

Eugene Whacks Cottage Grove 47-25

Axemen Favored To Take Title

By DICK STRITE
COTTAGE GROVE, Jan. 3.—The 6 basketball league play opened here Tuesday night before a small crowd of several hundred spectators who watched the Eugene high Axemen score a decisive 47-25 victory over the Cottage Grove Lions and take the initial lead in the championship Coach Hank Kuchera's hoopers are favored to annex this season.

Coch Curtis French presented a starting lineup of four members of his Tri-County championship football team—and the Lions played though they have lost little of their gridiron talent. The "Big Purple" was no lamb in a game that saw 32 personal fouls, 22 against the Groves who lost but one player—Harlan Chapman, who had been injured.

It may have proved to be a costly victory of Eugene because of a back injury suffered by Billy Hutchinson, key man of the usually smooth-working offense. Hutchinson left the game in the first 30 seconds of the second quarter.

With Dale Warberg, leading scorer with 14 points, graduating at the end of the term, and the added loss of Hutchinson, Eugene's title hopes may be "shot."

But there was no doubt regarding the superiority of the Axemen here Tuesday night as they posted their 12th victory in 13 starts this season.

With Warberg working under the baskets and Hutchinson putting one-handers from behind the key, Eugene took an 8-0 lead before Dwayne Carpenter's freethrow gave the Lions their first point—after more than 4½ minutes of play. Six minutes had elapsed before Carpenter pushed the Lions' first field goal through the hoop from beside the key.

But with Bill Fulp scoring from the field and Warberg canning two gifts, Eugene held a 12-3 lead at the end of the opening period.

The Groves' zone defense held Eugene to four field goals in the second period while Carpenter and Chapman equalled this scoring—the half ending 24-13 for Eugene.

Eugene B's Win 17-16
Chapman and Wilbur Heath, a 6-foot, 4-inch hooper who shows great possibilities, gave the Lion supporters a short-lived cause for cheering as they scored in the opening minute of the second half, but Eugene soon found the range and poured points through the bucket for a 15-point lead that was narrowed to 33-20 at the end of the period by Leonard Barkemeyer's long shot.

The contest was turned into a rout during the final frame, and Eugene held a 25-point, 47-22 margin in the last minute of play before Heath scored on his second pivot shot and Carpenter bagged a freethrow to end the scoring.

The Eugene B-squad had a rugged battle from a smaller and less experienced Grove team before winning by a 19-16 margin. The halftime count was 9-8 for Eugene and the little Lions threatened to take the game out of the fire in the final minutes of play.

Ernie Wilde and Dick Garrett paced Eugene's scoring with six points each while Virg Newton and Bill Kanel collected five each for the losers.

Summaries:
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Warberg, 4 10 14
Hutchinson, 2 3 3
Fulp, 2 3 3
Heath, 2 3 3
Garrett, 2 3 3
Wilde, 2 3 3
Newton, 2 3 3
Kanel, 2 3 3
Barkemeyer, 2 3 3
Totals 47 25 25

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Halftime score: Eugene 24, Cottage Grove 13.
Mixed freethrows: Eugene (11), Hutchinson 2, Warberg 2, Robinson 2, Fulp 2, Chapman 2, Cottage Grove (4), Minkey 2, Carpenter 2, G. Witherspoon, Barkemeyer.

B-SQUAD GAME
EUGENE (19) COTTAGE GROVE (16)
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Tigers Topped By St. Mary's

A strong St. Mary's hoop outfit downed the Junction City Tigers in decisive fashion Wednesday night on the loser's floor. The Catholic lads' victory margin was 48-27.

Hunters Sentenced For Fatal Accident

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 3.—Four hunters paid \$100 fines and were placed on parole Tuesday after a housewife was shot and killed in her trailer home while the men were illegally "spotlighting" deer.

Charles Duncan, husband of the victim, secured the light sentence when he said he believed his wife would not have wished the men sent to prison.

The 30-year-old victim was washing dishes while her two small children slept in a crib and husband played checkers with a friend. Four shots were fired, one striking her in the chest, killing her almost instantly.

The hunters said they mistook the window for what they thought was the reflection of a spotlight in the eyes of a deer.

Lee Mathews, a logging company truck driver, admitted firing the fatal shot. All four waived preliminary hearings on manslaughter charges and Judge L. G. Levelling sentenced them to maximum prison terms of five years and \$100 fines. They asked for parole and were granted it when the husband and district attorney offered no objection.

Big-League Magnates In Favor Of Alteration In 'Czar' Setup

By JERRY LISKA
CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Baseball's major league leaders meet here Friday to draft a new major league agreement re-creating the office of commissioner and presumably whittling down the big stick the late K. M. Landis waved inexorably for 24 years.

