

WSC Taking 'Longest Nine Mile Trip' For Traditional Idaho Fray Tomorrow

By TOM MITCHELL

Basketball season is far from finished, but the beginning has been none too successful in the eyes of Idaho fans. Having seen their team lose the first four conference games, two on their home court, some fans have felt compelled to turn attention to the standings of other Northern Division teams.

However other teams are not overlooking Idaho as a possible tough opponent. According to a release from WSC, Coach Jack Friel's basketball team "takes on the longest nine mile journey in athletic history," when it comes to "Vandalville" Saturday for the first in a series of scrambles with the Idaho squad.

High Regards

Going further, the release says that Idaho boasts one of the top teams in its history. Idaho is regarded as WSC's toughest opponent of the season. This comes from the director of athletic news service at WSC.

Coach Friel plans to use a two platoon system against Idaho, or such variation of the football season carryover as is possible under basketball rules. The first, labeled his scoring, platoon will see Ed Gayda and Bob Gamhold playing forward, tall Gene Conley, touted as the greatest prospect ever to represent the school at center, and Ted Tappe and Leon Mangis shouldering guard duties.

Silent Chuck

Coach Chuck Finley has made no statement about the type play to be used in the game, or has he mentioned possible starters. What type offense he will use against the two squad system has not been revealed, but the coach has been drilling his men especially for the WSC contest since Wednesday.

Vandal Portraits

By STAN RIGGERS

Shove a banana cream pie in his face, a basketball in his hand, and move his bed from the sub-arctic sleeping porch to the furnace room and you have a happy Vandal basketball player, in Herb Millard.

This pie eating basketballer is in his second year as a physical education major at the University of Idaho, and is one of the outstanding prospects on the Idaho Varsity.

The nineteen year old guard began playing ball when he was in the fourth grade. His father

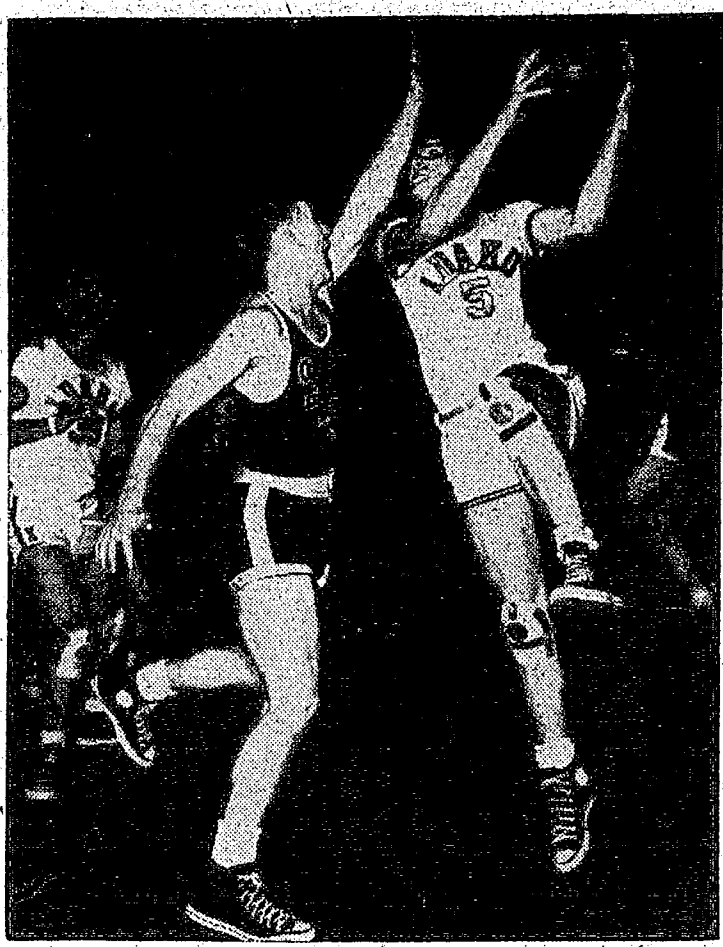


bought the boys in the fourth grade a basketball suit and furnished transportation for the ambitious eaglers to play in neighboring towns. From his first game for the Juliaetta grade school to his present college career the sport of basketball has been Herb's ambition.

Herb's biggest thrill in his career came in the 1947 state championship game against Moreland high school when he sang a 30 foot set shot with less than one minute to go. It gave Kendrick the championship. The 165 pound guard was captain of the 1948 Kendrick team, and was chosen to the all-state five his junior year.

Millard likes baseball too; in fact he can handle himself so well at shortstop that he played two years with the Lewiston American Junior Legion team which won the regional championship.

Oh, No You Don't



Trying for a left handed one is Idaho's Herb Millard, sophomore guard. He is ably checked by Oregon State college's star guard, Dick Ballantyne. Millard's point total for the evening, Tuesday, was 4 while Ballantyne hung up 5. That's Idaho Dick Geisler (35), in the background. The Orangemen made it a rough session for the Vandals by dumping them twice in a row, Monday 48-37 and Tuesday 51-39.

Idaho Boxers Get Two Free Points Via Cougar Forfeits

With two impressive victories under their belts, members of the University of Idaho's rugged ring squad journey abroad for the first time tonight. At 8 in Pullman's Bohler gym, Coach Frank Young's crew meets WSC in the first of two encounters. Idaho will enter the ring with a 2-0 lead as the result of 2 forfeits.

