

Order of O Names Official Hosts For Visiting High School Teams

Housing for the 16 basketball teams of the 1947 State High School basketball tournament has been reserved by the Eugene Active club, sponsors of the 29th annual classic, with Al Popick, president of the Order of the O, providing lettermen hosts for the convenience of each school.

University of Oregon lettermen, under the direction of Popick, will assist each team in any manner possible, thereby hoping to eliminate the irregularities that have confronted other teams in the past. The lettermen will see that each team is on time for their practice session. Whenever possible lettermen have been assigned to schools from which they have graduated.

One member of the Webfoot Jayvee basketball squad will also be assigned to each team.

Below is a list of each school, its residence, and the lettermen hosts provided.

Astoria: residence—Seals motel. Hosts—Bob Lavey and Bob Wren.

Coos Bay: residence—City Center motel. Hosts—Bruce Hoffine, Chuck Stamper and Sam Crowell.

Eugene: residence—home. Hosts—Reedy Berg and Chuck Beckner.

Hillsboro: residence—Eugene hotel. Hosts—Walt Kirsch and Roger Wiley.

Hood River: residence—Kennedy court. Hosts—Don Shaffer, Ed Dick, and Art Milne.

Klamath Falls: residence—Eugene hotel. Hosts—Bill Abbey and Jim Bartelt.

La Grande: residence—City Center motel. Hosts—Jim Berwick and Henry Steers.

Lebanon: residence—Hoffman hotel. Hosts—Al Cohen, Tom Corbett, and Bass Dyer.

Molalla: residence—Osburn hotel. Hosts—Dick Burns and Brad Ecklund.

Newberg: residence—Eugene hotel. Hosts—Les Wright and Dan Garza.

Rainier: residence—Eugene hotel. Hosts—Pete Torchia and Lyle Pettyjohn.

Redmond: residence—Osburn hotel. Hosts—George Dugan and Norm Hennwood.

Roosevelt: residence—Eugene hotel. Hosts—Johnny Miller, Bill Phillips, and Bob Santee.

Salem: residence—Osburn hotel. Hosts—Marv Rasmussen and George Morehead.

Sandy: residence—Osburn hotel. Hosts—George Bray and Don Dibble.

Washington: residence—Seals motel. Hosts—Bob Lavey and Bob Wren.

Eugene Actives

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Bob Hillyer has directed promotion from his headquarters in the Eugene hotel, and Ray Siegenthaler has obtained housing for the visiting athletes. At last tabulation 1600 berths were available for visitors.

Hobson Once All-State

Chosen by the organization to direct the tournament was University of Oregon basketball and baseball Coach Howard (Hobby) Hobson. Hobby, no stranger to state crown competition, was a star in his own right during his prep school days. In 1921 he landed a coveted all-state berth on the championship Franklin high school squad.

After leaving Franklin Hobson played college ball here at Oregon and then went on a coaching jaunt that took him to Cortland, N. Y.; Kelso, Washington; and back to Oregon where he coached in Portland and at Southern Oregon college.

After his stay at SOCE, genial Hobby came to the University where he has developed such All-American hoop stars as "Slick"

Vic Townsend, "Laddie" Gale, Bobby Anet, "Slim" Wintermute, John Dick and Wally Borrevik.

While a galaxy of individual stars have soared to fame under the expert tutelage of the canny Webfoot mentor his record for team play is not wanting. Best known quintet floored by Hobson was the incomparable NCAA basketball championship team of 1939. That year Hobson took his Tall Firs, or Alleycats to the pinnacle of cage success.

Eugene Band to Play

Oregon teams have consistently been one of the court powers in the Pacific Northwest and have received reams of favorable publicity on their annual eastern junket to Madison Square Garden. Known for their slashing, driving, race-horse style of play, Howard Hobson teams are always dangerous.

This year Hobson and the Active club have gone to great lengths to assure the preppers a pleasant stay on the Oregon campus. In charge of ushering at the games are the Eugene Boy Scouts under the direction of Duanne Mellem.

Music is to be supplied by the Eugene high school band and Director Byron Miller. Ticket sales are now being handled by Athletic Business Manager Anse Cornell and Mrs. Dee Wrenn at McArthur court as well as at Active club headquarters. On hand to care for ailing athletes will be the University of Oregon Trainer Tom Hughes. Publicity is in the hands of Dick Strite of the Eugene Register-Guard and Art Litchman of the Oregon Athletic News bureau.

Eugene Quint

(Continued from page five) warriors draw the strong Hood River quintet in the initial game. The Rivermen were the only opponents to cop a series from the Panthers though it was in non-league competition.

A glance at Coach Hugh Hancock's aggregation shows that a pair of hoopsters on the starting five have had no previous experience, while Bob Whitaker, spark-plug forward, is a two-year letterman.

Dist. 8, Newberg

Up in district 8, the Newberg Tigers defeated McMinnville, 49-39, to settle the race.

Dist. 2, Hood River

Runner-up in the state football play-offs last fall, The Hood River Dragons will attempt to better that record during the four-day casaba tourney. The Blue Dragons boast an outstanding record in both league and pre-season action, including a win over La Grande.

