher, one of Friday's Owl heroes, with a min-

ute and ten seconds remaining, was enough to hand the Owls the verdict in spite of a determined Vik bid that saw the Portland quint almost overcome a 40-29 deficit that existed with only 7:30 left to play.

The Owls left the court at the halftime intermission on the long end of a 22-16 count after a first half that saw both clubs throw up tremendous defenses but waver a bit on offense.

In the final period the Vikings outscored the Techsters 30-25 and the bulk of these points came in the last seven minutes. During this period the Owls counted only seven while the invaders busily piled up 17.

In the closing two minutes of play Portland's Don Powell hit a pair of two-handers from 30 feet out and Mike Hay boosted up a couple of layins, just enough to put the Viks within one point after Layher had rebounded the Owl's last counter.

With 16 seconds left in the ball game Layher went to the bench with five fouls to his credit and Portland's Dennis Heath stepped to the foul line with a chance to tie it all up. He missed.

Taking the ball out of bounds the Owls were pressed to the point that there was a disputed call on an "over and back" situation when Owl Dennis McKee thought the ball bounced off the leg of Vik defender Powell. In the following melee the ball bounced into the stands and the speedy Powell bounded after it, stopping the clock with eight seconds to go. The Owls managed to hang on following the inbounds play and the game ended as Leon Wilson passed over the line to McKee.

Portland's Ray Torgerson hit four field goals, two of the only four collected in the first half by his club, and eight of 10 free throws for the game high of 16 points.

Owl Jack Horton, the top rebounder with 10 points, was next with 12 and Troy Koontz pushed him with 11. The second highest man for Portland State was Powell who hit four from outside in the final period for eight big counters.

Layher was second with nine rebounds while Koontz pulled down seven. Leon Wilson collected nine for the Viks, Torgerson was the best Owl backboarder with eight.

The Owls managed a .291 from the field off 16 good ones in 55 tries while Portland State collected .262 off 17 successes in 65 tries. The Techmen made 15 of 27 tries at the foul line while Portland hit 12-20.

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Basketball Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Washington 59, Southern California 49

Utah 93, Wyoming 71

St. Louis 83, Tulsa 56

West Virginia 101, George Washington 79

Auburn 72, Georgia 45

SMU 72, Arkansas 70 (ot)

Rice 52, Baylor 51

Utah State 86, New Mexico 59

Denver 86, Brigham Young 66

Idaho State 70, Montana State 57

Idaho 63, Gonzaga 57

Santa Clara 65, San Jose State 41

Georgia Tech 74, Tulane 55

Purdue 68, Michigan State 65

Cincinnati 67, Houston 55

Kansas 70, Iowa State 64

Colorado 65, Kansas State 50

Ohio State 77, Northwestern 58

San Diego State 58, Whittier 51

Fresno State 77, Cal Poly 67

Idaho State 70, Montana State 57

College 57

UCLA 67, Stanford 74

Southern Oregon 75, Eastern Oregon 73

Whitman 63, Pacific 50

Lewis and Clark 76, College of Idaho 61

Linfield 81, Willamette 78

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