



Dwight Chapin's Neutral Corner

Belligerent Idaho State Runs Headlong Into Hoop Troubles

The school which opens its mouth too wide is asking to have a fist shoved in it. This was the fate of Idaho State College.

The first paragraph of an Associated Press story dated Tuesday morning reads:

"Seattle's Chieftans, unawed by Idaho State's string of 17 straight victories, smashed the Bengals 89-53 Tuesday night in a nonconference basketball game."

This was the same Seattle team which had beaten Idaho by one point, 78-77, in overtime earlier this year at Seattle, then looked rather poor in losing to the Vandals 68-56 at Moscow.

These scores would be unimportant but for one minute detail.

Rated Poorly

Idaho supposedly couldn't sweep out the floor after ISC has played a basketball game, at least according to loyal ISC partisans.

And it will be Bengals against California, second ranked team in the nation, in the NCAA regional playoffs at Seattle later this month.

Don't get us wrong. We're not urging that Idaho rather than Idaho State play California, because the Vandals wouldn't have much chance. But neither, we feel will ISC's supposedly invincible five.

Certainly ISC's loss to Seattle points out one thing. The charges made recently that Idaho is afraid to play its junior brothers are so much shouting in the wind.

Basketball is a funny sport. It is unlike football, in which if you don't have 11 tough horses plus a deep bench you don't win games.

Not Always Talent

Many a basketball team has gone a long way with little more than guts, desire and some luck.

Idaho may not have the raw talent of Idaho State but we'd bet no money the Vandals couldn't beat them, either at Pocatello or Moscow.

Our brethren at ISC have asked recently why Idaho doesn't play the Bengals. And they point with alarm at the omnipotent, ogorish Athletic Board of Control at Idaho which is stopping such athletic meetings.

This columnist happens to be a member of that so-called monster of a board, and has been since the start of 1959-60 school term.

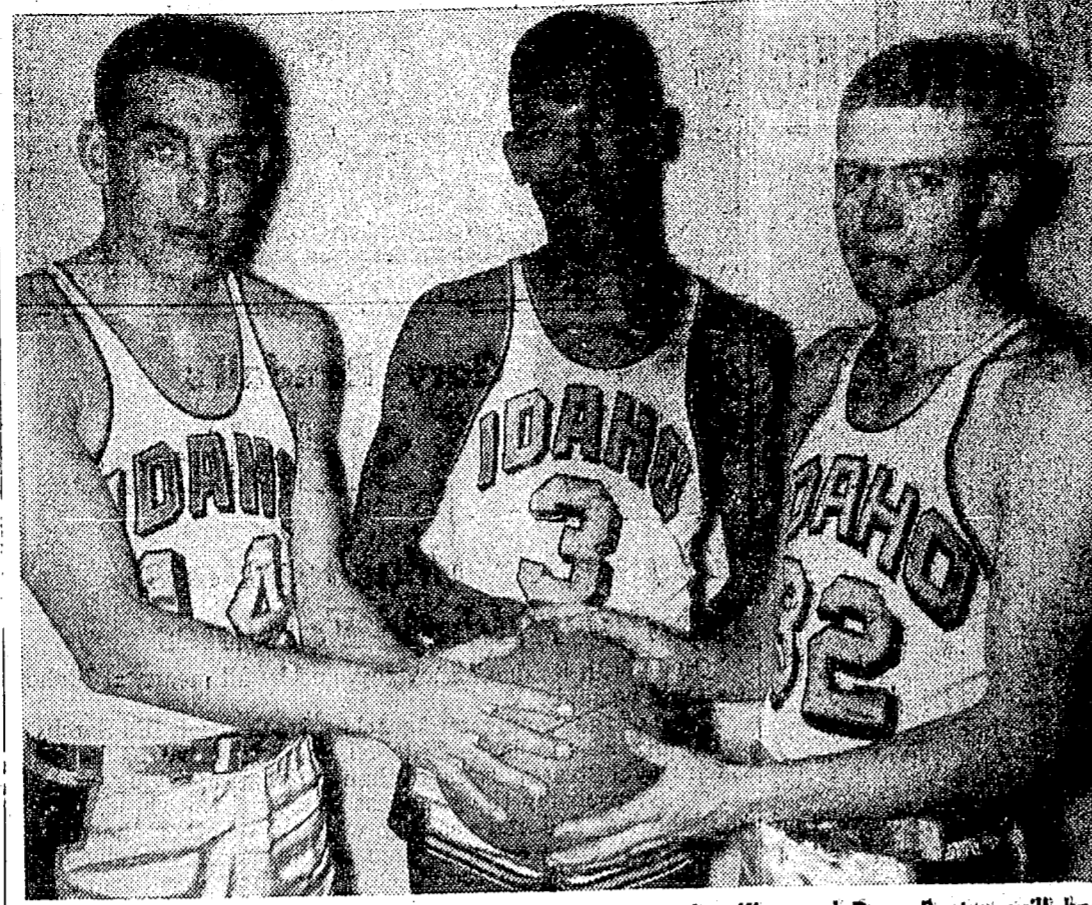
The Athletic Board of Control is a group of men and students working to further athletics at Idaho and draws up the schedules against the teams and at the cities it thinks most advantageous.

