







# Washington State Cougars Take Lead In Vandal Series

## Idaho Team Begins Work For Beaver Invasion

Up and At 'Em

Resting yesterday after dropping two games to Washington State last weekend, Vandal cagers will start preparations today for the Palouse invasion of Oregon State's Beavers January 2 and 3. W. S. C. won the first game in Memorial gymnasium Friday night by a 45-39 count, then made it two in a row Saturday with a 41 to 30 win at Pullman.

Oregon State will play two games at Pullman this weekend, move here to meet the Vandals Monday and Tuesday. The Beavers, pre-season favorites, now rest in

fourth place with two wins and three defeats, while the Vandals have won one game in five starts.

No practice session was held yesterday as final exams occupied the hoopsters' attention. The Idaho team came out of the Cougar series in good physical shape.

A sizzling shooting exhibition in the final half by Washington State's Kirk Gebert and Marv Gilbert proved too much for the Vandals Friday night as the Cougars won 45-39. Eight points in less than two minutes on four shots gave the W. S. C. team an advantage they never relinquished.

After W. S. C. took an early lead the Vandals rallied and finished the half with a 19-15 margin. The second stanza started slow, but the Wicksmen moved out in front, before the Cougars got hot. W.S.C. piled up a comfortable lead before Steele and Turner made two field goals near the end of the game to close the gap.

### Turner Leads Scoring.

Turner, despite the Cougar's desperate efforts, led scoring with 17 points, nine of them on free throws. All but three of the 15 W.S.C. fouls were against Turner and the big center obliged by making nine of 12 attempts. Gilbert led Washington State with 15 points.

The Cougars moved into the lead in the Vandal series Saturday with a 41-30 triumph. After a hard-fought first half, the W.S.C. cagers had an easier time in the final period.

With Ray Turner playing in the corner instead of his usual pivot spot, the Vandals depended on hot-shooting Cliff Benson, who canned

four field goals in the first half to keep the Idaho cagers in the ball game. Washington State took a 21-18 halftime lead when Gilbert dropped in a long right-handed shot with seconds left, occasioning a long argument between Idaho coach Guy Wicks and the official timer. Wicks claimed that the period should have been ended, but that the timer failed to operate the clock correctly.

### Thompson Fouls Out.

Cougar hoopsters dominated second half play, and after the early minutes the Vandals never threatened. Ted Thompson and guard Von Hopkins both went out on personal fouls along with Gilbert.

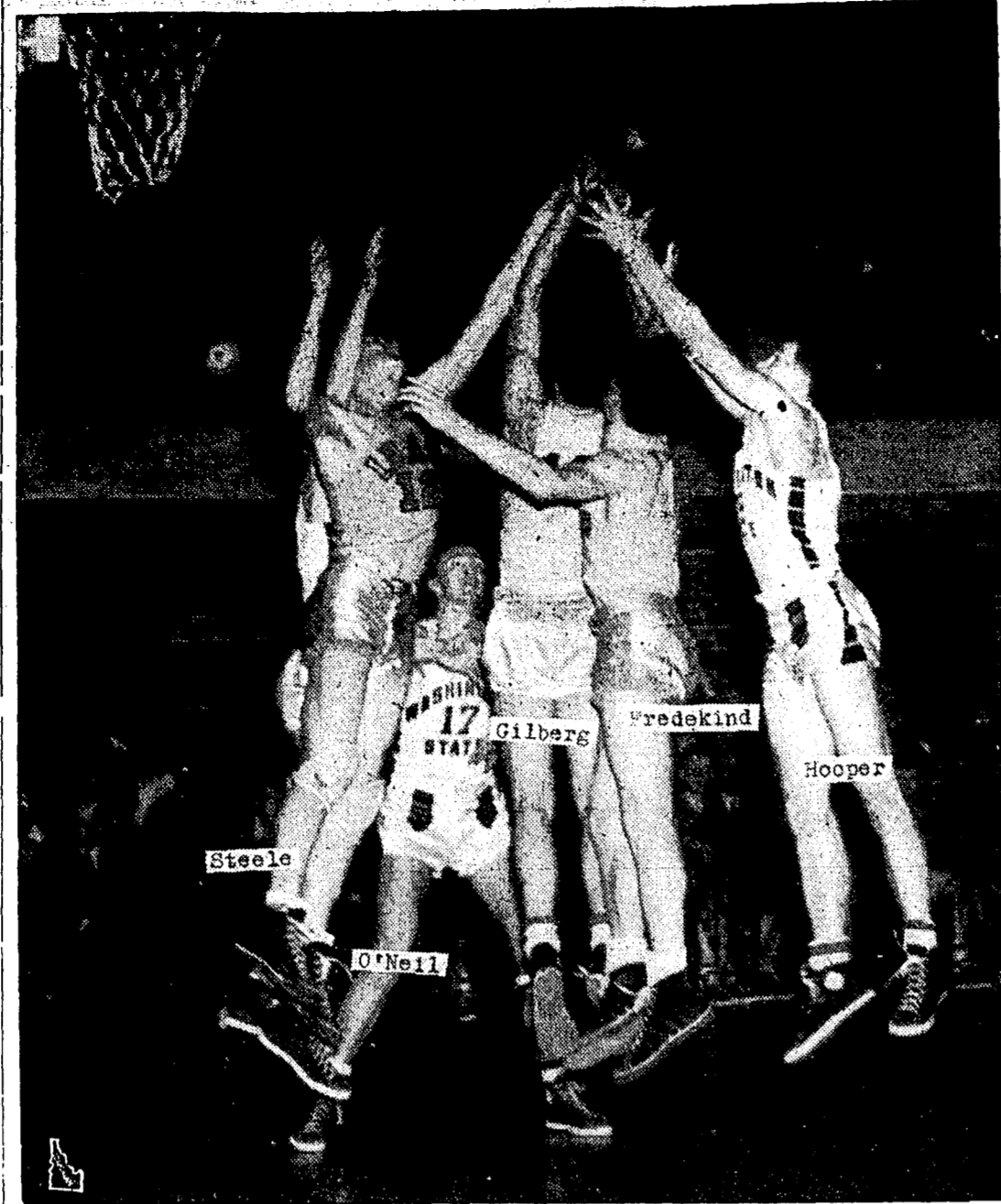
Turner, although he missed seven of nine free throws, still made 10 points to lead Idaho scorers. Gilbert was high for the game with 11 points.

