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SPORT NEWS

Pendleton's Claim of Victory Over L. H. S. Will Not Hold Water

Game Was Actually Won By La Grande Team 23 to 22

(By Scoop)

La Grande won from Pendleton last Friday night 23 to 22.

Yet Pendleton high school claims two fouls, which were actually illegally shot after the playing period of the game ended, made by Hatton, Pendleton forward, gave them a victory.

Pendleton's newspaper, the "East Oregonian" printed a story Saturday to the effect that Hatton won the game for Pendleton high. The Journal of Portland, printed a story sent them by their Pendleton correspondent, identical with the one used by the Pendleton newspaper as far as the result was concerned.

Pendleton high school, a member of the Oregon State High School association, permitted the Pendleton newspaper to print the above mentioned item.

Still La Grande won and the claim that the Pendleton team were victors is not legal in any respect. Spalding's 1923-24 Official Basketball Guide clearly shows that La Grande was winner. This is explained more fully in a letter written to the Evening Observer by W. K. Gilbert, a witness of the game.

This letter is printed on the front page of this issue under the heading "W. K. Gilbert Tells About Game Contest."

Superintendent Hampton, of the La Grande high schools, vouches personally for the integrity of W. K. Gilbert and Coach Lester MacTavish, who substantiated Mr. Gilbert's statements.

The writer of this article is absolutely sure that La Grande high school won and also personally vouches for every word that W. K. Gilbert says in his letter printed today.

Coach MacTavish has written a letter to C. L. Parsons, in care of the Denver Post, explaining the facts of the case and asking for his opinion. Parsons is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Advisory Committee on Basketball.

The writer of this article has personally written a letter to H. H. Gregory, sports editor of the Portland Oregonian, explaining the facts of the case.

A copy of this edition of the Evening Observer is to be sent to the superintendent of the Pendleton high school this evening and a copy will also be sent to C. L. Parsons, L. H. Gregory, the East Oregonian at Pendleton, and the Oregon Journal at Portland.

La Grande high school is also sure that the game is here but due to the widespread circulation of the Oregon Journal and the East Oregonian, is presenting the facts of the case for the readers of newspapers to see. The readers of the two papers mentioned above are doubtless under the impression that Pendleton won the game and this impression should be corrected inasmuch as Pendleton high school was not winner.

HELIX PLAYS HERE TUESDAY

Umatilla County Champs to Try Luck With La Grande Legion Hoop Team.

When Helix takes the floor here tomorrow night against the La Grande Legion basketball team one of the best hoop games of the year is anticipated. Basketball fans are primed for a display of real hoop work with plenty of thrills.

Helix, who has defeated the Purple Giants who won from a La Grande town team here last year, comes to La Grande tomorrow as the strongest amateur team in Umatilla county. At the present time Helix leads the Umatilla county basketball league, composed of Pilot Rock, Pendleton, Helix, Milton-Freewater, and others.

Tickets are now on sale for the contest which will be played in the high school gymnasium. The game will be called at eight o'clock.

ELWOOD LYMAN IS CADET OFFICER AT O. A. C. NOW

CORVALLIS, (Special) — Elwood W. Lyman of La Grande, junior in commerce at Oregon Agricultural College, has received his commission as a cadet officer in the infantry unit of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, Colonel George W. Moses commandant of the R. O. T. C. at the college presented the commission.

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Union Loses 41 to 20 to Local Cagers

La Grande Boys Have a Successful Week With Two Victories — Girls Beat Imbler.

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ment at Union—and with Pendleton and one with Baker at Imbler. Baker plays Saturday and Pendleton comes here February 22.

Despite the difference in scoring, Union high put up a hard game here. Union has improved consistently since the first of the year and will undoubtedly be a strong factor in the tournament play. After seeing them play, the writer has no doubt but that the Marston and White team is one of the best in the district.