It is not a black hand society working to slit the throat of lily white Idaho State College.

Series Planned

A football series with ISC is now in the planning stages and basketball scheduling also is just around the corner. And until the dates are confirmed, we think Idaho Athletic Director Bob Gibb is right in keeping his mouth shut about the thing.

The ISC Bengal, student newspaper, charges Gibb talks out of both sides of his mouth. They're welcome to their opinion but ISC athletic head man John Vesser doesn't have to worry about talking out of the sides. He's doing a good job telling everything out of a wide open middle.



FINAL FOR BIG I - Three seniors, Bob Walton, and starters Joe King and Dean Baxter, will be playing their last basketball for the Idaho Vandals tonight, when they go against the Washington Huskies at Memorial Gymnasium. Game time is 8 p.m.

Portland Lacks Leader; Vandals Win In Breeze

By DWIGHT CHAPIN
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Bill Garner, who is 6 feet 9 inches tall, looks like Bill Russell and wears rubber bands on his wrists like Wilt Chamberlain, but he hasn't yet learned to play like either of them.

That was why Portland University lost a one-sided 72-40 decision to the Idaho Vandals at Memorial Gymnasium Wednesday night.

Portland was a team without a leader and it looks like if they are ever going to win consistently, it will be if sophomore Garner develops.

The Pilots got away quite a few shots from the floor, but were patently erratic.

Their coach Al Negratti, a forthright, thick-set man, grumbled loudly to his reserves in the first half:

"See those shots. They're all desperation."

Defense Lack

And with Dale James and Dean Baxter harassing them out front and the Vandal backline tight underneath, they were just that. The pattern was nearly the same in the last half.

Portland, which had played two dog-eat-dog games at Spokane against Gonzaga Sunday and Monday, pretty obviously wasn't in the best physical condition.

But it's doubtful if the Pilots could have given Idaho much competition even in top shape.

Idaho, clearly, had more offensive guns and a vastly better de-

fense. Portland, which shot only 11 per cent in the first half and 14.8 in the last, must have thought it was a little boy lost in a very confusing maze of arms and legs.

Coach Dave Strack cited defense as the key to the win and singled out Jumpin' Joe King and Ken Maren for special commendation.

King Is Hot

King, named earlier in the day to an honorable mention spot on the United Press International All American team, demoralized Portland with a series of looping jump shots in the first half.

And playing with the reserve platoon in the second half, Maren began hitting the twine from the outside on jump shots. Both King and Maren collected 17 points.

Portland had no one even very close to double figures. The closest was hook-shooting captain Jim Altenhofen, who got seven. But Rolli Williams, and the shifting Idaho defenses, took good care of him.

A tiny crowd which braved cold weather and classes to come out, got their money's worth, even though there was no doubt about the outcome five minutes after it started.

Veteran referee Pop Haggerty, who put on at least as good a

show as did the ball players, set the tempo of the evening early in the second half.

Portland's Roland Carpenter had just received a pass in the corner, started to drive and ran into Vandal Ken Maren.

The crowd hushed as the whistle blew, Haggerty sort of leered at Carpenter and said:

"There wasn't any place to go. And there wasn't for Portland University."

Vandal Skiers Set For Action

Four Idaho skiers left for Bozeman yesterday, for the Northwest Collegiate Ski Association meet this weekend. The meet will qualify winners for the NCAA finals to be held in Bozeman the latter part of March.

The Vandal slatmen, entered as an Alpine team, include Hallvard Grosvold, Larry Schaaf, Howard Gerrish and Truls Astrup.

Idaho Hoop Scoring Lead Held By King

All-American honorable mention Joe King packs the Idaho scoring lead into his final collegiate game tonight, with junior Rolli Williams some 28 points behind.

