

N. Bend Whips Roseburg, 60-47

By GEORGE CASTILLO
If the first half of the basketball game at North Bend Saturday hadn't counted, the Roseburg Indians would have won hands down.

As it was, it did, and the Bulldogs won, 60-47. A pair of fast-breaking guards added up 40 points of the North Bend total.

But it was a 12-point Roseburg first half that broke the Indians.

Only One Team Enters AAU Race In Area

One man appears to be the difference between an operating and a defunct AAU basketball league in this area.

Two years ago, John Bates, a local shoe dealer, started a circuit called the Umpqua Valley AAU League. In 1951-52, the league apparently gained strength. For his work in organizing the league, Bates was appointed commissioner of the Coos-Curry-Douglas area. However, after the season was completed last year, Bates found a more promising job in Eugene. He took the job and when he left, the league folded like a tent without a main pole.

Only Myrtle Creek's district champion Firmin squad remains of the host of teams entered last year. Roseburg has not one of the three entries it had last year. Yoncalla, Days Creek, Oakland and Riddle are also gone.

The date of entering the AAU as a league is past, but apparently a team can still be entered to play for a district championship berth.

Firmin now stands as the only team in this area and will automatically get a playoff berth against the coast teams in this district.

Rainiers Get Schmees, Coggin From Red Sox

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Outfielder George Schmees and Pitcher Cliff Coggin were acquired by the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League from the Boston Red Sox Saturday.

The deal wound up a busy week for the Rainiers at the baseball meetings here.

Schmees, 38, was with Hollywood of the PCL in 1950 and '51, and was drafted by the St. Louis Browns last season. He shifted in mid-season to the Red Sox. The Rainiers bought him outright.

Coggin, 25, a right-hander, who spent most of the 1952 season with Birmingham, a Red Sox farm club, was purchased on a trial basis. He won eight and lost 13.

Rod And Gun Directors To Meet Tonight At 8

The Roseburg Rod and Gun Club will hold a special directors' meeting at 8 tonight at the clubhouse to consider an invitation recently extended to the Roseburg Rifle Club to share use of the club's facilities.

Representatives from the Rifle Club are expected to attend the meeting.

The regular meeting will be held at the clubhouse at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Pirates Edge Reedsport In 61-59 Thriller

The two favorites in opposite leagues of District 5 clashed at Reedsport Saturday night and came up with a basketball battle that would have done justice to any championship playoff.

In a thrilling double-overtime period, Tom Crabtree scored a lay-in that climaxed a sudden-death victory for the Marshfield Pirates over the Reedsport Braves, 61-59.

The Pirates had to come from behind in the last minute of regulation play to tie the score at 58-58. A former Sutherlin player, Fred Kroush, evened up the score with a pair of free throws after Don Bick had tipped one in. Up to that last minute, the Braves were ahead, 58-54.

In the first overtime, neither team could do better than a free throw. Again it was Kroush for the Pirates. Bob Wheeler hit one for the Braves.

The defending district champs turned their big guns on the Braves early and appeared to be off to the races. At the end of the first quarter, they were ahead, 17-6. But the artillery turned to grapeshot in the second and third quarters.

By halftime, the healthy Pirate lead had been shaved to four points, 32-28. In the second half, the hosts racked up nine in a row to narrow the gap to 42-41. Just as the third quarter ended, Don Try on flung a howitzer shot that swished through to give the Braves their first lead.

With two minutes left in the game, the Braves held a 55-51 margin. Just before this hulking Berge Borrevik went out on fouls and at this point, the other top scorer Jerry Rose was thumbed.

Marshfield (61) (59) Reedsport
Bick (7) F (13) Rose
Powers (6) F (5) G. Clayton
Kroush (15) C (12) Borrevik
Crabtree (14) G (10) Tryon
Hillstrom (14) G (2) Earls
Subs: Marsh-Bigelow (2), Ayre (3), Jacobsen, Young, Frakes, renden, Farr, Lewis, Jones, Reed-Wheeler (13), Flug (4).

