

Indians Open League Play With Two Games

State's Top-Rated Team--Axemen--Are Here Saturday

By BOB MONROE
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Roseburg's well-balanced hoop squad will open the crucial games of the 1957-58 basketball season this weekend, when District 5-A-1 play opens. On Friday night the Indians will be on the road for their opening game against the Springfield Millers. Saturday night they will return to the home courts for a game against top-rated South Eugene.

The Bill Harper-coached Indians boast of four players out of the starting five with over 100 points for the year. Heading the list is 6-2 forward Larry Sloan with 168 points in 11 games and a 15.3 average.

Three other players are over the century mark as Roseburg will go into the league games with a record of nine wins against three losses. Bob Steele, with 122 points, Wes Jackson with 105 and Tom Barrong with 100, all have led the Tribesmen to date.

Steele Has 102

Steele at 5-7 is the smallest player on the Roseburg team, but has made his presence known, hitting for an average of 10.2 points per game. Jackson at 6-3 is the second tallest member of the squad and has rolled up 105 points in only 10 games for a 10.5 average. Barrong is the tallest member of the team at 6-5 and has hit the nets for an average of 8.3 points per game in the 12 games he has played so far. Garry Cripps, a 6-1 guard has dropped 79 points through the hoop in 12 games to rank as the fifth top scorer with an average of 6.6 points a game.

The Indians will be at full strength for the important two games for the first time in several weeks. Dick Meredith, 6-0 senior guard, suffered a slight concussion last week during practice, but will be at full strength this week.

An added member of the team reported for work this week to give the Indians some much-needed bench strength. Dave Flury, a 6-3 junior forward, played his first varsity action of the year last weekend against Reedsport and Coquille and hit for three points. His height on the boards could give the Indians one of the tallest averages of any team in the district.

In the first 12 games of the season, Roseburg has attempted 631 shots from the floor and connected on 234 for a .359 average. Its opponents have tried 627 shots from the field and hit on only 202 for a .321 average.

From the free throw line the Indians have cashed in on 121 out of 192 chances for a .630 mark, while the opponents have hit on 124 out of 214 for a .579 average.

Barrong Rebounds

Rebound honors go to Barrong with 190 in the first 12 games, followed by Jackson with 132 and Sloan with 74.

Main worry of the Indians in the opening weekend of district action

Top-Ranked Teams Face Stiff Tests

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After one wave of upsets earlier in the week, the top 10 teams in the Associated Press Poll all face more stiff competition in Oregon prep basketball games Friday and Saturday.

The No. 1 team South Eugene, will be host to Cottage Grove Friday night while Grant of Portland, No. 2, meets often-beaten Douglas of Portland.

North Salem will be striving to keep its third-ranked rating Friday night at Sweet Home while Klamath Falls, No. 4, meets Crater of Central Point in a two-game series.

Two of the top teams are in District 5. In a pair of Friday night games, No. 3 North Bend meets Prineville while ninth-ranked Marshfield plays Coquille. Jefferson and Roosevelt, both tied for sixth place, also meet Portland League opponents. Both were defeated in earlier games this week. Roosevelt is matched with Benson and Jefferson with Cleveland in Friday games.

No. 8 Beaverton will stay at home Friday to play Hillsboro. The poll's only Eastern Oregon team is Hermiston, No. 10, which meets Milton-Freewater Saturday night.

Golden Rule, News-Review Take Umpqua Valley Loop Tests

YMCA UMPQUA VALLEY LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Jackson Wholesale	3	0	1.000
Hanna Nickel	3	0	1.000
Methodist Church	2	1	.667
Golden Rule	2	1	.667
News-Review	1	2	.333
Nazarene	1	2	.333
Christian Church	0	3	.000
Tidewater Oil	0	3	.000

Wells each added eight points for the winners.

First game action saw Golden Rule protect a slight 15-13 half-time bulge to pull away for the easy win. Both clubs had well-balanced scoring, but all five of the Golden Rules team had at least six points.

Harvey Whitten was tops for Golden Rule with 11 points, while Keith Eddy was high for Methodist Church with five.

Methodist 23: Vasey 4, Crooch 4, Pritt 4, Loper 2, Roelle 2, Bates 2, Eddy 5.

Golden Rule 39: Galla 6, Plueard 8, Whitten 11, Bay 8, Churchman 6.

Half-time: Golden Rule 15, Methodist 13.

News-Review 35: Monroe 1, DeMarinis 2, Hadley 6, Kimball 1, Wells 8, Thronburg, Grooman, Goff, Vance.

Christian 24: Yeske 16, Knox 1, Mathis 4, Ayers 2, Cornutt, Howell, Wimer, Atterbury 1.

