

# High-Scoring Pelican Cager Hospitalized

## Ailment Sidelines Second KU Player

An emergency appendectomy performed on senior guard Wally Palmberg Sunday night will sideline the Pelican basketball team's top scorer for at least two weeks, and possibly longer, and made him the second varsity starter to fall victim to illness within a week.

The Pels, who defeated the Crater Comets Saturday night to stretch their Southern Oregon Conference win string to nine straight against no losses, had already lost 6-7 center captain Bruce Brickner to the mumps.

Palmberg, who scored 22 points in the win Saturday night, had complained of a pain in his stomach during and after the game but thought little about it until late Sunday while visiting at a friend's home.

When the misery continued he was taken to the hospital about 5:30 p.m. and was operated on at 7:15 p.m. According to his father, Wally Sr., the Oregon Tech coach who was on his way home from Portland with his own team when the operation had been performed "in the nick of time."

Palmberg arrived just prior to the operation and spent the night at Klamath-Valley Hospital with his son. The lad was reported resting comfortably early this morning after successful surgery.

It could not be immediately learned just how long the boy would be unable to play basketball. His team has seven more games to play on the SOC schedule within the next few weeks and a berth in the annual State A-1 prep tournament at Eugene hangs in the balance.

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## Hurrying Hoosiers Shoot At Buckeyes

By The Associated Press  
Indiana's hurrying Hoosiers, last team to beat Ohio State, get another chance at the breezin' Buckeyes tonight in the first game of a home-and-home series with the defending NCAA champions and college basketball's No. 1 team.

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Bradley, still leading the Missouri Valley Conference despite a loss to surging Cincinnati last week, plays conference foe Drake at Peoria tonight.

Mississippi State, unbeaten in the Southeastern Conference, entertains Tulane, and Kansas needs only to beat Colorado to pull into a tie with Kansas State in the Big Eight.

The scrambled lead in the Middle Atlantic Conference race is up for grabs in a Philadelphia-Palestra doubleheader that matches Temple with Muhlenberg and LaSalle with St. Joseph's in games put back 48 hours by the Eastern snowstorm.

In two independent matches tonight, Detroit (12-6) is at Xavier of Ohio (11-5), and Richmond at Memphis State (15-2).

Ohio State hit 68 per cent in the first half, then reserves get a workout against Michigan last Saturday, Duke, getting 36 points from soph Art Heyman, snapped North Carolina's 12-game streak, 81-77. Cincinnati's streak went to 11 in a 77-60 rout of sixth-ranked Iowa. Mississippi State won its eighth straight, 77-61 over LSU, and Oregon's seventh in a row at-large invitation to the NCAA.

## Maxwell, January Earn Classic Loot

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—The Palm Springs Golf Classic was played for a local charity, but two Texans who live only three blocks apart made it even more of a local benefit by winning most of the prize money.

Of the two, plump Billy Maxwell of Dallas won more prestige, by playing 90 holes of golf in 345 strokes.

But slender Don January of Dallas won a lot more money, by playing one hole of golf in one stroke.

Maxwell, who hadn't won a tournament on the PGA tour since the 1958 Memphis Open, got \$5,300 for coming home ahead of 63 other pros in Sunday's final round.

January won a \$30,000 bonus prize for scoring a hole in one—the first of his 24-year golfing career—three days earlier.

A non-Texan, handsome Ken Venturi, probably won the most sympathy by blowing a slim lead with a 4-over-par 8 on the fourth to last hole of the tournament. Venturi, of Palo Alto, Calif., wound up tied for fifth.

The last 18 holes were played at Tamarisk Country Club, where the men in charge of pin placement accomplished their job in such a devilish manner that the course might have been the toughest of the five used during the five-day event.

Maxwell shot a 1-under-par 71 and finished two strokes ahead of Doug Sanders of Ojai, Calif. Sanders, who covered the final 18 in 60, won \$3,400.

Arnold Palmer, who won here a year ago with a final-round 65, finished with a flourish again, but his 69 left him with an overall score of 348, a stroke behind Sanders. Palmer won \$2,200.

Bill Casper Jr. took fourth prize of \$1,000 with a 75 and a 349 total. Venturi and Bob Rosburg tied for fifth at 350 and got \$1,600 apiece.

January's 90-hole score of 339 actually increased his earnings here to more than \$50,000. He got \$18.34 for tying for 40th place. He has won \$54,150 this year.

**Ducklings Victor**  
EUGENE (AP)—After two earlier defeats at the hands of their traditional rivals, the University of Oregon Frosh beat the Oregon State Roosters, 59-50 Saturday.

The Roosters' Mel Counts was higher scorer with 21 points. James Johnson and Elliott Gleason each had 13 for the Frosh.

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## Techmen Maintain Position, Invade SOC Court Tuesday

Oregon Collegiate Conference By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
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Portland State 81-600  
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## Today's Sports Parade Johnson Eyeing Empty NBA Throne

By OSCAR FRALEY  
United Press International

MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Harold Johnson, a man with the build of a giant and the troubled heart of a little boy, hopes that Tuesday night he'll get halfway to the end of the boxing rainbow.

