

Big Four Lead at Stake as Tornado, Pels Scrap Here Tonight, Saturday

Klamath Falls and Medford high school basketball quints will disregard their high state ratings this week-end and concentrate strictly on rivalry for the laurels in Southern Oregon conference Big Four campaign.

Klamath, ranked sixth in Oregon by sportswriters, and Medford, rated seventh, scuffle today and Saturday in crucial frays that are expected to draw capacity crowds to the Medford senior high gymnasium. Game time both days is 8:15 p.m.

Coach Paul McCall brings his sky-scraping Pelicans here in an attempt to wrest the league leadership from the Medfordites. The Tornado will rely on its speed, hustle, quality of steadiness, never-say-die spirit and whatever strategy Coach Frank Roelandt has cooked up in the past week in its effort to beat off the challenge of the taller Pelicans.

No Favorite
Medford goes into the series with a one-game lead over the Pels but there will be no favorite except by way of sentiment. The clubs divided in their previous series at Klamath Falls, Klamath winning 48 to 33 and the Black Tornado taking a 51 to 44 triumph. The Pels slipped behind Medford by losing one game to Grants Pass.

The Tornado can clinch the Big Four flag by sweeping the series while Klamath by winning both frays this week will take a one game edge over Medford and virtually clinch the mantle. Medford will retain its one-game lead with a series split.

Influenza stabbed at Medford's reserve strength this week. Ted Landers probably will be okay to see action but his brother Ned apparently will miss both games. Doug Crippen was also a flu victim this week.

Grade Prelims
Probable Medford starters to night will be Ed Bingham, Don Spinas, Derald Wooton, Dennis Conner and Dick Atterbury.

Klamath may open with Ray Bell, Jack Horton, Ralph Carroll, Jerry Johnson and Cal Gilmore.

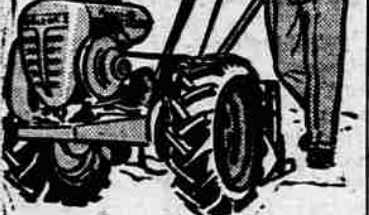
The preliminary tonight will be an east-west grade school jamboree with Griffin Creek and Oak Grove teaming against Lone Pine and Howard. Griffin Creek will oppose Lone Pine in one half and Oak Grove will tussle Howard in the other.

On Saturday Medford and Klamath high sophomores collide at 3 p.m. and junior varieties scrap at 6:45 p.m. in the curtain raiser for the varsity fracas.

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SPORTS

Red Raiders Open Series Tonight With Lumberjacks

Ashland—The irresistible force and the immovable object will clash today as Southern Oregon college basketball team in the first of a two-game series. The other tiff will be on Saturday. It will be the final series of the season for the Red Raiders. Both games will be played

Bob Houbregs North Loop Marksman

Los Angeles—Bob Houbregs, lanky Washington center who is making a run-away of the Northern Division scoring race, also has taken the lead as the No. 1 marksman, statistics from the Pacific Coast commissioner's office disclosed today.

Houbregs has caged 80 of 175 field goal attempts for a .457 average and has accounted for 19.9 points per game, more than five points better than his nearest rival, teammate Frank Guinness. Despite having missed three games with injuries, Houbregs has a chance to crack three Northern Division records, including the all-time scoring mark of 265 points set by Jack Nichols of Washington in 1948.

Houbregs has 219 points and needs 47 more against Washington State February 29 and March 1 to establish a new mark. Other records threatened by him are: most field goals (98), set by WSC's Vince Hanson in 1945; and field goal percentage (.467) set by LaDon Henson of Washington in 1951.

Free Throw Leader
Danny Johnston of Oregon State leads the Division in free throws with an average of .833, followed by Washington's Frank Guinness. Two Oregon men, Ken Hunt and Bob Peterson, hold substantial leads in other departments. Hunt has 37 assists in 10 games and Peterson is averaging 15.5 rebounds per contest.

Washington is tops in team marksmanship with 33.5 per cent on floor shots while Oregon has hit 27.9 per cent of its free throws. Washington has scored 873 points in 14 games for a 62.4 average and needs only 96 points to break the seasonal record of 968 held jointly by Washington (1951) and Oregon State (1947).

Washington has the tightest defense, allowing only 49.5 points-per game. Oregon has held its opponents to 28.9 on floor shots.

