Roseburg Edged By Myrtle Point

By GEORGE CASTILLO

As with the fortunes of war, the tide of Roseburg basketball can change quickly.

It did Saturday night at Myrtle Point when the Bobcats scrambled over a cocky Indian crew, 41-39, in the last five seconds of the cross-county game. This was an aftermath of a rumbling 56-23, Roseburg victory the night before.

The case of overconfidence on the part of the Roseburg quintet put the previously outclassed Bobcats in the game in the first half. It gave them the psychological advantage that the Indians fell just short of overcoming.

Scores 19 Points

Al Cunningham was the Myrtle Point hero. He found his home floor more to his liking and potted 19 points to lead the individual scorers. It was his basket in the final seconds that spelled the Bobcat victory. He took a center tip from the hands of Ralph Rudzik and banged the hoop in the last five seconds to put his squad ahead 40-39. A free throw after the game made it 41-39.

Also, as in war, the Roseburg warriors had their casualties. In the 2nd quarter, the Indian hopes took a jolt as Jim Gilbert left the game with a sprained ankle. He returned in the final canto taped to the hilt. Reserve guard Ed Nolte took th real jolt of the evening, however, when he collided head on with Rudzik. It was this collision that set the final Myrtle Point basket. After the jump at center, both Nolte and Rudzik went for the ball and Rudzik got it. In the process, he banged heads with Nolte and put him out like a light. Cunningham grabbed the ball from the stunned Rudzik and was off for the winning basket. Nolte was carried from the floor with a five-stitch gash in his forehead.

Neither team took a decided advantage in the nip and tuck game.

Indians Trail

The Indians trailed through most of the game, but never by more than five points. The Bobcats were ahead, 10-8, in the first quarter and scored to push their advantage to 32-27. That's when the Indians made their bid.

With three minutes to go, the Indians pulled into a 36-36 tie. Gilbert put his team ahead for the first time with a foul shot and, with a minute and a half to go, Rudzik connected on two more to put the locals ahead, 39-36. With a minute left, the hosts scored to make it 39-38. The Indians intelligently started stalling and held the ball until the last 14 seconds when Myrtle Point wrested in to grab it. Cunningham's clincher came after the jump.

The Indians tried a length-of-the-floor pass in the last five seconds, but it went out of bounds and snuffed Roseburg hopes.

Rudzik was high point man for Roseburg with 12 points.

After the game Coach Dick Ballantyne blamed the loss on overconfidence, but praised his boys for the most "fight and drive" in the second half they had shown this year.

Roseburg (39)		(41) Myrtle Pt.
Dalros (5)	F	(5) Bryant
Booth (3)	F	(5) Hammack
Gilbert (3)	C	(7) Pinkley
Rudzik (12)	G	(19) Cunningha
Parmeter (0)	G	(1) Harry

Subs: For Roseburg--Backen (2), Elting (8), Geddes, Fisher, Nolte (6), Roberts; for Myrtle Point--Robinson (4), Roberts.

Powers Wallops Oakland, 35-23

Powers, itching for a second chance at the state "B" basketball crown, knocked off another opponent at Oakland Saturday night, 35-23.

Playing a reserved defensive game, Powers pushed to a 9-2 quarter lead with the careful sharpshooting of all - staters Duane Brady and Joe Boutin. They triped the lead to 18-6 by halftime and were safely ahead, 25-12, at the third breather. The Oaks outscored the visitors, 13-10, in the fourth quarter but by that time, it was a lost effort.

Boutin paced the pointmakers with 11 and Brady had nine. Jerry Blaylock and Bud Powell of Oakland each had six.

Powers (35)		(23) Oakland
Brady (9)	F	(5) Gild'sl've
Warner (6)	F	(6) Powell
Vernon (3)	C	(4) Beecroft
Walker (5)	G	(2) Beahm
Boutin (11)	G	(6) Blaylock

Subs: For Powers — Wooden, Thorpe (1); for Oakland — Clem.

Yoncalla Eagles Outscore Glide

The Yoncalla Eagles broke a 48-48 third quarter deadlock Friday night at Glide to keep their "B" league north half basketball record unscathed. They outscored the Wildcats in the final canto to win 59-54.

Up to the final quarter, it was a swaying battle in which neither team could take a decisive lead. At halftime, Yoncalla had a diminuitive, 34-31, bulge. At the end of the third quarter, Glide pulled into a tie, but the Eagles met the threat and gradually pulled away.

Jim Vest stole the scoring honors away from Bill Fast with 21 counters. Fast had to settle for second best with 16. Franks of Glide led his squad with 14 points.

