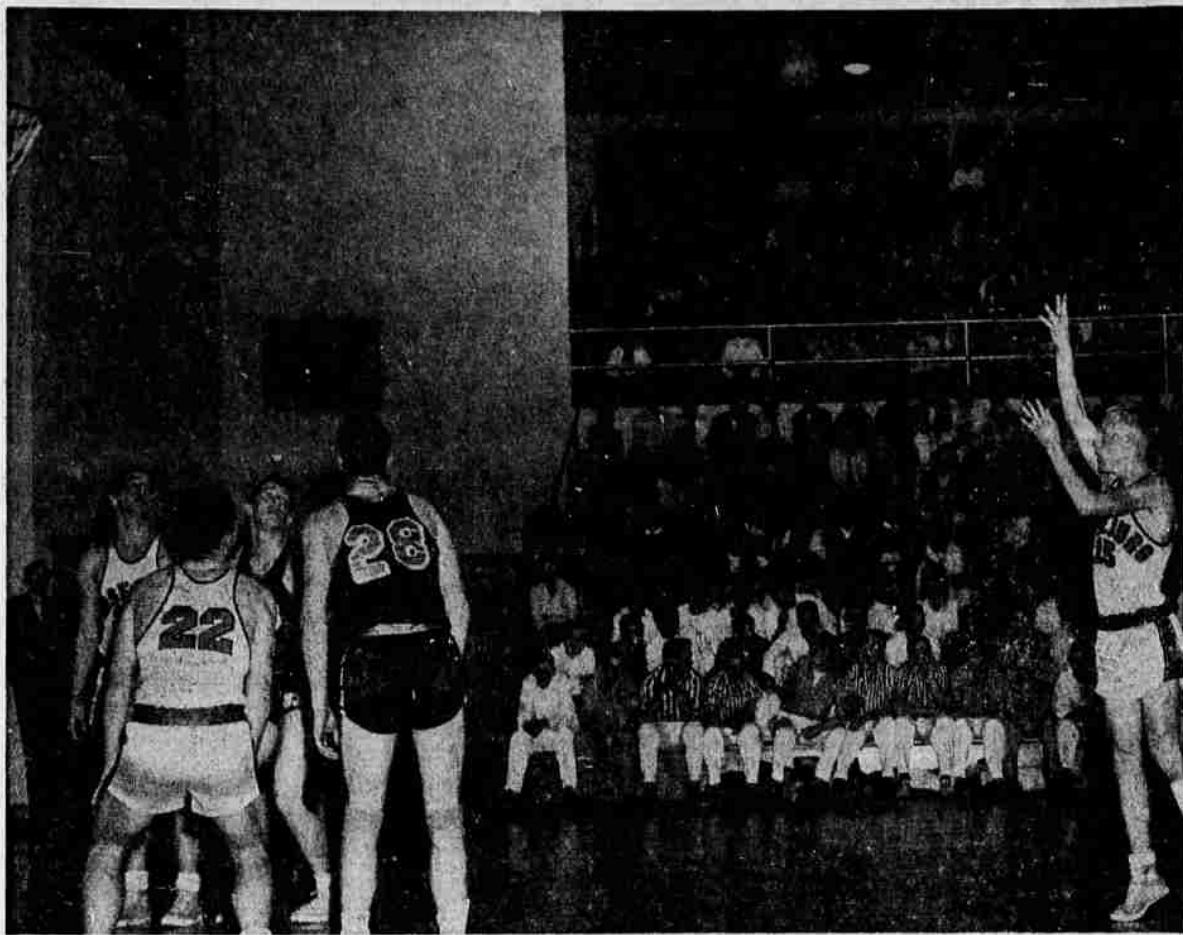


North Bend Wins First Round



LULL WHILE Roseburg's Howard Backen cuts loose on free throw finds rebounders from both teams toeing the line. In background from left are Punk Biddington of Roseburg

and David Hartley of North Bend, rival centers. With backs to camera are Nub Beamer (22), Roseburg, Dean VanLeuven (28), NB. (Paul Jenkins Photo).

