



BATTLING for control of the puck is Portland's Art Jones and San Francisco's Orland Kurtenbach. Coming in to join the fracas is Maurice Mantha (3) of the Seals, while goalie Jim McLeod watches. The Seals tripped the Buckaroos, 3-0, to even up the Southern Division playoff in the WHL. (UPI Telephoto)

Bico-B Leaders Square Off Friday; Warriors Set To Battle McKenzie

Friday as the league leaders are set to collide on the Yoncalla diamond.

The Tigers and the Eagles have identical 1-0 league marks as rain has postponed most of the league outings. Game time at Yoncalla is set for 3 p.m.

Also on tap Friday in league play is a clash between the Elk-

Canyonville's Tigers and Yoncalla's Eagles will be battling for the advantage in Bico-B baseball.

OSU-UO Collide In ND Baseball Opener Friday

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, Corvallis (Special)—Oregon State's defending northern division baseball champions embark on what they hope will be another successful league season here Friday against Oregon's powerful Ducks.

The two old rivals play at Coleman field Friday at 3 p.m., and also have a 3 p.m. encounter slated Saturday at Eugene following the Oregon-BYU track meet.

OSU edged Oregon to win the N. D. crown in 1962, and later lost two straight to Bob Garibaldi and his Santa Clara teammates for the Western Regional NCAA title. Santa Clara went all the way to the NCAA finals, losing out to Michigan.

Oregon State posted an 11-5 pre-conference mark this spring. The Beavers won four of seven games on a trip into Arizona where they met Arizona and Arizona State, two of the best clubs from that area. Both OSU and Oregon rank the top 10 teams nationally.

Oregon won 12 in a row before finally losing a doubleheader to Portland State last Saturday. Coach Ralph Coleman of OSU rates Oregon as the "team to beat" in the league race, pointing to the Duck pitching brigade as possibly the best in the west.

In pre-conference competition, only three Beaver regulars hit above the .300 mark. Frank Peters, getting a late start after the basketball season ended, collected eight hits in 21 trips for a .381 mark to top the club. He also has nine RBIs. Al Lehrer, an all league selection a year ago, poled out 20 singles in 55 trips for a .364 average, and Dave Hayward collected seven for 20 for .350. Hayward has 11 RBIs, compared to leader in that department, Doug Stahl, who has 12. Stahl won the N. D. batting crown in 1962 with a .392 mark, but hit only 254 in pre-conference play this spring.

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ton Elks and the host Oakland Oaks at 3:30 p.m.

In Emerald League action the Drain Warriors face a rugged opponent in the form of the McKenzie Eagles at 4 p.m. on the McKenzie field. McKenzie has given the Warriors fits for the past two seasons, with Drain coming out on top to win the conference title both years.

Drain will open against the Eagles with ace lefty Ran Cool on the mound. The Warriors have shown good hitting power in the few games they have been able to play, but have been hampered by the weather. McKenzie's probable starter is Dennis Baldrige.

In the Bico-B race the defending champion Eagles are favored to repeat as titlists, but Canyonville and Camas Valley rate as strong darkhorse teams. The Tigers have power at the plate and have been getting good pitching, while Yoncalla is an explosive club that presents a definite threat at any time. The Eagles also have good pitching.

Oakland and Elkton go into Friday's game with 0-1 marks in league play, while Camas Valley is still trying to squeeze in its first game.

Track action featuring local teams Friday finds Sutherlin Bulldogs at the Central Relays in Monmouth and the Powers Cruisers will host the Bandon Tigers. The action at Monmouth starts at 5:45, while the meet at Powers will get under way at 5.

Carl Johnson Earns Top Honors In Rifle Shoot

Carl Johnson posed with Pete Serafin for the top honors in the weekly Roseburg Senior Rifle Club shoot Wednesday.

Johnson ended with a 388 total from four positions, while Serafin had a 384. Third and fourth spots went to Vern Whittenberg and Deane Paulson with identical 383 scores, while Paul Robinson and Ray Benzen followed with 381s.

Completing the top 10 for the week were: Arville Koozer, 380; Mildred Comfort, 375; Vern Eard, 368; and Bob Scone, 363.

In the inter-club team competition Bill Brickey's team set the pace with a 2,234 score, while Pete Serafin's team fired a 2,232 and Bill Jones' team recorded a 2,223.



BILL RUSSELL of the Boston Celtics battles Elgin Baylor of the Los Angeles Lakers for control of a rebound during Wednesday's NBA playoffs. The Lakers dumped the Celtics 119-99 to remain alive for the championship. (UPI Telephoto)

West, Baylor Set Torrid Pace As LA Bombs Celtics, 119-99

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The Los Angeles Lakers trailed the Boston Celtics by one game today as the teams took a breather in the best-of-seven National Basketball Association (NBA) championship series.

The Lakers scored a 119-99 victory in the third game Wednesday night, leaving the Celtics ahead in the series by two games to one. Boston won the first two games on its home court Sunday and Tuesday.

The fourth game will be played at the Los Angeles Sports Arena Friday night. The game is already a sell-out so a closed circuit television has been set up at two Los Angeles theaters where the overflow faithful can witness the game. Tickets are priced at \$2.50.

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Sports Calendar

Friday

Prep Baseball

Emerald League

Drain Warriors vs. McKenzie Eagles, 4 p.m., McKenzie.

Bico-B League

Canyonville Tigers vs. Yoncalla Eagles, 3 p.m., Yoncalla.

Elkton Elks vs. Oakland Oaks, 3:30 p.m., Oakland.

