

Owls Seeking Third Straight Toga Oregon Tech Cage Team Minus Standout Group

Oregon Tech's chances of repeating as Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball champs for the third consecutive year this season may be described in just two words: Very slim.

Gone are such outstanding cagers as Sweet Sammy Smith, conference all-time scoring leader, Willie Anderson, Hewlett Nash, Van Zitek and Norman Johns.

Jim Partlow, in his third season as head man of the Owls, describes the upcoming season as "... just a building year."

With only two lettermen returning and minus the outstanding cagers mentioned above, Partlow's opinion gains credence.

Add to this a top group set for the 1963-64 campaign at Portland State plus an experienced group at Oregon College, and Oregon Tech chances become even more slim.

Sharkey Nelson has an all-veteran "six" returning at Portland State and Bob McCullough at Oregon College has added one of the state's most outstanding big men in 6-6 John Bohlander from Molalla.

Meanwhile, on the mile-high campus, Partlow opens with a pair of lettermen in 6-10 Ron Wilkerson, a sophomore from Willamette of Eugene and 6-2 junior Dick Lyons from Klamath Falls.

Lyons transferred to Oregon Tech from Contra Costa junior college.

But, from these two on down,



JIM PARTLOW
... title chances slim

height and experience at Oregon Tech becomes a large problem.

A few years ago, Partlow coached a boy at Lincoln High School of Portland who gave opposing teams fits and fans much basketball enjoyment.

He stood a fantastic 5-2 and his name was Chili Baines.

Partlow may have a pair comparable to him in Ralph Anderson, a transfer from Yuba College and from Willows,

Calif., and Tommy Smith from Maupin.

Both stand a small 5-2.

"They're both good ball handlers and maybe we'll see them coming through with the moves Baines used to make," comments Partlow.

However, all is not complete lack of height for the Owls, with such people as Ron Makin (6-2) of Joseph and a transfer from Blue Mountain JC at Pendleton; Larkin Wade (6-1) from Vallejo, Calif., and Ron Barrow-cliff (6-1) from Mohawk.

There are good possibilities for the Owls from the Oregon Tech football team in such players as Carl Schultz, Gordon Ranta, Bruce Rodabaugh, Mike Glines (5-9), Butch Smith and Al DeBortoli.

Others are Dan Leahy (6-2) from Lakeview, Mike Werdin (6-1) from Newport, and Kit Houk (5-8) from Corbett.

The Owls counted a turnout of 23, with others who joined the club following the end of the grid season.

Last year the Oregon Tech cagers went to a 20-6 overall record and the conference title with a 15-1 mark.

This year the possibility of repeating is slim, however, as the head man says, "We might surprise a few teams."

A good indication of how weak or how strong the Owls might be this year could very possibly be determined in the first contest of the season.

In this the Owls will face the Pacific Badgers at Forest Grove in the first contest of the annual NAIA Tip-Off Tournament Dec. 5-6-7.

The initial home contests of the year are slated for Dec. 13-14 when Pacific visits.

Of interest to local fans will be the appearance of the Harlem Stars on Jan. 15, with Smith and Anderson now both members of this traveling unit.

Oregon Collegiate Conference action opens for the Owls Jan. 10-11 at Portland State.



OWL HEIGHT — Set for the new cage season is veteran big man Ron Wilkerson (6-6) from Willamette High School of Eugene. The Oregon Tech cagers have been working about two weeks in preparation for the new campaign which opens Dec. 6-7 in the annual Tip-Off Tournament at Forest Grove.

Blades Blitz Totems In Torrid WHL Race

WHL Standings	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	8	5	1	17	51	42
San Fran	7	7	2	16	47	48
Denver	7	5	1	15	53	44
Los Angeles	7	6	1	15	45	51
Portland	6	7	1	13	41	45
Vancouver	5	10	0	10	55	64

Thursday's Results
Los Angeles 5 Seattle 1

Friday's Schedule
Portland at Vancouver
San Francisco at Denver

By United Press International
More evidence that the Western Hockey League race is wide open was supplied Thursday night when third place Los Angeles blitzed league-leading Seattle 5-1 in the only game of the night.

