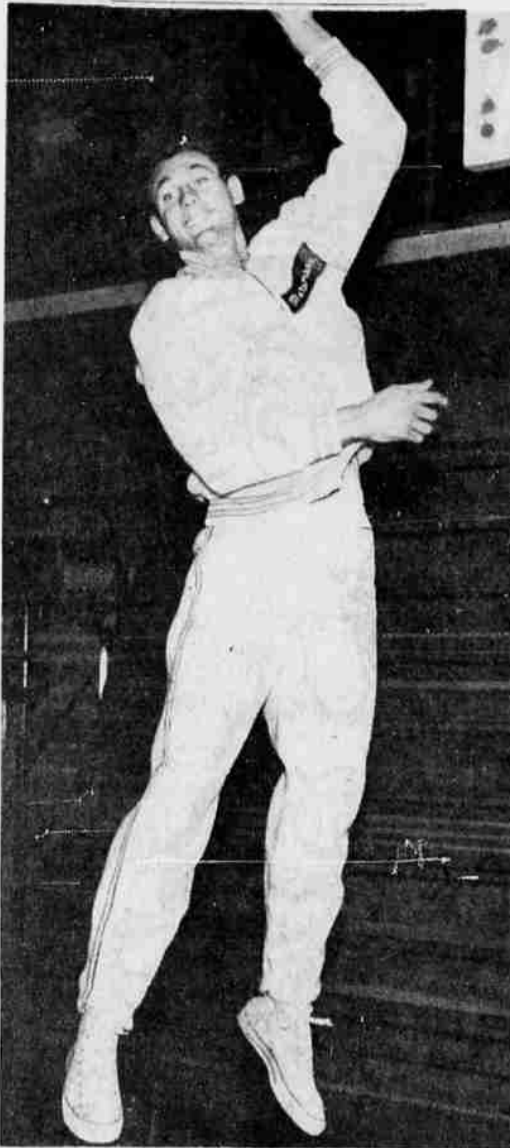


History-Makers?



IN QUEST OF A CROWN — Oregon Tech Owls Bob Petersen, top, Sweet Sammy Smith, center, and Leon Wilson, bottom, hammed it up for Herald and News Photo Don Kettler yesterday, but chances are they'll turn deadly serious tonight when they face the Southern Oregon College Red Raiders on the Mile High maple. A win over their "pet" foe tonight, and they will have made history at OTI. The Owls, with a good chance to snare the Oregon Collegiate Conference Crown, have won three from the Raiders. They have never won four straight over the SOC five.

Red Raiders Take Final Shot At Techmen

The Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball championship is just three games away from the Oregon Tech Owls but of more immediate importance is their match with the Southern Oregon College Red Raiders tonight on the OTI hardwood.

For the Owls, who have measured the Ashlanders three times already this season, a win would mark a first in the history of

Oregon Tech.

Never, in the years of competition between the two schools, have the Owls swept the annual four-game series with the Raiders.

Tonight's game will begin at 8 o'clock. A special program featuring the Bonanza High girls' drill team is scheduled as half time activity. The Bonanza misses are under the direction of Mrs. Viola Hunsaker.

The game will also serve as a fund-raiser for the March of Dimes, said athletic director Rex Hunsaker. The game programs, normally presented free at the door, will tonight be sold, the amount paid to be at the discretion of the buyer. All funds raised will be turned over to the March of Dimes committee.

The Tech quint has laid out of action for the past 10 days after

posting a convincing pair of victories over the erstwhile league-leading Eastern Oregon College Mountaineers. Since then, although they were tied for first briefly by EOC Friday, the Owls moved back into the top spot by a half-game when the Portland State Vikings and the Raiders split over the weekend as did the Mounts and the Oregon College Wolves.

Following tonight's "big" game,

the Owls will travel to Monmouth where they will tangle with the Wolves in the final two games of the season.

A victory tonight over the Raiders and the Owls will move into the OCE series rated the heavy favorite to pick up all the conference marbles.

Coach Wally Palmberg plans to start Bob Petersen, Sammy Smith, Leon Wilson, Hewlett Nash and

Gene Branson. Branson, who has been nursing an injured leg since the Christmas vacation, is stepping into the starting slot in the absence of Norman Johns who suffered facial injuries in an auto accident over the weekend.

Although Johns' hurts are not considered serious, they are proving a detriment to his court ability.

Also figuring to see a good bit

of action tonight are Owl newcomers Bob Everett and Jim Ramseyer. Everett, 6-3, enrolled at Oregon Tech late in the opening quarter of school and only last week became eligible. Ramseyer, who played on the Owl varsity last season, transferred to Oregon Tech and also had to ride out the first part of the season until he became eligible.