Roseburg Shows Spark Before Losing, 39-30

By JIM VANCE
Sports Writer, News-Review

In a tight man-to-man checking defensive contest, North Bend emerged a 39-30 winner over Roseburg Friday night to take a one-game lead in their best of three game District 5-A championship basketball series.

The playoff continues with a second game tonight at Marshfield High's gym in Coos Bay and a third game, if necessary, will be played Monday night at Coos Bay, it was decided by a flip of the coin Friday night.

Roseburg ball - controlled the high-flying Bulldogs almost to a standstill for four quarters Friday night, and although they didn't succeed in winning they did hold the vaunted Bulldog offense down to an all-season low.

Low-Scoring Game
North Bend entered the contest with a phenomenal 75-point average per game with a previous low output of 56 points for the season. Friday night they fell an additional 15 points off the pace.

There was no deliberate stalling on the part of either side, but playmaking and many missed shots kept the scoring down. Roseburg so effectively bottled up the Bulldogs' running game that the North Bend fast break cut down only about five times throughout.

The cock-sure, steady winners were always in front except for two early game ties. With their offense and board control challenged by Roseburg, in the end it was superior defensive skill which told the story.

Indians Hang On
North Bend was always in command in this one, but Roseburg was always dangerously close behind. Quarter scores favored the visitors 9-7, 19-15 and 27-23.

High point honors for the game went to forward Al VanLeuven who had 10. Punk Biddington and Bill Oerding each had eight for Roseburg.

Roseburg's first tie of the game came at 2-2 after two minutes of play on Oerding's free throws. In the next four minutes the Bulldogs rushed out to a 9-2 margin before the Indians could close it down to 9-7 at the quarter. Howard Backen drove for two, hit a free toss and Nub Beamer scored from the side on Oerding's pass.

Board Work Good
Roseburg's Backen and the remaining smaller Indians continued to battle evenly and sometimes better on the boards with their taller rivals through the next two periods which found North Bend outscoring Roseburg 10-8 in the second panel and breaking even in the third at 8-8.

In the opening two minutes of the second chapter, Backen broke through for a layin after a setup for the game's second and only other tie at 9-9.

Willard Reeve, 6-1 forward, and Jack Shanley, 5-11 guard, poked in rebounds and Bert Why added free throws quickly to make it 15-9.

Biddington added a pair of fielders on a 10 foot jump, a break for a layin and Donnelly five-footer from the side as the Indians outscored their foes 6-4 in the closing four minutes of the half.

Even Scoring
In the third quarter, North Bend got four point, then Roseburg got four, then both teams repeated with the Bulldogs as they did throughout always getting the jump on the pointmaking and then holding on while Roseburg retaliated.

Van Leuven led scoring in this period with six on a drivein, a whirl shot and two free throws. For Roseburg, Biddington and Oerding shared the point making with one field goal apiece and two free throws for eight points.

After breaking even in the third chapter, it appeared that the Indians might stand a chance of overcoming the 27-23 deficit with

which they were faced opening the final canto.

North Bend ball control and a blanket-like defense in the closing minutes made the difference. Like earlier, the winners always managed to do the scoring first and stay a trifle in front.

Bulldogs Pull Away
Why underhanded a layin for NB to start things off to make it a six-point difference and Roseburg never got closer than four markers again. That margin followed immediately when Biddington hit two free throws to make it 29-25.

North Bend built it up to 33-25 on Why's rebound and VanLeuven's free throws. Midway through the period Beamer cut it down again on a 15-foot jump over the stone-wall defense and Shanley came back for NB with an eight-footer.

Reeves cinched things with a key-hole shot with two minutes remaining for a 37-27 lead.

Roseburg (30) (39) N. Bend
Backen (5) (9) Reeve
Beamer (7) (10) Van Leuven
Biddington (8) (6) Woolstnhme
C Donnelly (2) (4) Shanley
G Oerding (8) (2) Schepman
Roseburg subs: Sanders, Brundage, Droscher, Brooks, Roberts, Hargis.

North Bend subs: Hartley, Why
8. Halftime: North Bend 19, Roseburg 15.
Officials: Crandall and Wellnitz.

