

Tournament Fever Will Hit County Prep Basketball Circles Next Week

Tournament fever hits Douglas County full force next week in the prep basketball circles.

Both the "A" and "B" county tournaments are scheduled to launch the final drive to district and possibly state playoffs. Yoncalla will host seven "B" school teams starting Feb. 26, and Roseburg's inadequate facilities will be the scene of the sub-district tournament starting the following day.

Here at Roseburg, four teams get a double chance to get into the district playoff with Marshfield, Beside the Indians, Reedsport, Myrtle Creek and Sutherlin take part in the double elimination affair which starts Wednesday and extends through Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and possibly to the following Tuesday.

Reedsport will reign as the favorite as reflected by its top seeding determined from league play. The Braves went through league competition without a setback. They open the tournament against Myrtle Creek at 7:30 Wednesday night. Roseburg meets the winners Sutherlin Bulldogs in the evening's finale at 9:00. If both the finalists in the four-day meet finish with one loss, the sub-district champion will be decided in a playoff game Tuesday. Reedsport and Roseburg are favored to move into the final round.

Playoff Is Divided
The Roseburg operation is small stuff compared to Yoncalla's "B" tournament. The playoff is divided into two four-team brackets representing eight teams from the north and south divisions of the county. Northern teams are Elkton, Drain, Yoncalla and Oakland which finished in that order in league play. From the south, participating teams are Glendale, Riddle, Canyonville and Days Creek. Both Glendale and Camas Valley can't possibly pull out of fifth place, so will not compete. Only the first

four teams in each section take part.

First night pairings, starting at 8:00 Tuesday night, are still only probable until league play is completed this Friday. In any case, the north half No. 1 team meets the south half No. 4 team. These positions are clinched and pit Elkton against Days Creek. At 7:00, the North No. 2 team meets the South No. 2. This means probably Yoncalla vs. Riddle. Certainly Yoncalla will be one opponent, but Riddle and Glendale are currently tied for first place in the south half. At 8:00, North No. 4 meets South No. 1, probably Oakland against Glendale. At 9:00, North No. 2 meets South No. 3. Paired for sure in this one are Drain and Canyonville.

The teams are then divided into consolation and championship brackets for games Thursday night. Incidentally, Elkton is considered the team to watch by virtue of its undefeated league record and 14-1 season record. But there are many dark horses.

Yoncalla Quint Trips Creswell

Yoncalla avenged an early season loss at Creswell Tuesday by turning the tables on the same squad in the Eagles' home arena, 57-50.

Bob Means and Don Vest paved the way for the inter-county victory by scoring 20 and 19 points, respectively. Bill Fast, the usual high scorer was held to 10. It was at the free throw line that the game was won. Yoncalla had only one more field goal than the visitors, but the Eagles potted 13 of 28 free throws to Creswell's 8 of 22. The Yones led at every quarter, 14-10, 23-22, and, 40-31. The Yoncalla "B" squad lost to Creswell, 38-21.

Creswell (50) Yoncalla (57)
Zlikoski (6) F (6) D. Powell
Decker (13) F (10) Fast
Adams (5) C (2) Bloomquist
Gray (16) G (20) Means
Baird (3) G (13) Vest
Subs: For Creswell—Ramdani (4), Bryant (1), Burns, Walker (1); for Yoncalla—R. Powell, Boan.

Jim Henry Takes Over Lead In Archery Shoot

Jim Henry moved into the lead of the Umpqua Junior Bowmen Round at the Junior High School Wednesday night by shooting a 294 in the second leg of the Round. This brought his total to 695 in two outings.

The high round for the night, however, was posted by Robert Zenor with a 296. Other top scorers were Billy Fingerios 202 and Gene Markle 184.

Beauchamp Takes Lead In Local Rifle Shoot

Harold Beauchamp took back his perennial leadership in weekly Roseburg Rifle Club shooting at the Armory Wednesday night by firing a 381 from the four scoring positions.

He scored 89 in prone position, 98 sitting, 92 overhand and 92 kneeling. The only 100s were posted by Bill Bailey, Paul Robinson and Pat Carpenter. All were made in the prone position.

Besides Beauchamp, other top scorers were: Carpenter 380, Bill Jones 373, Bailey 370, Mac Wood 368, Howard Carnes 368, Deane Paulson 367, Dick Rone 365, Paul Robinson 363 and Verne Orr 361. Latest results from tabulations in the California-Oregon Rifle League show the Roseburg club lost telegraphic match 9 to Yreka, 1,522 to 1,493.

Sports

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Johnny O'Brien Needs Only 69 Points To Snap Record

The youngster known as the "Super Chief," who has piled up more free throws in a single season than any other collegian could do since basketball was invented is out now to make it a clean sweep.

