

# LaSalle Gets NCAA Title; Lions Third

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—LaSalle College of Philadelphia turned loose a tremendous third period offensive Saturday night to defeat Bradley University of Peoria, Ill., 63-55, for the NCAA basketball championship.

All-American Tom Gola sparked the furious rally that was given a tremendous ovation by the sellout crowd of 10,000 persons when he left the court for excessive fouling 2:18 to go in the final period.

## Peoria Defeats Grialva 63-55 To Retain Title

DENVER (AP)—Peoria's Cats had too much bench and rebounding power for San Diego's Grialva Motors to cope with and it resulted in Peoria's 63-55 victory Saturday night for the Cats' third successive National AAU basketball championship.

San Diego, paced by Glen Anderson, made it a hot contest for three periods before Peoria's superior bench proved the difference in the final period.

Both teams played a fine defensive game, but Peoria was able to move ahead at crucial moments of the contest. Peoria led only 45-44 going into the final period.

But a basket by Ken Sheets and a free throw by Ron Bontemps gave the winners a 48-44 lead with one minute gone of the final period. That was the ball game as San Diego faltered the rest of the way although Anderson continued to thrill the crowd of 7,000 with his one-hand jump shots.

Big Dick Retherford was the game's big star as he poured in 19 points and cleaned both backboards throughout the game for the winners. Anderson hit the same number of points and was the outstanding San Diego star.

Kirby Minter with 14 points, Bontemps with 11, and Don Penwell with seven points were smooth as cats for Peoria.

Little Ken Leslie was second high for Grialva with 11 points.

Peoria reached the final by defeating Indianapolis, 82-44; San Francisco, 64-53, and Denver by a 61-59 score in the semi-finals.

Denver won third place honors with an 87-72 victory over Fort Sill, Okla., by changing its tactics from defense to offense.

# Milwaukie's Mustangs Beat Eugene 52-44 for State Title

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## Roosevelt Fourth, Marshfield Fifth

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Of The Register-Guard

Always a bridesmaid but never a bride! That was the destiny of the Eugene basketball team Saturday night at McArthur Court when the Axemen had to swallow the bitter pill of finishing runnerup in the Class A state high school basketball tournament for the second consecutive year.

Milwaukie's top-ranked Mustangs proved just why they were so rated by busting Eugene wide open in the second half for a 52-44 victory. And it was a zone defense which did the damage. Eugene never has been able to really crack a zone this year—although they did win three straight in the tournament against zone teams—but their ability ran out.

Coach Hank Kuchera's boys went into the second half with a 23-22 lead—thanks to Jack Henkel's last second steal and solo—when Milwaukie unfolded its zone for the first time. That started turning the tide in the last minute of the third period, and the fourth quarter was all the Mustangs as they blew a close contest wide open.

A record crowd of 8,285 watched the finals, which were preceded by Clatskanie's 86-50 decision over Madras for third place. That turnout brought the tournament total to 69,539, also a new mark and more than 8,000 ahead of the old 61,882 standard set in 1952.

Poor shooting from both the field and foul line in the first half got Madras off to a slow start in the third-place contest, and the White Buffaloes never recovered from this point death against Clatskanie.

The Tigers had five points on the scoreboard before Madras could kick the lid off the basket with Danny Macy's freethrow. Clatskanie center Lew Harrison opened the scoring with a freethrow, took John Glouse's feeder pass for a cripple, and Larry Hermo found the range from the top of the key.

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The Buffaloes' closest bid after that came early in the second panel when Charles Nathan and Machamer hit from the key to bring Madras within four points, 16-12. But Harrison made a gifter and Don Baisley dropped in a southpaw cripple to pull Clatskanie out of danger. Baisley pitched in 11 points during this period alone as the Tigers built up a 31-22 intermission margin.

At halftime, Madras had managed but seven field goals in 24 tries, 294, and missed 18 of 26 freethrow attempts. That killed off the tournament darlings.

