

Owl Wrestlers Grapple Humboldt State Tonight

ARCATA, Calif. — The Oregon Tech wrestling team, which has been idle for 41 days, comes here Friday night to wrestle the Humboldt State grapping squad in an attempt to notch their third straight victory.

The Owls have wrestled only twice this season, winning easily over Pacific University and Humboldt State before the Christmas holidays. This will be a rematch with the Lumberjack crew looking for revenge of the 31-2 licking the Owls handed them in the Owl gym on Dec. 8.

The Owls have been idle for a long time but have been practicing every day and seem to be in good condition. Humboldt State has had two bouts since its last meeting with the Owls.

Milo Crumrine, the undefeated 123-pound defending champion of the Oregon Collegiate Conference, is nursing a shoulder injury but will be ready to go Friday. He won by a forfeit in the last Humboldt match.

Coach Howard Morris lost Jim Madden, the team heavyweight, when the former football and track star didn't come back to school after the holidays. Morris has a 205-pound boy named Howard Myers out now but he will not be eligible until after mid-term in February. Madden tied Ron Treat, 4-4, in the last meeting. Myers is from The Dalles and attended Portland State last season.

Others who probably will see action for the Owls will be Dennis Sather, Hank Isenhart, Ken Kinnear, John Norton, Veryl Miller and Ed Appleman.

Morris says this is going to be a real tough league this year. Portland State is defending champion and OTI was second last season. The Vikings beat Oregon State's team, 15-9, and then just slipped by Southern Oregon's crew, 14-13. That gives a good indication of the competition.

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DENNIS SATHER Wrestling For Owls

Oregon Meeting Cougars Tonight

By United Press International Oregon's Ducks, floundering along with only four wins in their first 11 starts, open a two-game basketball series against Washington State at Pullman, Wash., tonight. The teams play again Saturday night.

Oregon scored a 67-57 victory over the Cougars in the Far West Classic in Portland last month.

Oregon State's Beavers, who have a 9-4 record, play host to Gonzaga at Corvallis Saturday night in the teams' only scheduled meeting this season. The Bulldogs have won eight of 14 games.

The Portland Pilots, who carry a 5-9 mark, meet Nevada at Reno Friday and Saturday nights.

Americans Turn To Winter Sport

CHICAGO (UPI) — Recreation-minded Americans continued to turn more and more to winter sports activities last year, the National Sporting Goods Association reported today.

The association said sporting equipment sales last year amounted to \$2,351,400,000 or 5 per cent ahead of 1961, another record year.

Winter sports equipment sales increased 18.3 per cent over 1961, and the association predicted a 25 per cent increase during 1963.

ESTIMATES PLAYOFF POOL NEW YORK (UPI) — American Hockey League Secretary-Treasurer Jim Ellery estimated today that the circuit's financial playoff pool this season will be a record \$104,000. Ellery said the AHL playoffs probably will start on April 2 or 3. The regular season ends on March 31.



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Huskies Invade Stanford Unbeaten Season Possible

By United Press International Washington invades Stanford and Oregon is at Washington State tonight in the opener of the major weekend action along the West Coast basketball front.

The rest of the spotty schedule finds Pepperdine at Hawaii, Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo at Alameda State, a tournament at Cal Poly of Pomona, Portland at Nevada, and Gonzaga at Seattle.

The Stanford-Washington contests will decide the Big Six lead. Washington is 3-1, and Stanford 1-0. Whatever happens, however, the race has a long way to go yet and UCLA, California and USC all are contenders, too.

In Thursday night action, the West's best team earned a key victory when Arizona State dumped New Mexico at Albuquerque, 59-47.

The win fattened the nationally fourth-ranked Sun Devils' record to 15-1 and eliminated its only serious contender in Western Athletic Conference play.

Arizona State was led by Art Becker's 23 points. The Sun Devils and independents Oregon State and Seattle seem pretty certain of berths in the Western regional NCAA. The fight for the rest of the spots is a wild one.

In other action Thursday, Wyoming's Flynn Robinson hit 35 points as Wyoming mashed Arizona, 84-72.

Stanford, Calif. (UPI) — Stanford's policy-shapers wrestled today with the problem of agreeing on a new football coach and it was anybody's guess when he would be unveiled.

John Ralston of Utah State apparently had the job cinched Thursday. Then it was disclosed that Bob Reynolds, former Indian grid star who heads a special committee advising President J. E. Wallace Sterling on the selection, hadn't given up on the prospect of landing Wayne Hardin.

The latter announced on Wednesday that he had signed a new two-year pact to coach Navy. But Reynolds went to the Crosby golf tournament at Pebble Beach in an effort to make the former University of the Pacific star change his mind.

Reynolds, president of the Los Angeles Angels baseball club, reportedly represents a strong group of alumni from that part of the state who are opposed to hiring Ralston because he played — and later was assistant coach — at the arch-rival University of California.

Moyer To Defend With Harrington

HONOLULU (UPI) — World junior middleweight champion Denny Moyer of Portland has agreed to defend his world title here against Stan Harrington of Honolulu, according to promoter Stan Ichinose.

The fight will be Feb. 12. Moyer will be making the first defense of the crown he won last Oct. 20 from Joey Giambra in Portland.

