

Jim Herndon's On The Bench

Last Monday night around 3,700 fans packed—all the standing room was gone—themselves into Memorial Gym and watched the Vandals ramble over a smaller Long Beach State team, 85-68. Chuck White, Idaho's all-time scorer as a sophomore and junior, dumped in 25 points and junior Tom Whitfield played his best game to date at Idaho.



But the fans had come to see Gus Johnson, a 6-6, 220-pounder, tabbed as the "best in the Northwest since Elgin Baylor." Gus didn't disappoint them. He shot, rebounded and fed his teammates like the pre-season predictors said he could. He delighted the fans several times with dunking the ball.

One fan he didn't delight, however, was Washington State University basketball coach Marv Harshman. Harshman was possibly thinking ahead to the four games the Cougars have with the Vandals.

During a halftime interview over the Vandal Sports Network, Harshman was asked about the Far West Classic. He replied that it was too bad Idaho would be unable to use Johnson. Commentator Gene Hamblin and game broadcaster Bob Curtis, who broadcast the Vandal play-by-play, were caught unaware by Harshman's reply and moved on to another subject.

My first thought was that Harshman's comment was so much sour grapes.

But I thought it would make a good news story. So, I called several universities in the Northwest. No one wanted to be quoted but all expressed the same feeling Harshman had.

They thought Johnson was ineligible, but said there was nothing they could do about it.

Late yesterday afternoon the University released an official statement saying Johnson wouldn't play in the Far West Classic.

For the second time this fall an eligibility question had been raised concerning a University of Idaho basketball player. Chuck White, charged with professionalism, had been cleared.

Johnson's case was not so serious but proves to be more damaging. With Johnson playing in NCAA sanctioned events (which the Classic happens to be) the Vandals break a technical NCAA rule.

Athletic Director J. Neil (Skip) Stahley explained it thus: "The classic is conducted under NCAA event rules. Applicable in this case is the rule which states that a student who transfers from a junior college after attendance at any four-year college must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution unless he is a graduate of the junior college or is readmitted to the four-year college first attended."

Johnson is barred from the Classic because he attended Akron University in 1959-60, stayed out a year and then transferred to BJC last year. He could not be held out another year because NCAA

Johnson Rule d Inelegible For Portland Tournament

Gus Johnson, the new star on the University of Idaho basketball team, will not shine at the Far West Basketball Classic in Portland Dec. 26-29.

This fact was revealed today when J. Neil (Skip) Stahley, director of athletics, explained that, although Johnson is eligible to play in 23 of Idaho's 26 scheduled basketball games this season, he is not eligible to play in the Far West Classic.

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Johnson attended Akron university as a freshman and played freshman basketball for that in-

stitution in 1959-60. He transferred to Boise Junior College for one year and played during the 1961-62 season.

"The University of Idaho very definitely intends to participate in the Far West Classic, and it is with regret that Johnson will be benched for the classic games," said Stahley.

"However, fans will have plenty of opportunity to see Johnson in action during the other games of the heavy schedule, and Johnson is something to see."

Top Rebounder Johnson, a 6-6 center, is the team's leading rebounder and has been one of the top scorers on the club. Idaho's offense this season is built around a strong forward line which includes Johnson, Chuck White and Tom Whitfield.

Basketball Coach Joe Cipriano has not decided who he will use in place of Johnson in the starting lineup when the Vandals open against tournament co-host Oregon State at 9:30 Thursday night, Dec. 27.

We have a game with Gonzaga in Spokane Friday that is my chief concern at this time," Cipriano said. "We also have a two-game trip to Bozeman to play Montana State College and a home game against Washington State before the Classic."

"I'll try to find the answer to the question of a replacement for Johnson during the next three weeks."

Vandal Finmen Meet UPS Cougars In 3-Way Contest

Idaho's varsity swim team competes in its first triangular meet of the season tomorrow afternoon when the Vandals meet Washington State and University of Puget Sound.

