

Comets, Pels Mix Friday, Saturday In District No. 4 Mantle Play-off

Central Point—Crater high school's basketball quintet plays its final home game of the season here Saturday against its most formidable opponent of the year.

The youthful Comets will battle Klamath Falls in the second game of a two-out-of-three play-off for the District No. 4 championship and a berth in the state tournament. First game of the series will be at Klamath Falls tonight. Time of the Saturday contest is 8 p. m.

Klamath, winner in the Big Four division, goes into the play-off a heavy favorite to whip Crater, Little Three titlist, and gain a second consecutive trip to the Class A state titular event at Eugene. The Pelicans are favored because of superior bench strength and greater height. Their forwards and pivot man literally tower above the Comets. Klamath also has a fine record of 17 wins and 4 losses against overall tougher competition than Crater has experienced and had a 16 and 4 record. **Seeks Upset**

But Crater will be gunning to upset the dope and can mean serious trouble for the Pels if it can regain its midseason stride for this series.

The state tourney goal is particularly enticing to the Comets who are seeking to found a great athletic tradition at Crater, now in its first year. A berth in the big state hoop events was something never attained by Crater's predecessors, Central Point and Gold Hill, although the Pointers came close on occasion.

Coach Leonard Warren is expected to start a Crater lineup of Gordon Carrigan and Larry Bigham at guards, Bill Boye at center and Punky Monroe and Rocky Spence or Herb Weber at forwards. Next in line as a reserve is Bob King, who could start at center.

Of these seven Monroe and Spence are seniors. The others are sophomores.

Warren has indicated that several boys on the jayvee squad may see action in the series.

Mentor Paul McCall of Klamath probably will open with Ray Bell and Jack Horton at forwards, Ralph Carroll at center and Cal Gilmore and Jerry Johnson at guards.

Ski Jump Meet Slated Sunday

Government Camp, Ore.—(U.P.) The rebuilt jump slope at Cascade hill on Multnomah mountain will be the scene of the Pacific Northwest jumping championships tournament Sunday.

Some 13 international skiing stars are expected to try for distances never possible in the Mt. Hood winter sports area before the jump was rebuilt. Three divisions of jumpers will try for titles.

SPORTS

Howard, Lone Pine, Oak Grove, Elk-Trail Advance in Tourney

Howard, Lone Pine, Oak Grove, and Elk-Trail grade school basketball teams won first round games Thursday in the tournament being played in the Medford high gymnasium. Teams are from non-high school districts.

In the first afternoon game Howard and Craig Williams of Evans Valley led scorers with 6 points each.

With David Gault scoring 16 points, Lone Pine defeated Shady

Cove 30 to 19. Eugene Henshaw scored 13 of the Shady Cove points.

In evening games Oak Grove showed power in winning 33 to 13 from a good Griffin Creek team, and Elk-Trail squeezed by West Side 22 to 19. Larry Guber scored 12 points for Oak Grove. Jack Dugger of Elk-Trail was high scorer in the second game with 10 points followed by LeRoy Walland of West Side with 9.

Friday games will match Evans Valley and Shady Cove at 4 p. m. and Griffin Creek against West Side at 5 p. m. Both of these games are in the consolation bracket and the winners will play Saturday at 6:30 p. m. for fourth place.

At 7 p. m. Friday Howard meets Lone Pine and an hour later Elk-Trail tangles with Oak Grove. The winners of these games will play for first and second places Saturday at 8:30 p. m. and the losers will compete for third place at 7:30 p. m.

Trophies will be awarded the top four teams Saturday night at the conclusion of the tournament.

Maxim Victory Not Impressive

St. Paul, Minn.—(U.P.)—Light-Heavyweight Champ Joe Maxim could have little pride of victory Friday in the tired, dispirited manner in which he won a 10-round decision over second-rated Ted Lowry Thursday night.

Maxim, fighting his first bout in three months—and a non-title one at that—drew both cheers and boos at the judges' unanimous decision. He went into the ring at 184 pounds, 10 pounds over his usual fighting weight. Judge Dick Delany scored 99 for Maxim and 95 for Lowry. Referee Jack Gibbons gave Maxim 88 and Lowry 87, and Judge Billy McCabe counted 98 for Maxim and 90 for Lowry.

Basketball THURSDAY COLLEGE GAMES

East
Holy Cross 47, Dartmouth 40.
Siena 61, St. Bonaventure 59.
Midwest
Oklahoma A&M 62, St. Johns 45.

NBA GAMES THURSDAY
Rochester 77, Milwaukee 74.
Syracuse 83, Fort Wayne 81 (double overtime).

Lincoln Edges St. Mary's Five

Lincoln defeated St. Mary's 19 to 16 yesterday and was to scuffle Washington today for second and third places in the city grade school basketball circuit.

St. Mary's held a 12 to 7 half-time lead in yesterday's hassle. Bill Evans scored eight for Lincoln and Read six for St. Mary's. Lincoln and Washington after last night were knotted for second spot with five wins and two losses each.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

Golfers Knotted After 1st Round

St. Petersburg—(U.P.)—Jackie Burke, the Houston hotshot, was out in front just as predicted as the St. Petersburg open golf tournament swung into the second round—but he wasn't alone. Bracketed in a four-way tie with first-round 66s with Burke were veteran Clayton Heaner of Charlotte, N. C.; Al Bessellink of Miami and Skee Riegel of Tulsa, Okla.

Right on their heels at 67 was George Fazio of Philadelphia, playing sharp golf although this is his first tournament in more than six months.

Sports Broadcasts

Radio station KYJC (1230 kc.) will broadcast the Crater high-Klamath Falls basketball game from Klamath Falls today. The broadcast will be delayed and start at 10 p. m.

Monks were the timekeepers of the Middle Ages, and monas-

St. Mary's Knights Gain Finals Of Grader Meet at Eagle Point

Eagle Point — St. Mary's of Medford advanced to the Saturday night finals of the county grade school basketball tournament here but barely squeezed its way into the championship encounter.

The Knights edged Butte Falls 30 to 29. It was nip and tuck all the way.

St. Mary's will face Gold Hill

for the title at 8 p. m. Saturday. Gold-Hill drew a bye last night and tonight to remain idle until the finale.

Phoenix and Butte Falls contend at 7 p. m. in the only fracas today and the winner will oppose Talent at 7 p. m. Saturday in the consolation finals. In consolation games last night Phoenix beat Rogue River 24 to 22 and Talent won from Jackson-

ville 33 to 14. Talent drew a bye today.

PILOTS DEPART

Portland—(U.P.)—The Portland Pilots, champions of the Oregon district of National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, left Friday for the NAIB playoffs in Kansas City. After their impressive 100-77 win over Northwest conference champion Willamette Tuesday, Coach James Torson's Pilots boast a 21-9 win-loss record. Their first game is next Monday.

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