Major Leaguers Face New Twist

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new twist was added to an old story today as major league baseball clubs began the training chores for a season that will extend to next October. Pitcher Luis Arroyo was delayed in reporting to the New York Yankees camp because of a quarantine for bubonic plague.

That sounds like something John McGraw might have thought up for a wild, left-handed rookie pitcher. But in this case it happened and it merely emphasized the fact that 1961 likely will be a year of novelties and unforeseen happenings in major league baseball.

Arroyo had been pitching for the San Juan team in the Caribbean series in Caracas, Venezuela. When he returned to Puerto Rico to pack for the trip to the Yanks' camp in St. Petersburg, Fla., he ran into a 10-day quarantine imposed by Puerto Rican authorities because of a bubonic plague outbreak in Caracas. If that wasn't enough, an airline

strike would have made travel to Florida impossible.

Some other new factors to be reckoned with in 1961 are the expansion of the American League to 10 teams with the addition of two new clubs and the shift of another; a handful of new managers and the great Chicago Cubs' experiment of operating with eight coaches sharing the managerial duties, a new club owner at Kansas City and too many changes of personnel to count easily. It may be hard to recognize some of the teams.

Five clubs had early arrivals working out last week with a few veterans mingling with the rookies who were undergoing inspection. The Yankees camp formally opened Sunday for the arrival of batters. The entire Los Angeles Dodgers' squad was due at the Vero Beach, Fla., camp Monday, and the Athletics' pitchers and catchers were due at West Palm Beach, Fla.

The new Minnesota Twins (shifted from Washington) and the Baltimore Orioles had their camp openings scheduled today. By the end of this week every club will have at least some men in camp except the Chicago White Sox, who report Sunday, and the Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Cards, who set Feb. 28 as the reporting date. Exhibition games are scheduled to start March 11.

The training camp sites: American League — Baltimore, Miami; Boston, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Chicago, Sarasota, Fla.; Cleveland, Tucson, Ariz.; Detroit, Lakeland, Fla.; Kansas City, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Calif.; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Orlando, Fla.; New York, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Washington, Pompano Beach, Fla. National League — Chicago, Mesa, Ariz.; Cincinnati, Tampa, Fla.; Los Angeles, Vero Beach, Fla.; Milwaukee, Bradenton, Fla.; Pittsburgh, Fort Myers, Fla.; St. Louis, St. Petersburg, Fla.; San Francisco, Phoenix, Ariz.; Philadelphia, Clearwater, Fla.

Of special interest will be the efforts of the managers of the new clubs—Bill Rigney of the Los Angeles Angels and Mickey Vernon of the Washington Senators — to mould respectable squads from the second-line players made available by the other American League teams and whatever other talent they have been able to pick up.

Other new managers are Ralph Houk as successor to the inimitable Casey Stengel with the Yankees, Joe Gordon at Kansas City, Bob Scheffing at Detroit, and Al Dark at San Francisco.

The world champion Pittsburgh Pirates are about the only club that took a stand pat attitude toward off-season trading. They picked up pitcher Bobby Shantz and have a good rookie crop up for inspection. Elsewhere there'll be plenty of new faces.

And among the old familiar faces occupying new places on the training camp scene are Ted Williams and Joe DiMaggio as special batting coaches for the Red Sox and Yankees, respectively, and Leo Durocher, back in uniform for the first time in several years as a Dodger coach.

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KF Cagers Again Strong Poll Pick

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Klamath Falls, which has clinched a place in the class A-1 tournament at Eugene next month with another victory over defending state champion Medford, again is a strong choice as Oregon's top high school basketball team this week.

Twelve of the 15 sports writers and broadcasters who voted in the Associated Press poll picked the Southern Oregon Conference leader, which has won 17 of its 18 games this season.

Roseburg, which handed Klamath its only defeat early in the campaign, again was voted the No. 2 team after victories over North Bend and North Eugene.

The others in last week's top five—Grant and Wilson of the Portland city league and Central Catholic of the Portland Metropolitan League—again are ranked 3-4-5.

Grant and Wilson each added two more victories during the week and nailed down tournament berths. Wilson was scheduled to try this afternoon to avenge its only loss of the season—to undefeated Grant.

Central neared the title in its league with a win over Sunset of Beaverton.

Bend, ranked No. 7 last week,

advanced to sixth position after gaining a tournament berth by beating Hermiston, then suffering an upset defeat by Pendleton.

Medford, ahead in the race for Southern Oregon's second tournament spot, moved up one notch to No. 7.

South Eugene, unranked last week, vaulted into eighth place after victories over Springfield and Marshfield, which slipped from sixth to No. 9.

Beaverton, now tied with David Douglas for second place in the Metropolitan League, retained 10th place after a victory over Centennial of Gresham.