Yoncalla (59)		(54) Glide
Alsup (9)	F	(10) Harvey
Means (3)	F	(2) Thompson
Fast (16)	C	(11) Steadman
Vest (21)	G	(9) Babbs
Powell (2)	G	(2) Mullins

Subs: For Yoncalla—Metz (8), R. Powell, Bloomquist, Boan; for Glide — Franks (14), Merrier, Springer (6).

Coos River Bows To Elkton Squad

The Elkton Elks pushed their undefeated string to five Friday night at Coos River, when they dumped the Redskins, 68-51. This was the second win in a cross-country home-and-home series.

After a tight first half, the Elks stormed ahead in the third and final quarters to turn the game into a runaway. Paced by John Beckley and Dave Scott, with 21 and 17 points respectively, the visitors held a first quarter lead of 12-8 and a halftime score of 29-26. They burst the seams in the third quarter, 46-36, and then in a free wheeling finale stacked on 21 more points to Coos River's 15.

Elkton (67)		(51) Coos River
Scott (17)	F	(13) Thom
Henderer (4)	F	(7) Stonehill
Beckley (21)	C	(0) Hendr'ks'n
Hershb'ger (2)	G	(17) McGuire
Hunk (7)	G	(8) Neidigh

Subs: For Elkton — Hill (10), Hemel (3), Cheever (2), Smith (1), Harbaugh; for Coos River — Tagley (3), Mar, Haist (3).

10 Hoop Squads Still Undefeated

NEW YORK (AP) — Things have been tough for most of the college basketball teams so far this season. The campaign is just starting —and there are only 10 major undefeated teams in the country.

Before Saturday night's action, there were 13 undefeated quintets. Three hit the dust—Michigan State, LaSalle and Murray (Ky) State. So now the list stands as follows:

Kansas (11-0), Florida (10-0), Seton Hall (10-0), Mississippi State (9-0), Iowa (8-0), Illinois (8-0), Duquesne (8-0), Indiana (8-0), St. Bonaventure (7-0), Syracuse (6-0). Of the teams that dropped off the list Saturday, only Michigan State made it close, bowing to Iowa, 61-60. St. Louis murdered LaSalle, 62-46, and Dayton whipped Murray State, 69-55.

The nation's No. 1 team in last week's Associated Press poll, Kansas, fittingly has the best record. They swamped Oklahoma, 71-48, in their league opener Saturday.

Kentucky, which hasn't lost at home in 103 games, over the past nine years, had to overcome a 28-17 deficit to defeat a so-so Louisiana State team, 57-47.

Ducks Meet WSC Cagers In PCC Bid

By The Associated Press

Oregon makes its first bid for recognition in the Northern Division, Pacific Coast Conference, basketball race Monday facing Washington State in a tussle that could life either team to the top of the standings—or drop it into the cellar.

The Ducks, idle over the weekend while Washington, the defending champion; Idaho, Washington State and Oregon State each posted victories in series opening the 1952 season, host the Cougars at Eugene in the first game of a two-game set.

By sweeping the series either WSC or Oregon could take over sole possession of the top of the league. A split would throw the race into a five-way tie going into the week-end when Washington is billed for a pair of games at Oregon State and Idaho a single clash Saturday at Washington State.

Huskies Dated

Washington, rated No. 3 in the nation in last week's Associated Press poll, and a surprisingly strong quintet from Idaho, opened their 1952 campaign over the weekend with a victory apiece at Seattle. Washington came back strong Saturday to whip the Vandals 61-42 after dropping the Friday opener 51-56.

Washington State and Oregon State also split a pair. WSC staged a last minute rally to upset the Beavers 54-44 Saturday night after losing 45-53 in the inaugural Saturday.

The Washington Huskies, who had defeated such teams as the St. Louis Billikens and Minnesota in pre-season matches, regained championship form Saturday to turn back the upset-minded Vandals.

Washington State and Oregon State looked ragged in their game at Corvallis. Bill Brown, a sophomore guard, dropped in the basket that gave WSC a 39-37 lead with five minutes left after the game had been tied nine times. Brown and Center George Rosser made it 47-40 with three minutes to go and the Cougars stalled the rest of the way.

Roseburg Jayvees Play Elkton Squad Tuesday

The Tuesday county basketball schedule is studded with "B" school kings-X tilts.

Probably the most promising game is slated for the Roseburg court, when powerful Elkton tangles with the Roseburg junior varsity at 8 p.m. Elkton is one of the two undefeated squads in the county with five straight wins. This contest will be preceded at 6:45 by a game between the Roseburg frosh and the Elkton jayvees.