The job of assembling a work formula for Landis' successor falls to a 10-member committee, including five representatives each from the American and National leagues. It was handed this task at the league's recent New York meeting.

Apparently sounding the sentiments of most other owners, P. K. Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs and a committee member, said he would like to see a new agreement which would "codify the rules" of baseball operation under a commissioner.

Specific Limits Wanted
"We all agree that Judge Landis did an incomparable job of running baseball for 24 years," declared Wrigley, "but the time has come for we should have learned something in those 24 years—to say just what the commissioner had jurisdiction over—there should be a set of specifications drawn."

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"No one can say what will happen between now and spring on the war fronts," said Wrigley. "We think we can go, but there's no use getting excited about it anymore than just after Pearl Harbor. We'll fit in with the rest of the country."

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Lebanon Dominates Struggle To Tip Uni-Hi Cagers 37-33

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The Lebanon Berry Pickers defeated the University High Golden Tide on the Lebanon court Tuesday 37-33.

The Lebanon squad led for almost the entire game except when Chuck Gillanders tipped one in from just under the basket to put the Tide out in front 11-10 in the early part of the second quarter.

In the first quarter the two teams were fairly even with Lebanon edging out the Tide 10-9. The second frame saw the Uni. High team drop back to a 18-15 score at half-time.

The first half of the third quarter saw Lebanon go ahead and then give way to a fast-breaking Tide offensive starting Gillanders, Bob Sargent, and Dale Bruegger, who all helped keep the Berry Pickers from taking more than a 26-28 lead at the three quarter mark.

The last quarter of the game proved to be all Lebanon's for the Berry Pickers not only kept their lead but increased it.

The Lebanon lads also took the honors in the B squad game, beating the University High B team 24-22 in an overtime fray.

Lebanon (37) Uni-Hi (33)
Wallace, 6 15, Gillanders, 10 10, Sargent, 7 10, Cox, 7 10, Brown, 2 2, G. 6, Bruegger, 12 10, Carmel, 10 10.
Halftime score: Lebanon 18, University 15.

Les Horvath May Get Draft Call Shortly

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—U.P.—Les Horvath, Ohio State's "player of the year," and one of the stars in the East's team at Sunday's Shrine game, was in Hollywood today, reportedly interested in signing a movie contract, but faced with a probable draft call in the near future.

Horvath said he had "not been approached officially," but had been informed by Francis J. Powers, sports editor of the Chicago Daily News, that he would be when he arrived in the cinema capital. Powers and Horvath's teammate, Bill Hackett, accompanied the grid star south.

The 153-pound scot, back was outstanding in Monday's game, although playing on the losing side as the West engineered a 13-7 upset. He already has been "drafted" by the Cleveland Rams of the National Professional league, but announced he would turn this offer down.

Hackett, another of the Buckeye university's glamour boys, also was believed under consideration for a picture contract, but the all-American has another year of eligibility at Ohio State.

RANDOLPH VICTOR
NEWARK, N. J.—Teddy Randolph, 182½, New York, decided Johnny White, 211½, Jersey City (10).

South Of The Border Gridders Need Heft, Mentor Declares

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 3.—U.P.—Bernard Hoban, the Yankee coach of Mexico university's football team, said today that the Sun Bowl game had definitely demonstrated one thing: that Mexican teams need more brawn.

The Mexican team was out-weighted 20 pounds to the man by the Southwestern university team which defeated it, 33 to 0.

"We're going to try to attract more rugged players than we've been getting," Hoban said.

"But we're going to continue to play against eleven from the United States."

The Mexican team left for home Tuesday. It will arrive in Mexico City Thursday night.

Eugene Bowling

In a Willamette league bowling match Tuesday night the Springfield Tel. and Tel. outfit whipped the Douglas Lumber pinmen 2-1. Young took high series and singles with 499 and 199.

In other matches Booth-Kelly Lumber defeated Pioneer-Grocery 2-1 with McPherson taking series high with 572 and Hufstadler singles high with 204, and Monroe Lumber beat Manerud-Huntington 2-1 with Bonney carrying off series honors with 491 and Eberdt winning singles high by virtue of his 208.

The remaining matches resulted in Southern Pacific blanking Chula Vista 3-0 with Nicholson taking both honors with 593 and 208, and South Fork setting down Eugene Plywood 2-1 with Anker taking series high with 528 and tying with Thompson for high single. Both got 198.

U-Bowl Bowling

The Pennywise Drug keggers rolled out a whitewash win over Hart Larsen's 3-0 in a Super league bowling match. Northam took high series honors with 406 and Henzler got singles high with 225.

Highclimber

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