

SOC Cage Tournament Today and Wednesday

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SPORTS

Rogue River to Play Sacred Heart for 'B' District Title Soon

Rogue River, Feb. 28—All was in readiness here today for the invasion by Rogue River high school basketball squad of Klamath Falls where the Chieftains are slated to meet Sacred Heart of Klamath in the first of a best two out of three series for the district title.

First game will be played in Klamath Union high school gym at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday after a preliminary to be announced later. The second game is billed for Thursday at Klamath and if a third clash is necessary it will be played in some Medford school gymnasium.

Paisley Loses Twice

Sacred Heart won the right to meet Rogue River for the district 5 championship by besting Paisley, Lake county champion, in two games last week. Jack Howard and Ralph Beard scored 24 points between them to help the Trojans to their 51 to 27 victory Saturday.

The Chieftains gained the right to play for the district title plus a place in the state B championship tournament by winning the Jackson county tourney at Eagle Point and by completing the regular county class B season undefeated.

Reports here today were that Sacred Heart's crew is small but fast and not only has topnotch talent in its first string quintet but also good players in its reserves.

Trojans Listed

The Trojans have Ralph Beard and Dan Mahoney, guard and forward respectively, who were named on the all-star county B

basketball team and brother Jim Mahoney, forward, and brother Ray Beard, guard, with Hank O'Keefe, center, usually make up the first academy team.

Reserves who may see service include Hack and Bob Howard, Mike Groff, Roger Dwyer and Lowell Shuck.

Sacred Heart academy knocked over Merrill, Chiloquin and Henley in addition to two over Paisley.

Chiefs Games Listed

The Chieftains have downed Gold Hill, Butte Falls, Jacksonville, Prospect, St. Mary's (Medford), Talent, and Phoenix in class B competition during the regular season.

Dutch Meyer of Central Point and Ed Smith of eastern Oregon will officiate.

Stickel Abandons Championships; Tourney Planned

Ray Stickel has given up his southern Oregon lightweight and welterweight amateur boxing championships because he no longer is living in southern Oregon, it was announced today by the Southern Oregon Boxing club, sponsors of local amateur boxing.

Stickel won an elimination tournament to gain the lightweight crown and won the welter title by outpointing Bill Berry here last week.

Larry Burdette and Owen Thomas, matchmakers for the Southern Oregon Boxing club, said they would arrange a tournament to determine new champions.

In the meantime, they were trying to secure a foe for Kenny Carothers, Grants Pass welterweight, to headline their show on March 8. Carothers is well known as an amateur boxer in Josephine county, having had 12 bouts and winning all of them by knockouts. He is a brother of Joe Carothers, who lost a close decision to Dale Odom here February 1.

An opponent also is being sought for Odom for the next card, the promoters said.

Raiders Play OCE Tonight

Ashland, Feb. 28—College basketball will be on the sports menu for valley fans tonight and Wednesday when Southern Oregon college plays host to Oregon college of Education at Memorial court. The Red Raiders already have clinched the Oregon Collegiate conference title.

The games this evening and tomorrow night will be OCC contests and Coach Ted Schopf of SOC predicts two of the toughest games of the current season. Up at Monmouth some time ago when the two teams played the Raiders broke even.

Rivalry Rated Strong

Intense rivalry among the two teachers' colleges alone can make this two-game series a hot one.

Tonight's contest is slated for 8:30 after two prelims with schools in the high school B invitational taking part. The varsity tilt tomorrow is booked for 8:30 also, Schopf said.

SOC expects to enter the Northwest N.A.I.B. tourney at Portland next week to play for the right to enter the national N.A.I.B. The Raiders would represent northwest teachers colleges.

High School Scores

WILLAMETTE Fresh 58, Brownsville 23.
Odeh 71, Mosier 45.
Woodburn 63, Sandy 43.
Sacred Heart (Salem) 35, Silverton 31.
Stayton 36, Mt. Angel 34.

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

Riddle vs. Creswell, 8 p.m.
Talent vs. Coos River, 7:15 p.m.

Ashland, Feb. 28—Seven games in the opening round of the annual Southern Oregon college invitational basketball tournament will be played starting at 8:45 Wednesday morning in Memorial court at SOC, Tournament Director Al Simpson announced today.

Actually the tourney gets underway tonight when two games are played at prelims to the SOC vs. Oregon College of Education title slated for 8:30.

Wednesday's Schedule

Wednesday's opener will see Valselt meet Lorane at 8:45 a.m. as 18 class B high school teams from as far away at Westport on the Columbia river in addition to Jackson county schools start off the tournament with Talent high as defending champion.

Other first round games slated tomorrow will put Bandon against Butte Falls at 10 a.m.; Gold Hill vs. Elkton, 11:45; Oakland vs. Prospect, 1 p.m.; Paisley vs. Brookings, 2:15; St. Mary's (Medford) vs. Westport, 6 p.m. and Phoenix vs. Jacksonville, at 7:15.

In addition there will be on second round tourney tilt Wednesday and also a consolation bracket game. The fact 18 teams are entered instead of a "workable" 16 in making up tourney brackets, makes it necessary to schedule a second round game Wednesday, Simpson said.

Second Round Game

The director said he sent out 40 letters to B schools in Oregon inviting them to take part. Two or three of the schools which entered had to wait until this past week-end to be sure they were not entirely out of their district title.

Second round game tomorrow will put the winner of the Talent vs. Coos River game against the victor of the Riddle-Creswell game at 3:30 p.m. These first round games are slated tonight.

Continues To Saturday

The first consolation round game tomorrow will send the losers in these games being played tonight against each other at 5 p.m.