The only game of league consequence is a Drain tilt at Oakridge. The Warriors are currently in second place in the Lane county valley league, just half a game ahead of Oakridge.

Other non-counters find Riddle at Yoncalla, the Myrtle Creek junior varsity at Glendale and Sutherlin at Glide.

Open Golf Tourney Heads Into Finish

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A test of golf's old-timers against its young upstarts was in prospect Monday as the $17,500 Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament headed into the finish.

Setting the pace is Ted Kroll of New Hartford, N. Y., making the winter tour on his honeymoon. Kroll topped 90 others at the 54 hole stage with 214.

But breathing hot behind is one of the ets, the steady Dutch Harrison, who had 215 and many figured him a shoo-in for the title.

From Harrison down to Ellsworth Vines, Johnny Bulla and Vic Ghezzi, who are bracketed at 223, 10 strokes over par, are names more or less unknown to many followers of the game.

Duke University's sophomore punting star, Red Smith, led the Southern conference in kicking with a 40.7 average on 47 kicks. Only one was blocked.

Grappling Parks Brothers Hammer Badmen For Win

The Parks brothers slam-banged their way to a straight two-fall decision Saturday night in as swashbuckling an Australian tag team match as has been seen in the Roseburg armory.

"It was the toughest match I've ever reffed," said Promoter Elton Owen. His comment was bolstered by the shredded trousers in which he left the ring at the end of the main event.

The disgrunted losers were the Galloping Ghost and that piledriver expert, Leo Wallick, making his return debut after many months of absence. It's always a problem keeping order among four men involved in the same team match, but when such badmen as Wallick and the Ghost are included, it's mayhem.

Win First Fall

The Parks brothers, Herb and Bill, finally won the first fall of the three-fall mainer on a referee's decision. The fight had boiled in and out of the ring so many times because of the illegal cooperation of the Ghost and Wallick that Owen was forced to give the fall to the popular Parks. The second fall was earned. Young Bill clinched the fall and the match in a surprising two straight by leveling the Ghost with a double leg clutch off the ropes.

In the opener, Kurt von Poppenheim dumped Buck Davidson in another rip roaring sette. The pompous German nearly had to fight the crowd too after he flaunted several of the patrons with his cavalier gesticulations. After 14 minutes, he cooled Davidson the first time, but the bruising Buck came back to even it with a surfboard, much to the delight of the fans. However, Poppenheim wrapped it up with his favorite German crossbow for the final fall.

Junior Cagers Split Contests

It was a split decision for the Roseburg junior high school basketball squads as they invaded Myrtle Creek Saturday. The eighth graders won, 27-13, and the seventh graders lost, 27-24.

Posting their second win without a loss this season, Coach Hod Turner's eighth graders broke a first quarter tie to romp away in the succeeding quarters. The winners hit an amazing 12 of 20 shots for a .600 average from the field. Jim Coen outscored the entire Myrtle Creek squad with 16 points. He hit seven of ten from the field.

The Myrtle Creek freshmen were never ahead decisively until the final canto of the seventh grade game. The score was tied at the first and third quarter break, and Roseburg was ahead, 12-9, at the half. Kearney Doughton of Roseburg was high point man with 11. Coach Ron Pinkham's seventh graders played the Myrtle Creek eighth grade and the Roseburg eighth graders tangled with the Myrtle Creek ninth graders.

The two Roseburg teams travel to Grants Pass next Friday to play at 2:30 p.m.

Portland Man Wins At Billiards

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Howard Lindley of Portland, Ore., won his third straight game in the San Francisco open pocket billiards tourney Monday to pose a threat to the early co-leaders.

Lindley defeated Clarence Kimball, San Francisco city champion, 125 to 93 in 15 innings. He had a high run of 28.

Bob Archer, another Portlander, defeated Jimmy Lee, San Francisco, 125-115 in a three-hour defense duel that ran 34 innings.

Lindley didn't start play until Saturday night. Then he opened with two victories. He defeated Lee 125-41 and Dick Hopkins of Danbury, Conn., 125-76.

Tiger Hoopsters Lose To Glendale, 36-34

Showing surprising strength, Coach Ronald Krasky's Canyonville Tigers almost posted the upset of the new south half "B" league season, but Glendale staved off a last half rally to take a tight, 36-34 decision at Canyonville Friday.

Don Balch's Pirates breezed off to a 9-0 start and appeared on their way to a predicted rout. They were still leading, 26-19, at the half when the Tigers suddenly caught fire. With two minutes left on the final canto, the bewildered Pirates found themselves on the short end of a 33-32 score, but two quick baskets solved the problem.

