

Loggers, Rogues Make Class B Title Finals

Eagle Point, Feb. 18—Butte Falls and Rogue River here Friday night gained Saturday night championship finalist berths in the Jackson county "B" high school basketball tournament but not without hard struggles.

Butte Falls bounced Phoenix 38 to 30 and Rogue River edged past Talent 39 to 37. Both victors were hard pressed most of the way. In Friday afternoon games Gold Hill and Jacksonville got to the consolation consolation game by beating Prospect 35 to 22.

The Loggers took command over Phoenix late in the second quarter. Butte Falls won out 8 to 7 in a see-saw first frame. But Phoenix hopped in front 13 to 8 by 2 minutes 15 seconds of the second stanza.

The Loggers on two goals by Pinocchio Poole and one by Dude Henshaw went back ahead 14 to 13 by 4 minutes 20 seconds. The Pirates' Fred Furry dribbled the tally with a free shot. Field heaves by Darwin Moore and Poole gave Butte Falls an 18 to 14 halftime margin.

From that stage Phoenix never got closer than three points to Butte Falls although they hounded the Loggers, putting up a tough battle and turning to a length of the floor defense in late moments in a desperate effort to get control of the ball. Butte Falls led at the third quarter 31 to 24 and at the automatic breather 36 to 27.

The Rogue River-Talent fracas started out a nip-and-tuck affair, the rivals knotting at 2 to 2, 6 to 6 during the first 6 minutes 30 seconds. Charles Jacobs flipped in a two-pointer at 7 minutes 30 seconds to give Rogue River a 10 to 8 advantage and the lead for keeps. First quarter standing was 11 to 10.

Rogue River lengthened to 20 to 10 in 6 minutes of the second period. However, Talent commenced a valiant uphill climb and cut the deficit to 21 to 17 by the half.

The Bulldogs almost caught Rogue River in the third stanza, outscoring the Chieftains 13 to 12. Tallies were well spread out among the Bulldogs as they cut

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SPORTS

W.S.C. Edges Nearer Title In Hoop Race

By United Press

Washington State college edged a little nearer the northern division crown in the Pacific Coast conference basketball race Friday night by drubbing the University of Washington 54-48.

The resurgent Idaho Vandals, meantime, erased any mathematical chances the University of Oregon had for the title by upsetting the Ducks 53 to 47.

The games shuffled the standings with only WSC standing firm in top spot. Oregon State, idle last night, took possession of second spot as Washington tumbled 27 percentage points down. Idaho moved out of the cellar with its win over Oregon.

Idaho overcame an early Oregon lead to run the Webfoots into the dust during the first half. The Vandals at one time held a 23-13 edge.

Oregon came back strongly in the second half to knot the count at 40-all. But Idaho's Bob Pritchett connected with a long, left-handed shot to put the Vandals ahead for keeps.

Eagle Point Next Home Game Dated On Tuesday

Eagle Point, Feb. 13—Next basketball game for the Eagle Point high will be Tuesday, February 21, when it takes on Illinois Valley (Kerby) in a Southern Oregon conference-District 4 JDI clash on the Eagles' floor. Varsity game will be at 8:15 after a prelim.

While the Eagle Point quintet has not done so well in district and Southern Oregon conference play this season it is undefeated and leading the Jackson-Douglas-Josephine league without a defeat in games played to date.

The Rogue leads successively to 28 to 27, 30 to 29 and 31 to 30. Pete Purrier's shot at the intermission horn made it 33 to 30.

Rogue River extended to 37 to 30 in the fourth quarter but with Horb Combs hitting four, Nichols two and Montgomery one Talent hammered up to 39 to 37 by the automatic timeout.

The Chieftains stalled the ball almost the entire last 3 minutes. There were interruptions of two held balls and a missed foul shot by Purrier. Talent recovered at the final seconds and was driving basketball at the horn.

Talent throughout had basketball hitting trouble, particularly at the foul line. The Bulldogs swished only 5 out of 20 foul tosses while the Chieftains made 9 out of 16.

About 1,000 fans had gathered when the final brush of the evening began.

Lineups: Butte Falls 38: 30 Phoenix: Bartlett 3, 7 Furry, Henshaw 4, 3 H. Holloway, D. Moore 17, 7 Hite, Poole 11, 3 H. Schmeizer, White 3, 4 Bacon.

