

Marshfield, Franklin Win A-1 Semi-Finals In Thrillers

FIVE BEST IN CIRCUIT



FRED WILLIS
Springfield



TOM YOUNKER
North Bend



MEL COUNTS
Marshfield



BOB STEELE
Roseburg



KARL COKE
Marshfield

Klamath, Pendleton Falter As Mel Counts Once More Is Big Hero With Tie-Breaker

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Oregon A-1 Basketball Tourney

Friday Results

Championship Round

Marshfield 46, Klamath Falls 44
Franklin (Portland) 49, Pendleton 48

Consolation Round

Playoff for Fourth

North Salem 48, Sandy 33

Beaverton 53, North Bend 43

Playoff for Fifth

Medford 81, McMinnville 61

St. Helens 62, Jefferson (Portland) 54

Saturday's Schedule

8:45 p.m.—Marshfield-Franklin (Portland)

Consolation Round

Third Place

7:30 p.m.—Klamath Falls-Pendleton

Fourth Place

2:45 p.m.—North Salem-Beaverton

Fifth Place

1:30 p.m.—St. Helens-Medford

EUGENE (AP) — Marshfield and Franklin of Portland tonight will meet for the title in Oregon's A-1 prep basketball tournament.

They made it into the finale by a whisker.

In Friday night's first semi-final, Marshfield shaded defending champion Klamath Falls 46-44 as 6-9 Mel Counts converted a rebound into a tie-breaking field goal with three seconds left.

Franklin won the nightcap the same way.

With three seconds remaining, Jack Fawcett took a rebound and whirled in a swing shot that brought the Portland team from behind for a 49-48 victory over Pendleton.

Pendleton and Klamath Falls will meet in the opener of tonight's action for third place in the tournament.

Two other games in the consolation bracket are scheduled for this afternoon.

Medford for Fifth

North Salem and Beaverton meet in a struggle for fourth place, and Medford is paired with St. Helens in a fight for fifth.

Jerry Anderson provided the highlight of Friday's consolation action as he scored 33 points—the tourney's high so far—in leading Medford to an 81-61 romp over McMinnville.

St. Helens upset Jefferson for the second time 62-54, while North Salem combined good offense with brilliant defense for a 48-33 rout of Sandy.

Beavers Chop Win

In the other consolation game, Beaverton's canny 6-4 Steve Pauly scored 22 points as the Beavers chopped down North Bend 53-45.

As in earlier games, Marshfield relied mainly on Counts, a polished, 210-pound junior, for its Friday night victory. He produced 21 points—and deftly took 26 crucial rebounds.

Marshfield had a mediocre 13-9 record when it entered the tournament, but the Southern Oregon coastal team performed like champions Friday night.

Klamath Falls had jumped into a 9-0 lead at the start of the game, and it took Marshfield until the fourth period to pull within one point, at 39-38.

Counter in Fourth Period

Marshfield scored 12 points in that final period, while holding Klamath Falls to only five.

The vital scores came late. With 2 1/2 minutes remaining Marshfield's Lorance Eickworth hit a field goal that pulled his team ahead 44-42. But seconds later Klamath's Bob Peterson tied it up.

Then Marshfield went into its crafty stall. For more than two minutes, Marshfield waited for its key shot. When Counts was there for the rebound he fashioned into the game-winning field goal.

Klamath had the better field goal percentage—288 on 17 of 59.

But Marshfield sank more—19 of 69 for .275.

After he was carried off the floor by his teammates, Counts said:

"I was more nervous than I'd ever been in my life. It was the biggest shot of my life. I'll never forget it."

Counts was asked if he thought Marshfield would win the title game. He answered: "Yes."

Klamath Falls coach Dean White said his team had to make no excuses in losing.

"The kids played all right," White said. "They did as they were told. But Marshfield got that last shot, and we didn't. That was it."

White was asked his choice to win the title.

"I have a lot of respect for Franklin," he said.

For Franklin, the second place team in the tough Portland League, tonight's title game will be the second time in four years the Quakers have reached the championship finals.

The last time, in 1956, Franklin vaulted to the title over Medford behind 6-9 Bjarne Jonson.

This time, Franklin also has a big man, 6-7 Jerry Bergstrom.

Little Man Hero

But the hero of Franklin's Friday night game was a relatively little player, the 5-11, 152-pound Fawcett who spun in the winning basket.

Franklin had built up a 22-15 lead by halftime, but it melted as the shorter Pendleton squad regained its form.

And by the time only two minutes remained in the game, Pendleton led 45-41.

