

LATEST SPORTING NEWS

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LOCALS WIN FIRST GAME.

Clean But Fast Contest Shows Weaknesses and Features of Locals.

Registering a fairly decisive margin, La Grande opened its basketball career with a victory against the snappy Union high school team last night at the rink. Over confident of any easy time of it, the La Grande squad came face to face with a material fact shortly after the whistle blew, and though Union never gained a lead, and scored but eight points to La Grande's thirteen, it was a contest in which the intense interest was manifest until the end. Union has a nifty little team especially clever on short, rapid passing, and caught the right cue at the first whistle. Where the La Grande players resort to the slower but longer passes in team work, the visitors pulled off a snappy short pass that for a time augured real ill for the locals. By stiffening themselves and turning their attentions to defense more than the aggressive, the locals were able to come away winners.

The game was the fourth time the team has been together this year, and when this is considered, the showing indicates that the locals have the right sort of stuff in them. Their signals are woefully weak as yet, the goal shooting knack has not been perfected and in various other ways, the boys demonstrated that they yet have a lot to learn. Occasionally the home youngsters showed streaks of team work and perfection that ended in scores but they have not gained the point where they are sure of any particular element that goes to make a team. The machinery that spells scores

would be set in motion at one end of the ball but cogs would slip before the goals were reached. For Union Ed. Lewin threw all the baskets and his floor work was the feature of the evening. He is versatile in dodging, and squirring. Mullin and Farley alternated at center for Union, while Hesse and Hall and G. Lewin took care of the forward positions. Turner and E. Lewin were the guards for Union. For La Grande Captain Bohnenkamp played center; Frits Lottes with Russell Ralston and Lee Reynolds alternating playing guards, and Cecil Bolton with the assistance of Lee Reynolds and Ralston played the forward positions. Bolton was the chief shooter though Reynolds, Bohnenkamp and Ralston came to his assistance.

The officials were Henderson and Curry referee and umpire and Frank Earls time keeper. The game practically void of fouls and the cleanliness of the contest indicated that the two teams are to meet in friendly though rival terms again. For interest, speed excitement and good natured rivalry, the contest was par excellent.

FIRST TEAM IS PICKED

On Showing Made Last Night Coach Carruth Selects His "Varsity."

- Olive Masseur, forward.
 - Clista Love, forward.
 - Anna Top, center.
 - Ruth Cotner, guard.
 - Runa Bacon, guard.
 - Elva Green, sub forward; Ida Billings, sub center and guard.
- The above team was picked today

by Coach Carruth as the result of the girls' tryout Friday evening. He is very much pleased with the showing that the girls made. While the two teams were very evenly matched, the players who won out last evening will have to play the game all the time to prevent others from taking their positions on the regular squad, later on, so keen is the competition.

The way the team lined up last night was as follows:

- L. F. Olive Masseur; R. G. Ruth Cotner; R. F. Zoe Bragg; L. G. Hilda Anthony; C. Ida Billings, Florence Stanfield; C. Anna Top; L. F. Clistia Love; R. G. Runa Bacon; R. F. Elva Greene; L. G. Serena Rohan.

The game was ten to nine in favor of Captain Bacon's side.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES.

Chicago Critic Points out What Allowances Can be Made This Year.

A Chicago critic speaking of the new rules in basketball has this to say:

The center man may jump out of the circle as soon as the ball is put in play, but one of the centers must touch the ball before it can be played by anyone else. As the heel is a part of the foot, he may turn on the heel as well as the toe. A man who is standing still when he receives the ball may step with one foot in any direction, but the remaining foot must be kept in position. There are two situations: (A) The player is standing still when he receives the ball. (B) The player is in motion when he receives the ball.

In the first case there are two possibilities: (1) He may pass the ball to another player—in which case he may step one foot in any direction, but the rear or pivot foot must not leave the floor until the ball has left his hands. (2) He may throw for a goal—in which case he may step, not jump, one foot in any direction, and he may then raise one or both feet from the floor as he throws, provided the ball leaves his hand before either foot touches the floor again.