Glenn Austin and Dave Miller of Glendale rang up 11 points each.

Evashevski Quits WSC For U Of I

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Washington State College started a search Monday for a new football staff to replace Forest Evashevski and his three aides who quit Sunday to take over at the University of Iowa.

Dr. William Pearl, acting president of WSC, said the school has no candidates in mind but is ready to start taking applications immediately.

The first two names in the rumor hopper were Alton Kircher, an Evashevski assistant scheduled to accompany him to Iowa, and Mel Hein, a great WSC center in the '30s.

Golden Romney, dean of athletics at WSC, met for several hours with members of the athletic council Sunday night, presumably to discuss the coaching situation. He wasn't available for comment.

It's the second search in two years at Washington State. The last one turned up Evashevski and resulted in a five-year contract for him to succeed Phil Sarboe.

Evashevski said he has no idea who will get his job here. Whoever does will inherit a wealth of material and perhaps be on somewhat of a spot. The Cougars are regarded as one of the strongest 1952 Pacific Coast Conference contenders.

The WSC Athletic Council, composed of faculty members, students and alumni will make recommendations for a new coach and submit them to the board of regents. Pearl said an announcement on Evashevski's successor could be expected "within a short time."

Firmco Quintet Rolls Over Glide

Firmco's AAU basketball quintet of Myrtle Creek steamed over a visiting Glide squad, 62-49 Sunday afternoon to move into a third - place Umpqua Valley league tie.

The makeup tilt gave the Myrtle Creek five an even 2-2 record and pushed Glide back toward the cellar with a 1-3 slate. The winners unleashed a high-geared fast break attack on the Glidesters and except for a flurry in the third quarter, moved away to an easy victory. Firmco established a 20-8 first quarter pace, extended it to 41-21 at the half, fell off slightly, 51-42, in the third quarter and then walked away in the final quarter.

Wally Richardson of Firmco and Bill Harvey of Glide topped pointmakers with 13 points each.

Glide (49)		(62) Firmco
Evans (7)	F	(13) W. Rich
Stanley (3)	F	(5) Burnette
Vleck (12)	C	(1) Stumpges
Harvey (13)	G	(6) Markham
Jones (10)	G	(8) Hoess

Subs: For Glide — Shrum, Kennedy (4); for Firmco — Wilson (4), Guiberson (10), Hoskins (4), Newton (6), Kraxberger.

(NEA Telephoto)

OVER THE TOP — Rev. Robert Richards (above), the world's leading pole vaulter and U. S. national decathlon champ, was named winner of the James E. Sullivan Memorial Award in New York as the top athlete of 1951.

AAU Hoop Tourney Scheduled In March

The Portland Oregon Journal announces that Oregon's 1952 AAU Basketball championship tournament will be held in the Pacific International pavilion during the first week of March.

Charles Walker, AAU basketball chairman, reported the site Saturday and also named 14 commissioners of the state's 16 districts. Among those listed was Roseburg's John Bates, who will regulate play in district 9.

The tournament last year was held at McMinnville. The district 9 representative was K and M of Roseburg which lost in the second round to Everybody's Drug of Eugene, the eventual state Champion.

Yoncalla, J C Decide Leadership Tonight

Yoncalla and J C Sporting Goods of Roseburg decide the Umpqua Valley AAU basketball leadership tonight at Yoncalla in a game which should point an indicative finger at the team to watch for the championship. Both teams have won three straight games impressively.

The league rounds out the first half of play Wednesday. Oakland plays at Glide and the other four teams tangle in a double header at Benson school in Roseburg. Firmco of Myrtle Creek meets J C Sporting goods and Yoncalla meets Days Creek.

Pairings Listed For High School Basketball Meet

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon School Activities Association announced pairings Saturday for the annual High School Basketball Tournaments in March.

The OSAA said the bracketing of teams at the tourney was determined by draw.

The Class B Tourney is scheduled for Salem, March 13-15; the Class A Tourney for Eugene, March 18-22.

The pairings:

Class A — District 10 (North Coast area) vs District 9 (Tualatin Valley); District 15 (Portland) vs 8 (Newberg-McMinnville area); 14 (Lower Columbia) vs. 5 (Southwest Coast); 2 (Mid-Columbia) vs. 13 (Portland and adjacent area); 3 (Central Oregon) vs. 4 (Southern Oregon); 16 (Portland) vs. 11 (Salem area); 7 (Albany Corvallis area) vs. 6 (Eugene area); 1 (La Grande-Ontario area) vs. 12 (Clakamas County area).