Johnny O'Brien of Seattle University's Chiefs needs only 69 points to crack the all-time college record of 967—and his fans are rooting for him to shoot for a thousand. The littlest pivot man in the game today has four titles left, plus any tournament action. The Super Chief maintains a quiet, unexcited mien, offers a friendly grin and a yes-or-no answer to most questions and lets the points fall as they may. Forty of them fell Tuesday night, boosting his total for the past two games to 87 and for the season to 899.

It was Tuesday night, also, that he ran his free throw count to 309 for the season, breaking the old national mark by 18. Seventeen Northwest players now have scored 300 or more points—and O'Brien is that far in front of the rest of his field. Jim Doherty of Whitworth ranks second with 339.

College Scores

FAR EAST
Gonzaga 49 Pacific Lutheran 45
Los Angeles Loyola 72 Santa Barbara 46

MIDWEST
St. Louis 63 Houston 55
Toledo 61 Bowling Green 57 (over-time)

SOUTHWEST
Arizona 83 Texas Western 58
Little Rock JC 111 Arkansas A&M 81

EAST
Villanova 93 Xavier (O) 74
Penn 54 Penn State 52
Syracuse 95 Army 65
Pitt 53 Carnegie Tech 48
Fordham 48 Wagner 46

SOUTH
Tennessee 83 Georgia Tech 81
Navy 65 Columbia 53
Roanoke 83 Washington and Lee 72

Champ Robinson May Seek Another Delay

NEW YORK (AP)—The Day News says that Middleweight Champion Ray Robinson has been unable to undergo heavy training and may seek another postponement of his little fight with Carl (Bobo) Olson, now scheduled for March 13 in San Francisco.

According to Gene Ward, boxing writer for the News, Manager George Gainford claims Sugar Ray's back still is bothering him and may ask for another date for the already thrice-postponed charity fight with the Hawaiian. "Despite Gainford's claims that Sugar is drilling at his cabin-in-the-sky at Greenwood Lakes, N. Y., the champ has been hitting the Broadway beat where he was seen as recently as Tuesday night," wrote Ward.

COUGARS WIN
PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—Washington State College defeated Idaho 66-18 in a Northern Division dual swimming meet here Wednesday. WSC took first place in every event.

Drain Warriors Defeat Elmira For 3rd Place

Shooting at a booming 482 clip from the field, the Drain basketball Warriors nailed down undisputed third place in the Lane County Valley League on their home floor Tuesday by dunking Elmira, 65-54.

The Warriors fashioned the win without the service of two starters, and two first string subs who were out with flu or measles. At first the contest was a raging tussle. In the first quarter, the lead changed hands seven times before Drain closed out the period with a 15-14 edge. George Reay scored 10 of the points for Elmira in that tight frame. He and Jim Forcia went to work in the second quarter to put the visitors ahead, 27-24, by halftime. At one time in the second, Elmira led by seven points.

But Drain started rolling in the third period under the guidance of Jack Weaver and Ed Duncan. The Warriors pushed ahead, 41-39, by the third break, and as minutes ran out in the fourth quarter they were strumming the net with startling regularity. They scored on 18 of 26 tries in the second half for a 60% average.

Elmira's Cliff Fisher reflected the loser's desperation in the last second as he boomed a 45-foot howitzer from the center of the floor to collect the last two points. Jack Weaver was high scorer for the night as he potted 24 points for Drain. Elmira's George Reay had 22.

Final Meats Slated
Benham's oak and steel racer was clocked in 2:35.22 for the two runs down the icy chute of 1,500 meters (120 yards less than a mile). The final two heats will be run Friday with total times for the four heats deciding the winner. Bickford, a veteran of the 1936 and '48 games, drove his hurtling craft all the way with his feet against the steering wires.

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Grade School Athletes Schedule Tournament

The Roseburg Grade School athletic system launches the upcoming tournament season this weekend. Preliminary action in girls' volleyball competition and boys' basketball is slated Friday night, and the finals for both will be completed Saturday night on the Roseburg High School court.

Participating in volleyball action will be teams from Fullerton, Benson Rose and the Junior High. In both divisions of the Grade School basketball loop, all four Roseburg elementary schools will participate.

The tourney has a recurrent flavor since all the same teams are favored again. Fullerton's defending tournament season this week went through league play undefeated, as did the Rose School Peewees and Heavies.

Dare-Devil German Takes Slight Lead In Sled Races

OSLO (AP)—America's No. 2 bobsled team was saved from two serious cracks Thursday as Germany's dare-devil Andreas Ostler streaked to a slight margin over the No. 1 American sled in the first two heats of the four-run Olympic four-man bobsled race.

The second American sled, piloted by Jim Bickford, a steel-nerved, 39 year old forest ranger from Saranac Lake, N. Y., twice snapped its stirrups on the first curve of each run, but the tested Olympic veteran guided his crew safely to the finish line.

