



See 10,500 Next Time

Crowd of 9,000 Amazing

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A crowd of 9,000 at a regular season high school basketball game?

Most called it impossible. Now they're talking of 10,500 the next time out.

The estimated 9,000 watched South Eugene upset North Eugene 57-50 Saturday night at McArthur Court.

It's conceivable now the big pavilion will be filled to its 10,500-seat capacity when the two cross-town rivals meet again Feb. 19.

The fans still were talking Monday about the game that undoubtedly will vault South Eugene (8-2) into the No. 1 position in the prep basketball polls.

North Eugene (9-1), which despite its height couldn't cope with the Axemen on the boards, probably will drop only a notch to second spot.

The crowd Saturday night—no exact count was made but only the very top balcony was not filled—was the greatest ever to watch a regular season prep game in Oregon.

The previous high was 6,019 at McArthur Court a year ago for this same rivalry.

North Eugene principal Ray Hendrickson said he expected a

crowd of 6,000.

"This was astounding," said Hendrickson. He said it proves two fine high school teams—plus all the color—will draw.

"It gives the people of the area a chance to see a high school game without having to fight their way into a noisy high school gym," he said.

Hendrickson said he now expects the pavilion to be filled Feb. 19.

The gate was an estimated \$4,500 with the two schools splitting the money after expenses are paid. It would have been less than \$400 if the game had been played in the 2,200-seat North Eugene gym.

Normally the home team, in this case North Eugene, would receive the entire take.

The fans were still talking about South Eugene taking away the backboard game from towering North Eugene and the brilliant play of South Eugene's 6-8 John Pinkstaff.

The aggressive Axemen, who now have won six straight after two pre-season losses, had the rebound advantage 55-27 all through the Highlanders have four players 6-5 or better.

Pinkstaff, playing what coach Hank Kuchera said was his best game ever at South Eugene, picked off 21 rebounds and

scored 17 points.

The 6-6 junior played the entire second half with four personal fouls. It was his first full game since recovering from a chipped bone in his ankle.

The victory left South Eugene alone atop the District 5-A-1 standings with four straight wins while North Eugene now rests a game back in second place with Willamette.

South Eugene was in command much of the way with the Highlanders leading only once at 2-0 and tying it up only once at 38-all.

"They just simply outplayed us," said Highlander coach Mel Krause. "We just weren't aggressive. They deserved it. We didn't."

Aggressiveness—a lack of it—has been a problem all year for North Eugene.

"We learned a lesson," said Krause.

South Eugene hadn't beaten the Highlanders the previous five times out—two losses in 1961 and three more in 1962.

The series now stands at five wins apiece.

Kuchera not only had high praise for Pinkstaff but also for Bob Officer. "He had a tremendous game," said the veteran coach.

Officer, before fouling out late in the third quarter, har-

assed the Highlanders so well he was credited with 10 thefts of the ball.

"I figured rebounds would decide the whole thing," said Kuchera.

It did, too.

Game Notes . . .

After the first quarter, South Eugene had built up a 15-4 rebound edge with Pinkstaff picking off nine. The 6-6 star missed only 1:29 of the game—the start of the second quarter. . .

The biggest lead of the game was 12 points at 15-3 late in the first quarter. . . It was the first time all year that the Highlanders have been out-rebounded. . . Kuchera was not satisfied with his club's ball-handling, this slowing down the feared Axeman fast break. . .

South Eugene students have been known to call the Highlanders "Filbert Pickers" because the school was built in the midst of filbert orchards.

South now can start its own orchard. North Eugene presented the Axemen with a tiny filbert tree which a few moments later had a small confederate flag waving from its top. . .

The only grumbling heard was the result of all reserved seat tickets being sold out by Saturday noon. North Eugene sold 1,500 and now figures it should have had 3,000. . . The biggest crowd at a University of Oregon basketball game this year is 4,487. . .

The big gate insures that athletics can remain on a pay-as-you-go basis. No tax money is used for athletics at the Eugene high schools although many other schools have been forced to use it. . .

It was a rough weekend for the non-Lane County members of District 3-A-1—Marshfield, North Bend and Roseburg. The three managed only one win in five games. Willamette knocked off Roseburg and North Bend, South Eugene whipped North Bend and Cottage Grove tripped Marshfield. The only win was by Roseburg over Springfield. . .

The Marshfield wrestling squad also had its problems. Driving up to Willamette for a Saturday match, the Pirate bus had a tire blow out and a crane had to be called. They got to Will-Hi two hours late, then lost on the final match 25-22.

Double Whammy

South African golfer Gary Player gives a stern look to a playful poodle ambling across the 18th green in the Bing Crosby Pro-Amateur golf tournament Sunday at Pebble Beach, Calif. Player was in no mood to play

—especially with a poodle. He needed a birdie to tie with Billy Casper with first place—and he didn't make it. Player missed his putt and wound up in a five-way tie for second.

(AP Wirephoto)

Palmer Disqualified

'Crosby' Won by Casper

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP)—A superb wedge shot, almost as spectacular as the 140-yard eagle which won him the 1958 Crosby championship, brought victory again to quick hitting Billy Casper and sent him away from Pebble Beach today toward the San Francisco Open \$5,300 richer in Bing's famed \$50,000 golf show.

The tremendous wedge recovery shot from 75 yards out on "the finisher," as the treacherous 18th hole along Pebble Beach's rockbound coast has come to be known, laid Billy's ball a foot from the pin for a vital par 5. As it turned out, the shot put decisive pressure on husky U. S. Open champion Jack Nicklaus and the determined little South African, Gary Player.