The tournament will continue with morning, afternoon and evening games scheduled Thursday and Friday as well as Wednesday and the final championship, third place, fourth place, and consolation round champion games will be played Saturday night.

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Pointers Slated Gold Hill Games Wednesday

Central Point, Feb. 28—Central Point seventh and eighth grade fives will contend with Gold Hill here Wednesday night in their final games before the county tournament.

The seventh grades will tussle at 6:45 o'clock.

Last night at Phoenix the Pointer seventh graders plastered the home quint by a lopsided 49 to 2 count. The Pointer eighth graders walked over Phoenix 43 to 11. Gordon Carrigan with 11 and Bob King with 10 sparked the victors.

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ON MAT—Tony Ross, shown here, will team with the Great Atlas against Georges Dusette and Pierre LaBelle in a tag team wrestling match at the armory Thursday night. It will be a grudge affair between the Atlas and Dusette with the other two thrown in for good measure. The tussle, expected to be one of the best partnership duels here this year, is set for one hour or two out of three falls, Lee Grable and Karl Gray meet in the opener.

Eagles Host C.P. Tonight; Locals Away

Two Southern Oregon conference high school basketball games will be played tonight with Medford high's Black Tornado traveling to Cave Junction to take on Illinois Valley (Kerby) and Central Point playing at Eagle Point.

The Pointers vs. Eagles game will also decide whether Eagle Point will be defeated in Jackson-Douglas-Josephine (JDD) league competition this year or whether the Pointers can win and thereby tie the Eagles for the league leadership.

A victory for Eagle Point would give it the JDD title and also complete an undefeated cage season. The varsity tilt is billed for 8:15 following a 6:45 preliminary game.

Over at Cave Junction not much will be accomplished by a win for either team although the Black Tornado is expected to have little trouble with the boys coached by Wes Peters, ex-SOC cage star. The varsity game at 8:15 will follow a preliminary scheduled at 6:45.

Champion Given Unpopular 'Nod'

Seattle, Feb. 28 (U.P.)—Ike Williams, 143, lightweight champion of the world, was awarded an unpopular split decision over John L. Davis, 137½, virtual unknown boxer from Oakland, Cal., who carried the fight all the way here last night.

Williams failed to live up to advance notices as Davis, boring in from the opening minute, kept the champion back-peddaling in defense most of the way, Williams' lightning fast jabs, which he kept throwing into Davis' face, piled up points he obviously needed when the final bell rang.

Williams took the opening rounds as he danced in and out, throwing left jabs into Davis' face. But the Oakland hopeful kept boring in, shaking off the effectiveness of most of Williams' punches and landing telling blows of his own.

Villanova Stays Out NCAA Ranks

Villanova, Pa., Feb. 28 (U.P.)—Villanova, one of the "sinful seven" colleges cited for violation of the N.C.A.A. "sanity code" on sports indicated today that it will continue to violate the code.

The college announced it had sent a letter to the National Collegiate Athletic association saying that it is "unable to comply" with the N.C.A.A. ruling against outright scholarships to athletes and is "most unwilling" to change its policy.

The letter said that Villanova "is most unwilling to discriminate against a student enjoying a full scholarship by barring him from participation in intercollegiate athletics."

Ex-Oregon U. Pitcher Looks Good At Drills

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 28 (U.P.)—Manager Bill Sweeney takes charge of his Portland Beavers again today after missing the workout yesterday while in Los Angeles on business.

Pitcher Dick Waible, who quit the University of Oregon to follow a pro baseball career, looked sharp in drills yesterday and Coach Art Mills said the young righthander "showed lots of promise."

Three College Quints Chosen in NIT Tourney

New York, Feb. 28 (U.P.)—Now that the ice has been broken for the National Invitation Basketball tournament by the selection of the first three teams, officials promised today that the remaining nine spots will be filled rapidly.

Duquesne (22-1), Bradley (25-3), and St. John's (21-4) were awarded the first three spots. There still was a good possibility that Duquesne and Bradley would also receive a bid to the N.C.A.A. tourney. The N.I.T. starts March 11, the N.C.A.A. on March 23.

Basketball MONDAY'S RESULTS

NYU 66, Notre Dame 63.
Ohio State 69, Michigan 58.
Toledo 52, Oklahoma City 43.
Bradley 57, Tulsa 56.
Indiana 80, Illinois 66.
Wisconsin 67, Northwestern 53.
Kansas State 74, Colorado 49.
Indiana State 83, North Illinois 50.
Utah State 53, Colorado A&M 48.

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School Track And Baseball Squads Informal Practices

Track and baseball practice—formal, that is—await the end of the basketball season at Medford high but still about 100 youths have been running around the local track to loosen up and another 40 or so have shown interest in 1950 baseball, the coaches reported today.

Coach Alex McDonald of the baseball squad said about 40 boys met recently when he called for an indoor meeting of those interested and that already several prospective pitchers and catchers are working out the kinks in their arms and legs.

Newland Coaches Two

The Tornado track squad's formal practice has awaited the end

of the cage season when Coach Bob Newland can take formal command. Newland is coach of the Tiger Cubs basketball team as well as the track squad. He said that around 100 boys are out anyway.

Formal drills for boys in both sports are expected to start the end of this week or early next week. The basketball season for Medford ends tonight when the Tornado plays at Illinois Valley.

Prospects for a good season in both track and baseball are rated pretty good by observers who point out that the thinned squad of last season which won the state championship lost but three top men. Those graduating were Jerry McGrew, Rich Riggs and Loren Carter.

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