The Vandals will take a well balanced array of veterans in every weight. Ike Deeter, Washington State mentor, will oppose with a team made up of veterans and several sophomores.

Vandals Favorites

Idaho is tabbed to win on the strength of early season performances. The Silver and Gold met and defeated Eastern Washington's Savages while the best WSC could salvage was a 3 1/2-3 1/2 tie. Comparative scores go out the window though, when these bitter rivals pitch leather.

Starting the show off Frankie Echevarria, 125 pound fireball, lines up against Phil Largent of the Cougars. Frank has shown tremendous improvement this year and will be out to add to his two victories this season.

Next up DeForrest Tovey enters the squared circle against Larry McLaughlin. McLaughlin was defeated by Norm Walker the last time the two squads met. Since then Tovey has moved up a weight while Larry has stayed in the same bracket.

Walker After Another

In the 130 pound division Norm Walker squares off against Jerry McHugh. Last week, Norm defeated Coast champion, Jim Reilly in a hot battle.

Len Walker was slated to trade punches with Tony Harwicke. However, Harwicke has an injured jaw and will lay out this week. That accounts for one of Idaho's points by forfeit.

Trouble developed for Idaho last week in the 155 pound bracket when Bud Lawson was hurt during the card with Gonzaga. Stepping into his place will be veteran Thane Johnson to trade blows with Milt Wilson. The experienced Cougar boxer holds a TKO over Vern Bahr in his last meeting with the Vandals.

Second Forfeit

Next division will see Herb Carlson tackle Chuck Morgan, WSC's 165 pounder in an exhibition. Morgan is ineligible until second semester so the point is Idaho's.

In the 175 pound clash of the evening Ted Diehl will slug it out with either Jim Akin or John Blackin. Akin is a rugged boxer with an unorthodox windmill style and plenty of stamina.

Final bout of the evening matches either Don Ellis or Larry Hanson against Hughbert Christanson. Last week at Cheney Christanson narrowly lost to coast champ, Hermt (Bull) Pein.

Big Will Assumes Coaching Duties At Local High

Will Overgaard has accepted a position as head football coach at Moscow High School. The big blond replaces Ralph Paasch, former team mate, who held this capacity since the beginning of the school year. Superintendent L. C. Robinson has announced that Overgaard will take over his new duties immediately. He plans to graduate from the university at the end of the semester.

Thus Moscow continues the line of Idaho athletic stars in her top coaching positions. Previous to Paasch, Ray Turner, of maple-court fame at the university, guided the local Bears.

Double-A Twin

Overgaard has experience-plus behind him as he fakes a role of teacher instead of pupil. Will was an outstanding tackle for Dixie Howell's 1949 squad and is a four-year letterman in football. He, with his double-A twin Carl Kilsgaard, was the backbone of the Vandal line.

This six foot four, 200 pound giant was born October 16, 1929 in Montpelier, Idaho. While attending Boise high school, Will received letters in both football and basketball for two years and was a monogram winner in track for three years.

Ex Marine

Immediately after graduating, Overgaard entered Idaho, but left soon for the service. He served in the Marine Corps three years and saw action in the Pacific theatre. Will returned to Boise Junior College briefly before coming back to the university where he played varsity ball as a freshman. Since that time his reputation has gained recognition all over the coast.

Superintendent Robinson summed it up by saying, "We feel very lucky to obtain such an outstanding successor as Overgaard."

Leon Green To Leave For NYU To Work On Doctor's Degree

Leon Green, the man who has built the university's intramural program into the most popular extra-curricular activity on the campus, and into a program that will stack up with any program of its kind in the United States, has announced that he will leave this Sunday for New York. He is entering New York university to work for his Doctor's degree.

Leon has devoted his life to the establishment and management of health and recreational facilities and to the providing of an opportunity for young people to enjoy their leisure time.

Organizer

Mr. Green organized the State Association of Physical Education and is president elect of the organization. He has also been responsible for several recreational facilities in various communities throughout the state.

A great athlete himself, Leon was co-captain of the 1937 University of Idaho football squad. He received several honorable mention awards for all American for outstanding ability as end.

Graduation brought an end to his career as a player, but it was only his beginning as a great sports organizer. While serving Uncle Sam in the U. S. Navy, Leon was recreational director for the seventh fleet in the South Pacific.

Intramurals Foremost

He has been popular throughout the Northwest during his career, and has been chairman of the physical education department at the University of Idaho for the last four years. This position did

Vandal-WSC Ski Meet Called Off

The Idaho-WSC Ski meet, originally to be held this weekend at Emida, has been postponed, according to ski coach Gene Harlow.

Since both schools are in the midst of final exams, it is considered best to change the meet to a later date.

Next meet in which Idaho will participate is the McCall Open to be held next weekend at McCall. The full squad will make the trip.

According to coach Harlow, transportation is available to Emida Sunday, February 12. Buses will leave from the Bucket at nine o'clock and will return at about five. Lunches are to be available at Emida. Anyone wishing to make the trip can go, transportation free.

Minnie Pearl has this to say about modern males: These days girls don't need chaperons when they go out on dates. They need a referee.

WRA LIST

Hays hall volleyballers defeated Alpha Phi 17-9 in the volleyball tournament final.

Pat Harris is the new volleyball president. She succeeds Joan Litchfield.

The Idaho women's rifle team won a match by forfeit last week over the University of Nevada women's team.

High scorers on the Idaho team were Ronnel Hillman 193, Lou Carlson 182, Martha Tuller 189, June McHone 188, and Arlene Ralph 181.

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