Billy Graham Drops Ring Tiff To Vejar

NEW YORK (AP)—One by one the oldtimers faded away. Sugar Ray Robinson, Kid Gavilan, Paddy DeMarco, Roland LaStarra and now Billy Graham.

None will admit he is through. It was the years—14 long ones in the ring and 125 fights—more than Chico Vejar which caused Graham's downfall in Madison Square Garden last night.

True, the 32-year-old New Yorker lost only by a split decision and the three officials had "I close. But it was the way he lost it more than the tight score that will be remembered by most of the 4,804 fans who paid \$15.246 for the 10-rounders.

Judges Jack Gordon, 5-4-1 and Bert Grant, 6-4 voted for Vejar. Referee Al Berl had it 3-4-1 for Graham. The AP card had Vejar ahead 6-3-1.

Vejar, an energetic, 23-year-old with a scrambling, pesky attack, left a million openings.

"I was rusty after that long lay-off. He hadn't fought since October and I missed a lot of chances because of my inactivity," said Graham. "I don't think I lost it, though. I just can't seem to get the close ones. I thought I threw the harder punches."

"I'd like to fight him again," added Billy. It was quiet as a cathedral on a weekday afternoon. You almost expected to hear the bells toll.

The old master, once one of the finest boxers in the game, may get his wish for "another shot." Matchmaker Billy Brown of the International Boxing Club said the two might mix again on either April 1 or 8, Syracuse, Detroit, Cleveland, or Philadelphia may get it because the Garden's dates are filled.

FRIDAY'S FIGHTS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK (Madison Square Garden)—Chico Vejar, 152 Samford, Conn., outpointed Billy Graham, 148½, New York, 10.

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Harry Williams, 204, Los Angeles, stopped Jimmy Ingram, 180, Los Angeles, 2

Powers District Grabs Crown

Elkton Falls In Onslaught Of Coast '5'

By GEORGE CASTILLO

Steve Beck's Powers Cruisers are district basketball champions for the second straight year.

Coach Beck watched gleefully as his rascals charged raked up Elkton, 60-37 Friday night at Yoncalla. Ironically, Beck, the loud but canny former Oakland mentor, was on his proudest peak on the same night his successor at Oakland, Walt West, announced his resignation. (See other story.)

Now, Beck, the man who found greener pastures at Powers will take his crew to the state "B-school" tournament at Salem March 10, 11 and 12.

Friday night, his Cruisers left no doubt they were hoop kings of the district. They coolly zoned the Elks out of scoring range, and built up their own lead by leaking easily through a shifting series of defenses.

The partisan crowd of perhaps 1,000 watched glumly as the Cruisers shot ahead shortly after the game-launching tipoff. The Elks never caught up.

While Powers was chunking in 10 points in the first quarter, the Elks were held to three free throws. Elk forward Harold Duncan finally found the range in the second quarter. He hit for a pair of baskets, and guard Larry Bishop added another. But Powers' guard Bill Goodman matched these with six points of his own. His team left the floor at halftime with a 23-12 bulge.

Carl Grimsrud's Elks made their only serious bid of the game in that second quarter. They drew within two points, 12-10, and, 14-12, midway in the canto.

The fire of that pre-halftime bid burned out quickly. Through the second half, Dame Luck thumped her nose at the Douglas County candidates and tossed kisses at the Cruisers.

It was a full two minutes before Elkton could get a scoring. By that time, the scoreboard blinked 28-12. The Elks then turned to a full-floor press that slowed the visitors for two minutes before they solved it. By this time, Elkton had crept within 11 points, 28-17.

Powers managed to push the lead to 15 points, 39-24, at the end of the third quarter. As the period started, Larry Bishop hit a long one from the right side to close it to 11 again, 39-28.

That's where the Elks stalled for good, and the soon-to-be champs showered in 21 points to spell rout.

The winners reached their peak in that last canto. Their steel zone stopped everyone but Dean Gill, a darting Elk guard who found his range in the second half.