Half-time: News-Review 14, Christian 11.

Officials: Ecklund and Easter.

will be the stopping of 6-4 senior center Charlie Warren of South Eugene. Warren has dropped 329 points through the hoop in 11 games for a 29.9 average per game, tops in the state to date. Warren has hit a high of 43 points against Beaverton and a low of 24 against Medford. He is the only member of the South Eugene team with over 100 points to his credit for the year.

Other starters for the Axemen will be 6-2 Neil Goldschmidt and 6-1 Tom Jones at the forwards and 5-10 John Polhemus and 5-8 Rick Cerkoney at the guards, all are lettermen and seniors. There are four other lettermen-seniors on the team as well.

Coach Hank Kuchera of the Axemen is in his 15th year as head man for the Axemen and has 11 district titles and two state titles to his credit. So far this season his team is undefeated in 12 games.

The Indian Friday foe will be the

Sideliner

By JIM VANCE, Sports Editor

It was a long time getting here, but now that league play begins for Roseburg's basketball team, the team goes at it at a no-letup pace. Ten games — all-league — remain on the 22-game schedule between tonight and Saturday, March 1, when the locals finish out at Roseburg.

THE ROSEBURG outlook appears to be like this: While the local outfit is going into league play with one of its best pre-season records ever, now reading 9-3 (including the last six straight wins), the rest of the six-team league is just as strong and well-balanced as ever.

With Eugene and Marshfield making strong showings, invariably, in the state tournaments, the ranking of teams from District Five, among the state's top 10 each year, is usually borne out. This year is no exception, and all three of the state's high school basketball team rating polls show three of the district's six teams among the top ten.

The only other district that compares with this is the state's biggest district (populationwise) with 10 teams from Portland, Beaverton, and the rest of the district's five teams in the top ten is not unlike in football, where virtually the same situation existed, last fall, and nearly every fall.

With so much power in this six-team A-1 area this winter, it's no wonder that South Eugene rates the number one spot in the state. The axemen have earned it so far, too, taking everyone handily in racking up their unbeaten string of 12 straight, after having placed among the top five in last year's state tournament.

BELOW is a review of the five Roseburg district opponents, listing essential facts on each.

For comparison the same information for Roseburg, shows the locals to have a total last year's record of 15-7 when they finished the season with a .55 district mark. From that team veteran Coach Bill Harper had six lettermen at the season's outset.

TAKING THE OTHERS, one-by-one in the order in which they fin-

ished in the district last year, the outlook, according to the dope list below, poll ratings and general pre-season consensus of coaches and others, South Eugene gets the favorite's nod without too much trouble.

The fight for second is reckoned to be a four-team chase among Roseburg, Marshfield, Springfield and North Bend. On the basis of current ratings, North Bend would appear to have the inside track, but pre-season had a Springfield-Roseburg race out of it, so take your choice.

Cottage Grove isn't given much of a tumble.

SOUTH EUGENE: (12-0 this year; 20-6 last year); nine returning lettermen; defending District 5-A-1 champs (9-1); Coach Hank Kuchera; Beat Roseburg twice last year.

Marshfield: (9-2 this year; 16-10 last year); four lettermen from 6-4 district team last year which beat North Bend for state playoff berth; Bruce Hoffman in seventh coaching year; Lost to Roseburg twice last year.

North Bend: (9-2 and 14-9); four lettermen from 6-4 district record team of 1956-57; Wayne Fox (ex-Marshfield javayee coach) in first coaching year; split with Roseburg last year.

Springfield: (6-4; 12-10); seven lettermen from 5-5 district team of last year; coach is Bill O'Neal; split with Roseburg last year.

Cottage Grove: (1-10; 5-17); one lettermen back from 1-9 season in district; new coach is Dick Jarrett; split with Roseburg last year.

Team	J	L	Pct.
Riddle	8	2	.800
Roseburg	9	3	.750
Myrtle Creek	5	5	.500
Douglas	5	5	.500
Glendale	6	4	.600
Reedsport	5	5	.500
Seaside	4	4	.500
Sutherlin	4	4	.500
Glide	1	4	.143
Oakland	1	8	.111

Pirates Edge Glide Matmen

Thanks to three forfeit wins, the Glendale Pirates edged the Glide wrestling team by a close 28-21 tally, in matches held on the Glide mats Thursday night.

The Pirates took the 97-pound and 105-pound matches by forfeit as give them a 10-0 lead, but still needed the forfeit win in the heavyweight division to clinch the win.

Ron Smith of Glendale gained the only pin of the meet for the Pirates, pinning Ray Evanoff of Glide in the 147-pound class. Glide also had one pin, this coming in the 140-pound class, as Larry Manske pinned Bill Miller.