"It was really two miracles running that saved us," said Dick Severino of Saratoga Springs, N. Y. the No. 3 man on the sled.

Ostler, winner of the two-man bobsled championship earlier in the winter games, zoomed his sleek blue racer down the two runs in a total time of 2:34.43 to assume a lead of .79 of a second over the American No. 1 sled, driven by 39 year old Stan Benham of Lake Placid, N. Y.

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Billikins Qualify For NCAA Meet

St. Louis Wednesday became the nation's second basketball team to qualify for the NCAA eliminations. The Billikins whipped Houston, 63-55, to win the Missouri Valley Conference title. Kentucky, the defending NCAA champs, previously had qualified by winning the Southeastern Conference.

Penn State had its 15-game winning streak broken by Pennsylvania, 54-52. At the same time the Nittany Lions announced they would not accept any bid to participate in the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden and that any bid to the NCAA tournament would be submitted to the faculty committee for a decision. Penn State, an independent, could be invited to the NCAA tourney as a "at large" team.

Jay Handlan, of Washington and Lee scored 27 points to boost his four-year total to 1,942 points, but the Generals lost to Roanoke, 83-72. Billy Milvy, Temple's All-American, returned to his last year's form with 46 points as Temple beat Muhlenberg, 95-85, in double overtime.

In other games Dayton downed Miami (Ohio) 65-56 Toledo went overtime to take Bowling Green, 61-57 Navy whipped Columbia, 65-53 Syracuse walloped Army, 98-64, and Tennessee edged Georgia Tech 83-81.

Wildcats Hold 86.2 Average Per Contest

NEW YORK (AP)—Kentucky's basketball Wildcats are riding the crest of the highest point production rate ever recorded in collegiate annals with an average of 86.2 points a game.

Figures released Thursday by the NCAA service Bureau for games through last Saturday show that Kentucky has poured 2,068 points through the hoops in 24 games. The Wildcats increased their scoring rate one and one-half points a game by scoring 110 points against Mississippi State and 85 against Tennessee last week.

Their present average exceeds the all-time collegiate mark of 85.3 points a game established by Beloit last year.

West Virginia whipped four foes 90 points a game, and moved into second place with an average of 81.1 for 21 games. The Mountaineers were fifth a week ago.

In over all shooting proficiency, however, Stanford tops the list. The West Coast Indians have tallied 45 per cent of all the points they've shot at with a field goal accuracy of 40 per cent and a free throw percentage of 69.1. West Texas State is second.

Snead, Zaharias May Be Pitted

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—It could be quite a golf match if Sam Snead and Babe Zaharias collide in the international mixed two-ball golf tournament, which will trim down to a field of eight teams Thursday.

Mrs. Zaharias, the great woman golfer from Tampa, and her partner, Al Bessels, of Chicago, scored a record 29 on the first nine of the 6,454 yard Dubsred Country Club course Wednesday. They won an easy 8 and 7 victory over Marilyn Plum of West Bend, Wis., and Alvin Kesterson of Hillsdale, N.J.

Snead, long-souping pro from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and Betty MacKinnon of Mt. Pleasant, Tex., defeated Mary Ann Downey of Baltimore and Rod Munday of York, Pa., 3 and 2.

Edean Anderson of Helena, Mont., and Dick Chapman, British amateur champion from Pinehurst, N. C., upset the strong team of Beverly Hansen of Fargo, N. D., and Chick Harbert of Detroit, 1 up.

Golf's Caravan Will Open Today

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Pro golf's winter caravan opened its latest stand here Thursday, but this time the guys who play for pay have a long, long course to travel.

The first of a field of some 164 pros and amateurs teed off over a par 72 Memorial Park course that is going to stretch every day. The opening round was played over 6,800 yards but Friday the markers will be shoved back and it will be 6,950 yards. Saturday it will be 7,100 yards and on Sunday—the last day—7,200 yards.

Marty Furgold is back to defending his championship, won with a 277 last year, but he's not being touted as a favorite.

On hand are such perennials as Jimmy Demaret, Texas open champion Jack Burke, Ed (Porky) Oliver, Lew Worsham, Johnny Palmer, Jim and Joe Turness, Elroy Marti and Tommy Bolt.

Fights Last Night

Chicago—Johnny Bratton, 149, Chicago, outpointed Vic Cardell, 145, Hartford, Conn. 10.

Miami Beach, Fla.—Diego Sosa, 133, Havana, stopped Jackie Graves, 129 1/2, Minneapolis, 6.

San Jose Boxers Beat Washington Fighters

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—San Jose State College boxers outclassed Washington State College 6-2 in a dual meet here Wednesday night.

WSC's two wins were scored by Everett Conley, national collegiate boxing champion, who outpointed Vic Harris in the 132 pound division, and Gordon Gladson, given the nod over Darrell Dukes in the 165 pound class.

San Jose State won five of the bouts on technical knockouts.

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