Another junior, dead-eye Dale James, is third in the points totals with 203 points, followed closely by sophomore Ken Maren with 201 counters.

King has attempted 369 field goals and hit on 139 for a 37.7 average. Williams has 327 floor attempts with 104 conversions for a 31.8 mark. James has hit on 71 of 201 court shots for a 35.3 average.

From the gift line King has converted 73 of 92 charity tosses, while Williams has hit on 73 of 120 attempts.

James has made the most use of his gift tries, connecting on 71 of 86 tries, although Maren has notched 83 of 108 to rank close behind percentage-wise.

Rebounding, 6-1 Dean Baxter tops the list with 228 backboard grabs, nine ahead of Williams. Williams tops Baxter, and the team, in personal fouls however, with a total of 87. Baxter has committed 81 miscues.

Team-wise the Vandals are scoring at a 60 point-per-game clip compared to their opponents' 59.3. The Vandals boast the 18th best defensive record in the nation.



Table tennis joined bowling and 'B' basketball on the intramural scene last night with six singles games going into the books. Results of the games were unavailable at press time.

Singles play is scheduled to be completed March 28, while doubles play will finish with the championship game March 22.

Dates were set for spring golf and track action, golf slated for May 7, and track set for April 23 and 25.

In "B" basketball action, with the completion of the final games of the first round last night, Alpha Tau Omega's number one team, Sigma Chi's number one team, Phi Delta Theta's number one team, Kappa Sigma's number one team and Gault Hall's number one team appeared as early favorites.

More favorites should have appeared last night, with Shoup Hall's first squad, Willis Sweet's top team and Upham Hall's number one squad rated as powerful.

Gault Hall I posted the biggest margin of the week's play, taking a 48-1 win over Sigma Nu 5, although ATO I racked Tau Kappa Epsilon 3 by a 52-12 count for the highest total of the first round of play.

Jerry Wicks sparked the ATO win with 13 points, and Ken Goodwin hit for 14 in Kappa Sigma's win over Sigma Nu.

Doug Olsen, Phi Delt, turned in the top individual effort with 18 points.

In bowling action, pins fell on all sides as action continued. Starting time of matches has been moved up from 8 to 7 p.m.

Lambda Chi Alpha dumped Lindley Hall 3-1 Tuesday, Alpha Tau Omega smashed LDS 4-0, McConnell Hall bounced Phi Gam-

ma Delta 4-0 and Chrisman Hall split with Sigma Chi 2-2, to complete the evening bowling action.

Gary Thayer of LCA topped all individuals in high game honors with a 216 total, while Dean Allen of Lindley Hall rolled the high series of 555.

High game team honors went to McConnell Hall with a 874 total, then added enough pins to take high series honors also, with a 2552 total.

"B" Ball Results:

LH1 def. PDT 4 forfeit
ATO1 def. TKE3 52-12
PDT5 def. SH2 12-9
DTD1 def. SAE3 34-14
BTP3 def. SN2 8-4
CHI def. DTD3 14-11
PGD4 def. PGD2 31-7
WSH2 def. DSP2 22-16
GH2 def. TMA2 forfeit
SC1 def. KS3 42-8
CHI def. DTD3 14-11
PGD4 def. LCI 18-5
BTP2 def. PKT1 40-29
PDT7 def. LH4 47-13
DC2 def. SC3 27-14
KS1 def. SN3 50-13
CI def. ATO3 18-13
BTP1 def. LH5 34-14
TKE2 def. SC4 25-19
FH1 def. SAE4 19-11
PDT2 def. TMA1 forfeit
TKE1 def. WSH4 27-17
GH1 def. SN5 46-14
PGD3 def. DSP1 26-9
CHI def. TCI 15-13

Williams To Head Mens PE Honorary

Rolli Williams was elected president of Phi Epsilon Kappa, men's physical education honorary in an election this week.

Also elected were: Glenn Potter, vice president, Larry Hattmer, secretary, and Dale James, treasurer.

WRA Taps Ten, Holds Installation

The annual Women's Recreation Assoc. Recognition Hour resulted in ten new members of the women's I Club being announced by Marian Clark, president of WRA.

Each girl tapped was given a gold emblem and a red carnation by members of the I Club.

Those tapped were: Chris Allen, French; Zola Lee Fairley and Janee Farnsworth, Kappa; Gene Graf and Judy Rogers, Pi Phi; Rose Kimpton and Mary Whitehead, Ethel Steel; Bonnie Scott, Alpha Gam; and Mary Tsudaka.

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