

# Elmira Falls in Consolation Final, 59-53

# Central Trims Coquille, 64-62, for A-2 Title

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COOS BAY (Special) — For the eighth time in as many years, the state has a different A-2 high school basketball champion.

And, fittingly, it's the team with the best record this time, even though Central Union was rated only fourth best in the polls at the end of the regular season.

Top-ranked Henley, which came to the tourney with a 23-0 record, and third-ranked Elmira were also-rans in the tournament matching the champions of the state's eight districts.

Central had to win its title the hard way—by going over-

time against upstart Coquille—in a title game which had nine ties and 10 changes of lead. The Panthers, finishing the season with a 24-1 record, finally prevailed, 64-62.

Henley (24-2) and Elmira (24-4), the pre-tourney favorites, finished fifth and sixth respectively. No. 2-ranked Pleasant Hill, the defending champion, lost out on a chance to defend its title by losing a best-of-three playoff to Elmira for the Emerald League crown.

**Central, 64-62**

A three-point play by Gary Neal with 27 seconds left in the overtime period brought Central from one point behind to give

it a victory over Coquille and the state championship.

The Panthers had been forced into the extra three-minute period when Coquille's 5-foot-9 junior guard Tom Leatherwood sank a pair of foul shots just 13 seconds before the end of the fourth quarter.

Coquille's five little "men of iron"—none of them over 6-foot tall and each of them playing all the way in three straight games except for one one-minute substitution Wednesday—had come from six points behind in the last 4½ minutes to tie the game for the ninth time.

Leatherwood and Neal, who were both named to the all-tournament team, matched each

other almost point for point throughout the game. Leatherwood, who if he can't find an opening for a shot is sure to get the ball to someone who can, finished up with 28 points. Neal had 24, including Central's last five of the game.

Coquille took its only quarter-ending lead when Leatherwood pumped in a set shot from the corner just as the buzzer sounded ending the first period.

The 18-16 Coquille lead didn't last long, however, as Leatherwood missed all eight shots he took in the second stanza while Neal was scoring nine points. That made it 35-31 Central at the intermission.

Then Leatherwood regained

his shooting eye, scored 13 of Coquille's next 17 points, and the Red Devils were just a point behind as the fourth quarter began. Coquille caught up four times after that—at 48-49, 57-57, 59-59 and the final 61-61—but could never get the lead until the overtime.

Coquille connected on over 40 per cent of its shots for the third game in a row, outshooting Central 419 to 360, and also scored eight more points than the Panthers on free throws.

But Coquille's lack of height led to its final downfall. Central, with 6-foot-5 and 6-foot-3 players in its front line, held a 46-26 rebound advantage and turned it into an extra 23 shots at the basket.

### A-2 Tourney

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Championship Finals  
Central 64, Coquille 62 (ot)

Third Place Finals  
Vale 65, Henley 59

Consolation Finals  
North Catholic 59, Elmira 53



**HENRY DRUMMONDS**  
Gains All-Star Berth

## Drummonds Gains Berth

COOS BAY (Special) — Two players from state champion Central and one each from Elmira, Coquille and Henley were named Wednesday to the A-2 tournament all-star team.

The champion Panthers of Monmouth-Independence placed Gary Neal, who scored 24 points in the championship game, and Dale Wildfang, who came within three of the tourney scoring record with 31 in a first-round game, on the first team.

Also named were Henry Drummonds of Elmira, the tourney's second leading scorer with 65 points; 6-foot-7 Kent Gooding of Henley, the high scorer with 67 points; and Coquille's junior guard Tom Leatherwood.

The second team was made up of Dave Wood and Pat Shely of runner-up Coquille, Mel Hyland and Ron Smith of Vale and Jack Petrina of North Catholic.

## Bucks Blank Seattle by 2-0

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

There were winners and losers but that's all that was decisive in Wednesday night's Western Hockey League action. And with nine more days left in the regular season, final standings in both divisions still are up for grabs.

Portland beat Seattle 2-0 and Edmonton whipped Vancouver 11-4 to leave the losers tied for first in the Northern Division. Spokane downed Calgary 4-1, which left Edmonton and Calgary sharing third.

Los Angeles edged San Francisco 2-1 and the loss, coupled with Portland's victory left the Bay City skaters seven points behind the Oregonians in the battle for the Southern Division crown. San Francisco has six games left and Portland four so the Seals could make up the deficit, providing Portland stumbles.

The Edmonton Flyers, with outstanding help from goalie Gilles Boisvert, showed the form that won them the title last season. Ray Kinesawich scored three goals and had two assists. Billy McNeil added a pair of goals and two assists. John Mizuk scored one goal and five assists and veteran Sid Finney came up with four assists.

Spokane's Max Mekliko also scored the three-goal hat trick. Two of them came in the third period after Calgary netminder Roy Edwards had turned back 40 shots. Edwards had 51 saves for the game.

Portland's Buckaroos didn't let Seattle get a shot at their goal for nearly five minutes and dominated play throughout the game.

Penalties were costly for San Francisco. Both Los Angeles tallies, one by Bruce Carmichael and the other by Leo La Bine, came when the Seals were a man short.

## OSU Congratulated

SALEM (AP)—Both houses of the legislature passed a resolution today congratulating the Oregon State University basketball team. The resolution will be given to the Beavers before they play Friday night at Louisville, Ky., in the national collegiate championships.

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# HIGHCLIMBER Pavilion Only Part of Complex

**By DICK STRITE**  
Register-Guard Sports Editor

★ **LOUISVILLE, Ky.**—The Oregon State University Beavers, who meet No. 1 nationally-ranked and champion University of Cincinnati Bearcats Friday night, today had their first look at Freedom Hall, the 18,000-seat basketball pavilion that is only part of an extensive complex owned and operated by the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

The complex, covering 357 acres, includes a stadium, golf course and automobile speedway in addition to exposition buildings, motel and a number of restaurants.