One of the most unusual incidents of the season came in the first half when Hopkins, breaking in under the Washington State backboard, saw his setup shot stop dead on one of the iron supporters of the basket. Officials called it a jump ball on the center circle.

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Totals 10x61 7x13 15 45 Idaho (39) fg ft pf tp Steele, f 3x6 0x1 2 6 Thompson, f 2x9 0x0 2 4 Fredekind, f 1x2 0x0 1 2 Turner, c 4x16 9x12 3 17 Hopkins, g 0x7 2x2 2 2 Benson, g 3x6 0x0 0 6

W.S.C. (41) fg ft pf tp Idaho (30) fg ft pf tp Gebert, f 2x12 3x3 2 7 Steele, f 1x6 2x3 1 4 Fredekind, f 0x0 0x0 0 0 Hooper, f 0x3 0x1 0 0 Gilbert, f 5x18 1x1 4 11 Thompson, f 1x9 0x0 4 2 Akins, f 1x3 1x2 1 3 Fredekind, f 0x2 0x0 1 0 Bishop, c 4x16 1x2 1 9 Turner, c 4x12 2x9 2 10



It's a long stretch for these two Vandals and four Cougars who are trying to get the ball off the backboard in Friday night's game. Marv Gilbert, star W. S. C. forward, seems to be in the most advantageous position, although George Steele and Norm Fredekind are pressing the Cougar hard. Washington State won 45-39 in a hotly contested game.

Scoring summary table for the game between Washington State and Idaho. It lists individual player statistics for field goals, free throws, fouls, and technical fouls, along with team totals and the names of the referees.

## 'Mural Slants

Lindley hall leads all university residences at the half-way mark in the quest for the all-university intramural athletics championship with 550 points.

Willis Sweet, last year's winner, totaled 1675 points during the year. This indicates that this year's teams are more evenly balanced, or Lindley is weaker than the Willis Sweet group of last year.

Kappa Sigma is second with 520, ATO is third with 515 and Idaho club has racked up 510 for fourth. Other totals are: Chrisman 480, Sigma Chi 475, Sigma Nu 470, Beta Theta Pi 435, Tau Kappa Epsilon 425, Delta Chi 440, Phi Delta Theta 390, Phi Gamma Delta 370, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 360, LDS institute 410, Delta Tau Delta 345, Campus club 325, Lambda Chi Alpha 195, Tau Mem Aleph 120.

## Juran Predicts Stronger Team

Predicting that the Idaho wrestling team will be stronger this Friday when it meets Oregon State college here, Hank Juran, wrestling captain, said John Siddoway will represent Idaho at 121 pounds, and that wrestlers who had been bothered by colds before the Washington State bouts a week ago had completely recovered. Oregon State is the defending northern division championship team.

"They are the toughest team in the conference," said Juran, Idaho captain. "Last year's championship team was made up predominantly of sophomores and juniors, who are all back this year." Idaho will be handicapped because final examinations are curtailing practice sessions. O.S.C. operates on a quarter system and have had their exams before

## River Boat Moves Wrecked Plane

The plane in which university students Bob Titus and Russ Wilson narrowly escaped death last week when it crashed in a landing attempt at Pittsburg landing was brought to Lewiston by River boat Saturday. Titus supervised the loading of the plane upon the boat.

Attempting to land near Titus ranch home the ship piloted by Wilson bogged in slushy snow and turned over. The men dismantled the wings, and covered the plane with canvas until it was removed

Christmas. After meeting O.S.C., the wrestlers travel to Seattle to meet the University of Washington. Juran believes Washington to be the weakest team in the conference this year. The team will be strengthened for the new semester by the return of Buhl Sutton, 131 pounds, and Reed Tucker, 148 pounds.

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