Johnson climbs through the ropes at Convention Hall for a bout with 23-year-old Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis. The winner will be recognized by the National Boxing Association which stripped Archie Moore of his crown, as the light-heavyweight champion of the world.

But it's only halfway to a long-dreamed vision for the 32-year-old Philadelphian.

"I won't be happy until I fight Moore again and get it settled," he says quietly. "Sure, half is better than nothing and I've had more than my share of that. But I want to win recognition everywhere."

Misses Jackpot  
Johnson, who has the iron-hard body of a weightlifter, almost hit the big jackpot six years ago. He was leading Moore on points going into the 14th round. Then he was knocked down and the fight was stopped.

It was just the beginning of his troubles—and a six-year wait for another chance.

The following year came the case of the "doped orange." Johnson went into the ring against Julio Mederos of Philadelphia and collapsed in the second round. He recalled eating an orange just before the fight which "tasted funny."

Since then life has been difficult for Johnson. Promoters were suspicious of him. Then, too, he was such a rugged opponent that other light-heavyweights with little ambitions wanted no part of him. Johnson shrugs that he "don't know why" he was kept so inactive.

"He's just modest," says manager Pat Olicieri. "The fact is that he's just too good for his own good."

Earnings Are Meager  
Whatever the reasons, Johnson has had only 12 bouts in the last five years. In that time he earned a meager \$16,000 with his fists. Which figures out to a hungry \$3,200 a year.

"There's been a number of times I felt like hanging them up and chucking the whole business," he admits. "My family wanted me to quit but I couldn't do it. I felt that all the time I've spent, since I came out of the Navy in 1946, should be rewarded and that if I stuck with it, sooner or later something would break right for me."

Johnson has a defense, too, for the insinuations that he lacks courage and overt sneers that he lacks the killer instinct.

"I know some people call me yellow," he asserts frankly. "But it's just that when I'm in the ring I'm not only trying to beat the other guy but I'm trying to keep from getting my own brains beat in, too. So I don't believe in talking reckless chances."

Always Fight Back  
"But remember this," he adds grimly. "When I get hurt, I fight my way out of trouble. Some guys quit when they get hurt. Not me. I fight harder. I wouldn't call that being yellow."

Johnson has helped keep body and soul together, in between bouts, by forming a five-piece combo in his native Philadelphia which plays weekend dates. Johnson, a drummer, gets \$15 a night.

"We got a sign which says 'Harold Johnson's Combo—Johnson at the Drums,'" he grinned.

"One guy sees the sign and I hear him say 'He can't even fight, what's he doin' beatin' a drum?'"

But Bowdry and the NBA are...

going to see Tuesday night that Harold Johnson can fight, he vows, and old Archie Moore will, too, if he'll ever climb through the ropes with him and settle this thing once and for all. The odds are two and one-half to one that he's right, at least this time.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—Don Diget, Navy swimmer who ended sport's longest winning streak Saturday with a sweep of his long arm, faced a quick decision.

Diget, anchoring the 400-yard freestyle relay team against Yale, didn't know whether to glide in at the finish or throw his arm against the wall of the pool.

Suddenly he recalled instructions. His arm flashed out of the clear blue water and Yale's winning streak stopped at 201 consecutive dual meets with a spectacular splash. He had beaten Yale's anchor man, John Gutrie, by an arm length.

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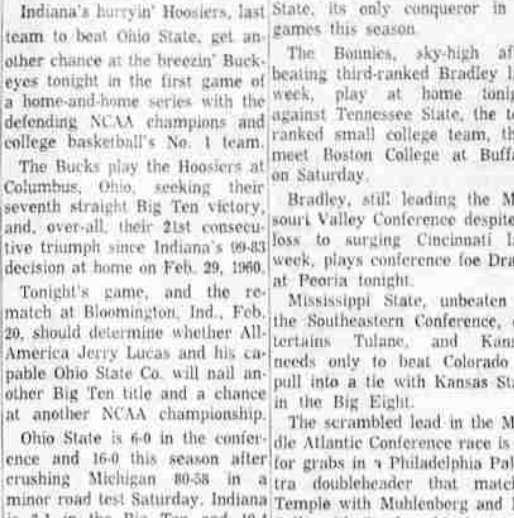
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La Grande 62, Redmond 39  
Bend 68, Baker 55  
Marshfield 60, North Bend 47  
North Eugene 45, Springfield 44 (overtime)  
Beaverton 69, Astoria 59  
Willamette (Eugene) 56, Cottage Grove 54 (three overtimes)  
Camas Valley 71, Butte Falls 57  
Klamath Falls 78, Crater (Central Point) 53  
Myrtle Creek 44, Oakland 38  
College Basketball  
Utah 83, Wyoming 71  
Montana 70, Colorado St. U. 60  
UCLA 86, Southern California 83  
Oregon 71, Oregon State 58  
Brigham Young 89, Denver 60  
Arizona State U. 94, Arizona 78  
New Mexico 75, Utah State 68  
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