State Title Opponents Won't Be Known Early

By The Associated Press
District winners will not know who their state tournament opponents will be until just before the high school tournaments open this season.

The intent is to cut down the intensive scouting that has preceded previous tournaments, when the pairings were drawn weeks before the tournaments started.

This season the pairings for the class B tournament at Salem, March 12-14, and the class A tournament at Eugene, March 17-21, will not be drawn until about a week before the tournaments.

Secretary Tom Pigott of the Oregon School Activities Association said the coaches themselves asked the change last season. The O.S.A.A. board of control then voted to try the new system this season.

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All 3 Pro Grid Leaders Lose 3 Tilts, Just As Bert Bell Said

NEW YORK (AP) — Nobody ever has called Bert Bell a soothsayer but the commissioner of the National Football League has proved himself quite a prognosticator.

Before the professional season started Bell said, without any ifs and buts, that the winning team in each of the league's two divisions would lose at least three games.

The standings today show that the commissioner was not talking just to be heard. At the top of the American Conference with a record of eight victories and three defeats are the Cleveland Browns.

Wide-Open Fight Seen For No. 1 Basketball Spot

NEW YORK (AP) — With the University of Kentucky sitting on the sidelines, the battle for the No. 1 spot in collegiate basketball figures to be more wide open than ever this season.

Kentucky cancelled its schedule this season on a recommendation of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which said the Blue Grass institution had violated NCAA rules concerning subsidization and eligibility.

The school, ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll last season, accepted the NCAA decision but said it felt the punishment was harsh.

Kentucky had the top-ranked team in the nation in three of the last four seasons—1949, 1951 and 1952—and had what appeared to be the makings of another top-flight five this year.

It's too early to start picking a successor to the Wildcats but several clubs seem to have championship potential.

Among them are LaSalle of Philadelphia, which won the National Invitation tournament last year; Kansas State in the Big Seven, and Illinois in the Big 10. Notre Dame also is bidding for national recognition as is Seton Hall, looming behind LaSalle.

With Kentucky out of action, Louisiana State, led by Bob Pettit, figures to capture the Southeastern Conference crown. LSU swamped Pensacola Naval Saturday 107-59 with Pettit scoring 34 points.

In the Far West, experts think the title will be decided between UCLA and Washington. On Saturday UCLA clipped Oregon State 58-43 and Washington rapped Utah 77-56.

Heading the National Conference are the Detroit Lions and the League Champion Los Angeles Rams, also each with an 8-3 mark.

It doesn't look, however, as if the commissioner called his shots so well when he named Sunday, Dec. 21, as the date for the championship playoff game between the winners of the two divisions at the site of the American Conference victor. If either division is deadlocked after Sunday's final games, a playoff will be necessary on Dec. 21 to determine the finalists. That would put the championship game back a week.

The Browns, a finalist every year since the defunct All America Conference was organized in 1946, already have clinched at least a tie in their section. They did that yesterday by shutting out the Chicago Cardinals, 10-0.

To be forced into a division playoff with Philadelphia, the Browns will need to lose to the slipping New York Giants at the Polo Grounds while the Eagles beat the Washington Redskins. The Eagles stayed in the running yesterday by defeating the homeless Dallas Texans, 38-21. At the same time the injury-riddled Giants were knocked out of running, 27-17, by Washington.

The situation is not the same in the National Conference, where the Lions meet the Texans, winners of only one of their 11 starts, and the Rams, victorious in their last seven games after a slow start, take on the tough Pittsburgh Steelers at Los Angeles. The Lions-Texans game will be played Saturday in Detroit.

Detroit squared matters yesterday with the Chicago Bears, winning 45-21 to keep pace with the Rams, who beat down Green Bay's pennant hopes, 45-27.

