

# Indians Snare 62-59 Thriller

## Wolverine Guard Hits 28; O'Neil Claims 26



**BACKBOARD ACTION** played a big role in Roseburg's 62-59 win over Willamette Friday night. Here, the Indians' Bruce O'Neil (44) and Gary Hill (42) battle for a rebound with Willamette's Floyd Bard (25) and John Rossow (41). (News-Review photo)

### Sheldon 5 Claims Lead

MIDWESTERN LEAGUE (District 5-A-1)		
	W L	Pct. GB
Sheldon	3 0	1.000 —
Roseburg	2 1	.666 1
Marshfield	2 1	.666 1
North Eugene	2 1	.666 1
South Eugene	2 1	.666 1
Cottage Grove	2 1	.666 1
Thurston	1 2	.333 2
Springfield	1 2	.333 2
North Bend	0 3	.000 3
Willamette	0 3	.000 3

**Friday's Results**  
Roseburg 62, Willamette 59  
Sheldon 55, Thurston 53  
South Eugene 60, Springfield 43  
North Eugene 69, Marshfield 66  
Cottage Grove 67, North Bend 46

The Sheldon Irish outscored the Thurston Colts by two points in the second quarter Friday night and matched the Colts point-for-point in the other three periods to pick off a thrilling 55-53 victory and gain lone possession of first place in the young Midwestern League race. The Irish (3-0) take on Cottage Grove (2-1) tonight. Roseburg pulled into a tie with Cottage Grove and three other league opponents for second place by virtue of the Indians 62-59 win over Willamette. The Indians, Cottage Grove, North and South Eugene and Marshfield all go into tonight's action with two wins and one loss record.

Marshfield suffered its first defeat of the season in league play Friday night as the North Eugene Highlanders held on after a strong first quarter to win 69-66.

South Eugene also picked up a win, knocking over Springfield 60-43. Cottage Grove had no trouble with North Bend, winning 67-46.

The Lathen twins, Neil and Ken, led Sheldon to its vital first-place-clinching victory by scoring 35 of the team's 55 points. Their father is the Sheldon coach. In that game, Glenn Campbell paced Thurston with 18 points.

Tonight's action finds Roseburg at Thurston, North Bend at South Eugene, North Eugene at Willamette, Springfield at Marshfield and the league-leading Sheldon Irish at Cottage Grove.

**SCORING**  
**THURSTON (53)** — Gibson 4, Campbell 18, Kinnman 7, Langehiers 2, McGuire 11, Richardson 11, Shields 0.  
**SHELDON (55)** — N. Lathen 21, K. Lathen 14, Curtis 2, Hersinger 6, Rogers 2, Johnson 4, Reeves 6.  
Thurston 13 11 14 15—53  
Sheldon 13 13 14 15—55

**SOUTH EUGENE (60)** — Shearer 2, Lawson 3, Pirkstaff 25, Roche 13, Myrmo 12, Tuttle 3, Wathey 2, Brooke 0, Muth 0, Coleman 0, Myers 0, Burke 0, Robertson 0.  
**SPRINGFIELD (43)** — Dickerson 9, Stuart 7, Aylesworth 1, Bates 7, Hayes 13, McDonald 2, Snyder 2, Tennent 2, Blum 0, Woods 0, Parker 0, Johnson 0, S. Eugene 21 7 17 15—60  
Springfield 12 14 10 7—43

**MARSHFIELD (66)** — Smith 14, Nylander 0, Loftus 21, Cadereite 8, Winters 13, Wright 10.  
**NORTH EUGENE (69)** — Snow 14, Hamer 6, Swan 9, Michael 23, Gordon 7, McDonald 6, Hamill 3, Kerns 0, Miller 1.  
Marshfield 13 13 25 15—66  
N. Eugene 22 13 23 11—69