The poll, with won-loss records and points:

Team	Points
1. Klamath Falls, 17-1	147
2. Roseburg, 15-2	133
3. Grant, 18-0	124
4. Wilson, 16-1	105
5. Central Catholic, 16-2	89
6. Bend, 16-4	53
7. Medford, 13-5	46
8. South Eugene, 12-7	34
9. Marshfield, 14-5	27
10. Beaverton, 14-4	24
Others: Corvallis 15, Scappoose 12, Grants Pass 11, Tillamook 10, Madras 5, Woodburn 3, La Grange and Mt. Angel 2, North Eugene and David Douglas 1.	

Lucas Not Alone: Buckeyes Survive Cage Cliff-Hangers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coach Fred Taylor has been saying it right along. Opponents have had more than a strong suspicion and now the general public is beginning to realize it. Jerry Lucas, time a player as he is, isn't the entire Ohio State basketball team.

That seldom has been more evident that it has been in the last two games, when the No. 1 ranked Buckeyes survived a couple of cliff hangers to keep their record untarnished and virtually sew up their second straight Big Ten title.

A revenge-minded Indiana team managed to hold Lucas to 16 points—about 10 below his season average—on Monday night as Hoosier fans chanted "We want blood." But Mel Nowell, one of the "other guys" that Taylor has repeatedly praised for consistent play, came through and Ohio State won anyway, 73-69.

Last Saturday it was Larry Siegfried who contributed the all-important points in a narrow victory over an Iowa team that lost most of its leading players by ineptitude but still manages to hang in there.

Iowa, due largely to the efforts of Don Nelson, the one surviving first stringer, turned back Michigan 50-46 and retained that almost invisible chance of overtaking the Buckeyes.

Elsewhere Duke's Blue Devils, who dropped to sixth in this week's Associated Press poll rankings (Iowa is fifth), moved into a tie with Wake Forest for second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference; Mississippi State stayed on top of the Southeastern and Florida continued its strong bid to represent the SEC in the NCAA tournament with fairly impressive victories.

Duke, missing sophomore Art Heyman, who has been barred from the remaining conference games, conquered Virginia 77-66 in a lackluster game. The Blue Devils' big hope now is to earn the No. 1 seeding in the conference tournament.

Miss. State, which won't play in the NCAA tournament, ran its SEC record to 9-2 by whipping Georgia 99-77 with the aid of 34 points by Jerry Graves. Florida, winner over Mississippi State Saturday, moved ahead of Vanderbilt into second place at 8-3 by taking an 81-77 overtime decision from Mississippi. The Gators had to come from behind again to tie at 73-73 then pulled it out at the end of the extra period when Cliff Loyk sank two free throws and

a field goal in the closing seconds. It was just about a year ago that Ohio State suffered its last defeat, losing to Indiana at Bloomington. Since then the Bucks have won 25 straight. They're 11-0 in the conference and about the only way they could lose the title would be to drop their remaining three games to second division rivals.

They had some shaky moments Monday night when Indiana cut their lead to three points near the finish. But Nowell, high scorer with 27 points, tossed in four points and saved the game.

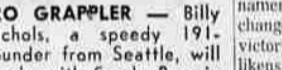
Two of Ohio's remaining conference foes came through with upset victories Monday night. Wisconsin tumbled Minnesota 83-75, ending an eight-game losing streak that began early in January, and Michigan State climbed out of the conference cellar with a 90-80 victory over Illinois in a heated game.

In the Big Eight, Colorado replaced Oklahoma State in a third place tie—far behind pace-setting Kansas and Kansas State — by trimming the Cowpokes 63-61 while Nebraska trounced Oklahoma 83-61.

St. Louis, an also-ran in the Missouri Valley Conference but a possible National Invitation Tournament invitee, improved its changes with a deliberate 74-60 victory over Notre Dame. The Billikens are 15-7 for the season after handing Notre Dame its second home floor defeat in two seasons. Miami (Fla.), a NIT bound team, had an easy 96-80 victory over Jacksonville U.

Alabama turned in a minor Southeastern Conference upset, beating Louisiana State 68-60, while Auburn trimmed Tulane 63-44.

In the East, independent Niagara ran its record to 11-4 by beating Siena 68-44. Syracuse downed Massachusetts 74-66 and Boston College whipped Northeastern 75-54.



PRO GRAPPLER — Billy Nichols, a speedy 191-pounder from Seattle, will tangle with Sandy Barr in the opening match of the big professional wrestling card to be staged in the Klamath Auditorium tonight at 8:30. The program, which features world lightweight champ Moe Smith, is the first pro card to be held in Klamath Falls for a number of years. Tex Hager, Carson City, is the matchmaker for the bouts. He expects to stage 10 consecutive weekly shows.

Barrow Belts KO Victory

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Kirk Barrow, Spokane, 185, smashed a right to the head of Floyd Joyner, Phoenix, 203, to score a knockout in 2:08 of the second of their match Monday night.

