

Prep Tourney Opening

Oregon high school basketball's annual greatest show on earth, the state tournament, rolls into its 37th year next Tuesday with five days of action in McArthur court, featuring 16 of the top class A teams in the state vying for the crown won last year by Milwaukie.

The defending champion Mustangs will be returning for a shot at the title, but Medford's Black Tornado quintet is the squad picked most likely to succeed.

Here is a rundown of the 16 district representatives participating in the tournament:

Baker Back After Seven Years

Baker's Bulldogs, winners of the district 1-A crown, enter tourney play for the first time since 1948. Coach Chuck Stevenson's five is paced by Center Oliver McCord, who topped the team with a 15.1 points per game aver-



MIKE MORAN

Dunking Eugene big man

(Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire Engraving)

age during the regular season. Other probable starters are Gary Milton, Larry Fuller, Wendell Neibuhr and Kemet Spence.

Coach Russell DeBondt's MacLoughlin high district 2 champions from Milton-Freewater enter the tournament with a 14 and 8 season record. Led by George Lieuallen, high scoring junior, the Mac high quint racked up Hermiston and Hood River to authorize the jaunt to Eugene. Other top men are Norm Weiss, Delton LaRue, Butch Fergner and Dick Roberts.

Redmond Topped Lakeview

After five unsuccessful years the Redmond Panthers struck tournament pay dirt in district 3 with a hard-fought 60-51 win over Lakeview's Honkers last Friday. Coached by Marv Scott and Don Campbell, the Panthers' starting five consists of Earle Smith, Willard Robinett, Earl Schult, Joe Peterson and Merle Eakin.

Favored to go all the way, Medford's Black Tornado re-enters Mac Court after a year's tourney absence. The district 4 winners racked up 23 victories to one defeat, including a perfect 12-win

conference record. Larry Copple, 5'11" senior guard, tops the squad scoring with 427 points in 24 games. Jerry Kalapus, Glenn Peterson, Frank Rector and Bud Kastner, round out the starting crew.

Marshfield Reign Ended

North Bend's district 5 champion Bulldogs join the top 16 ranks for the first time in 13 years, after finally breaking Marshfield's hold on the southwest Oregon spot. Coach Ray O'Dell's 23 and 3 club is sparked by seniors Willard Reeve and Huddy Schepman. The team's high scorer with 229 in 24 games is Reeve. Schepman is a driving playmaker. Jack Shanley, Dick Woolstenhulme and Al Van Leuven are other starters.

Coach Hank Kuchera's Axemen, runners up to the state champions two years in a row, enter tourney play with a 22 and 3 record plus a spotless league mark. The district 6 champs are led by towering Mike Moran. Added to the 6'7" center are tourney veterans Bud Kuykendall and Leighton Tuttle and Larry Hughes and Pete King or Bob Anderson for starters.

Albany Edged Corvallis

Returning to the playoffs for the second time in three years, Albany's district 7 champions are the third set of Bulldogs in this year's play. Coach Tommy Holman's quint edged Corvallis 41-38 Saturday night to gain its berth. Starters are Don Stamps, Pete Wilfert, Jerry Hazelwood, Bruce Ridinger and Rog Shortridge.

Brothers Rex and Ray Domaschofsky, conveniently called Rex and Ray Domy by the papers, top the Dallas Dragons, district 8 entry for the second year in a row. Rex copped the rebound crown at the 1954 show with a 13.5 average. Rounding out the Dragon club are Gary Cooley, John Hinds, Dick Smith and Bud Long. Dallas defeated McMinnville to gain its ticket and has a 21 and 4 record.

Hillsboro Surprise Entrant

Coach Lou Samsa's Hillsboro Spartans came from behind to surprise league leader Beaverton in the district 9 playoffs. The Hilhi crew whumped Beaverton, 50-39, to earn authority. Top starting prospects are George Rushlow, Wayne Bostad, Rolf Hansen, Larry Anderson and Mike Hafner.

Formerly a tournament certainty, Astoria's Fishermen had to dump Seaside, 59-41, Saturday before insuring their reservations. The Gulls had upset Astoria previously. An all-valley coast leaguer, Center Jon Englund tops the 24-4 Fishermen. Other stalwarts for Coach Ward Paldanius' crew include Dick Pekkala, Paul Osterlund and Frank Bechtolt.

South Salem Probable

After drawing a blank at Roseburg for many years, Dick Balantyne hit his first year at South

Salem with a tournament probability in district 11. The Saxons play Cascade, 8A-2 winner, in a best two out of three series tonight, Friday and Saturday to determine the representative. Starters for the favored South Salem quint are Dale Jones, Phil Burkland, Bob Wulf, Neil Scheidel and Bruce Patterson.

Ted Miller and Elmen (Red) Bleedel lead a strong defending championship Milwaukie squad from district 12. Coach George Crandall's five topped Oregon City Tuesday to reach its berth. In addition to all-staters Miller and Bleedel, last year's veterans are Bob Sturgis and Fred Lerner. Ron Connilles rounds out



HODDY SCHEPMAN
Driving North Bend little man

the state's number two AP rated team. The Mustangs are carrying a 22 and 3 mark into the hoop carnival.

An Altenhoffen Again

Central Catholic's Rams return to the tournament with an Altenhoffen once again leading the way and hoping for all-state mention. With Bob and Vince gone from the earlier power squads, sophomore center Jim is paving the way for the 1955 Central Catholic five. The Rams had to get by Estacada Wednesday for their spot. Other probable starters for Joe Burgato's crew are Bob Bernhardt, Nick Santangelo, Bob Hopman and Bob McWhirten.

A starting lineup all averaging over eight points per game is the secret of the state's only major undefeated team and district 14 representative, St. Helens. Jim Spears, Jim Ross, Marlin Marsh, Ron Olsen and Walt Skowhede all hit over eight a game for season play. The Lions carry a perfect string of 22 into Mac Court for their Wednesday morning opener.

Jolley Leads Cleveland

Unanimous all-city selection for the second straight year, Portland Interscholastic league scoring champion Dick Jolley

sparks the district 15 PIL champ, Cleveland. Starters besides Jolley will probably be Eric Peterson, Harvey Jones, Bob Hevener and Jay Bashor.

Number two team in the Portland league, Franklin's Quakers boast all-city selections Bob Matthews and Bjarne Jensen as top attractions on their district 16 club. Jensen, the 6'10" towering sophomore, has poured through 16.2 points per game. Coach Mel Krause's quint toppled Grant 73-52 Tuesday to nab its spot.

Roger Wiley of Oregon was the last man from the Duck team to win the ND scoring title before Jim Loscutoff in 1955, winning in 1949 with 235 points.

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