La Grande Takes Lead

La Grande took an early lead with a field basket but Union shortly tied the score and forged ahead on a free throw. From then on until the end of the first quarter the play was close. When the period ended La Grande led Union 11 to 7. In the second quarter Union was held scoreless while La Grande scored 9, the half ending La Grande 20, Union 7.

The last half resulted in La Grande scoring 21 and Union 12. Union scored by a total of six field baskets while La Grande loomed 18. However Union shot 8 free throws after fouls while La Grande made but 5.

Jensen, Black and McCallan were the men who scored the present share of the points for Union. The above trio scored 19 out of the 29 points made, Jensen being high point man for Union with 7.

Every man on the La Grande team hit his stride and excepting a few intervals the entire team worked like a machine. Hummel and Fynch were high point men with 11 each and Fynch, captain, and Coker, guard, tied for second with 9 points each. Stager, substituted for Hummel in the last half, scored the other point.

Both short and long shots were drilled in by the La Grande players and center and Coker, playing an excellent game, did his share of scoring. McCallan, who made no scores, looked very good at guard position.

In fact, Coach MacTavish is beginning to get results. His team is becoming more polished in both their offense and defense and by

the time the tournament arrives, should be improved still further.

Summary: La Grande 41, Union 20.

La Grande: Price (10)—9; Lynch—17; Hummel—11; Stager—1; Williams—6; Jensen—5; McCollan—6; Georsten—5; Gilbert—1; Gardner—0.

Girls' basketball, Union 4, La Grande 18. Points made by free throws: Union 3; La Grande 5. Free-throw missed: Union 2; La Grande 3.

Referee: Homer Jamieson, Baker.

In the girls' basketball game the La Grande girls first took possession of the first half and the last quarter with the second team playing the third period.

The score by quarters followed: Quarter 1, 2, 4, 2. Total 11.

La Grande: 26, 22, 5, 12. Total 65. Team: Jensen, Ella Anson, Nellie Hawkins, Wilma Blakes, Thelma Smith, Georgia Owen, Eleanor Glass, Mildred Snyder, Betty Cochran, Megan Weicht, Cora Stanley and Mildred Staughter represented the La Grande high school in the contest with the Imbler girls.

Golfers Enter Tourney

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — Golfers from many parts of the north and east are expected to participate in three tournaments to be played on the St. Augustine links during the next 60 days. The eighth annual spring tournament will open February 19 and play will continue through February 23. After that will come the women's third annual tournament, March 5-8, which will be followed by the Florida winter championship tournament March 13-22.

Walter Fried, professional in charge of the course which was one of the favorite places of resort for the late President Harding during his visits to Florida, pronounced both previous and fairways in almost flawless condition. He has recently negotiated

the 18 holes in 99 and followed that with a 71 on an unusually windy day.

Mr. J. K. Banning of Cincinnati, state champion, and one of the crack women golfers who visit St. Augustine, has announced her intention of entering the women's tournament in March.

SAYS NORTH POLE HAS FINE CLIMATE

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — The shipboard, on the United States navy's expedition to the North Pole next summer, will not find temperatures as low as those this winter on the Atlantic seaboard, a weather observer here, who estimated the government meteorological station at Point Barrow, where Alaska jets farthest north into the Arctic Ocean. Mr. Summers was transferred to Seattle from Juneau, Alaska, several months ago.

Mr. Summers said that the coldest June day recorded at Point Barrow, which is 1,117 miles above zero and the coldest July day 28 above. The range last July was from 23 degrees above to 58 above. In this month only two days were classified as clear.

The Shenandoah is more likely to encounter rain than snow, in the opinion of Mr. Summers. "Snowed the Pole at Barrow," he said, "considerably so. If there is no large body of land between Alaska and the pole. If there is an Arctic continent or a large island, radiation from the sun's rays will make it warmer and snow, nearly the temperature of Barrow." But in any event I do not believe that there will be 80° temperatures at the pole in July or late June."

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