Substitutions: Butte Falls, Casey, Irwin, Phoenix, Williams, Yarnell, Hutton 1, Thompson 4, L. Schmeizer 1, Henry 2.

Rogue River 38: 31 Talent: Jacobs 4, 6 Cowdry, Gene Deputy 8, 3 Montgomery, Purrier 17, 12 Nichols, Frantz 4, 4 Hartley, Pottewitz 4, 8 Combs.

Substitutions: Rogue River, Reid, Glen Deputy, Boulder, Talent, Williams, Henry 2.

Mobilgas And Green's Play Monday Night

Mobilgas and Green's confectiionery will clash on the local junior high floor Monday at 7:30 p.m. for the right to help represent the Medford AAU Basketball league in the district AAU playoffs at the senior high gymnasium here Tuesday night.

Last week Thursday the Mobilgas quintet defeated the confectiionery team after Green's earlier in the season had won over the gaslinemen. Tomorrow's clash will be the playoff.

District Playoffs Set

Winner of this tilt will represent the Rogue River town team in the AAU district playoffs against the American Legion quintet and the Fleischman's Lumber company team Tuesday. The other teams are from Josephine county.

Tuesday's playoffs will match the two teams from Grants Pass at 7 p.m. and about 8:15 Rogue River will play the Green's vs. Mobilgas winner.

Only one game will be played Monday evening at the Junior high.

Dusette And Atlas Paired

Promoter Mack Lillard announced yesterday that he has succeeded in matching Georges Dusette and the Great Atlas for the feature match on Thursday night's armory wrestling card.

They will meet over the one hour route with two out of three falls deciding the issue. There will also be two other matches on the program, starting at 8:30 p.m., Lillard said.

Both Dusette and the Atlas are full nelson experts but differ greatly in their wrestling style. Dusette prefers to use legitimate holds and to stay well within bounds of the book of rules while the self-styled Mr. America resorts to any means to gain the nod and almost always seeks to disable an opponent beyond the necessary amount when gaining a fall.

The match has long been sought by Lillard and is one which local wrestling fans have been waiting to see for a long time.

The other two matches will probably be announced tomorrow.

Jack Burke Sets Pace In Texas Golf Tourney

Harlingen, Tex., Feb. 18—(UP)—Blond Jack Burke, the rising golf star from White Plains, N. Y., took over the 54-hole lead today in the Rio Grande valley open tournament with a 14-under-par 109.

Young Burke, carding a 31-35—66, was hard-pressed by Fred Haas Jr. of New Orleans, La.; Dave Douglas of Newark, Del., and Skip Alexander of Knoxville, Tenn., who were tied for second place with 200.

CAL CREW SETS RACES

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 18—(UP)—University of California's crew, defending champions at Poughkeepsie, will meet five Pacific coast crews this spring. Coach Ky Ebricht said today.

Talent In Third, J'ville Winner Of Consolation

Eagle Point, Feb. 18—Talent high took third place in the county class B basketball tourney here Saturday night by downing Phoenix 42 to 29 and Jacksonville high edged Gold Hill 28 to 24 to take the consolation round honors.

Paul Hardy's two free throws and a field goal while Gold Hill missed four free throws in the final three minutes gave Jacksonville its victory. Gold Hill led at the first quarter 9 to 8, at the half 18 to 16, at the third quarter 22 to 21 and the score was tied 24 to 24 at the automatic.

HARDY, SMITH LEAD: Hardy with 11 points and Bob Smith with eight paced Jacksonville and Gold Hill teams respectively.

Phoenix led 14 to 9 at the first quarter in its game with Talent but the Bulldogs came back to lead 22 to 18 at the half, 29 to 26 at the third quarter and 37 to 28 at the automatic.

Rollie Hartley paced Talent with his 15 points while Pete Furry got 13 for Phoenix.

Coast Baseball League To Open Spring Training

San Francisco, Feb. 18—(UP)—Pacific Coast league baseball teams, preparing to embark on a 200-game schedule—longest in the nation—open spring practice this week-end in southern California and Arizona cities.

From last year's pennant winners, the Hollywood Stars, down to the tail-end Los Angeles Angels, all start the new season with visions of a pennant contender.

All of the teams will train in southern California except the Oakland A's, who set up shop Monday in Mesa, Ariz., near Phoenix. The Stars will work out the winter kinks at San Fernando; lucky Seattle draws plush Palm Springs; Sacramento goes to Anaheim; Portland's Beavers to Riverside.