In the third quarter the Bisons again posed a threat on two baskets by Machamer and one by Macy to make it 34-29. Glouse retaliated with two freethrows and Larry Hermo garnered a trio of markers as the Tigers built up a 47-37 lead heading into the last period.

SEVEN STRAIGHT Mike Moran's fadeaway push narrowed the margin to one at the start of the fourth quarter, but Bloedel—doing king-size duty both on the boards and from a scoring standpoint—countered with two freethrows. Another singleton by Larry Larson, Stan Byars pump from the top of the circle and Sturgis' key jumper completed a seven-point Milwaukie string for a 43-35 margin.

That put the handwriting on the wall, although Eugene hung fairly tough until two minutes remained. Kuykendahl, Willoughby and Rasor hit fielders. But Bloedel's tip plus one gifter by Sturgis, who was the boy in the pinch, kept Milwaukie ahead 46-41.

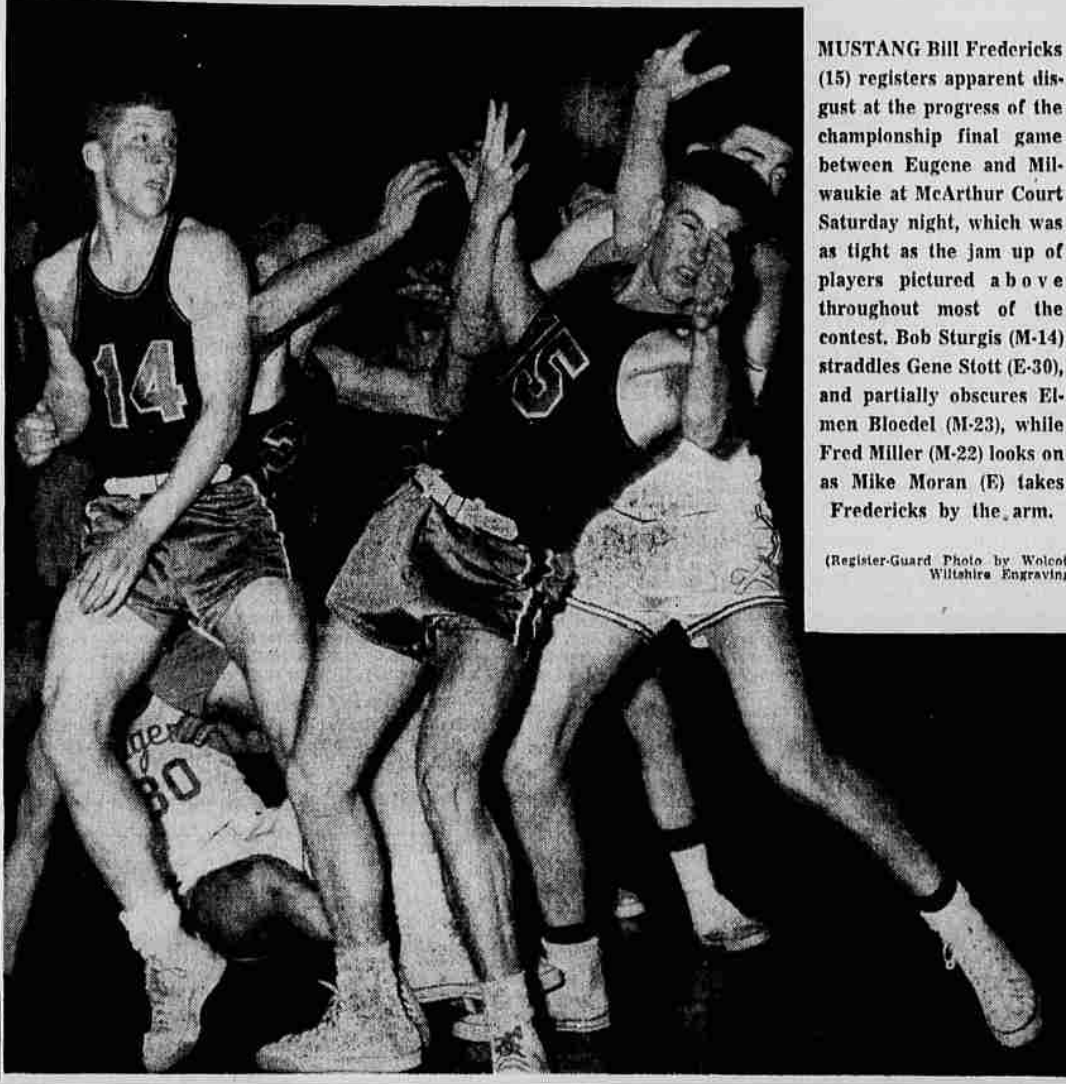
The Axemen's last gasp came with Henkel's high archer from in front. It followed another freethrow by Sturgis and left the score 47-43 with 2:05 remaining. But it was Sturgis again who cooled Eugene with two freethrows. That 49-43 score with 1:30 remaining left little doubt.