**COTTAGE GROVE (67)** — Olds 11, Lee 6, McCoy 1, Carpenter 22, Henningsgaard 21, Hall 6, Man'ey 0, Williams 0, Kwandt 0, Howard 0, Wright 0, Dagget 0.  
**NORTH BEND (46)** — Jacobson 6, Murto 2, Granger 7, Russell 13, Swenson 2, Hansen 2, Denhardt 4, Why 2, Weybright 1, Scavera 7.  
C. Grove 21 17 14 15—67  
North Bend 7 3 17 14—46

**RIDDLE (52)** — Markham 17, Paetz 14, Preston 1, Fosmark 10, Morrison 8, Weakley 2, Ford, Meyers, Erwin.  
**GLENDALE (76)** — Stewart 7, Suteh 4, Derscheid 10, Dollard 7, Redfield 27, Gutierrez 15, Troxell 2, Perry, Apperson, Williams, Hays.  
By Quarters:  
Riddle 12 16 16 8—52  
Glendale 20 18 16 22—76



**HIGH SCORING BRUCE O'NEIL** drives in for another two points at a crucial point in Friday night's thriller between the Roseburg Indians and the Willamette Wolverines. O'Neil scored 26 points and led his team in rebounds to pave the way for the Midwestern League victory. Watching the two-pointer on its way are Roseburg's Gary Heeter (32) and John Johnson (40), along with the Wolverines' Lee Merwin (53) and Bill Keithly (35). (News-Review photo)

# Sports

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## Elks Ho-Hum To 82-20 Win

BICO-B LEAGUE		
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Powers	3 0	1.000 —
Camas Valley	3 0	1.000 —
Oakland	2 1	.666 1
Canyonville	1 2	.333 2
Yoncalla	0 3	.000 3
Days Creek	0 3	.000 3

**Friday's Results**  
Elkton 82, Days Creek 20  
Camas Valley 48, Yoncalla 36  
Oakland 43, CBA 19  
Powers 63, Canyonville 60 (overtime)

The Elkton Elks kept rolling on their merry way Friday night as they breezed to an 82-20 win over the Days Creek Wolves. This marked the Elks' 10th straight win, against no losses.

It also gave them a three win record in Bico-B League play, which puts them into a three-way tie for the lead with Powers and Camas Valley.

The Elks moved out into an early lead and the game was never in doubt. They led 32-7 at the end of the first quarter and stretched that lead to 50-12 at the half.

In the third quarter, they outscored the Wolves 18-3 and then won a 14-5 scoring battle in the final period. Six foot senior Gary Brooks paced the Elks scoring attack Friday night by hitting 12 field goals and a pair of free throws for 26 points. Don Suloff, second in the league scoring race, followed with 16.

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DAYS CREEK (20) — O'Neil 2, Whietzel, Richardson 11, Howren, Moore, Martin 5, Jinks 1, Bonney, VanNorman 3, Pinbrooks.  
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Elkton 32 18 14—82  
Days Creek 7 5 3 5—20

## Canyonville Tripped In Overtime Thriller

The Canyonville Tigers found themselves matched with Powers in one of the finest games of the Bico-B League season Friday night and they battled the Cruisers to a 57-57 deadlock before losing a 63-60 heart-breaker in overtime.

The Cruisers jumped off to an early lead and were out in front 13-10 at the end of the first quarter. They doubled that lead in the second frame, boasting a 32-26 lead at the half.

Starting in the second half, the determined Canyonville five started chipping away at the Powers lead. By the end of that period they had cut the Cruisers' lead to only two points, 46-44. Throughout a nip-and-tuck fourth quarter, the two teams matched each other point for point, with the Tigers whacking away those remaining two points and throwing the game into a deadlock.

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George Muetzel, the Tigers' 6-2 junior forward, paced the Canyonville scoring attack by pushing through 10 field goals and a lone free throw for 21 points. Six-five center Mike Heath contributed 17 points on seven baskets and three free throws.

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## Mendenhall Paces JV's

Eddie Mendenhall scored 19 points Friday night to lead the Roseburg Jayvees to a 60-43 win over the Willamette junior varsity in the prelude to the varsity clash.

Following close behind Mendenhall in the scoring column was Keith Olson, who hit 14 points for the Indians.