Post time for the meet is scheduled for 2 p.m. Idaho will meet the two Washington teams at Pullman, Wash., on the WSU campus.

Idaho will be trying to gain ground after finishing fifth last week in the annual Far Western Relays competition. Each team will compete against the two others, and first, second and third places will be awarded.

Tough Foes Expected

"Both Washington State and UPS will be tough," said finmentor Clarke Mitchell. Mitchell warned that Puget Sound is the defending Evergreen Conference champions. "They have a large and fast squad," commented the Idaho boss.

rules say a player must complete his eligibility within five years of the time he started. But the NCAA doesn't sanction games on the regular schedule so Johnson will be able to play 23 games this season.

Johnson is not alone in this "ineligible" category. Several years ago Idaho State had a player, Lloyd Harris, who led ISC into the NCAA playoffs, but was unable to participate in the playoffs because his three years of eligibility had run out, since he played varsity ball as a frosh.

K. C. Jones, former San Francisco University star, ended his college career one February because of an ineligibility restriction. No doubt there have been others in the area, possibly several cases such as Johnson's.

According to Mitchell, the Cougars should have about the same team that was present last week at the FWR, but added, "of course, we don't know which events their swimmers will enter."

He termed the meet as "a very interesting clash." Competition should be high, according to the coach.

Chance To Win "We have a good chance to show well and win tomorrow," said Mitchell. "I feel that there is the chance that at least four Idaho varsity records will be broken." The Vandal finmen smashed three marks last week in the season's opener.

"We have had spirited practices all this week," said the fin boss. "Now that we have actual competition, our men can see the object for working hard."

The Vandals will be led by Dan Cole, junior letterman and

newly elected swim captain.

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Frosh Finmen Set To Open Season Against WSU Club

The Idaho freshman swim team opens up its 1962-63 season today as they clash with the Washington State Couababes at Pullman, Wash. Time for the clash is slated for 4 p.m.

"Washington State has usually fielded a fine frosh team, and I expect to see a similar outfit today," said Mitchell. The fin boss said that several outstanding ex-Washington high school stars were reported to have enrolled at the Pullman school.

"The squad has been in good spirit and has been working hard," said Mitchell. "We are looking forward to the season."

According to the coach, the Vandal Babes have nine men on ward line which includes Johnsoners," said Mitchell. Finmen include, Byron Ander-