Non-League

Grants Pass Cavemen vs. Roseburg Indians, 3:30 p.m., Roseburg.

Prep Track

Sutherlin Bulldogs at Central Relays, 5:45 p.m., Monmouth.

Bandon Tigers vs. Powers Cruisers, 5 p.m., Powers.

Prep Tennis

Oregon State Rooks vs. Roseburg Indians, 4:30 p.m., Roseburg.

Prep Golf

Roseburg Indians vs. Marshfield Pirates, 2 p.m., Marshfield.

Saturday

Prep Baseball

Sub-District 5-A-1

Roseburg Indians vs. North Bend Bulldogs, 1:30 p.m., doubleheader, North Bend.

Umpqua Valley League

Myrtle Creek Vikings vs. Sutherlin Bulldogs, 1 p.m., doubleheader, Sutherlin.

Glendale Pirates vs. Glide Wildcats, 1 p.m., doubleheader, Glide.

Riddle Irish vs. Douglas Trojans, 1 p.m., doubleheader, Douglas.

Non-League

Camas Valley Hornets vs. Mohawk, 1 p.m., doubleheader, Mohawk.

Prep Track

Canyonville Bible Academy Pilots, Oakland Oaks, Canyonville Tigers and Riddle Irish, 10:30 a.m., Riddle.

Myrtle Creek Vikings at Grants Pass Rotary Meet, 1 p.m., Grants Pass.

Crater Comets vs. Roseburg Indians, 1 p.m., Finlay Field, Roseburg.

Douglas Trojans vs. Glendale Pirates, 1 p.m., Glendale.

Gold Beach Panthers vs. Powers Cruisers, 2 p.m., Powers.

Prep Tennis

Roseburg Indians vs. Thurston Colts, 10:30 a.m., Thurston.

Roseburg Indians vs. Springfield Millers, 2:30 p.m., Springfield.

Pre Wrestling

The Dalton Brothers vs. Herb Freeman and Cowboy Bob Boyer in Tag Team Championship Match, 8:30 p.m., Community Building, Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Rain Stops Local Action

Weather again figured prominently on the local sports scene as four non-league baseball games and a tennis match were called off Wednesday.

Baseball action rained out included Glide at Yoncalla, Crow at Drain, Canyonville at Riddle and Riddle Jayvees at Sutherlin. The cancelled tennis match pitted the Roseburg Indians against the University of Oregon Frosh.

Alabama Attorney General Says 'Politics' Entered Grid Scandal

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UPI)—Alabama Atty. Gen. Richmond Flowers, charging "politics," accused Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook Wednesday of "aiding in the sacking" of former Georgia athletic director Wallace Butts.

He reiterated a legislative committee report that "politics" had a significant part in the Georgia investigation into allegations the Alabama-Georgia football game in Birmingham last season was rigged.

Nicklaus, Player Favored In Tourney

HOUSTON (UPI)—Its lakes dyed blue, its fairways cemented, its greens thick and verdant, the Memorial Park golf course today began bearing the brunt of 1149 pros and 10 amateurs teeing off for the \$50,000 Houston Classic.

This is the year the experts are looking for a new Classic record for 72 holes. The old record of 273 was set by big Mike Souchak in 1955.

The golfers report that the course is in excellent condition this year. This was borne out Wednesday in the pro-am won by Gay Brewer of Crystal City, Fla., who went around in a 66 and picked up \$250 first prize money.

Besides Brewer, eight other pros took the 7,200-yard par-70 course apart with subpar rounds despite a gusty 20-mile an hour wind.

Jumbo Jack Nicklaus and South African Gary Player were the 5-1 co-favorites "probably" because they stand one-two in the money winnings this year coupled with the fact that Nicklaus long-hitting game is suited to Memorial's long, hard fairways, and Player's iron and putter play is suited to the course's plush greens.

Bobby Nichols, last year's Classic champ, was listed at 18-1 to repeat the performance. If he does, it would be the first time in the 17-year history of the Classic.

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Seals Even WHL Playoffs With 3-0 Win Over Bucks

WHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

By United Press International

The Southern Division playoff finals between the San Francisco Seals and the Portland Buckaroos are going down to the wire, sire—and the wire is in Portland.

The Seals assured that the best-of-seven series would take just that many Wednesday night when

they shut out the Buckaroos 3-0 at San Francisco to square matters at 3-3.

It was announced after the game that the deciding contest will be played in the Portland arena next Tuesday, April 23.

The six-day delay should give the Northern Division contenders enough time to decide who will face the Portland-San Francisco winner for the Western Hockey League title. Vancouver moved into a 3-2 lead in the Northern scramble Wednesday night by downing Seattle 3-2.

The Seals played a smooth checking game, keeping the speedy Buckaroos off balance all night. Mo Mantha was the first to score when he hit on an 80-footer at 1:23 of the second period.

Larry McNabb, the rookie defenseman who was consistently getting into trouble early in the season, scored on a 55-footer at 8:15 of the period. Ed Panagabko let fly with the insurance goal at 13:39 of the final period.

Vancouver shaded the Totems on a shot by Bob McCusker with an involuntary assist from a Seattle defenseman. McCusker's shot, with less than two minutes remaining in the final period, bounced off the unhappy Seattle skater and past Totem goalie Al Miller.

The Canucks had taken a 2-1 lead early in the third period on a goal by Bob Kabel. But Jim Powers got the equalizer for Seattle less than a minute later.

The sixth game in the Vancouver-Seattle battle will be played Friday night at Seattle.

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