

Coos Bay Pirates Defeat Rainbow Grill Quint, 44-38

By ROYAL S. DENTON
Outclassing their able opponents in ball handling and basket-making only, Coos Bay's independent quintet of Pirates earned berth as District 7 representatives in the A. U. tournament by defeating Rainbow Grill's scrappy five, 44-38.

The score knotted twice early in the first half, the Pirates proved superior to the Grillers in fast-breaking ability and floor maneuvering, and both clubs displayed aggressiveness in gaining possession of the ball throughout the 40 minutes of play.

An air-tight Rainbow defense, its strongest asset in previous games, crumbled under the fast

attack of Sammy Crowell, former North Bend all-stater, and Kenny Hume, ex-U. of O. star, in the final quarter after the Pirates led 22-16 at the half.

Hume initiated scoring, aided by Gassaway, to build a seven-point lead before Cummings put Rainbow on the scoreboard with a lay-in. Wridge raised the Roseburg tally with consecutive buckets to a 10-10 tie at the end of the first quarter.

Rainbow gained its only lead of the contest at the outset of the second stanza with twin gift tosses by Boak for a 12-12 count, but Hume began a rally which was carried successfully out by teammates to a 22-16 lead at half-time, 33-28 at the end of the third quarter, and an ensuing court battle in the final quarter, following Cummings' retirement via fouls, to imminent victory by three field goals.

Hume led the evening's scoring with 19 points, while Stan Short

was high for the Grillers with eight.

A total of 42 foul line trips were made, Rainbow hitting 12 of 23 attempts and Coos Bay sinking 12 out of 24.

Zeke Walton's River Rats completely outclassed a Veterans of Foreign Wars club in the preliminary, 27-24. Chuck Lowe led scoring with 12 points for the veterans. Marsters was big with seven for the Rats.

Lineups:
Rainbow G. (38 P. 44) Coos Bay Cummings, G. F. 19, Hume Neidemeyer, F. 7, Crowell Loomis, S. C. 2, Stamper Short, S. G. 2, C. Huggins Wridge, S. G. 4, Gassaway

Substitutions: Rainbow—Newby 3, Young 3, Boak 2, Anderson; Coos Bay—B. Huggins 2, Hill 2, O'Neil 4. Officials: Hoyt, Erickson and Coen.

Chiloquin First to Qualify for Entry In Class B Series

By MATT KRAMER
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Little Chiloquin, unbeaten winner of 24 straight games, became the first team in the state to qualify for the annual Class B high school basketball tournament by routing Rogue River last night, 37-21.

The Klamath county team, which won over Rogue River the previous night, 35-36, will represent District 5 in the tourney at Arlington next month.

Attention will swing to the bigger brothers in Class A tonight. Portland teams get top billing. There Washington could sew up the city title and a spot in the state tournament by downing lowly Lincoln. Roosevelt and Jefferson meet in another game, the winner probably becoming Portland's other tourney entrant.

Portland fans also will see Gresham at Central Catholic in a contest that could end Central's worries over a state tourney berth at Eugene next month. A win would practically set up the District 13 title for Central.

Upstate, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater clash in two games this weekend that will settle the playoff in the Eastern division of District 2. The winner will meet Hood River for the title.

In District 8 the two leaders, McMinnville and Newberg will settle the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley league championship.

Two teams already have qualified for the tournament—Eugene, the defending champs, and Astoria. Most other district races will not be settled for at least another week.

There is a slender chance, though, that one other race could end tonight. That is in District 14, where Rainier and Vernonia play. If Vernonia pulls an upset, the title and a tournament berth would go to St. Helens. A Rainier win will necessitate a playoff with St. Helens.

In other games tonight Salem and Eugene meet in a non-district battle that will settle the Big Six championship. Klamath Falls will play at Central Point; Medford at Ashland; Corvallis at Sweet Home; St. Helens at Seaside, and Roseburg at Coquille.

RHS Basketeers Take on Elmira Five Here Tonight

With nothing much at stake except the longest end of the score, and that's fairly important in any Roseburg high school contest, Elmira's preps visit Coach Newby's Indians tonight at 8 o'clock at Senior High gym. Roseburg, holding solid second league place standing, trounced Elmira, 53-31, on their court early in the season.

Tomorrow night the Indian tribe journeys to Couville to take on the Red Devils in an initial season, non-conference tilt. The Couville five, rated lower on its respective league ladder than the Indians, is reported as without a chance at the district title, currently between Coos Bay and North Bend.

The cellularized Elmira Dragons will be out to avenge their previous defeat by the Indians but can gain no more than a tie for basement position with Cottage Grove, while Roseburg's Indians hold an undisputed runner-up spot to Eugene, which has already clinched a state tournament berth with an undefeated Tri-County record.

Roseburg's Warriors will attempt a second scalping of the Elmira junior-varsity five in tonight's preliminary, to start at 7 o'clock.

Tonight's probable main game lineups:
Roseburg: Pos. Elmira
Piper F. D. Marsh
Saffield F. R. Marsh
Blanc C. Wranke
Harvey G. Brown
Piper G. Toney

Belcastro-Parks Duo Wins From Fox and Hogan

Pete Belcastro and Herb Parks won two out of three falls in their tag-team battle with Billy Fox and Sailor Hogan at the Roseburg Armory Thursday night. Georges Dusette was the referee. Attendance was about 400.

In the first round, Belcastro out-slugged Fox and pinned him to the mat in 13:05, and Parks finished Hogan in the third round in 9:10 with a giant whirl and a press. Second fall of the bout was resisted by Fox over Parks in 12:15 via a shoulder-butt and a drop kick.

In the 20-minute opener, Hogan and Parks staged a no-fall tussle. Fox won the second individual affair in 8:55, from Belcastro, via the shoulder-butt, drop-kick route.

Next week's card will see a return to the regular Saturday night date.

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