Basketball

THURSDAY GAMES
East
Manhattan 74, NYU 66
St. John's (N.Y.) 76, Cincinnati 64
Holy cross 65, Dartmouth 53
Vermont 68, Massachusetts 61
Siena 55, Niagara 47
South
Duke 67, Wake Forest 62
Georgetown (DC) 74, Maryland 61
Kentucky 75, Vanderbilt 45
Virginia 74, Virginia Tech 59
Midwest
Loyola (Ill.) 74, Marquette 55
Beloit 53, Creighton 51
West
Carroll College 78, Western Montana 76
San Francisco 56, St. Mary's (Cal.) 46
Utah State 82, Denver 63

BROWNS SIGN HARRIST
St. Louis—(U.P.)—The St. Louis Browns announced Friday the signing of pitcher Earl Harrist who hurled a no-hit, no-run game this winter in the Puerto Rican league. The Browns said the 31-year-old draftee from Oakland of the Pacific Coast League probably would be used as a relief pitcher. He had a 16 won and 16 lost record with Oakland last year.

WIL BRAVES GET HELP
Kennewick—(U.P.)—The Tri-City Braves of the Western International Baseball league have signed a working agreement with the Philadelphia Phillies. Dick Richards, Braves general manager said.

in Memorial court beginning at 8:15 p.m.

Coach Ted Schopf flatly predicted today that the SOC squad will finish its season with two victories. He expressed pleasure with the spirit shown during the last week of practice and said the Raiders are willing to settle for nothing less than two victories.

Jacks Determined
But the Lumberjacks are also determined to hold their standing in the Far Western conference. On the strength of season's records, Humboldt has an edge, although the two teams split a two-game series earlier at Arcata.

Fans attending the hoop finale will be treated to regular stunts and demonstrations by the undergraduate cheering section and music by the Southern Oregon college band. Today's preliminary beginning at 7 p.m. will be between the Raider junior varsity and the Medford National Guard quintet. The Jayvees will meet Illinois Valley High school tomorrow night.

Bowling

WOMEN'S LEAGUE STANDINGS		
Team	W.	L.
Oregon Finance	19	6
Mann's Dept. Store	18	13
Medford Feed	15	13
Green Lantern	14	14
Red Barn	13	15
Y Club	12	16
Morning Fresh	12	16
Elk Lumber	11	17

WOMEN'S LEAGUE RESULTS		
Team	Score	Opponent
Medford Feed	413	Oregon Finance 419
N. Tennant	413	L. Leaning 420
D. Hawley	370	V. Corby 372
A. Hare	430	V. Johnson 387
F. Curry	434	V. Forey 366
R. Barr	506	N. Burroughs 422

Y Club		
Team	Score	Opponent
Y. Knox	471	C. Leaning 404
D. Stanley	380	Z. Andrew 405
H. Barneburg	348	J. Wilson 455
L. Rudy	434	D. Virtue 451
R. Eberius	397	P. Gardner 437

Red Barn		
Team	Score	Opponent
N. Littrell	455	M. McCall 467
A. Monroe	460	E. Ludwig 420
B. Tollefson	348	V. Cummings 416
C. Teter	478	L. Mann 457
Absentee	444	M. Little 378

Morning Fresh		
Team	Score	Opponent
H. Wolgamott	418	L. Sacchi 404
K. Jennings	380	V. Peterson 421
D. Doty	368	E. Eaton 431
S. Beck	382	A. Tamney 346
E. Brantley	432	J. Wandersee 413

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Sports Broadcasts

Radio station KYJC will broadcast the Klamath Falls-Medford high school basketball games at 10 p.m. Friday and at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Station KWIN will broadcast the Ashland-Grants Pass game at 8 p.m. Friday. OSC-WSC fray at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and the Humboldt-SOC tussles at 10:15 p.m. Friday and 10 p.m. Saturday.

By UNITED PRESS
Vanport college of Portland travels to Klamath Falls for a series with Oregon Technical institute Friday and Saturday while Oregon College of Education takes on Eastern Oregon at La Grande in Oregon Collegiate conference play this week-end. A double victory by Vanport and one loss by OCE would give a Vanport its second straight title.