However, two field goals by Steve Jones and a pair of free throws by Bergstrom eased Franklin ahead narrowly, 47-46.

Pendleton's Ladd Horn countered, though, and the Eastern Oregon squad led 48-47 with 36 seconds remaining.

A crucial jump ball then occurred. Franklin got possession, tried a shot, missed, and then Fawcett took over.

Both teams had good percentages. Franklin hit 16 of 48 for .333, and Pendleton sank 13 of 41 for .317. Pendleton was uncanny at the free throw line, sinking 22 of 29.

"Pretty Good Horse"

"The fouls were killing us," Franklin's coach, Don Peterson, said after the game.

But when asked about Franklin's chances for another title, Peterson smiled and said: "I think we're carrying a pretty good horse."

A bumper crowd of 8,199 watched the semi-final games, swelling Friday's attendance to 15,343. The tourney now has drawn a total of 54,405 persons.

The biggest turnout of the tourney is expected tonight for the title clash.

And Pendleton coach Dale Warburg thinks Marshfield will win that game.

"We gave Franklin all kinds of trouble, and we're not a great team," he said.

"Franklin has a 6-7 man and we handled him okay. Marshfield has a 6-9 man, and I think he'll be the difference."

Warburg said "I've only got praise for my kids." And he added: "The last shot, Franklin got it, and we didn't."

State Meets Show Loop Choices Wisely Chosen In Seasonal Play

By BILL GOULD
News-Review Sports Writer

Selectors of the 1959 News-Review-Midwestern League coaches all star team showed they know their onions, as state tourney A-1 play rolls along.

By fare the individual star at Eugene so far is Marshfield's Mel Counts. The ninth individual high scorer is North Bend's Tom Younker.

Counts and Younkers were near-unanimous selections, receiving first team votes on the eight balloting in the poll. Roseburg's hustling 5-7 guard, Bob Steele, received first-team votes on seven of the eight ballots.

Rounding out the first team is Karl Coke of Marshfield and Fred Willis, of Springfield.

Counts is the No. 1 scorer on the select team. He's used his 6-9 frame to hit for a total of 456 points, for the Pirates, in 17 games. He missed the first five games of the season because of back trouble.

Steele ended the season with a 306-point total in 22 games. His scoring ability and floor play coupled with Coke's speed make a very effective back-court pair.

Counts was named to the all-state team and Willis, Steele and Younker all received honorable mention in the state balloting.

The second team is composed of two Roseburg eagers, two from South Eugene and one from Marshfield.

Walt Hunter, Marshfield forward,

is moved to a guard spot on this team. He joins Roseburg's Lynn Baxter at this position. Tom Barron received the votes as center on this unit and Bob Blair and Dave Wetzel, from South Eugene, are the forwards.

Tony Anthony Saved By Bell

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony Anthony's fans have become a fidgety band of nail-biters. Even in the victory, the New York light heavyweight challenger makes nervous wrecks of his rosters.

Such was the case again Friday night when tall Tony outpointed ever-pressing Sonny Ray of Chicago in a television ten-rounder at Madison Square Garden. It was the 24-year-old Anthony's second straight decision over the 23-year-old, fifth ranking contender.

But Tony's followers had another case of jitters when their idol almost blew a big lead and seemed headed for a knockout defeat in the last round. Tony heard two bells at the end of the frantic round which gives you an idea of how rough things had become for him.

Almost a Kayo

Only a knockout could have given Ray, a 13-5 underdog, the win at that final stage. Sonny almost made it. Midway in the round, the 5-11 Chicagoan staggered his 6-4 opponent with a left and right to the jaw. Tony was dazed but he managed to hang on. Seconds later he was firing back.

Then Ray again nailed Tony with a left and right to the jaw. Anthony dropped his hands and turned his back to Ray. Sonny stood there perplexed for a moment and then started after his foe again. But the final bell sounded before he could punch.

Saved by Bell

"I thought the bell had sounded when I turned away from him," said Anthony. "Lucky for me the bell did sound right quick."

The three officials had Anthony the winner by the following scores: Referee Ruby Goldstein, 8-2; Judge Frank Forbes, 6-3-1, and Judge Tony Castellano, 6-4. The AP card had Anthony ahead, 8-2.

Bradley After NIT Top Honor

NEW YORK (AP) — Bradley went after his second National Invitation Tournament championship in three years today when the Peoria Braves met St. John's of New York. For their part, the Redmen were trying for an unprecedented third NIT title.

The experts rated the Madison Square Garden game, climax of the 22nd annual post-season basketball classic, a pick 'em affair. The game will be televised nationally by NBC starting at 4 p.m. (EST).