Leo LaBine scored the hat trick as the Blades delighted the Sports Arena crowd of 6,700 by pulling out a 5-0 lead before all-time great Guyle Fielder finally scored a tally for the losers with about eight minutes left.

The win continued goalie Jim McLeod's mastery over the Totems.

McLeod was in the goal for San Francisco last year and the Seals usually had Seattle's number. Seattle tied Los Angeles 4-4 Wednesday night with rookie Jack Norris in the nets for the Blades, but McLeod returned Thursday night and the Totems were helpless.

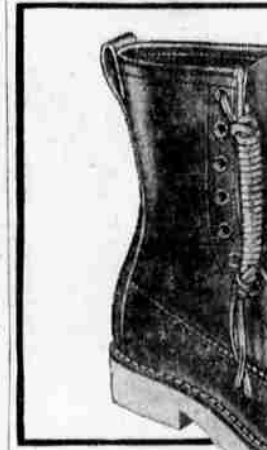
In action tonight, it's Portland at Vancouver and San Francisco at Denver.

Bucks Add Left Wing

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Portland Hockey Club Thursday announced the acquisition of amateur left wing Bob Ertel and veteran defenseman Harry Smith.

Ertel, 24, has been with New Haven of the Eastern Hockey League. He was expected to join the team in time for tonight's game at Vancouver, B.C. Smith will join the team when it returns home against Seattle Sunday night.

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Familiar Names Dot Annual Draft Lineup

NEW YORK (UPI) — Seven years ago, the Boston Red Sox offered a million dollars for Herb Score.

If Tom Yawkey's money-rich, talent-poor club is still interested, it can acquire the 30-year-old southpaw for \$25,000 at the annual major-minor league draft at San Diego, Calif., Dec. 2.

Score was on the draft list released Thursday by Commissioner Ford Frick along with other familiar former major leaguers such as Johnny Kucks, Marv Breeding, "Marvelous Marv" Throneberry, Willie Tasby, Bob Oldis, Whitey Herzog, Eli Grba, Carroll Hardy and Jim Coates.

Joe Cronin offered the Cleveland Indians a cool million for Score in 1956 when the American League president was general manager of the Red Sox. Score was a 20-game winner that year and led the league in strikeouts with 263.

The following May, Herb was struck on the right eye by a line drive from the bat of the Yankees' Gil McDougald and never has been a winning pitcher since.

The players available in the major league draft fall into two categories:

—Any former player with

major league experience who has been consigned outright to a minor league roster: Price \$25,000.

