

Bears Drop Game to Cavemen

Deschutes Quintet Provides Real Scare for Highly Rated Team From Southern Oregon

A determined band of Lava Bears from Bend gave the highly rated Grants Pass Cavemen a real scare in Eugene yesterday afternoon before being defeated 52 to 41 in a first-round game at the state high school basketball tournament.

After trailing 11 to 9 at the end of the first period, Coach Roger Wiley's Bruins roared back in the second stanza with a blistering attack paced by Bob Hawes, Reggie Halligan, and Al Christensen. By halftime the team had taken a 24 to 18 lead and appeared to be pulling steadily away from Grants Pass.

Connie Mack Has High Hopes

By Leo H. Peterson
(United Press Sports Editor)
West Palm Beach, Fla., March 16 (AP)—A lot of people are under the impression that Connie Mack, win or lose in his 50th year as manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, is going to quit baseball at the end of the 1950 season.

But it just isn't so, the lean, stately, 87-year-old owner and leader of the A's said today. "Mark my word, I have no intention of retiring," he states emphatically, "it's the last thing I'll ever do."

And from the way he said it, you know that it will take serious illness to force him to give up the reins of his beloved Athletics.

Sentimental Note
There was sentiment in his high-pitched voice and a school-boy gleam in his eyes as he acknowledged the pennant chances of his 1950 club.

"I am going to have very good pitching, good catching, and an exceptionally good infield — as good as any in the business — and I think enough outfield strength," he said.

"And we are going to have more reserve strength than last year. We have a real chance for the pennant. Our prospects are much brighter at this time this year than they were at this time last year."

Has High Hopes
"That's because we got Bob Dillinger and Paul Lehner from the Browns and because I think pitcher Phil Marchildon and outfielder Barney McCoskey are coming back."

He knows his 50th edition of Philadelphia Athletics are going to have a tough row to hoe. "I figure there are four very strong clubs in the league," he explained and then named them in this order: The Red Sox, Yankees, Indians and Tigers.

Upsets Noted In NAIB Play

Kansas City, Mo., March 16 (AP)—The surprise elimination of a powerful trio — Hamline, Westminster, and River Falls — in the N.A.I.B. basketball tournament wide open today as the eight survivors clashed in the quarter-final round.

Hamline, defending champion and heavy choice to repeat, was rudely bounced by a hustling Central college team from Fayette, Mo., 76 to 66.

Westminster, top-seeded in the lower bracket, was ousted by Davis and Elkins college, 35 to 75. And River Falls, with its brilliant point-maker, Nate Delong, was sent to the sidelines by East Central Oklahoma, 75 to 64.

Question Asked
So, with these landmarks gone, where does the tourney go from here?

For one thing, only three seeded teams remain—Brooklyn college, Central Washington and Indiana State. And none of the eight teams remaining ever has won the tourney before. Brooklyn college loomed the likely favorite from here out, with Baldwin, Wallace, and Davis and Elkins, also highly rated.

All four quarter-final games will be at night, instead of the split day-night programs that marked the first two rounds.

Davis and Elkins will start tonight's proceedings at 6 p.m. against the University of Tampa and then in order it's Baldwin, Wallace vs. Indiana State, Central Washington vs. Central Missouri, and Brooklyn vs. East Central Oklahoma.

OREGONIAN IN PLAY
Pebble Beach, Calif., March 16 (AP)—Defending champion Grace DeMoss of Corvallis, Ore., today was to meet Mrs. William Rainey of San Francisco in the semi-final round of match play in the Pebble Beach golf championship for women.

Miss DeMoss rallied strongly yesterday to defeat Mrs. Arthur MacArthur of Hollywood in the second-round of match play.

Motorcycle Used By Old Cowhand In English Hunt

Melton Mowbray, England, March 16 (AP)—The clatter of a midget motorcycle ridden by an old cowhand from Utah mingled with the pounding of hooves these days in the aristocratic Quorn hunt here.

The old cowhand is Herb Allen, 65. Born to a Briton, he has just returned to England. He spent most of his life in the United States, working a number of years as a cowpuncher near Salt Lake City.

Allen retired recently and decided he would like to see his old homeland. The Quorn hunt hounds intrigued him, and he decided he would join the hunt. But because of his age he decided to shun the horses. Instead he bought a tiny Corgi motorcycle.

While the rest of the hunters ride in the traditional manner, Allen rides in a ten gallon hat, high heeled boots, with wire cutters in his leather holster. The red coated and silk hatted hunters are startled but don't object.

'Wrestle Royal' On Card Tonight

A "wrestle royal" among six top-flight wrestling artists will be the bill of fare on Thursday night's card at the Bend armory, according to Tex Hager, promoter.

Participating in the match, which will start at 8:30 p.m., will be Al Szasz, 190 pounds, St. Louis, Mo.; Bob Cummings, 189 pounds, Seaside; Milt Olsen, 185 pounds, Racine, Wis.; Eddie Williams, 180 pounds, Springfield, Mo.; "Gentleman Dale" Haddock, 189 pounds, Wayne, Mich.; and Pierre LaBelle.

A \$200 purse will be awarded the winner of the special event, Hager announced.

All six contestants will enter the ring together at the start of the match. After two men have been eliminated, the other four will return for a 30-minute semi-final.

The last two contestants will then battle for one hour in a best two out of three falls for the purse. Referee for the wrestle royal will be Eldred Breese of Prineville.