Los Angeles returns to Fullerton; San Diego tries Ontario again and the San Francisco Seals, who spent a rainy 1949 season at Boyes Springs near Sonoma, turn south to try their luck at El Centro.

Pitchers and catchers, who require a week or so additional time to get in shape, will head the array of players reporting Sunday and Monday. Most of the rest of the squads are not due to report for another week.

CELERY JOINS OAKLAND

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 18—(UP)—Bob Celery, University of California quarterback, will go to the Oakland A's spring training camp at Mesa, Ariz., Oak's Manager Charles Dressen announced today.

Basketball

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Fordham 70, St. Johns 64 (overtime); Holy Cross 70, Rhode Island 62; South Carolina 49, Wake Forest 43; Citadel 54, North Georgia 43; Arkansas 52, Texas Christian 43; Oklahoma A&M 39, Detroit 27; Kansas 59, Missouri 52; Hawaii 65, John Carroll 61; Michigan State 68, Wayne 44; N. D. State 54, Augustana (S.D.) 40; New Mexico A&M 50, West Texas State 49; Utah 56, Brigham Young 42; Denver 45, Wyoming 33; UCLA 69, Stanford 39; Utah State 49, Colorado A&M 36; Western Montana 66, Rocky Mountain 58; Montana Mines 53, Carroll 44; USC 61, California 34; Colorado Col. 68, Colorado Mines 53; Montana State 76, Gonzaga 68; WSC 54, Washington 46; W. Washington 54, British Columbia 52; Idaho 53, Oregon 47; San Jose 59, San Diego 48; Cal. Aggies 51, SJC 42; Oregon Fresh 57, Portland Fresh 46; Linfield Fresh 36, Lewis and Clark Fresh 43; Lewis and Clark 39, Linfield 38; Chico State 72, Humboldt 36; Loyola 38, Nevada 36; Santa Clara 76, St. Francis 64; SALT LAKE 58, Eastern 51; Buffalo 69, Hawaii 50; Illinois 70, Michigan 60; Maryland 64, Davidson 61; Indiana 60, Purdue 50; Syracuse 77, Colgate 62; Princeton 44, Cornell 42; Nebraska 59, Colorado 49.

3 Junior Hi Quintets Sweep Triple Biller

By Hank Green

Medford junior high basketball coaches like to see their teams win games just as much and just as often as the next fellow but they do draw a line at gaining them as was necessary against Klamath Falls eighth and ninth grade teams on the local floor Friday afternoon.

The local junior high varsity (ninth grade) needed an overtime to gain a 35 to 33 decision in the afternoon finale after the local eighth graders had dropped the visitors 33 to 31 in a result that was not decided until the final minute and a half of the game.

Seventh Graders Win: Medford's seventh grade quintet had a somewhat easier time in downing Eagle Point seventh and eighth grade combination 28 to 22 although the game was closely fought.

Final buzzer of the ninth grade contest showed the score tied at 33 to 33 after the Bulldogs had rallied in the second quarter to take leads at the half, third quarter and the automatic timeout. Klamath had dominated the first half in scoring.

Klamath was ahead of the local varsity 8 to 7 at the first quarter but Medford went into 17 to 12 halftime lead, 24 to 20 at the third period and 30 to 26 at the automatic.

Free Throws Help: Free throws in the last minute and a half of the eighth grade game by Gregory and Huber provided the margin of Medford victory. Klamath led the first quarter 9 to 2, and 22 to 13 at the half but Medford was on top 27 to 23 at the third and 31 to 29 at the automatic timeout.

Tight man-to-man defense by both Klamath teams seemed to slow the Bulldogs in the early parts of both games but after they solved this riddle Medford's two quintets rolled along. Klamath's height helped much in gaining rebounds.

No Local Walkaway: The seventh grade game was by no means a walk-away for Medford although it led 7 to 2 at the first quarter, 10 to 7 at the half, 15 to 14 at the third and 24 to 20 at the automatic.

It was the local seventh grade quintet's ninth victory in 10 games played.

NINTH GRADE GAME: Medford 35: 33 Klamath: Bingham 13, 4 Lundsten, Grippen 1, 8 Gilmore, Cordier 4, 7 Horton, Walker 5, 2 Mills, Gregory 11, 5 Keller, Atterbury 11, 8 Schuler, Walker 5, 12 Pence, Substitutions: Medford, Spinas 1; Pyle 1; Klamath, French 2.