In the second instance, if the player is in motion when he receives the ball he may do one of two things: (1) Play the ball in any one of the two ways mentioned, when he must dispose of the ball before the foot that was on the floor when he received the ball has touched the floor again; or (2) He may 'stop as soon as possible' and then play the ball as if he had been standing still when he received it.

HERE AND THERE.

Many of the local sports have been on a wild goose chase this week with varying degrees of success.

In "Red" Henderson Union has a fair and competent basketball official. He has that peculiar gift of administering justice without violating or infringing the "spirit" of the game, which requires tact of the first water. Many can apply the rules of the game literally but few can decide it judiciously and as the makers intended it should be.

If basketball games were all like the boys' contest last night, it would soon become a greater winter sport than it is. Swift, snappy and exciting yet not intentionally rough—therein lies the features which appeal to the average fan.

Next week will see the greatest three-department shoot ever held in this city, according to the promoters when the Conrad blue rock, rifle and pistol ranges open on the plains near the hospital.

La Grande has just about twelve coeds who vie with each other for basket ball honors—the result is that out of the dozen five will be developed who are actually good, for without stiff competition few quintets become successful in winning games.

The L. D. S. squad through its manager Waldo Geddes is making arrangements for a game at Union next week, and Cove is to be brought here soon after. The M. I. A. has its wires out for Baker City but that school can

meet school teams only.

Dave Brischoux the hound fancier took a pack of five canines to Telocaset today and will turn them loose on some coyotes that are bothering the ranchers in that section.

The Blue Mountain Association met Thursday evening. After the business had been attended to the members enjoyed the first gym work that they have had in their new quarters.

R. B. Hamilton of Burns, Oregon, a former O. A. C. man has just arrived to go to work in Silverhorn's drug store. Hamilton is an old college basketball player and well known to the many O. A. C. boys of La Grande.

JOHNSON IN GOOD FORM.

His Work Out in Chicago Shows His Real Class Despite Bear Stories.

Chicago, Dec. 17. (Special)—Walter Eckersall writing in the Tribune this week, says on the J. Johnson work out there Tuesday:

Not since his championship battle with James J. Genries at Reno has Jack Johnson, world's heavyweight champion, taken such a strenuous workout as he did yesterday at O'Connell's gymnasium while preparing his sparring partner, Walter Monahan, for his six round bout with George ("Kid") Cotton at Pittsburg on Dec. 20. The big negro champion went three fast rounds with Monahan, and apparently Jack has not lost the cleverness and speed which have made him one of the greatest fighters known to the prize ring.

Between rounds, Johnson took out time enough to emphatically deny that he is matched to meet the winner of the Langford-Jeanette fight, which will be held in Paris some time in February. If the match has been made, according to reports circulated yesterday, then it is all news to Johnson, who said he had not heard a word from the other side in regard to such a match, and he also said he will not fight with either of these men in Europe.

"Believe me, I am too wise to let them hand me a lemon over there," Jack said in talking about this fight. "When I go to Europe in April it is

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- A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. JOHN S. HODGIN, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
- B. P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. DR. G. L. BIGGERS, Ex. Rul. HUGH McCALL, Rec. Sec.
- WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Tuesday in the month. All visiting members welcome. NERI ACKLES, C. C. J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.
- M. W. A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Monday in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend. I. R. SNOOK, C. D. E. COX, Clerk.
- REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 56 meets every evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, N. G. MRS. JENNIE M. SMITH, Sec.
- KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall.) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights. JESS PAUL, C. C. R. L. LINCOLN, M. of R. & S.
- O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. C. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited. MARY A. WARNICK, Sec. PAULINE EDERLEE, W. M.
- WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT—Grande Ronde Circle No. 47 meets every first and third Thursday evenings in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are welcome. CHLOE ROBINSON, G. M. LIZZIE ELLSWORTH, Clerk.

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