The Jayvees' 6-2 forward Tom Reese turned in a sparkling performance on defense, picking up 12 rebounds, blocking five shots and intercepting five Wolverine passes.

Mendenhall also sparked on the backboards, collecting an even dozen rebounds.

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It was the tall and the short of it that kept fans on the edge of their seats in the Roseburg High gym Friday night as the Indians' 6-6 Bruce O'Neil locked horns in a scoring battle with Willamette's 5-7 Terry Stahel.

And in the final accounting it was O'Neil's superior height that made the difference, as he combined with teammate Gary Heeter to control the backboards and pace the Indians to a 62-59 win over the stubborn Wolverines in the Midwestern League thriller.

The small, swift Wolverine guard won the scoring battle, pouring in 28 points to edge O'Neil by two. But in addition to his 26 points, the Roseburg center picked off 13 rebounds to lead both teams in that department. Heeter picked off 11 rebounds, as the Tribe won the all-important backboards battle, 46-31.

The Indians will travel to Thurston tonight to face the Thurston Colts. The Colts dropped a heartbreaking 55-53 decision to Sheldon Friday night. Game time tonight for the varsity tilt is 8 p.m., with the junior varsity scheduled to swing into action at 6:15.

Friday night's win over the Wolverines gave Curt Jarvis' Indians a two win and one loss record in Midwestern League play. They dropped a 54-37 decision to Sheldon in the opener and then came back to upend Springfield 69-55.

Heeter poured in the first points of the game Friday night as he hit on a drive from the corner, but John Rossow and Gary Ross countered with field goals to send Willamette out in front 4-2. Bob McKee tied it up again with a set shot and Stahel hit a free throw to put the Wolverines in front 5-4 with 5:42 left in the first quarter. Although they came within one point at crucial points in the game, this marked the last time the Wolverines held the lead, as Steve Vasterling connected on a pair of free throws and followed through with a field goal to send the Indians out in front 8-5.

At this point, with O'Neil breaking into the scoring column and popping in nine points before the end of the first period, the Tribe began to pull away and build up a lead. A hook shot by Vasterling at the close of the period sent the Indians into the second frame sporting a 20-point lead, 21-11.

The Wolverines, who had used a fast break during most of the

first quarter, began to slow down their offense in the opening minutes of the second period. They continued to use a full court press against the Indians and the two teams exchanged baskets during the first half of the second period.

With three and a half minutes left to play in the half, the Tribe was out in front 32-22. At this point, the Wolverine began rapidly closing the gap, picking up three field goals and an equal number of free throws to cut the margin to 32-31.

With two seconds left in the half, O'Neil stepped to the free throw line and put the Indians out in front 34-31. Then, in one of those thrilling desperation last-second shots, Willamette fired at the basket from behind mid-court, and in it went, leaving the fans stunned and the Indians leading by a lone point, 34-33.

The Tribe opened the second half by settling down to regain its margin, pouring in five quick points to move out in front 39-33. After an exchange of baskets, Vasterling, O'Neil and McKee hit three in a row to put the Tribe out in front again, 45-35.

The remainder of the quarter saw an even battle, with Willamette cutting down the margin by two points. It was during this period that Heeter proved to be a real workhorse on the backboards.

The battle continued on an even clip during the opening minutes of the final period, with Roseburg holding a 58-49 lead with 3:50 left in the game. Stahel and Lee Merwin cut that

lead to 58-53, before O'Neil picked up Roseburg's final four points on a tip in and a jump shot to make it 62-53 with 2:30 remaining.

The final two minutes saw a super effort by Stahel, as he hit a jump shot, followed with two free throws and came back to steal the ball and pour in a layup, cutting the margin to 62-59 at the closing whistle.

**Even Scoring Race**  
O'Neil and Stahel each picked up 10 field goals, with Stahel hitting 8 of 9 from the free throw line and O'Neil hitting 6 of 8. The Roseburg ace came up with a remarkable 500-plus shooting average from the floor, as he drilled 16 of the 19 shots he took Friday night. Stahel hit on 10 of 26.