And the rival coaches, Chuck Orsborn of Bradley and Joe Lapchick of St. John's, were extremely wary of each other.

Bradley whipped St. John's 71-66 early in the season, but both coaches tended to discount that result.

THREE-WAY TIE

ST. PETERSBURGH, Fla. (AP) — Much to everyone's surprise, including his own, a young driving range operator from Danvers, Mass., who is vacationing here, was in a three-way tie for the lead as the second round of the \$15,000 St. Petersburg Open Golf Tournament started today.

MIDWESTERN FIRST TEAM

Player, School Pos. Ht.

Fred Willis, Springfield F 6-4

Tom Younker, N. Bend C 6-9

Mel Counts, Marshfield C 6-9

Bob Steele, Roseburg G 5-7

Karl Coke, Marshfield G 6-0

SECOND TEAM

Bob Blair, S. Eugene F 6-4

Dave Wetzel, S. Eugene F 6-4

Tom Barron, Roseburg C 6-4

Walt Hunter, Marshfield G 5-9

Lynn Baxter, Roseburg G 5-9

Honorable Mention: Gordon Kronberger, Cottage Grove; Gary Wallace, North Bend; Rob Bennett, North Eugene; Rod Frank, Roseburg; Bill Swain, North Bend; Ron Kelo, Springfield; Bill Roe, Cottage Grove; Gar Rossi, Marshfield; Bob DuShane, South Eugene; Jim Perkins, Cottage Grove; Roger Houmes, North Eugene; Steve Young, North Bend; Gordon Myers, North Eugene; Sandy Nosler, South Eugene.

Schoendienst Loss Cuts Braves Down

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — The loss of tubercular victim Red Schoendienst has cut the National League champion Milwaukee Braves down to size.

Manager Fred Haney won't admit it but there is no doubt he is anxious about the second base problem.

Lesing Schoendienst is had enough, but the situation has become desperate with the almost certain unavailability of Mel Roach the redhead's understudy.

Roach, who was laid low by a knee injury last August, has been ordered not to take strenuous workouts until April 10—the day the Braves open the National League season.

Count on Rookie

The Braves are counting on rookie Chuck Cottier, who batted .269 at Atlanta last year but has been compared with the spectacular Bill Mazeroski of the Pittsburgh Pirates as a defensive player.

"I'm not worried about second base half as much as I am worried about the catching," said Haney. "I've got three catchers but should something happen to Del Crandall, we'd be in a bad way. Del Rice and Joe Lonnett are all right as second string, but neither can do the job on a regular basis."

"My infield problem isn't as acute as some think. Cottier makes the plays all right. The only question concerns his hitting."

Despite Haney's surface optimism, the second base situation still is up in the air.

The Braves' strength is their pitching, of course. Even Haney acknowledged he has more starters than he can use.

"Then I've got a couple of good looking rookies in Bob Hartman (20-10 at Atlanta) and Gerry Nelson (10-11 at Austin)," he said. "And don't forget Don MacMahon, Humberto Robinson and Bob Trowbridge in the bullpen."

Haney's big seven consists of Warren Spahn (23-11), Lew Burdette (20-10), Bob Rush (10-6), Carleton Willey (9-7), Joey Jay (7-5), Bob Buhl (5-2) and Juan Pizarro (6-4).

Dare-Devil Dash Made In Ski Run

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Bill Maroli's dare-devil dash down Pigtail Peak to victory Friday in the downhill run put the Aspen, Colo., youngster in a strong position to pick up the Alpine title Saturday in the National Junior Ski Championships.

Only one event — the boys slalom — is on the Saturday program. Eighty-three boys, none over 18, will tackle the herky-jerky route in quest of the slalom crown.

Perhaps a dozen have a chance to head off Maroli's bid for the Alpine championship, which goes to the outstanding performer in the two events.

Jean Saubert of Lakeview, Ore., is the girls Alpine champ, taking the crown Friday when she added a second-place finish in the downhill to her Thursday victory in the girls slalom.

Madeline (Smiley) Tschopp of Reno, Nev., won the girls downhill championship.

Slowed by extra gates, the girls ran a downhill course 200 feet shorter than the straighter route taken by the boys down Pigtail Peak.

Miss Tschopp, first girl to make the run, whipped down the mountain in a minute and 32.8 seconds and her time stood up against challenges by 23 other girls.

The youngsters took the steep hill full tilt, but only one serious spill marred the day. Lucy Hiatt of Whitefish, Mont., was just 100 feet from the finish when she tumbled, pulling the ligament in her right leg.