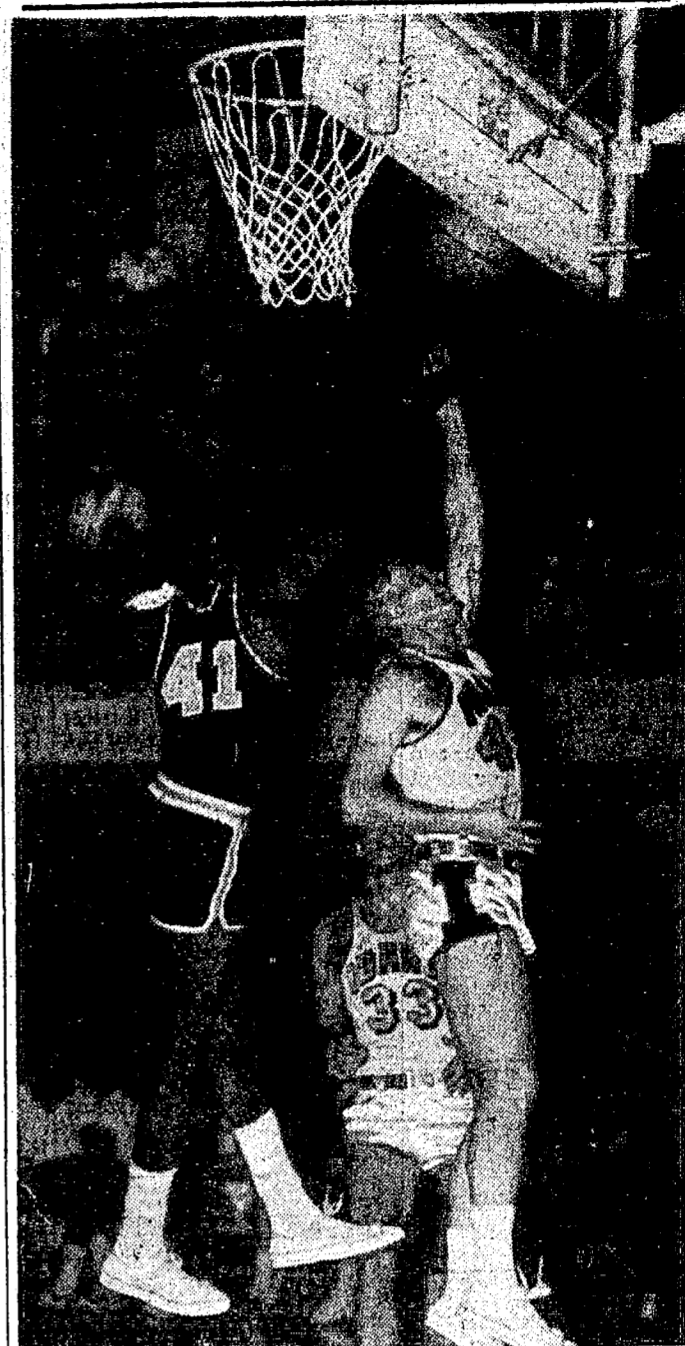
son, Gordon Campbell, Dave Gormley, Dave Grieve, Larry Harris, Kris Kirkland, Ted Lyons, Steve Merlan and Dick Kroitsch.

Other meets find the frosh meeting the Cougars twice more, Jan. 22 at Moscow and Feb. 19 at Pullman.