EIGHTH GRADE GAME: Medford 33: 31 Klamath: Holzgang 7, 6 Waybrant, Williams 6, 2 Mills, Gregory 11, 5 Keller, Huber 7, 8 Schuler, Lilly 1, 9 Herrera, Klamath substitutions: Watson 2, Wells 2.

SEVENTH GRADE GAME: Medford 28: 22 Eagle Point: Jacobs 6, 4 Campbell, Kastner 3, 14 Gillespie, Daily 6, 2 Caldwell, Dyer 5, 5 Stewart, Eck 8, 9 Toash, Substitutions: Medford, Harper 2; Gault 6; Klamath, Turner 2.

Baseball At Senior High

Medford high will open its Southern Oregon conference baseball schedule March 31 with Eagle Point high on the local field, Coach Alex McDonald announced Saturday. He said the conference schedule had been completed but that other games will be added to Medford later.

April 7 the Tornado will meet Central Point at Medford, April 14 it will be against Ashland at Medford, April 22 Medford will play at Klamath Falls, April 25 the Tornado will go to Eagle Point and on April 28 the locals will meet Grants Pass on the local school field.

The May schedule opens on the 2nd when Medford will play at Central Point, followed May 5 when Medford goes to Ashland, May 12 when the Tornado meets Klamath here and ends May 19 at Grants Pass.

Other schools to be scheduled for 1950 include Roseburg, Myrtle Creek and possibly Drain or Eugene.

Marlene Tops Sister Florida Golf Tourney

Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 18—(UP)—Marlene Bauer of Medford, Tex., after beating her older sister for the second time within a week, today shared the Everglades invitational mixed foursome title with Reginald Boardman Jr. of Palm Beach.

Marlene, who celebrated her 18th birthday two days ago, teamed with Boardman to beat older sister Alice and Clarke Hardwick, 3 and 2.

Last week-end, Marlene defeated Alice in the finals of the Palm Beach women's tournament.

Rogue Snowmen Meet Monday At High School

Rogue Snowmen Ski club will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in room 45 at Medford senior high school for its monthly meeting which will include the showing of a color film about the 1948 winter Olympics which the Standard Oil company will present.

Everyone interested in skiing while a member of the club or not, will be welcome, officers said.

WEATHER

By United Press
Northern California — Few light showers P.L. Arena and Red Bluff northward and drizzle central coast Sunday morning but otherwise fair Sunday and Monday, Cooler Sunday.

Hi School Basketball League Divided; Large Towns Play Each Other

News of interest to basketball fans of the area who have found criticism for the present set-up whereby all teams in the Southern Oregon conference play each other during the season, were hoping Saturday that a division of the conference will help basketball.

Coaches and school representatives of the conference have voted to divide the conference into two leagues with larger schools (Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland and Klamath Falls) in one and the smaller schools (Eagle Point, Illinois Valley and Central Point) in the other league.

At the end of both conferences a playoff will be held to determine the conference champ and the team to represent the district in the state title tournament.

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OSC Plays Ducks Next Week-end

Corvallis, Feb. 18—Back in the thick of the torrid 1950 northern division basketball race Oregon State's basketball team is preparing for the final two-game series with Oregon next week.

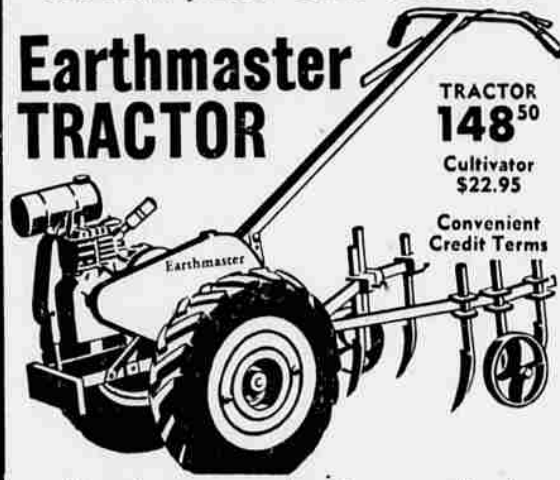
The Beavers will entertain the Webfoots next Friday evening in the final game of the season in mammoth new Gill coliseum.

Saturday night the clubs will switch operations to Oregon's McArthur court for the series finale.

Reserve seats for Friday's "civil war" battle were sold out more than a week ago, but several thousand general admission tickets will go on sale at the gates at 6:45 the night of the game.

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