HUSKIES REJECT BID
Seattle—(U.P.)—The University of Washington, Northern Division basketball champions, will not play in the Hawaiian Islands next month, Athletic Director Harvey Cassill said Friday. The Husky schedule is "filled up," Cassill said, and an invitation issued by Paul Fagan, owner of the San Francisco baseball club, was turned down "with regret."

RUMOR DENIED
St. Petersburg, Fla.—(U.P.)—Yankee General Manager George Weiss denied Friday night that a deal was "imminent" between the world champions and the Washington Senators. It was reported Jackie Jensen, Billy Martin plus an outfielder and catcher would go to Washington for Irv Noren and Cass Michaels.

CLABAUGH'S SON INKS
Portland—(U.P.)—David Clabaugh, 19-year-old son of John (Moore) Clabaugh, former Portland Beaver slugger, said Friday he has signed with the Seattle Rainiers to try out in professional baseball. Young Clabaugh, a lanky right-hander, pitched last year for Stevenson, Wash., high school.

That steel could be rolled cold was discovered when a careless workman let a pair of tongs go through a rolling mill. They emerged shiny and smooth.



TORNADO STALWART

Play of Senior Jack Boardman, above, has helped the Medford high school basketball quint considerably in recent games. He is expected to help the Tornado cause along when it opposes the Klamath Falls Pelicans here tonight and Saturday. Boardman usually alternates with Derald Wooton at center.

—(Shangle photo)

SOC Students To Honor Dads

Ashland—Southern Oregon college students have planned a special all-day program tomorrow to honor their dads. An afternoon meeting, evening banquet, basketball game and dance have been arranged.

The SOC Dads' club will hold its third annual meeting at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Churchill hall auditorium. President W. J. Colbert, Medford, will preside and Ken Mohny, Salem, will act as master of ceremonies for the program of musical entertainment.

Dr. John D. E. McAulay, associate professor of education, will be principal speaker at the banquet in Susanne Homes hall at 6 p.m. and Jim Zeller, Chiloquin, will serve as toastmaster. Eugene Bowman, adviser to the sponsoring Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, will extend greetings of the college.

Dads will attend the final college basketball game of the year when the Red Raiders meet Humboldt State college.

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Byrd Wants To Lead New Expedition To Antarctica

Washington—(U.P.)—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd wants to lead another expedition to Antarctica but the odds are it won't be soon.

The Korean war, the cold war, and lack of money are standing in the way of a new trek to the South Polar region.

"I will not work on an Antarctic expedition until the Korean crisis is over," Byrd said recently. "When that is over, I would feel free to start in again on an Antarctic program."

"I do want to go there again." There is no monetary provision for a new Antarctic expedition in the naval appropriation for next year. Nor is there likely to be as long as the cold war continues between the west and the Iron Curtain countries.

It may be, too, that United States policy regarding sovereignty in Antarctica may have to be clarified before the next large-scale expedition from this country to the bottom of the world. Trouble could arise among this and other countries over control of the 8,000,000 square miles of icy continent.

On Active Duty Now

Byrd now on active duty in the Defense Department, working on Polar strategic problems for the joint chiefs of staff. Byrd went to Antarctica first in 1928-29. He conducted a second expedition in 1933-35. He spent the long winter night alone, in scientific observations not a great distance from the South Pole.

In 1939, Byrd was head of the United States Antarctic service. This expedition explored more than 100,000 square miles of previously unknown territory, and charted 700 miles of additional coastline.

The 1946-47 Antarctic operation, called "High Jump," brought more knowledge about the region than had been accumulated in all previous explorations. The complete official reports of this expedition never have been published.

"High Jump II" was scheduled for the season of 1949-51, but was postponed in August, 1949, for reasons of economy. Its purposes were: naval training in cold regions, exploration, and mapping.

Colder Than Arctic

If and when the navy resumes Antarctic exploration, the interest again will be chiefly in the training phase. Antarctica averages about 40 degrees colder than the Arctic region, and training there affords extraordinary tests of human adaptability, ice navigation, and aviation.

The political opinion regarding U. S. policy in Antarctica probably will be tested in Congress next year. The House Foreign affairs committee has a resolution pending by which this country would declare its right of sovereignty over that part of the Antarctic continent between the 90th meridian, west, and the 130th meridian, west, and would reserve rights based on discovery.

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