Bloedel's three freethrows ran out the Milwaukie total, while Willoughby's gifter closed out the Axemen season.

The first half of the contest was strictly a wait-and-see battle but neither team played particularly good basketball. Instead they were over-cautious and as a result missed many setup baskets.

Eugene ran up a quick 5-2 lead on a Mike Moran-Ainge-Rasor combination, Willoughby's jumper and Ainge's freethrow. The sturdy Mustangs came back for an 8-7 edge on Bloedel's freethrow, Bill Fredericks' two-hand pump and a singleton by Sturgis. Miller's first field try resulted in a swish and gave Milwaukie a 12-9 quarter lead.

The Mustangs seemed on their way for sure after three minutes of the second panel when they



MUSTANG Bill Fredericks (15) registers apparent disgust at the progress of the championship final game between Eugene and Milwaukie at McArthur Court Saturday night, which was as tight as the jam up of players pictured above throughout most of the contest. Bob Sturgis (M-14) straddles Gene Stott (E-30), and partially obscures Elmen Bloedel (M-23), while Fred Miller (M-22) looks on as Mike Moran (E) takes Fredericks by the arm.

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(74) BRADLEY	(76) PENN STATE
10. Peterson	12. Weldenhamer
12. Babeth	14. Brewer
17. Estergard	18. Arnelie
17. Carney	20. Fields
18. Kint	21. Rohland



LEW HARRISON Clatskanie



NORM WILLOUGHBY Eugene



DON AINGE Eugene



BILL FREDERICKS Milwaukie



TED MILLER Milwaukie

## HIGHCLIMBER

Baseball, of professional or high-class semi-pro caliber, looks like a dead duck again this summer, but Frank Grainger's "spring training" operative in the Riverside area, visions of possibility of a Eugene entry in the inevitable Northwest circuit after the Pacific Coast League folds in another four or five years. Frank believes and many people feel there is a dark, dark cloud hanging over the Coast League scene—the coming of Major League ball to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

From what you can gather here and there, it's just like the coming of our fall rains—you know for sure they are; it's just a question of when. They say it will be inside of four years; it could happen sooner. When it happens there is only one sure—the Coast League is no more.

There will probably be two leagues, one North with Vancouver, Spokane, Tacoma, Tri-City area, Victoria, Edmonton whatever alignment you can add to Portland, Seattle and Sacramento. In the south, maybe Salt Lake, Denver, Phoenix added to the major cities in Southern California (100 miles or so removed from the two Big-League cities).

Maybe even Eugene might get a spot if it doesn't come another four or five years or we add another 25 or 50 thousand people to Lane County. Anyhow, this is on their minds down here and no one can even hazard a close guess at the actual result when it comes. The realignment mentioned, of course, is nothing but a wild guess, but when you take the next out of the current league population you can very well picture the result.

The current baseball vacation report is somewhat premature. To be fact that the coast clubs are just getting unwound.

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JIM ENRIGHT "With Sweet Whistle"

## Idaho, WSC Boxers Win

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Lynn Nichols, University of Idaho, defended his welterweight Pacific Coast intercollegiate title here Saturday night despite a vicious last round flurry by game Ken Bauguess, Washington State College.

