

McKee Leads Attack

Oregon Tech Owls Invade La Grande

LA GRANDE (Special) — The Oregon Tech basketball team arrived here Thursday in time for a brief familiarization workout on the Eastern Oregon College court prior to their defense tonight and Saturday of their No. 1 spot on the Oregon Collegiate Conference ladder. The Owls and the EOC Mountaineers tangle at 8 o'clock both nights in their final meetings of the 1960 season.

The OTI traveling squad is composed of Paul Layher, Dennis McKee, Jack Horton, Troy Koonitz and Leonard Wilson, the probable starting five, and Norm Oliva, Gene Branson, Buddy Guill, Roy Johnson, Van Zitek, Jim Ramseyer and Charlie Wilson.

In their previous meetings, on the OTI court, the Owls in the first of a jittery 64-63 win in the first game but then returned the fol-

lowing night to clobber the Mountaineers 90-65. Coach Bob Quinn will undoubtedly start Pasco Arritola at center, Bob Olinger and Frank Chase at forward posts, and Ron Hunt and Del Holmes at the outside slots. Darrell Jones, the Mounts' tallest man at 6-4, Charles Barnhart, Mark Cornwall and Bill McCadden will stand by in relief.

The Tech squad, out front with an 8-won, 3-lost record for OCC action, is packing 63.1 offensive O.C.C. average while holding their foe to a mark of 56.3 per cent. The 90 points they scored against the Mountaineers is their largest total to date. The highest court against them was Southern Oregon's 74 in the first meeting of the two bitter rivals.

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Table with columns: Player, GP, FG, FGA, FT, FTA, PP, TP, REB, PTS. Rows include McKee, Layher, Horton, Branson, Koonitz, Oliva, L. Wilson, Guill, Zitek, Johnson, C. Wilson, Ramseyer, Totals.

Sanford, Demeter Sign In

By United Press International Jack Sanford, the San Francisco Giants' hard-throwing right-hander, can hardly wait for the start of spring training.

The 30-year-old New Englander returned his signed contract Thursday and advised the Giants he plans to leave shortly for Arizona in order to get a jump on some of his teammates.

Although he was knocked out of action for more than a month last season with a fractured hand, Sanford wound up with a 15-12 won and lost record, 132 strikeouts and a 3.16 earned run average.

The Los Angeles Dodgers announced the signing of outfielder Don Demeter, who got off to a flying start during the 1959 season but then tailed off, winding up with 18 homers, 79 runs-batted-in and a .256 batting average.

The New York Yankees corralled rookie pitchers Johnny James and Jim Bronstad, both of whom toiled for Richmond of the International League last year.

Dick Groat, one of the National League's slickest fielders, came to terms with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Groat led all N.L. shortstops last year with 301 putouts, 803 total chances and figured in 97 double plays. He batted .275.

The Baltimore Orioles received signed contracts from a pair of 19-year-old rookie pitchers — Arne Thorland and Dean Chance — and second baseman Marv Breeding.

Pacific Flyway Bird Count Off

PORTLAND (AP) — The number of waterfowl who flew down the Pacific flyway last year was 29 per cent below the year before, the Department of Interior said Thursday.

It reported the duck count off 18 per cent, the goose population down 4 per cent and the coot and swan population showing a 17 and 10 per cent decline respectively.

The number of black brant increased 53 per cent over the year before, the report said. It also said increases in duck population were recorded in Washington and Oregon.

Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, California, Arizona, Utah and Mexico, which also are on the Pacific Flyway, recorded duck population declines.

Some 365 state and federal observers participated in the annual waterfowl survey.

Emile Griffith, Ortega Scrap

NEW YORK (AP) — Emile Griffith, a youngster with only 16 pro fights, boxes a main event in Madison Square Garden tonight. His opponent will be Mexico's Gaspar Ortega, a pro since 1953.

The hurry-up treatment for the 21-year-old Griffith can be traced to his fine 15-1 record.

Ortega is only a slight favorite despite his 71 fights and his No. 8 ranking by the National Boxing Assn. in the 147-pound division. He owns a 52-17-2 record.

The 10-round match will be given the network (NBC) radio and TV treatment, starting at 10 p.m. (EST). Under New York rules, two judges and the referee will score it by rounds, using a supplementary point system in case the round totals are even.

Jockey Mack Garner, who rode 1,317 winners during a 23-year career, died of a heart attack Oct. 28, 1956, after riding in four races at River Downs, Ohio.

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Near Riot Erupts

Mountaineers Edged By New York Redmen

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A few weeks ago, Coach Joe Lapchick of St. John's warned future opponents not to take his New York Redmen too lightly despite their slow start. Today, the West Virginia Mountaineers realize Lapchick knew what he was talking about.

Thursday night, the New York club knocked off the fifth-ranked Mountaineers 79-73 for its seventh straight triumph. The victory came after New York University defeated Manhattan 75-74 in the opener of the Madison Square Garden doubleheader. That game erupted into a melee near the end when NYU's Tom Sanders and Manhattan's Charley Koenig squared off in a fist fight.

Neither was it a particularly good night for two other teams ranked among the first 20. Miami of Florida, No. 10, was upset by Stetson 73-72 and North Carolina, No. 13, was tripped up by Wake Forest 80-69. Eighth-ranked Villanova, however, rode over Pittsburgh 76-49.

Jerry West, West Virginia's All-America, gave a great performance against St. John's as he scored 32 points, but his individual efforts were not enough to offset the all-around fine play of the Redmen. St. John's attack was paced by Tony Jackson with 20 points. The setback was West Virginia's third in 22 games. St. John's is 13-3.

Stetson's control-type tactics paid off against Miami. The Hurricanes had a 66-63 lead with 3:10 remaining. Then, Charley Warren and Joe Schneider hit for successive field goals to put Stetson ahead for good. Miami's mark is now 29-3. Stetson is 11-11.