The Steelers, still riding the crest of their 63-7 triumph over the Giants a week ago, likewise put a quietus to San Francisco's chances, winning 24-7.

Ferguson Will Captain 1953 OSC Grid Machine

CORVALLIS (AP) — LaVerne Ferguson, who plays offensive guard, will be captain of the Oregon State College football team next year.

He was elected by his teammates at the annual ring banquet honoring seniors here Saturday night.

Seniors receiving rings included: Fred Burri, Bill Storey, Doug Hogland, Cal Moore, Jim Norton, Jack Gotta, Jim Fisher, Dick Skiles, Ernie Madsen, Bob Reddy,

Indian-Sutherlin Tuesday Tilt Tops Week's 18 Games

ree hoop introductions out of the Bulldogs, conquerers of Roseburg, and Saturday Myrtle Point moves into the Brave pavilion.

Five "B" schools go into kings-X action around the County Tuesday. In an intra-county tilt, Yoncalla invades Riddle. The other three teams go out of the County. Elton journeys to Lorne, Drain to Pleasant Hill, and Glendale invades Medford for a game with Sacred Heart.

Friday is another big day of action. Grants Pass Jayvees move into Glendale, Drain goes into Lane County again for a game with

Clarence Womack, Sam Baker and Jim Cordial.

Baker, who was selected as a back on the Associated Press All-Coast offensive team, was voted the most valuable player on this year's squad.

Captain Jim Cordial received the Otto Sittion award as the best all-around lineman.

Hoop Scores

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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FAR WEST

Washington 77 Utah 56
Washington State 69 Gonzaga 64
Oregon 74 Stanford 64
UCLA 73 Oregon State 63
Idaho 70 Montana 59
Whitworth 71 Portland State 64
Eastern Oregon 59 Whitman 55
Western Washington 73 British Columbia 49
Puget Sound 47 Vancouver B. C. 45
Ellers AU 67
Eastern Washington 74 Seattle Pacific 57
Central Washington 76 Pacific Lutheran 66
Washington JV's 75 Grays Harbor Junior College 39
Oregon Education 64 Southern Oregon Education 56
Universal Motors, Hawaii AAU 71 Lewis and Clark 65
Northwest Nazarene 65 Snow Utah 39
Santa Clara 77 Fresno State 59
Idaho State 72 Western Montana 48
Bellevue Young 56 Los Angeles State 37
Wyoming 74 Montana State 48
California 64 San Francisco 33
Southern California 62 Hawaii 56
Colorado St. Utah Aggies 64
Colorado A. & M. 78 Colorado College 49

Creswell and Elktion plays the aforementioned game with the Roseburg Jayvees. This time, the intra-county game sends Glide to Riddle.

On Saturday, Riddle moves to Elktion to wrap up the week. way, quintets around the County really get down to cases in this first full week of play.

Topping the list of 18 games this week, the Roseburg Indians open Subdistrict 5 action at Sutherlin in hopes of recovering the league championship they lost to Reedsport last year.

It's a big week for the Indians with scheduled games Friday and Saturday also. Friday, they host Grants Pass in a non-league affair and then go to Eugene for a game with Willamette's Wolverines. The Jayvees also meet three opponents during the week. They travel with the varsity to Sutherlin Tuesday and Willamette Saturday. Friday, they play a home preliminary against the Elktion varsity.

Sutherlin slates only one other game during the week, a Friday tilt at Yoncalla. The Bulldogs also play.

Myrtle Creek opens its season against Coquille. The two teams are in opposite subdistricts of District 5. The Vikings go to Coquille Tuesday and host the Devils in the first home game Friday. The Myrtle Creek Jayvees host Cannonville in the Tigers' first game. Saturday, the Jayvees draw the Days Creek Wolves in a return game. The Wolves won the season opener easily.

The defending champion Reedsport Braves in this subdistrict take on a couple of their Coos County subdistrict neighbors also. Friday, they host the North Bend

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