Nicklaus found himself with a 30-foot putt to win at 18, missed it and slid past the cup 6 feet. Usually deadly accurate from that distance, Nicklaus missed the six-footer, took a bogey 6 and finished in a second-place tie with Player, who missed a 12-foot putt he needed to tie Casper.

The genial 31-year-old Apple Valley, Calif., pro's victory before a swarming crowd of some 35,000 in warm, sunny weather recalled his great win over Bob Rosburg in 1958, when the deciding shot was Billy's 140-yard wedge for an eagle on the par 4 11th.

Two over par at 17, Billy got the word that a par 5 might win for him on the final hole. He decided to play it safe but a careless spectator distracted him as he hit his 2 iron tee shot at 18. The man walked right behind Billy as he swung and Casper came up on the ball, which went off line to the right into a sand trap. He had to explode out and his following No. 3 iron left him 75 yards short.

Billy, one of the quickest hitters in pro golf, took only seconds to line up the crucial wedge shot and smacked it dead center on the green. It hooked slightly coming into the pin and stopped dead a foot away as the massive crowd let go with a roar of applause.

In grabbing first honors with a final two-over-74 for a four-round total of 285, Casper earned the distinction of being

the first pro ever to win the Crosby twice over the 72-hole route.

Dr. Cary Middlecoff put victories back to back in 1955 and 1956 but the tournament went only 54 holes in those days. And in the old Rancho Santa Fe days, also at 54 holes, Sam Snead won three times. The test was stepped up to 72 holes in 1958.

When the firing ended at 18, where Arnold Palmer capped a disastrous round by taking a horrible nine after shooting into Monterey Bay, there were five players tied at 286 for second place—Nicklaus, Player, Bob Rosburg, Dave Hill and Art Wall. It was worth \$2,145 to each of them.

All-time money winner Palmer, who was announced as the world's greatest golfer at the start of the final round Sunday and promptly reminded the announcer that "you should have seen me Saturday," learned after the finish Sunday just how disastrous Saturday had been.

A technical misinterpretation of a ruling on the par three 17th at Pebble Beach caused Palmer's disqualification from the tournament and four days of hard work for the exercise.

A stroke back of the second place foursome was Portland's Bob Duden, the only man in pro golf who uses a pendulum putter, swung like a croquet mallet between the legs, and who after Saturday's third round was leading the field by a stroke at 210. He soared to a finishing 77-287 to earn \$1,400.

At 288, Big George Bayer, first day leader Julius Boros and Doug Sanders.

The pro-amateur section was won by Sanders and Chicago industrialist Lloyd Pitzer with a best-ball of 257.

Ex-Ballplayer Dies

XENIA, Ohio (AP)—James H. Wiggs, former major league baseball pitcher who once was Ty Cobb's roommate, died Sunday. He was 83.

Pro Golfer Cards 19 on 10th Hole In Crosby Tournament

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Professional golfer Dale Douglass of Lakewood, Colo., carded a near unbelievable 19 on the 10th hole of the Pebble Beach course during Sunday's final round of the Bing Crosby tournament.

"It's kind of a blur," the lanky young pro admitted when asked about the horrendous hole.

"I know my tee shot lodged in the bank of a cliff. I tried to hit it about three times. Finally, it rolled back to the beach and an unplayable lie. I took the first of about eight penalty strokes.

"Everytime I hit the ball, it would slam into the bank and roll back to be half buried. Finally, I had to put it on a piece of ice plant to hit it out of there.

"Joe Campbell was playing with me and helped me count the strokes. I just can't remember all of them. I was on the green in 17 and two-putted. And I was trying my best on all the shots, but you just couldn't get any footing."

Douglass didn't lose his composure and shot even par for the final eight holes, finishing with a 92 and a 317 for 72 holes.

Free Instruction for Youngsters

A Plan to Regain Davis Cup:

CARMEL, Calif. (AP)—Tennis professionals in Northern California have embarked on a program to develop amateur talent among junior high school boys with a spokesman explaining, "Our aim is to regain the Davis Cup."

Seventy boys in the seventh grade who've never played tennis before are being given free lessons by the professionals during January, February and March. They'll compete in a tournament the last weekend in March with the eight showing the most potential to get further tennis schooling.

John Gardiner, operator of the Tennis Ranch School in Carmel Valley, is president of the non-profit Professional Tennis, Inc., which developed the training program.

Professionals donate their services and sporting goods manufacturers donate equipment.

Physical education instructors in the junior high schools through Northern California tested seventh grade boys who showed athletic ability. The 70 to receive the instruction were selected from an original tested

group of 500.

"We want to develop talent and interest in tennis," Gardiner explained today. "One requirement was that no boy had played tennis before. But he must have shown athletic ability."

"We placed no restriction on the boy because of scholastic or academic standing but asked the school principal to vouch that he is a fine citizen."

"We want to build a nucleus of young players with talent who will develop into competitive players. We hope to have such a program each year to rekindle interest in the sport."

"If such a program could be developed nationally, the United States would have a tremendous pool of tennis talent."

During the three months of training, the 22 professionals volunteering their services in the various communities will use their own instruction programs, and there is no restriction on any youngster because of race, color or creed.

"We want to find the best wherever they are," Gardiner declared. "We believe if you

give a youngster a start in tennis, he'll keep up with it. This nation has great athletes but too few of the youngsters are taking any interest in tennis."

During the past two years the United States has failed to win its way into the Davis Cup Challenge Round as Australia continues to dominate the game.

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