Volleyball Starts For WRA Play

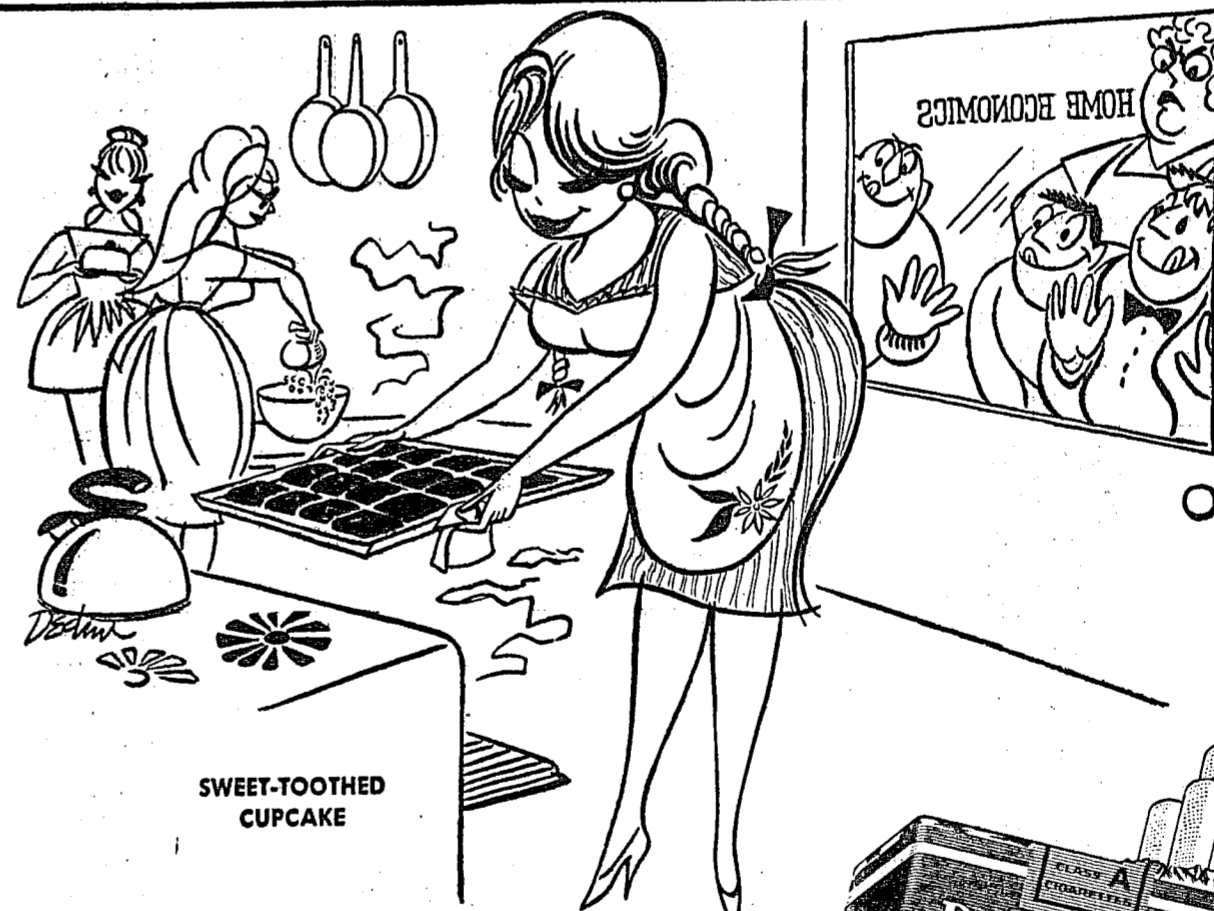
The WRA volleyball tournament began last week with 21 teams participating in two leagues. The teams that are still in running for the championship are Ethel Steel 2, Alpha Phi 1, Hays Hall, Tri Delta, Pi Phi 1, Alpha Gam 1, Alpha Chi, Foreney 1, McConnell 2, Alpha Phi 2, and McConnell.

Sports



ANOTHER SCORE — Idaho Guard Rich Porter drives in to score two of the 85 points the Vandals posted in beating Long Beach State Monday, despite the efforts of Lyn Hodge, Long Beach center. Coming in for a possible rebound is Chuck White (33).

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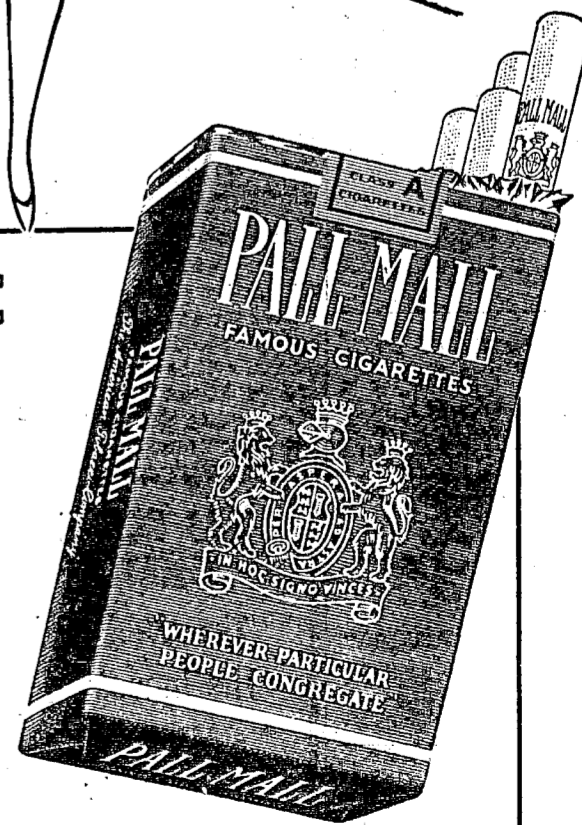
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