Joyner jolted Barrow in the second round, but Barrow came back with a left and then the lethal right. Joyner went down and took the full count.

The win was the 21st for Barrow, who is 21. He has lost three and had one draw.

Piston Soph Shows Big Improvement

NEW YORK (AP) — Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain of Philadelphia is the National Basketball Association's top scorer, but Detroit's Bailey Howell has made the biggest leap in the point-production department.

Chamberlain, who has scored 2,446 points for a 37.6 average, still is below his league record of 2,707 points for the 1959-60 campaign while Howell already has surpassed his total for last season.

The Pistons' sophomore sharpshooter ranks seventh in league scoring statistics released today with 1,543 points — 211 over his entire production as a rookie. He is averaging 23.7 points a game.

Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles, runner-up to Chamberlain for point making honors with 2,222 and a 34.7 average, also is the No. 2 man in the improvement department. Baylor has surpassed his top mark by 148 points.

Third place in the scoring parade still is held by Cincinnati rookie Oscar Robertson. He and Bob Pettit of St. Louis have scored 1,967 points each, but Big O has 30.6 average to Pettit's 28.3 because he has played five fewer games.

Chamberlain also leads in field goal percentage, hitting 494 of his shots, and is tops in rebounding, with a 27.4 a game average. Dolph Schayes of Syracuse is No. 1 in accuracy from the foul line, with a .839 mark, and Robertson is the leader in assists, with 9.3 a game.

Soviet Jump Star Admits To Nerves

NEW YORK (AP) — Valery Brumel, the Soviet Union's star high jumper, is as straight-backed as a West Point cadet, handsome as a TV idol, extremely modest — and human.

"I was nervous—very nervous," Brumel acknowledged in reviewing his return duel last Friday night at Madison Square Garden with America's John Thomas. "But I was more nervous in the Olympics."

The 18-year-old Moscow college student cleared 7 feet, 3 inches in the New York Athletic Club meet, winning his first competition on boards. Thomas, beaten by both Robert Shavlakadze and Brumel in the Rome Olympics, flunked out at 7-2.

Thomas said he was bothered by photographers' flashlight bulbs. Brumel told intimates he saw only the bar. He appeared as cool as an ice cube.

"I knew the conditions were unusual, so I practiced on a wooden floor at the institute in Moscow," Brumel told New York track writers at their weekly luncheon Monday. "A long time ago I dreamed of coming to America. I was impatient to meet Thomas again."

The clean-cut Soviet athlete said his aim is to beat the 7-4½ leap he made recently in Leningrad. "I worked hard and now maybe I better my own result," he added.

He gets two more chances before returning home—in the National AAU indoor championships Saturday and the Knights of Columbus Games the week after.

Brumel doesn't speak English.

Short Of Mark

NEW YORK (AP) — National Football League punters didn't threaten any records in the 1960 season, although they produced some mighty kicks.

Jerry Norton of the St. Louis Cardinals won the individual title with an average of 45.6 yards on each of 39 kicks. That was a yard and a half short of the figure that gave Detroit's Yale Lary the 1959 title and a little more than a half yard better than Norton's fifth-place 44.9 average the previous season.

Medford-KU Tickets Ready

There will be no general admission seats sold to the Klamath Union-Medford basketball game here March 4, according to Jim Johnson, KU athletic director. Reserved seat tickets to the game, the final one on the KUHS 1961 regular season schedule, are now available at the chamber of commerce, said Johnson.

A warning from the fire marshal that too many people had been crowding into Pelican Court for the Medford-KU games made the move necessary.

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'Quiet Man' Yaks It Up; Bums Work

United Press International

The presence of Leo Durocher already has made a "talkative" manager out of Walter Alston.

Alston, generally regarded as major league baseball's quiet man, had difficulty containing himself Monday as the Los Angeles Dodgers opened their spring training camp at Vero Beach, Fla.

Bouncing back and forth between the playing field where the pitchers were busy taking sprints and tuning up and the "Iron Mike" batting cages on the hill behind the field where the batters were lining out "hits" against the mechanical pitchers, Alston kept up a running chatter.

"Yes sir, this is one of the best opening day drills we've had," Alston said after checking the pitchers.

Then, with his face plastered against the protective screen behind the batting cages, his remarks ran: "If we get a little sock, we have a chance to go all the way."

Durocher, the former Dodgers manager now serving as a coach, busied himself giving batting and bunting instructions to the "early bird" contingent of outfielders, infielders and farm hands.

KFLI To Meet

A special Klamath Falls Little League business meeting will be held in the Klamath Auditorium tonight at 7:30, according to league president Wendy Huett. The session is to convene in the cafeteria portion of the auditorium.

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