In an exhibition match Dan Den-

sley of Glendale decided Bruce Manske 7-0.

Results: Glendale 28, Glide 21. 97 pounds: Al Watson (Glen) won by forfeit.

105 pounds: Jerry Rondeau (Glen) won by forfeit.

116 pounds: Bruce Manske (Glide) won by forfeit.

122 pounds: Charles Starnes (Glide) and Gary Koehler drew 2-2.

129 pounds: David Wood (Glide) dec. Carlis Stanfill 4-2.

135 pounds: Gaylor (Glide) dec. Jerry Berry 6-1.

140 pounds: Larry Manske (Glide) pinned Bill Miller in third round.

147 pounds: Ron Smith (Glen) pinned Ray Evanoff in third round.

156 pounds: Ray Coate (Glen) dec. Gary McCormick 4-1.

167 pounds: Mike Hill (Glide) dec. Lester Diltz 3-4.

177 pounds: Bob Brown (Glen) dec. Mike Kelly 5-2.

Heavyweight: Lynn Trocell (Glen) won by forfeit.

Bradley Team Rebounds For 92-83 Cage Victory

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bradley's 92 - 83 victory over Wichita last night leaves a jumble in the Missouri Valley Conference standings only slightly less puzzling than a league lineup that has seen shifts of seven schools in recent years.

From left to right, the leaders are Cincinnati and Bradley, tied at 7-1; Wichita at 3-1, and St. Louis at 2-1.

Cincinnati seems in the best shape now to pick off major honors. Oscar Robertson & Co. will have the home court advantage in five of their last six conference games, starting with Wichita Saturday night.

Bobby Joe Mason scored 26 points and Barney Cable 20 as Bradley belted Wichita out of the top spot last night at Peoria, Ill. The Braves, bouncing back from Monday's nonconference upset loss to Portland, held a 47-37 half-time lead.

CHURCH TEAM PLAYS

The men's basketball team of the First Christian Church will be host to the varsity basketball team from Northwest Christian College of Eugene next Tuesday night on the Riverside Grade School floor. Game time for this tilt will be 7:45 p.m.

Matmen Battle To Draw Sports

Indians, Sutherlin Fight 20-20 Tie

A close 5-3 decision by Don Green of Roseburg gave the Indians a come-from-behind 20-20 tie with the Sutherlin Bulldogs in wrestling matches held on the Bulldog mats Thursday. Not to be outdone the two jayvee teams also battled to a deadlock, this time at 16-16.

The expected battle between the two schools turned out to be just that, as neither team managed a pin during the 12 matches, with each team winning four decisions and four other bouts ending in a draw.

Roseburg took an early 8-2 lead after the first three matches of the meet, but Sutherlin bounced back to nab all four of its decisions in a row to take a 14-8 lead, with five bouts left.

At this point, Roseburg's Berry Serafin decided Ron Linton of the Bulldogs, 4-1, to narrow the count to 14-11. This came in the 147-pound class.

Three Straight Draws

With four matches left in the meet, both schools had to stand by during three of them, in which they all ended in a draw, to set the stage for the heavyweight bout.

Ken Jacobs of Roseburg and Jim Wattman of the Bulldogs wrestled to a 1-1 standoff in the 155-pound class. Doug Frisbie of the Indians and Tom Gilman of Sutherlin also battled to a 1-1 tie in the 165-pound weight and Stephen John of Roseburg and Rod Parazoo of Sutherlin went the full three rounds at 177-pounds before ending in a 2-2 deadlock in the three exciting bouts. Earlier in the matches, Joe Griffin of Roseburg and Wayne Fagin of Sutherlin wrestled to a 5-5 draw, this coming in the 105-pound weight.

Results: Roseburg 20, Sutherlin 20.

97 pounds: Jim McGhehey (R) dec. Gordon Avery 8-4.

105 pounds: Joe Griffin (R) drew Wayne Fagin 5-5.

114 pounds: John Eddy (R) dec. Allan Barnes 6-2.

John Eddy in the 114-pound weight and Jim McGhehey in the 97-pound class were other Roseburg winners, while Durrell Giegar at 122, Jerry Perez at 129, Bob Linstead at 135 and Layton Ferguson at 140 were the Sutherlin winners. Giegar, Perez and Linstead all are undefeated for the year.

Jayvee Events Close

The jayvee matches were just as close as the varsity bouts, this time with Sutherlin coming from behind to gain the tie in the final match.