WOMEN GOLFERS BEGIN SEASON HERE TUESDAY

The women golfers of the Roseburg Country Club will begin their 1959 season on Tuesday, with a three-ball best ball tournament. Partners for the day's play will be selected at 10:30 a.m. brunch immediately preceding the golf. All new and former golfing members are urged to attend.

BALCENA SOLD

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) — Outfielder Bobby Balcena of the Seattle entry in the Pacific Coast League was sold Friday to Dallas of the Texas baseball league.

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Bears Contain Robertson, Tangle With West Virginia

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) California and its rock-ribbed defense go against West Virginia and Jerry West, the most prolific scorer in tournament history, for the NCAA basketball title at Freedom Hall tonight.

The two conference titans, California of the Pacific Coast and West Virginia of the Southern, meet in the blue chips game at 10 p.m. EST, following a consolation match for third place between Cincinnati and Louisville.

Neither California nor West Virginia has won an NCAA title.

The big question is whether California's opportunists can contain the magnificent All-America from West Virginia the way they handled Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson in Friday night's semi-finals.

They held Robertson, national scoring champion the last two years, to 19 points and even nullified his play-making in the second half while rallying for a 64-58 victory.

Cabin Creek Star

West, a handsome 6-3 junior from little Cabin Creek, W. Va., a great player all season — has reached his peak in the tournament. Friday night he earned a standing ovation from the partisan crowd of 18,619 after a brilliant

38-point show in a romping 94-79 victory over Louisville.

In four tournament games, West has fired in 132 points — a 33 point pace. He needs 29 tonight to smash the five-game NCAA record of 160 set in 1956 by Hal Lear of Temple.

15-Game Streak

The Golden Bears, first PCC team to reach the NCAA final since Stanford won the championship in 1952, have parlayed their defense and opportunistic play into a 15-game winning streak and a 24-4 record. Balanced and slow-working in contrast to West Virginia's driving attack, the key men are 6-10 Darrell Imhoff and 6-2 Al Buch.

Eight points behind early in the second half, California caught up with 3 minutes to play and pulled away in the last three minutes as Buch scored 10 of his 18 points and Imhoff cashed in six of his 22.

Yardley Hurt In Workout

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — An injury to George Yardley, their high-scoring forward, dampened the hopes of the Syracuse Nationals as they prepared to meet the Boston Celtics in the second game of the National Basketball Assn.'s Eastern playoffs.

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Yardley has been used as a first replacement since he joined the Syracuse club a month ago, but Seymour thinks that by teaming up with Dolph Schayes at the start he may give the Boston defense some added trouble.

Boston is at full strength, but Syracuse, in addition to doubts about Yardley, will be unable to use George Dempsey, back-court reserve, because of a bruised right leg.

This first home game in the series for the Nats is regarded as the key contest. If the Nats can win this, they believe they can extend the series, possibly to the seven-game limit. If they lose, and with the scene shifting to Boston Sunday afternoon, there'll be little hope for the Syracuse club.

Ring Record

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NEW YORK — Tony Anthony, 178, New York, defeated Sonny Ray, 174, Chicago 10-0.

NAGOYA, Japan — Kazuo Takayama, 126, Japan, knocked out Katsumi Onizaki, 124, Japan, fifth round (Takayama retained featherweight title).

HAMBURG, Germany — Archie McE Breda, 133, Trenton, N.J., knocked out Albert Westphal, Germany, 191½, ninth round.

MELBOURNE — Willie Vaughn, 162½, Hollywood, Calif., knocked out Stefan Raduly, 165½, Hungary, second round.

SALT LAKE CITY — Lamar Clark, 185, Cedar City, Utah, knocked out Rod Orrell, 200, Ogden, Utah, 1:29 first round.

Tourney Scores

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NCAA at Louisville Semifinals

California 64, Cincinnati 58

West Virginia 94, Louisville 79

AAU at Denver Semifinal

Bartlesville 72, San Francisco Olympic Club 69

Wichita 104, Army All Stars 102 (ot)

Junior College at Hutchinson Kan.

Semifinals

Weber (Ogden, Utah) 55, Cameron (Lawton, Okla.) 51

Bethany Lutheran (Mankato, Minn. 90, Henry Ford, Dearborn, Mich.) 89

Consolation Bracket

Pratt, Kan. 61, San Angelo, Tex. 59

Independence, Kan. 99, North Greenville (Tigerville, S.C.) 67

Lindsey-Wilson (Columbia, Ky.) 96, LaSalle-Peru-Gollesby (Ill.) 82

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