Center Lloyd Buettgenbach and Guard Lloyd Woody are a pair of backboard standouts that will see plenty of rugged action during the tourney. Versatile Don O'Leary, all-state griddier, is also slated to figure strongly in the Blue and Whites' attack. They are coached by Walt Buettgenbach, one-time Nebraska hoop star.

Dist. 4, Klamath Falls

The Klamath Falls quintet, district 4 entry, started the 1946-47 season in rousing manner by amassing 161 points in its first two tilts. The Pelicans continued to set a torrid pace in league play and climaxed

their campaign with a district-winning decision over the Medford Black Tornado.

Guided by Wayne Scott, another all-stater and ex-University of Oregon man, the Pelicans loom as one of the squads to watch as the tournament progresses. The first five is all-senior, four of the boys sporting a pair of stripes.

The K. Falls team, state champs in 1943, tangles with Lebanon in the first round.

Dist. 12, Molalla

The district 12 scramble was finally settled when Molalla staged a last half rally and defeated Milwaukie, 42-37, in the third game of their title playoff.

Dist. 13, Sandy

In a pair of thrilling playoff contests played at Hill Military academy, the Sandy Gophers defeated Columbia Prep of Portland 47-32, to win the thirteenth district crown. In their first hoop battle, Sandy edged past the Columbia Rams 30-29. The Sandy quintet was the top team of the Willamette valley loop.

The man to watch in tournament play is forward John Burch, who works hard under the backboards and a consistent high scorer.

Dist. 14, Rainier

Rainier, for the second consecutive year, comes to the state tournament representing the fourteenth district after taking the playoff from St. Helens. Winning the opener, the Rainier Columbians went on to topple St. Helens in the second contest 54-43 and take the district.

Forward Bob Hall is a consistent high scorer for the Columbians. He poured 26 points through the hoop in the second St. Helens contest. Six-foot 2-inch Herb Evans is strong on the boards for Rainier.

Dist. 15, Washington

Washington high school breezed through all conference opposition, except Jefferson and cellar place Lincoln, to take the Portland interscholastic basketball championship and fifteenth district crown.

This is the fourth year the Colonials have won the city championship, establishing a precedent which will be hard for any team to duplicate. The Colonials were the only high school quintet to hand a defeat to the Oregon Frosh out of the 26 high school teams the frosh played.

Washington held the state championship in 1945 when Oregon guard, Bob Lavey sparked the team through the state tournament to win all-state honors.

The Washington casabamen placed two men on the Portland all-city team and one on the second team. Forward Ray Foleen and guard Jack Keller won all-city honors on the first team while guard Daryl Nelson placed on the second team.

Dist. 16, Roosevelt

The favored Roosevelt Roughriders had a tough season, and when Portland city competition was over, the Teddies were tied for second place with Jefferson high school, each having 12 wins and 4 losses. In the play-off game held on neutral Benson Tech court, the Roughriders toppled Jefferson's Democrats 37-27 to represent the sixteenth district in the state tournament.

The Jefferson hoopsters placed guard Don Peterson on this year's all-city first team. Peterson scored a total of 217 points in competition this season. Forward Jackson Winters won third team all-city honors.

New Playwriting Contest Announced

The announcement of a new three act play writing contest, sponsored by the Nebraska Masquers, University of Nebraska, has been received by the English department.

Eight District Cage Entries Coached by Oregon Grads

When the prep hoop squads open the state tourney today, the maple boards of McArthur court will be a familiar sight to at least half of the coaches of the participating teams. Because eight of the 16 mentors here with their squads for the event graduated from the University of Oregon.

Several of the graduates have even pounded the boards in the past for Oregon, and most of the others took part in some sport while getting their education. A big share of them have been out of school for only a few years.

Five Former Hoopmen

Five of the prep coaches here with their division champs are former University hoopmen. Bill Borchert, head man of the Marshfield Pirates, earned letters in basketball and also in football. The Klamath Falls Pelican's Wayne Scott played for Oregon before he moved to Southern Oregon Normal. Don Mabey, who master-minded the LaGrande Tigers into the state event, is an ex-cager.

Don Kirsch, who is bringing his Hillsboro charges to the tourney for the second straight year, is a well-known former local athlete. His brother, Walt, played on the junior varsity basketball squad this past season. Washington's Colonials, who are in the event for

the fourth straight time, are coached by Arba Ager, who participated in both basketball and baseball.

Kuchera Coaches Eugene

Eugene's defending state champs are headed by Henry (Hank) Kuchera who graduated from the University in 1940. Molalla's coach is Don Wilson, who garnered two letters as a track man while at the local institution. Roosevelt's Roughriders, who took runner-up in the Portland league to earn a ticket to the Eugene festivities, are mentored by Rollie Rourke, who also graduated from Oregon.

Whether the familiarity these coaches have with the Mac court floors will be any advantage for their squads is doubtful, but there is a good chance that the top man of the tourney champs will have picked up his degree at Oregon.

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