

CLEVELAND, LINCOLN, CENTRAL CATHOLIC, LA GRANDE IN OREGON HOOP SEMI-FINALS

Eugene — (U.P.) — Cleveland, Lincoln, Central Catholic and La Grande battle it out in the semi-finals of the Oregon class A high school basketball tournament here Friday night in what could produce an all-Portland finale to the big hoop show.

Since the present state basketball tournament series started in 1919, never have two Portland teams faced each other for the Oregon hoop championship. The upstate honors will rest on the shoulders of the La Grande quintet which has to check Wade "Swede" Halbrook and his Lincoln teammates in the 8:45 p.m. contest.

A Portland school final berth is assured when Cleveland meets Central Catholic in the other semi-final contest at 7:30 p.m.

Swede Breaks Mark

Halbrook captured the tourney spotlight in Thursday's play as he put on another record-breaking performance against Bend. The tall Cardinal center tossed in 41 points to shatter the 40-point one game mark he set Wednesday in a game against Salem. He did it on 20 field goals and one free throw as he led the Cardinals 68 to 53 over the fighting Lava Bears.

Cleveland reached the semi-finals as Jerry Ross scored 18 points to pace his teammates to a close 49-46 win over Hillsboro. Loren Michelson, Hillsboro's center, was high for the losers with 15 counters. Cleveland had to stall out the last minute and a half against the upset-minded Spartans.

The Central Catholic-Marshall contest was a close one until midway in the third period when the Rams took control and went on to win 55 to 45. Bob Altenhofen won scoring honors with 24 points while Spike Hillstrom paced the Pirate attack with 16.

La Grande had little trouble getting past University High School of Eugene 54 to 37. The Tigers, aided by the sharp shooting of Morris Buckwalter who potted 33 points, jumped to an early lead and then coasted to victory. Al Gubrud paced the Golden Tide's attack with 14 points.

In consolation play, Thursday, Astoria edged McMinnville 48-46 in a double overtime thriller. The Dalles dropped Scappoose 66-52, Salem eliminated Klamath Falls 45-39 and Milwaukie defeated Corvallis 35-32.

Today's consolation round play will pit Astoria against The Dalles at 9:45 a.m., Salem meets Milwaukie at 1 p.m., Hillsboro clashes with Marshall at 2 p.m. and Bend meets University of Eugene at 3:15 p.m.

Leaders Listed In Y Olympics

Leaders through Thursday in the Y Olympics at the Medford YMCA were announced this morning. The contests end Saturday noon.

In the Prep division, nine and 10-year-olds, Tony Monroe headed the list with 15 points. Peter Rasmussen had six points and Perry Whitlock five. Twenty-three boys are competing.

In the Triangle group, 11 and 12 years, Frank Albert topped the list with eight points. Ronald Perry, Donald Greaves, Tommy Knauss and Bob Shock were knotted for second in the field of 26 with five points each. Kenneth Arnold had three.

Darrel Curtner set the pace in the junior high division, 13 and 14 years, in which 19 boys were competing. He has nine points. Kenny Van Ausdall was next with eight and Larry Green had six.

Medfordite Gets College Letter

Los Angeles — Arlis Daugherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Daugherty, 728 Ross Lane, received notification this week from Coach Wes Stickney that he has earned sufficient athletic merits for a varsity basketball letter for the Los Angeles college Panthers.

Arlis, who played forward for the Panthers this season, made several contributions to the team. His famous hook shot from the post position added much to the game and enabled him to enter the position of second scorer.

West Palm Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Wright Field will be renamed Connie Mack field Friday in a ceremony which will take place before the Athletics' exhibition game with the Boston Red Sox.

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SPORTS

Plans Well Underway For Memorial Tussle

American Legion committee-men reported today that plans are well under way for the Tubby Dean Memorial basketball game scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, at the senior high gym. They advised fans to get their tickets right away.

The seniors of this year's Medford high squad will oppose next year's possible team but the preliminary between east and west side merchants clubs may steal the show. This preliminary is set for 7:30 p.m.

KVAS Joins State Group

Astoria — (U.P.) — Radio station KVAS, which transmitted a "bootleg" broadcast of the state class "B" high school basketball tournament last week, has joined the Oregon Broadcasters' association, station manager L. E. Parsons announced Friday.

Broadcast of the "B" tournament had been banned by the Oregon School Activities association which said an experiment was being conducted to see if it would improve attendance.

The Broadcasters' association had said that KVAS might be denied access to the association-controlled class "A" tourney broadcasts. However, after the station joined the association it was hooked up to the broadcasts from Eugene.

A-1, A-2 Grid Champions To Be Decided in Fall

Eugene — (U.P.) — The board of control of the Oregon School Activities association said Friday that the state prep football playoffs will be continued next fall with one major revision.

The board voted to retain the class A-1 championship grid playoff but to conduct it apart from an A-2 title playoff.

Thus, there will be an A-1 and an A-2 state champion in football.

Additionally, the board voted to continue the class B 11-man football playoff, but the class B six-man playoff was not discussed.

Action by the board removed a major objection to the playoffs—too many games.

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Region Cage Meet Starts At Corvallis

Corvallis, Ore. — (U.P.) — The court Cowboys from Wyoming, 10th top basketball team in the nation, were briefed by Coach Ev Shelton Friday as they prepared for action in the western regional NCAA cage playoffs Friday night.

Wyoming, the Skyline conference champion, meets defense-minded Oklahoma City university in the second game of a double-header. UCLA winner of the Pacific Coast conference, plays independent Santa Clara in the first game.

The Cowboys are favored to win the western regional and meet the winner of the Kansas City tournament for the western title. The winner of that game will then battle the eastern champion for the national crown.

However, Coach Doyle Parrack's Chiefs may offer contention to the Cowpokes. Oklahoma City had the second best defensive record in the nation during the 1951-52 season, holding Texas Christian to 41 points and Oklahoma A&M to only 38.

UCLA could prove the surprise team. The Bruins, with an unimpressive 20-10 mark, finished the season strongly and up set highly-regarded Washington in the PCC playoffs.

Santa Clara, which produced an average of 61.5 points per game while recording a 15-9 seasonal mark, already holds a seven-point win over UCLA this year. The Broncos, playing their best of a hot-and-cold style, could provide formidable opposition to anybody.

The winners of Friday night's games play Saturday, while the losers hook up in a consolation game.

Basketball

JUNIOR COLLEGE TOURNEY
(Quarter Finals)
Hannibal JC. La Grange, Mo. 65.
Dodge City, Kansas JC 63.
Wharton JC. Wharton, Tex. 74. Joliet JC. Joliet, Ill. 62.
(Consolation round)
Graceland College, Lamont, Ia. 67.
Abraham Baldwin, Tifton, Ga. 61.
Connor's JC. Warner, Okla. 64. Grays Harbor, Aberdeen, Wash. 51.
Moberly JC. Moberly, Mo. 67. Campbellsville, Ky. JC 65.
Garden City, Kans. JC 88. Beebe, Ark. 60.

NATIONAL AAU TOURNEY
(Quarter-finals)
Phillips Oilers, Bartlesville, Okla. 70. Rea Travelers, Artesia, N.M. 52.
Caterpillar-Diesels, Peoria, Ill. 68.
Riggels Plaza Bowl, Warrensburg, Mo. 43.
Fibber McGee and Molly, Los Angeles 43. San Francisco Stewart Chevrolet 41.

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