At the same time the Cruisers melted through Elkton's pressing defense to catch their foes flat footed often. At the same time the height of Cruiser center Richard Spitzmass (6-4½) and forward Dean Warner (6-2½) proved unbeatable in the rebound, scoring and defense departments.

But it wasn't just their show. All starters and one sub scored in that quarter. With this scoring punch, the clean sweeping board tactics of the two young giants and the tight defense, the rout was complete.

Sky-scraping Spitzmass took scoring honors with 18 points (seven field goals and four of six free throw tries). Three of his teammates scored in the double figures, also.

For the Elks, forward Ronnie Moore and Dean Gill couldn't unholster enough points to carry the full load. But they tried heroically by scoring all but 11 of their team's points.

Gill started slow with a single free throw in the first half. But he broke loose in the second half by shooting over the tight Cruiser defense. With some uncanny long shots, he racked up 14 in the second half. His running mate, Moore, also did best in the second half, getting 9 of his 11 in the final two periods.

On a team basis, the Cruisers lofted in 23 field goals and hit 14 of 19 free throw tries.

Elkton managed 11 field goals and 15 of 23 free throws.

Powers (60) (37) Elkton
F Warner (10) (11) Moore
F Grove (0) (5) Duncan
C Spitzmass (18) (2) Whitfield
G Goodman (15) (4) Bishop
G Brady (13) (15) Gill
Subs: For Powers — Frye (4), Hess; for Elkton — Jack Forsythe.

Officials: Jake Leicht and Garrison Forsythe.

Sports In Brief

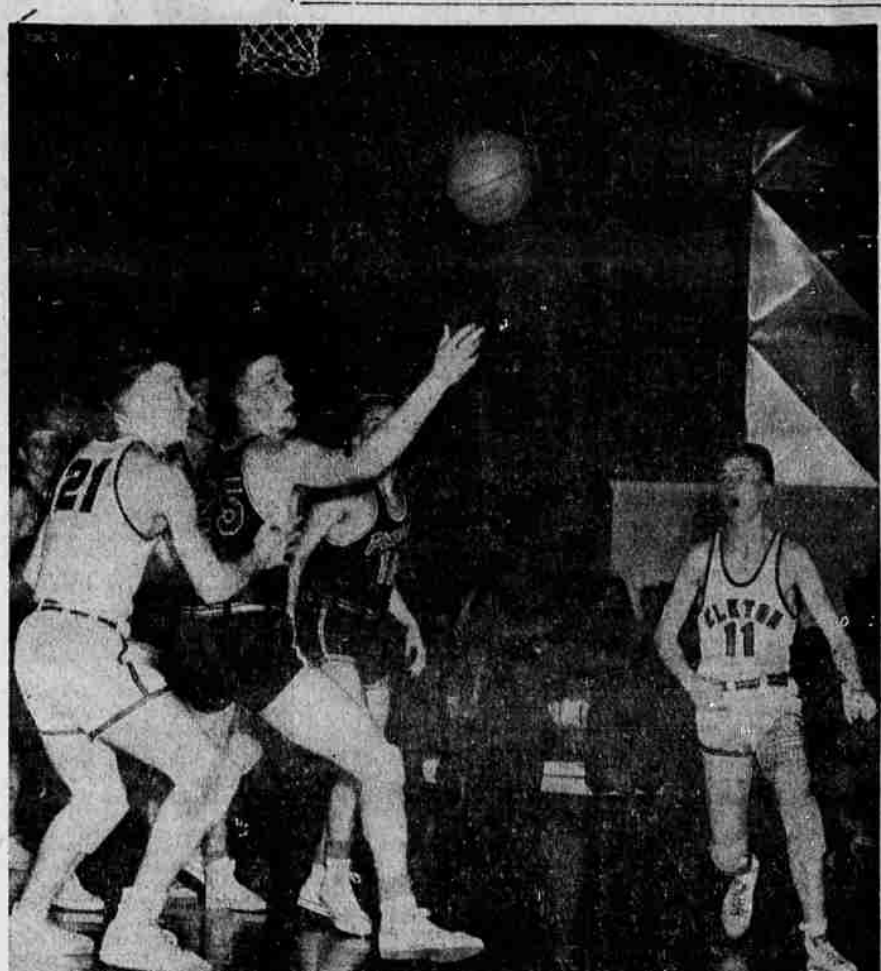
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BATON ROUGE, La. — Jerry Barber, Los Angeles, and Marty Furgol, Lemont, Ill., tied at 134 at halfway mark in Batou Rouge Open.