North Carolina's defeat was its first in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Wake Forest trailed by 10 points shortly after the intermission, but pulled ahead 41-40 on the shooting of George Ritchie and Len Chappell. The lead changed hands 11 times later until Wake Forest took command with five minutes left. Wake Forest is 9-2 in the ACC and North Carolina is 6-1.

Villanova's Wildcats were paced by Hubie White, who scored 23 points and Jim Huggard, who collected 18. Dick Falenski was high for Pittsburgh with 15. The Wildcats, in winning their 17th of 18 games, piled up a 16-point lead at halftime and had it easy after that.

Jon and Jeff Feldman, George Washington's pint-sized twins, scored 40 points between them as the Colonials whipped Virginia Military Institute 95-78. Jon had 25 points.

Furman hit on 55 per cent of its field goals in defeating South Carolina 96-65. Bryon Pinson was the top man for the winners with 25 points.

NYU, which accepted a bid to the NCAA tournament earlier this week, had an easy time of it against Manhattan. After Sanders and Koenig squared off fights broke out all over the Garden floor and some of the 14,962 spectators rushed to get into the free-for-all.

A few blows were struck before officials and Garden police restored order. Sanders and Koenig were banished.

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Gonzagan Keeping Top Spot

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SEATTLE (AP) — If he maintains his present pace of 27.8 points per game, Frank Burgess of Gonzaga will stack up more than 700 counters for the current basketball season.

His total had reached 445 by Saturday, when the weekly books closed, and Burgess has 10 books left in the regular schedule. He is almost sure to beat the 619 that gave the Pacific Northwest leadership to Ray Washburn of Whitworth last year.

There is little likelihood he will threaten the regional mark of 1,051 chalked up in 1952 by Johnny O'Brien of Seattle University. That was the number of games a college team can play—O'Brien appeared in 33.

Another Seattle U. All America player, Elgin Baylor, rolled in 975 in 1958, averaging better than 30 points per tilt as his team went all the way to the national collegiate finals.

Bill Hanson of Washington, with 339 points, seconded Burgess in the major college division this week and Ed Grossenbacher of Willamette, with 376, led the small college division.

The leaders: MAJOR COLLEGES G FG FT Tot. Burgess, Gonz 16 159 127 445 Hanson, Wash 20 124 91 339 Ogorek, SU 16 122 85 329 Moore, Ore 18 103 66 272 Mills, SU 17 100 63 263 Garner, Port 17 — — 255 Altenhofer, Port 17 — — 248 King, Idaho 19 93 51 237 Risk, Ore 21 76 83 235 Maras, WSU 20 92 49 233

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The Whitebirds wrapped up the week's practice with what coach Dean White termed a "spotty practice" Thursday afternoon.

Earlier in the week he had expressed concern that it was possible his club was taking tonight's foe a little too lightly.

The last time out the KU five clobbered the Comets 97-61, so it must be assumed that revenge is uppermost in the Central Pointers' minds.

The Pels enter the weekend work at full strength again since both Bob Lewis, who injured an ankle, and Freddie Biehn, who has been down with the flu, are considered fit for action.

White plans to start a quintet that averages 6-4 in height for the CP invasion. They are Lewis, provided the ankle holds up, Bruce Brickner, Gary Patzke, Paul Bishop and Dean Puntson. Dunson was involved in an auto mishap Thursday but suffered no injuries.

Standing by as the most immediate relief for the starting five are Biehn, Steve Binney and Don Eastman.

The Pelican Jayvees will accompany the varsity to Central Point for a prelim match with the young Comets and will also tangle with the Grizzly cubs here Saturday. Game time both evenings is 6:30.

Probable starters for the Comets are Dave Sharp, Tom White, Chuck Turner, Dennis Edwards and either Loyal Higinbotham or Earl Cooper.

Ashland will utilize Bob Hardy, Phil Tucker, Dave Jackson, Harley Dickerson and Jerry Hauck.

Central Point recently edged the powerful Grants Pass Cavemen 66-55 but was turned back the following night by the Medford Black Tornado by a sizable margin.

HORNER TO 'SKINS WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Washington Redskins have signed their No. 2 draft choice, Sam Horner, a fleet back from Virginia Military Institute. The Redskins describe Horner as "the best back available in the country."

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Controversial Run Due Survey By Skiers

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SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Olympic Alpine skiers run a test today on one of the most controversial features of the fast-

approaching winter games — the men's downhill ski course down Squaw Peak.

Ever since the games were awarded to this valley in California, abuse has been heaped almost as deep as the snow on the downhill.

Thursday, Austria's Anderl Molterer gave a somewhat different version of the steep, two-mile course on which skiers reach mile-a-minute speeds.

"The upper part is devilishly difficult," he said. "If the snow is right, there will not be a surprise winner."

Previously Austrians claimed luck and not skill would play the major role in the race.

West German Coach Fritz Huber declared, "If there is new snow on the course, it will be easy, if it is icy or if there is hard snow, the extremely difficult upper part may be decisive."

Today's inspection won't see any high speeds. Skiers go down in groups with a series of stops to view crucial stretches.

They couldn't hope for better weather than Squaw Valley enjoyed Thursday. Sub-freezing morning temperatures rose into the 40's in the afternoon as skaters and skiers got in a day of rugged practice.

The first day of jumping on the 80-meter Olympic hill brought some fine leaps and some hard landings.

Germany's Helmut Recknagel soared about 290 feet as Kjetil Torbjorn Yggestad and Gene Kodlerek of the United States. Norway's 19-year-old Ole Tom Nord tripped as he landed and skidded on his face. After emergency treatment he was pronounced all right.

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