The program is sponsored under the auspices of company I of the 162nd infantry, national guard unit in Bend.

Braves Favored In Ball Tourney

New York, March 16 (AP)—Bradley's top-seeded Braves and the unseeded upstarts from City college of New York were favored to knock off St. John's and Duquesne, respectively, tonight in the semi-finals of the national invitation basketball tournament.

The Braves from Peoria, Ill., were a four-point choice over St. John's, while the Braves were favored by five points over Duquesne.

The survivors will clash for the championship Saturday night at Madison Square garden, with the losers meeting in a consolation game.

Benefit Smoker Set for Friday

The first benefit smoker in the new central Oregon amateur gloves program is scheduled for the national guard armory in Bend on Friday night. The first bout will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Participating will be youthful fighters from Bend, Redmond, Sisters, and Prineville.

Following is a list of the matches: Frank Kennison versus Bob Winslow, Ronald Collins versus John Collins, Chuck Allen versus Tom Henderson, Milton Bowman versus Tom Schrock, Donald Moye versus Bud Henderson, Billy James versus Stanley Noe, Jack Gillilan versus Roger Van Est, Don Nichols versus Bill Gibbs, and Lem Foster versus Bob Wonsler.

Non-Profit Affair
The new program is non-profit. All proceeds from Friday night's smoker will be used to cover the various expenses of the amateur organization, including the purchase of new equipment.

H. Bruno, promoter, reports that training sessions this week have been lively and promises plenty of fast action on Friday's card. He announced that doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale at the gate. There will be no reserved seats, Bruno said.

Bulletin Classifieds Bring Results

LaGrande Quint Loses to Speedy Portland Team

Eugene, March 16 (AP)—Four consolation and four quarter-final games in the 32nd annual Oregon high school basketball championship tournament were scheduled today, with championship bracket semi-finals set for tomorrow and the finals for Saturday night.

In the four games played yesterday afternoon and last night, McLoughlin disposed of Seaside, 46-41; Grants Pass beat down second half Bend rally to win, 52-41; Roosevelt of Portland fought a tough La Grande team for a 43-41 win, and Central Catholic ran away from Eugene in the last quarter to notch a 63-46 win.

Today's consolation games begin at 8:30 a. m. with Milwaukie playing Hillsboro. At 9:45 a. m., Dallas plays Scappoose, Seaside and Bend collide at 11 a. m., and La Grande and Eugene meet at 1:45 p. m.

Meet This Afternoon
In quarter-finals play, Corvallis and Marshfield meet at 3 p. m., Jefferson of Portland and Salem play at 4:15. The evening double-header will match Grants Pass with Mac Hi and Roosevelt with Central Catholic.

Roosevelt high school stayed in the running for its second straight championship by edging a fighting La Grande team last night 43-41. The lead shifted and was tied several times during the first half, with La Grande leading 23-22 at halftime.

Roosevelt took over the lead as play entered the fourth period, but two minutes later the score was tied up at 37-all by La Grande. Thirty seconds later, Bill West put La Grande into the lead again, 39-37. The score was tied again at 39-all, but Wayne Berry came through with two points to make the score read in La Grande's favor, 41-39.

Free Throws Count
Four free throws by Roosevelt sank La Grande's bid to tonight honors. Paul Poetsch was high scorer for Roosevelt with 10 points, but Burl Green of La Grande was high man of the game with 13 points.

Grants Pass won a late afternoon game against Bend, 52-41 after Bend had rallied down a 24-18 halftime lead. During the first three minutes of the third quarter, forward Don Hedgepeth led his Grants Pass Cavemen to a 26-24 score over Bend. By the end of the period the score favored Grants Pass, 41-30.

Seaside Defeated
Mac Hi of Milton-Freewater stopped Seaside's late third and fourth period rallies to win 46-41. Mac Hi's longest lead came early in the third period, 26-17. At the end of the period, however, Seaside held the upper hand, 32-31.

With three minutes left in the game, Mac Hi took over 43-37. Seaside guard Bruce Maltman sparked some more scoring to close the gap to 43-41, but a Mac Hi field goal and free throw put the game on ice at 46-41.

Guard Jerry Crimmins of Mac Hi was game high scorer with 22 points. Seaside's Maltman hit 18 points for the losers.

Win Is Impressive
In heating Eugene 63-46, Central Catholic scored the most decisive win so far in this year's tourney and also set a record for free throws missed. Central missed 22 out of 37 charity tosses.

During the second quarter the lead changed six times before the half ended with Central leading, 26-23. During the third period, Eugene rallied and closed the score to 29-28. After 90 seconds of play in the fourth quarter, Central pulled away from Eugene.

High scorer of the game was Bob Altenhofen of Central with 20 points. Clark Hollis led Eugene scoring with 15 points.

Lakers Assured Tie in Tourney
(By United Press)
The Minneapolis Lakers today were assured of at least a tie for first place in the central division of the National Basketball association.

The Lakers closed out their home season last night with an easy 96 to 62 victory over the Baltimore Bullets. George Mikan led the way with 34 points.

It was the Lakers' 30th straight home court victory of the season. In fact, the Lakers lost only once in 34 appearances before their home fans all season.

Minneapolis needs a victory in its final game of the season at Fort Wayne Sunday night to capture the central division pennant from the Rochester Royals.

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