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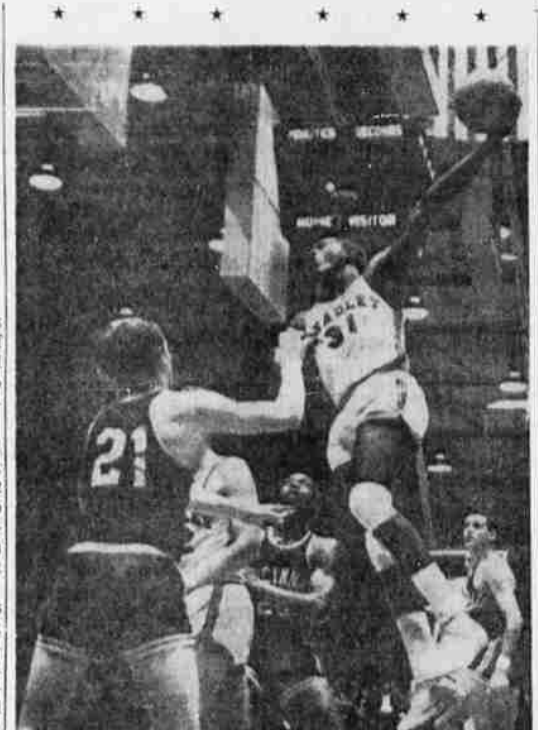


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Cincinnati Breaks Bradley Jinx, 52-46



SWEEPING HOOK SHOT — Bradley's Laverne Tart sweeps toward the basket with a left-handed hook shot in a game which saw the Cincinnati Bearcats retain their perfect 14-0 record Thursday night in the Bradley Fieldhouse. Bearcat players Ron Bonham, Tom Thacker and Larry Singleton follow the action. The Bearcats won, 52-46.

The University of Cincinnati is celebrating its biggest victory of the year today and it could be all downhill now for the Bearcats to gain their first unbeaten basketball season in 55 years.

Merely winning a basketball game isn't much of an item at Cincinnati, which has captured 32 in a row, but the Bearcats also defied an awesome jinx in registering their Bradley success when they shook off Bradley, 52-46, at Peoria Thursday night.

Cincinnati has lost only 14 times over a span of six seasons, but five of those reversals were suffered against the Braves, and all in Peoria. So it was understandable that the Bearcats approached Thursday night's affair with some misgivings.

The doubts were turned to reality when Bradley jumped off to an early lead before an appreciative home audience and fought the Bearcats to a 44-all tie with less than seven minutes to play.

Thacker Sparks Team Tom Thacker, a 6-foot-2 senior guard who has been a key figure in Cincinnati's two straight NCAA championships, provided the answer once again with five straight points to provide the Bearcats with their winning margin.

The Bearcats, who are ranked No. 1 among the nation's colleges, now boast a 14-0 record this season with 10 games remaining on the regular schedule. They still have several formidable opponents to contend with, including third-ranked Illinois in their next start Jan. 26, but the feeling among the Cincinnati players is that they can overcome anything now that they have beaten the Peoria jinx.

The last time the Bearcats had a perfect basketball record was in 1907-08, when they showed a 9-0 slate.

Thacker and Ron Bonham led all scorers against Bradley with 18 points each while Mack Herndon, who went into the contest with a 26-point average, topped the Braves with a mere 12.

Arizona St. Wins Fourth-ranked Arizona State University, the only other member of the top 10 to get into action Thursday night, defeated New Mexico, 59-47, to take over undisputed possession of first place in the Western Athletic Conference.

The Sun Devils, who now have a 15-1 overall record, used a sagging zone defense which prevented New Mexico from working the ball near the basket. As a result, the Lobos were forced to do most of their shooting from the outside and they couldn't connect too often.

Art Becker of Arizona State led all scorers with 23 points, including nine in the final two minutes. Also playing a large factor in the Sun Devils' success was the floor play of Joe Caldwell, Ira Harge, although triple-teamed most of the game, still scored 10 points for New Mexico.

In other games on a light schedule, Syracuse beat arch-rival Colgate, 65-57; Georgia toppled Florida State, 90-76; and Wyoming defeated Arizona, 84-72.

Baseball Players Make Sports News

By MILTON RICHMAN UPI Sports Writer

There was plenty of other signing activity among the other major league clubs also.

Leon Wagner received a substantial pay raise from the Los Angeles Angels, bringing him into the \$30,000-\$35,000 bracket. He got the boost not because of his .268 average but because he hit 37 homers and knocked in 107 runs.

The Chicago Cubs reported 23 players under contract and only 11 more to go with the signing of southpaw pitcher Dick Ellsworth and right-hander Paul Toth.

Across town, the White Sox signed outfielder Charlie Maxwell and pitcher Joel Horlen, making a total of six whom they were satisfied.

Rookie Bob Whaley, the 20-year-old \$150,000 bonus baby who is being counted on to fill departed Don Hoak's third base position, signed his contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates as did right-handed pitcher Alvin McBean.

In other signings, outfielder Willie Kirkland agreed to terms with the Cleveland Indians; pitchers Howie Kopitz and John Gregory with the Detroit Tigers and pitcher Norm Bass with the Kansas City A's.

Made Good Deal He said he has "always been impressed with Stuart" and thinks the Red Sox made a wise move in getting him from Pittsburgh.

The real eye-opener, however, came when someone put a blunt question to him about his limitations with sports writers.

"I get along with baseball writers," Ted said. "I'm a likeable, ethical guy. I only got hot under the collar when somebody tried to put me on the spot."

In addition to their announcement on DiMaggio, the Yankees also revealed veteran Yogi Berra will serve as a combination player-coach next season and that he signed for the same salary as last year, about \$45,000. Shortstop Tony Kubek also has agreed to terms.

Aaron, who batted .323 last season, hit 45 homers and drove in 128 runs, came to terms after a brief conference with club President Johnny McHale. He was the 13th Milwaukee player to sign his contract.

The Oregon contenders were led by state champ Jim Smith with a 759. Frank Evans was second with a 754 and Jones third with a 715. Bob Boyle brought up the rear for the Oregonians with a 663. Jones was far below his average with a four-game set which averaged about 178.

Contacted for comment, Jones stated, "I bowled lousy. Thank God for tomorrow (Friday) and let's hope it's enough."

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