Vasterling, consistent throughout the game, followed O'Neil in the Tribe scoring column with six field goals and a pair of free throws for 14 points. Bob McKee hit five times from the floor and once from the charity stripe for 11.

Statistics for the Roseburg-Willamette game are:

ROSEBURG (62)	FG	FT	REB	TP
O'Neil	10	4-8	3	26
Heeter	4	0-0	5	1
Johnson	4	0-0	2	2
McKee	5	1-2	3	11
Vasterling	6	2-3	3	14
Stahel	0	0-1	0	0
Burke	0	0-1	0	1
Sevall	0	0-0	0	0
Walton	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	26	10-14	17	67

WILLAMETTE (59)	FG	FT	REB	TP
Wood	4	2-2	2	4
Rossow	2	3-7	2	7
Merwin	4	0-1	1	1
Stahel	10	8-9	4	28
Ross	5	0-0	0	10
Nichelsen	1	0-0	0	2
Sullivan	0	0-0	1	0
Bard	0	0-0	1	0
Martin	0	0-0	1	0
Kelmy	0	0-1	0	0
Rorais	23	12-12	16	39

By Quarters:  
Willamette 11 22 10 16—59  
Roseburg 21 13 17 11—62

## Trojans Nudge Wildcats To Grab Share Of Lead

UMPQUA VALLEY LEAGUE

W L Pct. GB		
Douglas	2 0	1.000 —
Myrtle Creek	2 0	1.000 —
Glide	1 1	.500 1
Glendale	1 1	.500 1
Riddle	0 2	.000 2
Sutherlin	0 2	.000 2

**Friday's Results**  
Douglas 53, Glide 50  
Myrtle Creek 75, Sutherlin 44  
Glendale 76, Riddle 52

The Douglas Trojans came on strong in the first half and held tight throughout the second half of their encounter with the Wildcats at Glide Friday night to win 53-50 and claim half ownership of first place in the Umpqua Valley League.

The Trojans pulled into a slight lead in the first period and were able to start the second frame on the long end of a 14-10 score. The second quarter, the one that proved the final margin of victory, saw them outscore the hometown Wildcats 18 to 11 to take a 32-21 lead into the second half.

Glide came storming back in the third period, pouring in 17 points, while holding the high-

flying Trojans to 10. The two teams deadlocked in a nip-and-tuck final period, with Glide outscoring the Trojans 12-11, but not enough to overcome that first half deficit.

Larry Samples led both teams in the scoring department as he Samples' points were produced by seven field goals and six free throws. Bob Reed added five from the floor and one from the charity stripe for the Trojans.

Glide's Frank Jones paced the hometowners' scoring by hitting seven times from the field and five times from the free throw line for 19. Wade Sumpter pumped in 13 and Jack Rust added 11.

Glide is at Bandon tonight and Douglas will be at Coquille.

**SCORING**  
**DOUGLAS (53)** — Samples 20, Reed 11, Shepard 6, Stobe 5, Withers 8, Brown 2, Walker 1.  
**GLIDE (50)** — Jones 19, Sumpter 13, Rust 11, Young 4, DeGroot 3.  
By Quarters:  
Douglas 14 13 10 11—53  
Glide 10 11 17 12—50

## Myrtle Creek Rips Bulldog Five, 75-44

The Myrtle Creek Vikings rolled to an easy 75-44 win over the Sutherlin Bulldogs Friday night at Myrtle Creek to share the lead spot in the Umpqua Valley League.

In the game at Myrtle Creek, the favored Vikings pulled into an early lead and were never headed. By the end of the first quarter, they were out in front, 23-9.

The Viks kept piling on the points and moved into a commanding 42-17 lead at the end of the first half.

The game leveled off in the second half, with the Vikings outscoring the Bulldogs 17-15 in the third quarter and 16-12 in the final frame.

Jerry Wilson had a field day for the Vikings as he sizzled the nets for 29 points. Willson poured through 13 field goals and added three free throws to walk off with the game honors.