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. — Pat Lesser, Seattle, defeated Marjorie Burns, Greensboro, N.C., 4 and 3, and Mary Ann Downey, ousted medalist Wiff Smith, La Canada, Calif., 1 up, in semifinals of Women's South Atlantic Amateur tournament.

MEXICO CITY — Tony Holguin, Midlothian, Ill., led after 36-holes with 134 in the Mexican Open.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Patty Berg, St. Andrews, Ill., and Marilyn Smith, Wichita, shared first round honors in Jacksonville Women's Open with 71s.



CROWDING FOR BALL Elkton's Harold Duncan and Powers' Dean Warner and Bob Frye. Running in to do his bit is Elkton's Larry Bishop, who looks amazed at the goings-on. (Staff Picture).

Prep Playoffs

Oregon Prep Basketball
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District Tournaments

Ontario 51, Baker 47

Milton-Freewater 53, Hood River 35 (championship)

Redmond 60, Lakeview 51 (championship)

Medford 96, Central Point 49

North Bend 39, Roseburg 30

Springfield 61, Junction City 43

Eugene 67, St. Francis (Eugene) 49

Albany 67, Newport 33

Corvallis 44, Reedsport 33

McMinnville 73, Central (Mouth-Independence) 66

Dallas 78, Sheridan 35

Beaverton 66, Hillsboro 35

Astoria 50, Seaside 49

North Marion 57, Mt. Angel 50

Milwaukie 83, Oswego 48

Oregon City 71, Molalla 62

Knappa 58, Gaston 40

Mill City 60, Concordia (Portland) 58 (double overtime)

Corbett 42, Scio 28

Harrisburg 73, McKenzie 57

Coburg 49, Alsea 39

Powers 60, Elkton 37 (championship)

Malin 49, Talent 47

Heppner 49, Culver 42

Maupin 40, Moro 39

Prairie City 61, Irrigon 57

St. Francis (Baker) 58, Enterprise 55

Glide Tourney Pairings Made

Pairings have been made for the Glide Town Team Invitational Basketball Tournament scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The first game Wednesday night will pit Fairhaven against Umpqua Plywood, both teams from the YMCA Roseburg Industrial League, and the second game will send Moose Lodge against the Glide Townies.

Winners will play the finale Thursday night and the two losers from Wednesday night will play the preliminary at 7:30.

Dog Racing To Continue In Multnomah Stadium

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League learned Friday night they'll have to continue 1955 operations in the old Vaughn Street Park.

The Beavers had been casting covetous eyes at Multnomah Stadium as the site for their 1955 home games but the Multnomah Kennel Club Friday night exercised its option to hold its 1955 dog racing meet at the stadium.

The Beavers will have the stadium next year, however, under the terms of a 20-year agreement signed two days ago.

Dog racing in the stadium opens July 5 and runs through Sept. 30.

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STILL LIFE of some fast action was captured by the camera as Powers' Gary Brady puts the stopper on an attempted shot by Elkton's Dean Gill. Harold Duncan stands ready to lend a hand. (Staff Picture).

Six Teams Cinch State Berths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two more class A teams climbed into the state tournament Friday night as district tournaments swept toward the climax in Oregon high school basketball play. Milton-Freewater and Redmond joined St. Helens and Cleveland of Portland as tournament teams.

Two class B teams, Knappa and Powers, Friday night became the first to qualify for the small school state playoff at Salem.

Milton-Freewater captured the district 2-A championship and a state tournament spot by defeating Hood River, 53-35, in the deciding game. It was the second straight playoff victory for Milton-Freewater.

Both teams were unranked in the Associated Press poll.