This two-day National Collegiate Athletic Assn. (NCAA) finale will be operated by the NCAA executive secretary Walter Byers, assistant director Wayne Duke, and the NCAA basketball tournament committee headed by Bernie A. Shivelu of the University of Kentucky.

Forrest T. Good, USC basketball coach, and Pete Newell, former coach of the NCAA champion California Bears (1959) and now Cal athletic director, are among the six committeemen.

This is the fourth time the NCAA finals have been held here—in 1958 when Kentucky defeated Seattle 84-72, in 1959 when California defeated West Virginia 71-70, and last year when Cincinnati defeated Ohio State 71-59.

Missing from the Bearcat lineup will be Paul Hogue, who outscored three-time All-American Ohio State center Jerry Lucas (22 to 11), who was voted the most outstanding player in the tournament and received an ovation from the 18,489 spectators in attendance.

Even without Hogue the Bearcats are rated the favorites and moved into the semifinal round with the most impressive win-loss record, but not with the longest string of consecutive triumphs.

Cincinnati is 25-1 on the season, but had a 37-game winning record broken by Wichita 65-64 only seven games ago.

The last previous loss was 70-68 in an overtime Bradley in the 13th game of last season.

★ **In this Silver Anniversary of the tournament we must mention again that Oregon defeated Ohio State 46-33 at Northwestern University in the 1939 curtain-raiser.**

Only Oklahoma A & M (State), Kentucky and San Francisco have won two consecutive NCAA titles besides Cincinnati.

Loyola goes into the semifinals with the best offensive record in the nation (92.9) and Cincinnati the best defensive record (52.8).

Oregon State has the lowest scoring average among the four entries and is second in defense.

Cincinnati has the largest enrollment among the schools in the semis (20,500), Duke the smallest (6,100).

OSU's Mel Counts is the tallest at 7 feet and Loyola's John Egan and Cincy's Larry Shingleton are the smallest at 5-10.

I've seen two previous championship finals—in 1949 when Kentucky's Alex Groza was the star and Adolph Rupp gave one of his most atrocious exhibitions as a coach.

And in 1952 when Phog Allen's Kansas defeated St. John's and Clyde "Three Stacks of Wheat" Lovellette was the star.

★ **Coach Slat's Gill sent his Beavers through a brief workout Wednesday night despite a one-hour arrival delay caused by a crippled plane in San Francisco that necessitated having another plane dispatched from San Diego.**

The flight time from Salem, including a 45-minute stop in Denver, was 7½ hours.

In addition to the writer, seven residents of the Eugene area on the flight were Mrs. Fred "Daisy" Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hills, Vern Hawn, Bob Hollingsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Roberts. Greeting the Beaver charter in Denver were the Roberts' daughter, Laureale, a junior education major attending Loretto Heights Girls School in Denver, and Cliff Crandall, star of the Oregon State team that gained the NCAA semifinals the only other time—in 1949.

Two other Lane county Beaver Boosters among the family numbering well over 1,000, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gerlach of Springfield, were scheduled to arrive here on a Thursday flight that will also bring the OSU pep band and rally squad.

There was only one difficulty on the air trip. Gill was forced to change the dinner practice schedule to allow for the three-hour time change one-hour delay. But all were well fed with tenderloins for lunch and ham for dinner.

★ **With the longest victory march among the four semifinalists are the Duke Blue Devils who have won 20 in a row after losing to Davidson and Miami of Florida in the seventh and eighth games of the season.**

Duke has a 26-2 record.

With a better win-loss record (27-2) are the Loyola of Chicago Ramblers who were beaten by Bowling Green and Wichita during the last eight games of the season.

Oregon State's Beavers are the outcasts and will be underdogs in both Friday or Saturday games, regardless of the opposition.

The Beavers are working on a seven-game winning record, but have lost seven while winning 22.

But the only team the Beavers lost to and didn't have a chance for revenge was to West Virginia in the Kentucky Tournament when Terry Baker played his first game of the season.

OSU split with USC, Stanford, California and Portland, and took a 3-1 margin against arch-rival Oregon.

Oregon State was the only team that "fooled" the rating experts, being ranked 14th by the UPI.

Cincinnati was ranked first and Duke second by both the AP and UPI. Loyola third by the AP and fourth by the UPI.

Besides upsetting fourth and third-ranked Arizona State, OSU eliminated 19th-ranked Seattle.

Others among the top ten or eleven by the two news services were eliminated in this manner: Wichita in the conference race, Mississippi State by Loyola, Ohio State in the conference

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**Gooding Tops A-2 Scorers**

COOS BAY (Special)—Kent Gooding, tallest player in the State A-2 basketball tournament, edged Henry Drummonds of Elmira for individual high scoring honors by virtue of his 28-point effort in the final game Wednesday night.

Gooding, who stands 6-foot-7, scored 67 points, while Drummonds, held scoreless in the second half of Elmira's final game Wednesday, ended up with 65.

Drummonds, however, was the tourney leader in free throws with 19 while Gooding led in field goals with 27.

Player	FG	FT	TP
Gooding, Hen.	27-38	12-24	67
Drummonds, El.	23-47	19-27	65
Leatherwood, Coq.	24-57	10-14	58
Wildfang, Cent.	19-48	14-18	52
Buchholz, El.	17-49	14-27	48
Wood, Coq.	20-41	8-8	48
Hyland, Vale	20-50	6-11	46
Gorman, N. Cath.	14-38	13-21	41
Smith, Vale	14-38	12-19	40
Neal, Cent.	17-40	6-11	40

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