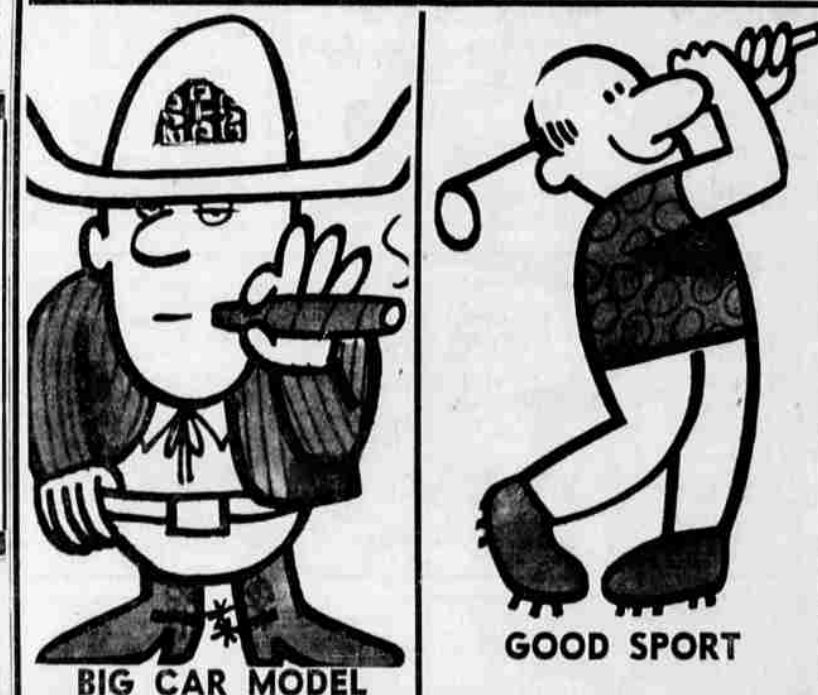
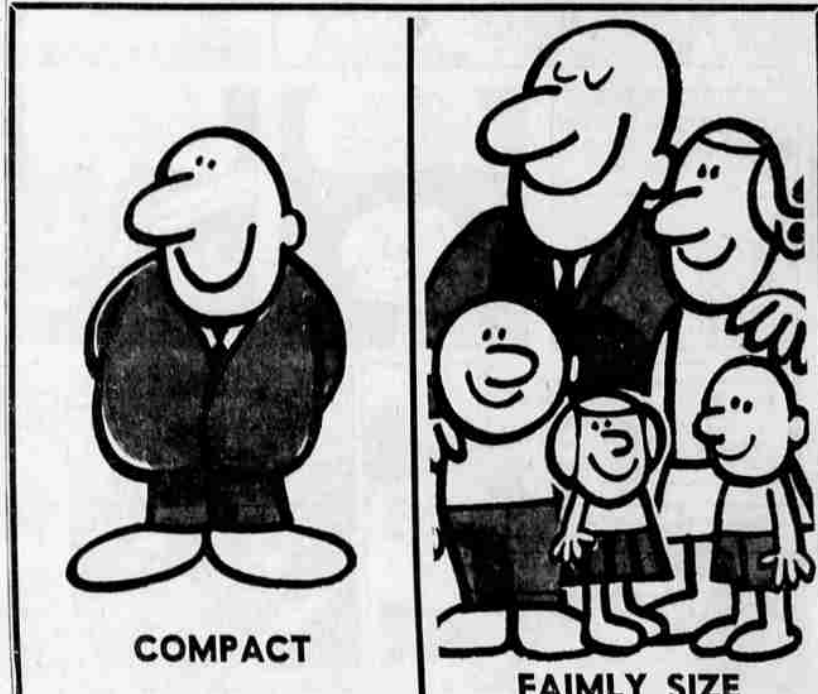
—First year (usually bonus) players who have not been promoted to a major league roster: Those signed after Dec. 1, 1961 are draftable at \$12,000, those signed before that date are draftable at \$8,000.

A record total of 56 players were drafted for an all-time high of \$685,000 last year. Of these, 11 were former major leaguers and 45 were first-year players.

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HOLIDAY SR. GIRLS LEAGUE

W	L
The 4 Aces	15
Champion Masters	11
Cherry Pickers	10
Gutter Snipers	8

BASIN LIONS LEAGUE

W	L
Mossbacks	24/9 9/5
Dorris Lions	15
Merrill Lions	13
Lion Tamers	18/15 17/15
Dorris Simbas	15
Roaders	14
Tokatee Lions	12
Cowardly Lions	10

WEYERHAEUSER LEAGUE

W	L
Balls	23
No. 100 Nuts	22
Stand Up Shed	22/15 13/15
Spoilers	20
Shipping Slugs	20
Top Brass	19
Rejects	18/15 17/15
No. Accounts	18
Yard Birds	17
Kilowatts	17
Hardboard	16
Office Overhead	16
Power House	12
Sawmill	10

BASIN LEAGUE

W	L
Kenney Plumbing	26
Pacific Supply Co.	26

MINOR CLASSIC LEAGUE

W	L
Richardson's Plastic	21
Duffs Heating	20
Herald and News	20
McKays Potatoes	22/15 21/15
Victors	19
Dales Body Shop	19
Bruce Owens	18/15 25/15
Acme Concrete	18

LADYBUG LEAGUE

W	L
First Federal	21
Team	21
TP Packing	24/15 19/15
Market Basket	24
Lucca Lounge	22
The Ranch	22
Coca Cola	21/15 22/15
Schultz Tires	20
Billie Golden TV	19
Drive More Motors	18/15 25/15
Signal Oil	17/15 26/15
Little Sweden	15

Results: The Ranch 4, TP Packing 0; First Federal 4, Coca Cola 0; Market Basket 3, Drive More Motors 1; Billy Golden TV 3, Schultz Tires 2; Team 3, Lucca Lounge 1; Signal Oil 4, Little Sweden 0.

High team game, First Federal 190; high ind. game, Mary Lou Bartlett 221; high ind. series, Nan Cohen 58.

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