In addition to his scoring performance, Willson turned in a brilliant defensive show, blocking 10 shots and grabbing 16 rebounds. Bob Fuller gave up only two points to his man and Bob Beanblossom held his man to three.

Wilson was followed in the Myrtle Creek scoring column by

Larry Pringle, who hit on six baskets and a lone charity toss for 13 points, and Bob Fuller, who hit five from the floor and two from the charity stripe for 12.

Don Koch was the only Sutherlin player to score in the double figures column. He hit on five field goals and two free throws for 12 points. Larry Johnson, the Bulldogs' lanky center, scored nine to finish second on his team.

In the junior varsity game, Myrtle Creek won, 57-35. Dennis Birenbaum led the junior Vikings with 12 points, followed by Danny Billings and Vern Walker with 10 each. For Sutherlin, Loeffinger and Cannon each had nine.

**SCORING**  
**SUTHERLIN (44)** — Edwards 5, Hall 6, Johnson 9, Koch 12, Goertzen 6, Sikstrom 3, Loeffinger, Ouellette, Leatherwood, Chapman, Cannon 3, Parnell.  
**MYRTLE CREEK (75)** — Fuller 12, Pringle 13, Willson 29, Beanblossom 5, Quinn 5, J. Billings 5, Walker 2, Richardson, Birenbaum, D. Billings 2, Cadman, Benson 2.  
By Quarters:  
Sutherlin 9 9 15 12—44  
Myrtle Creek 23 19 17 16—75

## Glendale Holds Markham To 17 To Capture 76-52 Riddle Win

The Glendale Pirates keyed their defense at stopping high scoring Mike Markham—managed to hold the Riddle ace to 17 points — and claimed a 76-52 win over the Irish at Glendale Friday night.

Markham, regarded as one of the finest ball players in the Umpqua Valley League in recent years, was held to six field goals and five free throws Friday night by the two Pirates who kept taking turns guarding the Irish ace.

Glendale coach Bernard Schulz credited defensemen Hubert Stewart and Darl Suteh with playing a big role in the Pirate victory.

The win gives Glendale an even 1-1 mark in league play and leaves the Irish winless in two outings.

The first and final quarters proved to be the big ones for

the winners. They pushed in 20 points in the opening frame and 22 in the final eight minutes. Glendale took a 20-12 lead at the end of the first quarter and stretched it to 38-28 at the half. They matched Riddle 16-16 in the third frame, they outscored the Irish 22-8 in the final period.

Glendale hit 52 per cent of its shots from the floor, while Riddle hit 40. Another big factor in the Pirate win was that they out rebounded the Irish, 57-43.

The scoring honors went to the Pirates 5-7 guard Jim Redfield. A good outside shooter, Redfield also scored on several fast breaks to push in 10 field goals and 7 free throws for 27 points. Rojelio Gutierrez, who came on strong in the second half, hit seven times from the floor and once from the free

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McKenzie 0 6 .000 6

**Friday's Results**  
Pleasant Hill 45, Drain 35  
Junction City 68, Central Lin 57  
Creswell 74, Harrisburg 63  
Elmira 75, St. Francis 53  
Oakridge 59, McKenzie 52

The Drain Warriors suffered a cold night in the shooting department, breaking into the double figures scoring column in only one quarter, as they dropped a 48-35 decision to the Pleasant Hill Hillbillies in Emerald League action Friday night.

Friday night's loss left Drain with an even three win and three loss mark in league play. Junction City comes into tonight's game with a 6-0 mark and tied with Elmira for the league lead.

Drain fell behind 9-5 at the end of the first quarter Friday night and trailed 25-14 at the half. They outscored the Hillbillies 8-6 in the third period, but the Pleasant Hill five got the past of a 17-to-13-point battle in the final frame to claim the victory.

Jerry Smith led Drain in the scoring department with 13 points. Graham Derbyshire added 8 and Ramsey Derbyshire picked up 6. Willard Bradshaw and Derrald Mann each hit 15 for Pleasant Hill.

**SCORING**  
DRAIN (35) — G. Derbyshire 8, Smith 13, Gribble 2, R. Derby