The underdog Bauguess threatened to beat Nichols at his own game when he came out best in several toe-to-toe slugging matches. Nichols, crowd-thrilling champion of 1953, ordinarily finds the rough going to his liking.

In the 119-pound class, Vic Kobe, Idaho State, scored a decisive win over Asberry Butler, San Francisco State. Eddy Olson, a calm and unruffled WSC 125-pounder, took his title over plucky James Green, University of California. Another WSC gloveman, 132-pound Gil Inaba, won an unpopular decision over John Jeager, Idaho State and San Jose State's 139-pound Vic Harris squeezed by John Heelan, Idaho State, with a strong third round.

## Mustangs, Axemen Dominate Choices

PLAYER	SCHOOL	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	AGE	CLASS
Don Ainge	Eugene	F	6'3"	181	17	Senior
Bill Fredericks	Milwaukie	F	6'4"	181	18	Senior
Lew Harrison	Clatskanie	F	6'2 1/2"	180	18	Senior
Norm Willoughby	Eugene	C	6'4"	193	17	Senior
Ted Miller	Milwaukie	G	6'2"	167	17	Junior
Bill Machamer	Madras	G	6'1"	148	17	Senior

Two members of Milwaukie's 1954 state high school champions and two members of the runnerup Eugene quintet dominated the all-state "s sextet" selected by the 16 coaches who participated in the tournament. The other two positions were extremely popular with the more than 8,000 fans who attended the final night of the tournament. The crowd gave both Bill Machamer of Madras and Lew Harrison of Clatskanie a tremendous ovation.

Ted Miller, high-scoring Milwaukie guard, and Bill Fredericks, Milwaukie forward, were the Mustang representatives on the select squad. The two Eugene Axemen who gained all-state honors were Don Ainge, lanky forward, and Norm Willoughby, who alternated between forward and center.

There were five players selected on the second all-state squad, including Elman Bloedel of Milwaukie, Johnny James of Benson Tech, Dave Gardner of Gresham, Wendy Rasor of Eugene, and Larry Hermo of Clatskanie.

Repeaters on the two squads were the three Eugene players who were on the second team last year when the Axemen lost out to Marshfield in the finals—Ainge, Willoughby and Rasor.



BILL MACHAMER Madras

## Charles Babb Dies

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Charles E. Babb, 81, infielder with the Brooklyn and New York National League baseball teams in 1903-1905, died at his home here Friday of a heart attack.

## Cage Scores

STATE TOURNAMENT	(Championship)	(Third Place)	(Fourth Place)	(Fifth Place)
Milwaukie 52, Eugene 44				
Clatskanie 66, Madras 50				
Roosevelt 60, Benson 57				
Marshfield 58, Dallas 46				

NCAA PLAYOFFS	(Championship)	(Third Place)
LaSalle 92, Bradley 76		
Penn State 70, USC 61		

AAU TOURNAMENT	(Championship)	(Third Place)
Peoria Cats 63, San Diego 55		
Denver Bankers 87, Fort Sill 72		

## Scoring Paced By Machamer

Bill Machamer, hot-shooting Madras ace who gained a first-team all-state berth, was the leading scorer in the 36th annual Oregon High School Basketball Tournament with 80 points, far off the 166-point record established by Wade Halbrook of Lincoln in 1952. Second in the scoring was Herb Brandt of Dallas with 74 points, followed by Ted Miller with 72.

Player	School	G	FGA	PG	FT	PF	TP	Avg.
Bill Machamer	Madras	4	76	24	12	38	80	20.0
Herb Brandt	Dallas	4	56	28	12	74	18.3	
Ted Miller	Milwaukie	4	47	28	18	82	18.0	
John James	Benson	4	46	14	26	58	16.9	
Larry Hermo	Clatskanie	4	37	18	74	60	15.0	
Wayne Young	Marshfield	4	47	20	13	53	13.3	
Bob Ayre	Marshfield	4	33	22	9	43	13.3	
Elman Bloedel	Milwaukie	4	44	15	22	12	52	13.0