Medford, the No. 1 team in the poll, came up with a blazing offense to bury Crater of Central Point 96-49 in a district 4 playoff game. The two teams meet again Saturday night and a Medford victory would clinch a tournament spot. It was Medford's 22nd victory against a single loss.

Ontario took a big stride toward the district 1 championship by downing Baker, 51-47. A win for Ontario Saturday night would settle the district race and put Ontario in the state tournament.

The district 6 picture became clear as Eugene and Springfield won their games in the double elimination tournament. Eugene, third-ranked in the poll, gained the district title and state tournament berth.

Milwaukie's defending state champions, No. 2 in the state, swept into the finals in the district 12 tournament by swamping Lake Oswego 83-48. Oregon City also gained the finals by beating Molalla 71-62. Milwaukie meets Oregon City Tuesday night for the district title and state tournament berth.

North Marion gained the finals by winning its sub-district game in district 11, beating Mt. Angel 57-55. North Marion will meet Cascade Union in the sub-district final and the winner will play South Salem for the district crown and state tournament spot.

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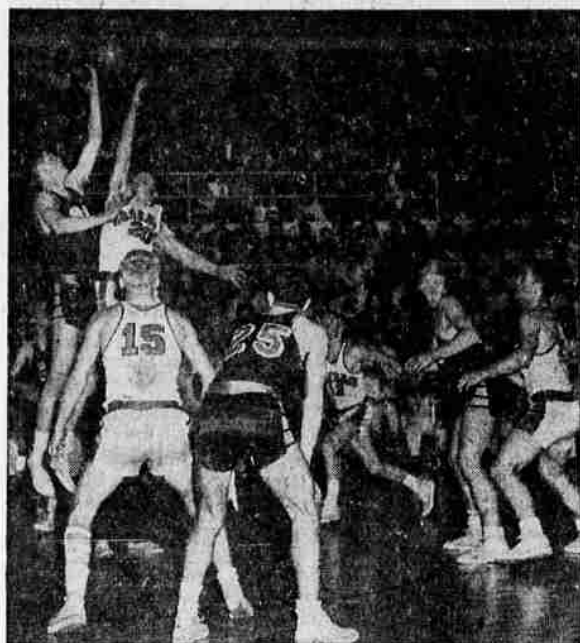
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TIPOFF ACTION catches Roseburg's centers Punk Biddington (20) Roseburg and North Bend's Dick Wollstenhulme (25) in reach of ball beginning second half of game Friday night. In foreground are Howard Backen (15) and Jack Shanley (25). Running in the background is Bill Oerding (12) Roseburg, while standing aside are Willard Reeve (34) NB and Roseburg's Nub Beamer (22). Paul Jenkins Photo.



GOING UP for layin is Howard Backen as multitude of players around registers prayerful expressions. Roseburg player made this one but it wasn't enough as Indians lost 39-30 to Bulldogs in opening playoff series game Friday night at Roseburg gym. From left are Dean VanLeuven (28), Haddy Schepman (21), Willard Reeve (9), all North Bend; Nub Beamer (22) and Punk Biddington (20) Roseburg. (Paul Jenkins Photo).

Pat Lesser In Final Golf Round

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Pat Lesser, within reach of her second winter circuit victory in five weeks and Mary Ann Downey, who hasn't won a big one since 1953, met Saturday for the Women's South Atlantic Amateur Golf Championship.

Miss Lesser, the golfing coed from Seattle University, gained the finals by beating Marjorie Burns of Greensboro, N.C., 4 and 3 in Friday's semifinals. Miss Downey, from Baltimore, ousted medalist Wiff Smith of LaCanada, Calif., 1 - up in a highly competitive match.

Winner of Miami's Helen Lee Dougherty title in January, Pat was seeking her second successive South Atlantic trophy. Mary Ann's best showing in this event came in 1953 when she reached the finals but lost to Barbara Romack of Sacramento.

Miss Lesser Friday scored men's par for the distance over the 6,133-yard Ellinor Village Country Club course where regulation is 37-34 —71.

The lightest center in the National Football League is Andy Miketa, Detroit Lions' rookie. Miketa weighs 203 pounds.