Both clubs managed one pin during the nine matches, with one match ending in a draw and each team winning three decisions apiece. Gene Walters of Roseburg was the Indian winner by pinning Charles Wright of the Bulldogs in the 105-pound class. Bill Nelson was the Sutherlin victor, pinning Jim Ball of Roseburg in the 175-pound class, where Dick Harpe of Roseburg and Ed Funderburk of Sutherlin battled to a 3-3 draw.

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97 pounds: Jim McGhehey (R) dec. Gordon Avery 8-4.

105 pounds: Joe Griffin (R) drew Wayne Fagin 5-5.

114 pounds: John Eddy (R) dec. Allan Barnes 6-2.

Durrell Giegar (S) dec. Jones 9-1.

129 pounds: Jerry Perez (S) dec. Frank Walters 5-3.

135 pounds: Bob Linstead (S) dec. Larry McAllister 9-2.

140 pounds: Layton Ferguson (S) dec. Bill White 6-4.

147 pounds: Berry Serafin (R) dec. Ron Lenton 4-1.

153 pounds: Ken Jacobs (R) drew with Jim Wattman 1-1.

165 pounds: Doug Frisbie (R) drew with Tom Gilman 1-1.

177 pounds: Stephan John (R) drew with Rod Parazoo 2-2.

Heavyweight: Don Green (R) dec. Roger Barriack 5-2.

JV Results: Roseburg 16, Sutherlin 16.

97 pounds: Jerry Strong (S) dec. Allen Mortensen 4-0.

105 pounds: Gene Walters (R) pinned Charles Wright 1:30 first round.

114 pounds: Gary Modrell (S) dec. Akers 4-0.

124 pounds: Totton (R) dec. Monte Parazoo 3-2.

123 pounds: Jack Power (R) dec. John Thompson 2-1.

135 pounds: Ed Funderburk (D) drew with Dick Harpe 3-3.

140 pounds: Jim Ridenour (R) dec. Lance Wheeler 8-6.

147 pounds: Ken England (S) dec. Jerry Humphries 8-5.

175 pounds: Bill Nelson (S) pinned Jim Ball 1:15 first round.

PCC First Place Beckons OSC Beavers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oregon State could move into a first place tie in the Pacific ball standings by handing Doug Sutherlin and his Washington Huskies teammates two lickings Friday night and Saturday.

Co-leaders California and UCLA are idled by examinations and two Beaver victories would make it 5-1 for all three top clubs.

Friday's game at Corvallis and Saturday's at Seattle offer prospects of an interesting duel between two of the PCC's outstanding players. Oregon State's 6-foot-7 Dave Gambee has averaged better than 17 points in five games and Smart has done better than 20.

Nanson Helps

While Smart has had to carry the load for the Huskies, Gambee has considerable help from the likes of Ken Nanson with a 14 plus average.

Idaho's surprising Vandals, led by Gary Simmons whose 136 points in six games tops the con-

ference, could be breathing on the leaders' necks with a 5-2 standing if they down Oregon at Moscow Saturday night.

Idaho, which already has won as many games as it did during the entire 1957 season, should be even stronger than when the Vandals twice beat Washington State last weekend. Gary McEwen, the

Vandals' first string center, has recovered from flu and his rebounding should make Idaho much tougher against the Ducks.

Oregon and Washington State, both far down in the standings, will play Friday night at Pullman.

Stanford and Southern Cal are aside this week along with Cal and UCLA.

Sports Calendar

FRIDAY

BOWLING: Junior Classic and Umpqua leagues, 7 p.m. Major Classic and City Classic leagues, 9 p.m.

BASKETBALL: District 5-A-1: Roseburg at Springfield, 8 p.m. Umpqua Valley League: Douglas at Riddle, 8 p.m.; Sutherlin at Oakland, 8 p.m.; Myrtle Creek at Glide, 8 p.m. Douglas B League: Yoncalla at Days Creek, 8 p.m. Canyonville at Elkton, 8 p.m. District 6-A-2: Glendale at Illinois Valley, 8 p.m. CBA at Camas Valley, 8 p.m.

ARCHERY: Oak-Rose, Oakland Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m. Douglas Yeomen, Armory, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

BASKETBALL: District 5-A-1: South Eugene at Roseburg, 8 p.m. District 6-A-2: Phoenix at Glendale, 8 p.m.

Two Athletic Programs Added At Yoncalla Hi

Yoncalla High School has entered into two new athletic programs for the first time this season. The programs consist of a tumbling and wrestling team.

The wrestling team, coached by Ron Anderson has a total of four boys out. This is the first time in the grappling ranks for the Eagles and Anderson has little hopes for success this season, but expects things to become better in the next year or two.

The tumbling team consists of 12 girls, who plan to give performances at halftime of all basketball games. The team is coached by Miss Woodside.

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