

DOUBLE DRIBBLE

By Dick Friendlich - San Francisco Chronicle.

"I may not know art, but I know what I like."

That's the reaction of most of the 1500 fans who saw Phillips Oilers of Oklahoma lose to Golden State Creamery, 22-21, Tuesday night at Kezar. From the standpoint of basketball, it certainly was art, but few of the fans would like it as a consistent diet. They prefer the driving, fast-break style that Stanford, Santa Clara, S.F. State and other local teams play most of the time, even though it lacks the perfect execution which marked the Oilers-Creamery battle.

The Oilers are good. They won the Missouri valley A.A.U. title this spring, were runners-up to the Denver Nuggets in the Nationals last year, losing 25-22 in the finals, Note that 25-22.

Actually, the Oilers were playing the same kind of basketball that was prevalent all over the country ten years ago - figure-eight passing outside the circle and screen off the "spot." The Oilers guards didn't drive into the basket, but kept moving around outside, trying to set up the play.

Sometimes they started to move in, found themselves checked, pivoted and passed out again and started the figure-eight all over again. The Creamery played the same style, although the forwards broke across a little more often than did the Oilers. But the total points scored give you the idea.

Had either team played a zone defense instead of man-to-man, the score would probably have been 3 to 2. No thank you!

With Dick Hyland, Los Angeles Times.

Nibs Price, California coach, who is more on the smart side than not when it comes to things basketball, comes out wham-bang with the statement that Jackie Robinson is the best basketball player in the United States. I don't know whether that is so, but I do know he is the best I've seen perform. This would ordinarily mean little because of the limited number seen, but it assumes proportions when among those seen are several whom the East, Midwest and North have hailed as great and double-great. Robinson's better than they are, in my book.

On performance around here, Jack Robinson has looked the best. He has a natural, instinctive quickness, straightaway speed, body control and judgement of distance that is so outstanding it is difficult to describe.

Flashback - By Dick Friendlich.

It's not too late to record a recent prank of that cute California rooting section, which must be seen and heard to be believed.

When the Bear and U.S.C. cagers clashed a week ago the U.C. rooters got into the swing of things and booed lustily every time a Trojan stepped up to the free throw line. That was on Friday night. Before Saturday night's game started, Lloyd Whitman, the California yell leader, took over the loudspeaker and asked that the rooters, in the name of common courtesy, refrain from booing Trojans on the free throw line. Whitman's request, quite naturally, was greeted with boos.

The game hadn't gone a minute before Ralph Vaughn, star Trojan forward, was fouled. As he stepped up to shoot his