Class B — District 5 (Southern Oregon) vs. 4 (Southwest Oregon); 8 (Northeast Oregon) vs. 3 (Upper Willamette Valley); 7 (Eastern Oregon) vs. 2 (Lower Willamette Valley); 6 (Central Oregon) vs. 1 (Northwest Oregon).

Southern Half Starts 2nd Week

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Basketball in the Pacific Coast Conference Southern Division heads into the second week of the regular season Monday after an even-stephen split in the opening games.

Stanford had a little trouble living up to pre-season notices as a favorite for the division title.

The Indians, picked to end UCLA's three-year reign in the division, were unende. rudely Frinight, 81-63, as UCLA ran up a fat lead in the first half. The next night, the Stanfords won their first game in the Westwood gym in three years, 73-71, but it took a neat bit of ball hawking by Forward Ed Tucker to pull it out of the fire.

UCLA takes on Southern California at the Pan-Pacific Auditorium here Friday and Saturday. California, which split with USC in a pair of rough contests, takes on Stanford next.

Cal won Friday's opener, 65-55, but the Trojans capitalized on 30 fouls the next night to win, 44-43.

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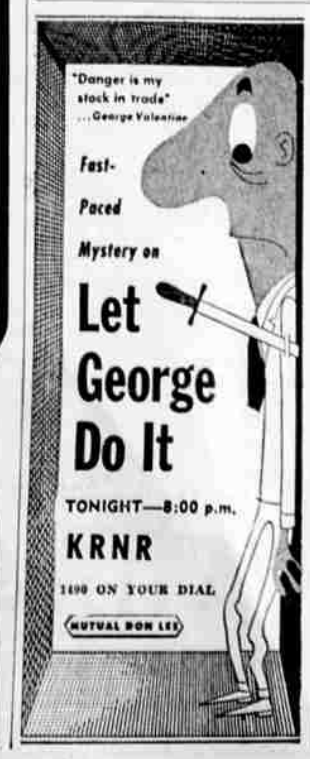

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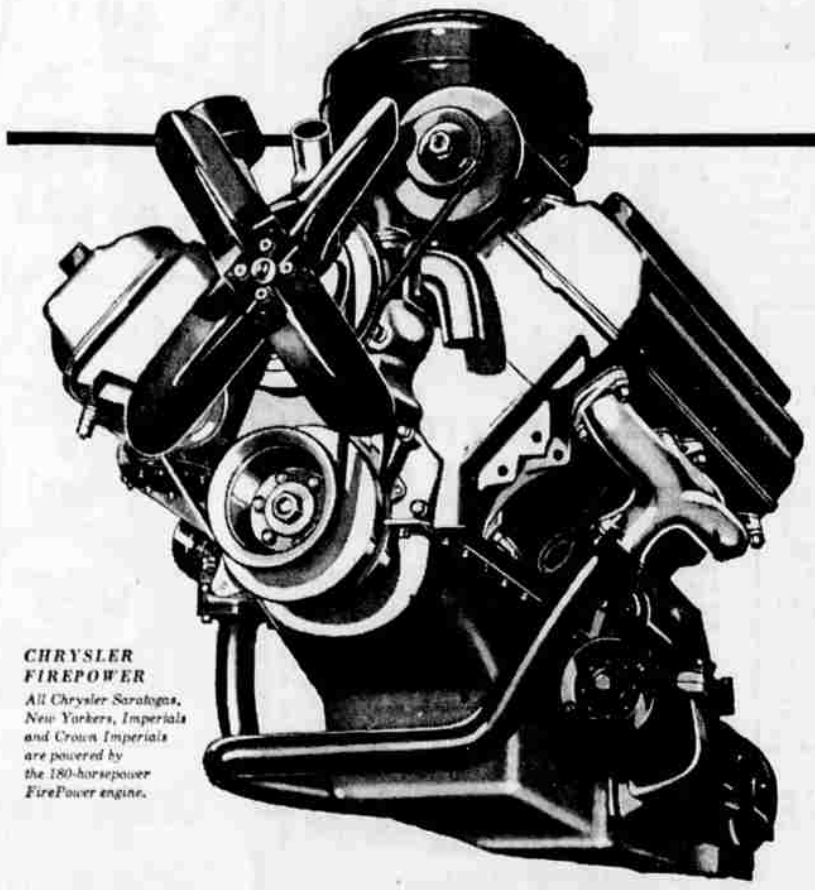

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