Yellow Cabbies Take MIBL Toga; Play Alsea Lumber on Saturday

Two former Oregon State college varsity basketball players, two former OSC Rook performers, an OSC varsity football and three former Alsea high school hoopmen, including an all-stater. That is the roster of the Alsea Lumber company team which opposes the Medford independent champ, Yellow Cab, in a special game here Saturday night at St. Mary's gym.

The two ex-college varsity courtmen are Jack Orr, from Grants Pass, and Ted Romanoff, 6-10 giant. Gary Lindell and Dick Humble are the lads who have played for the Rooks and Wes Ediger is the right flankman who co-captured the Beavers on the gridiron last fall.

Del Stone is the ex-Alsea cager who won all-state recognition. It came two years in a row. The other Alsea boys are Loren Sapp and Keith Atickson. Ron Siegrist, ex-OSC, is coach.

Strong Crew

They add up to a strong aggregation in independent play—strong enough to have an unblemished record so far this season. And the Lumbermen are expected to give the Cabbies their most severe test so far this season. They have a win over Martin Brother's Signs, Eugene, which downed the Cabbies here.

Just what will be the starting line-up for the Alsea gang has not been reported here. Yellow Cab is likely to open with Ed Hummel, Johnny Foster, Chuck Stacy, Don Wendt and Bill Werner, its usual five.

Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Yellow Cab's high-riding hoop contingent, recognized as the independent power of southern Oregon, picked up its first official championship of the year last night by thrashing Andy's Jewelers 78 to 48.

Victory gave the Cabbies the Medford Basketball League bunting. They wound up the MIBL campaign with an undefeated record and inflicted on the Jewelers their first and only loss in an 11-game league slate.

Last night's championship contest wound up the season for the MIBL and did so because plans for a play-off next week, matching the top four teams in the regular slate, were abandoned. Play-off cancellation action at a Wednesday night loop meeting was the result of a depleted treasury.

G P Champ Next

Yellow Cab will play the Grants Pass League champion on February 24 at Grants Pass for the AAU district mantle. The winner will go to the state tournament at Hermiston.

With Andy's beginning with a slow, deliberate confident game, the Cabbies got off to a cold start last night, missing many shots. But YC slowly warmed and by halftime was showing that its previous 102 to 61 non-league verdict over the Jewelers was no fluke.

Score at the midway pause favored the car jockeys 38 to 20. By the end of the third quarter the count was broadened to 61 to 27 as the Cabbies had a warm canto and the Jewelers were cold.

Andy's had brief leads of 2 to 0, 4 to 2 and 6 to 4 as the conflict got underway and there were ties of 2-all, 4-all and 6-all. Bill Werner then drove in for a bucket after a swipe. That gave Yellow Cab the upper hand for the first time and for good with four minutes having been played.

Knutson Spurs

The lead hopped to 16 to 6 but the Jewelry five on five gifters hacked the margin to 16 to 11 by the quarter.

In the next stanza, the Cabbies built a 25 to 12 command with five minutes gone by. The advantage was cut from that 13-point bulge to 11 tallies on three occasions, the last at 28 to 17. From there the Cabbies moved to their 18-point halftime spread. Reserve Dick Knutson spurred this half-end push with three field goals.

In the third panel the victors managed to get a lot of close in shots to lengthen the advantage to 34 points.

Andy's had the edge in scoring, 21 to 17, in the fourth quarter, which had some roughie spots. And rugged Derald Wooton provided some of the spark, driving in nicely for three goals.

Hummel Score Leader

The mix was marked by some rugged scrapping under the boards.

Ed Hummel in particular for Yellow Cab had trouble finding the hoop. Nevertheless, he wound up high scorer with 17 markers. Cabbie scoring was well distributed with Johnny Foster getting 16, Werner 14 and Don Wendt 12. Wooton was high for Andy's with 12 and Loren Soderlund picked up 10.

In the preliminary fray last night, also a city league tussle, Prospect blasted Headquarters Company of the National Guard 61 to 38. Jim Lenderman counted up 28 points for the winners and Wes Stauffer got 18. Kay Bateman and Mills were best for the Guard with 10 apiece.

Prospect broke a 16 to 16 first quarter deadlock to get a 30 to 19 halftime margin. Third quarter score was 41 to 26.

LINE-UPS:

Yellow Cab 78		Andy's Jewelers 48
Hummel 17	f	12 Wooton
Foster 16	f	2 Lilly
Stacy 5	c	9 Clark
Wendt 12	g	10 Soderlund
Werner 14	g	2 Kramer

Substitutions—For Yellow Cab, Knutson 6, Moore, Harris 7, Johnson 1, Hite; for Andy's, Boardman 3, Fasel 6, Smith, Trautman 4.

Prospect 61		Headquarters 38
Lenderson 28	f	9 Br. Bateman
Snyder 6	f	3 Drew
Sullivan 3		McCandliss
Stauffer 18	g	6 Bud Bateman
Knudsen 2	g	10 K. Bateman

Substitutions—For Prospect, Peterson 1, Robertson 3; for Headquarters, Mills 10.

LaSalle, St. Louis Gain "Insurance" With Victories

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer

Flashy victories in the big town provided La Salle and St. Louis today with some "tournament insurance."

Just in case they should miss out on NCAA tournament berths in their respective conferences, La Salle trounced Manhattan, 76-62, and St. Louis razzle-dazzled New York University, 87-66, Thursday night to virtually assure themselves a bid to the National Invitation Tournament.

But coaches of both teams emphasized after the double-header at Madison Square Garden that their teams would go first to the NCAA tourney, if possible.

La Salle, the nations' third-ranking team with an overall record of 17 wins and four losses, seems almost certain to be picked by the Middle Atlantic Conference for the NCAA classic. But St. Louis, with a 3-1 league record, still trails Tulsa 5-1 in the Missouri Valley.

Manhattan To NIT

Meanwhile, it is believed that Manhattan, with a fine 14-3 record despite Thursday night's loss, is in line for a bid to the NIT. Already in the NIT field are Duquesne and Dayton. No teams have yet qualified or been selected for the NCAA.

OSC Win String Best in History

Oregon State College, Corvallis—As the Oregon State college cagers rest this week end after running up 10 straight Northern Division victories, a check of athletic news bureau records shows that never before have Beavers posted that many consecutive wins in the circuit.

The win string in the loop has not been matched by the great clubs of 1933, 1947 and 1949, all of them Pacific Coast Conference champions.

Oregon State resumes ND contention next Monday and Tuesday here against Idaho and anticipate trouble from the Vandals. Last week end OSC had to come from behind twice to beat Idaho.

OSC SCORING IN ND

	fg	ft	ND tp	All Season
Swede Halbrook	49	45	143	143
Tony Vlastelica	41	31	106	239
Reggie Halligan	26	24	76	145
Ron Robins	31	7	69	159
Jay Dean	17	14	48	127
Bill Toole	14	8	36	39
John Jarboe	13	9	35	60
Tex Whiteman	14	6	34	68
Larry Paulus	11	9	31	52
Bob Allord	5	11	21	31
Phil Shadoin	2	4	8	36
Ron Fundsingsland	3	1	7	17
Ralph Carroll	0	0	0	2
Bob Sutton	0	0	0	0
Dick Wilson	0	0	0	0
OSC Totals	226	162	616	1118
Opponents	174	179	527	1041

Syracuse Gives Assist To Fort Wayne Pistons

By UNITED PRESS

The Fort Wayne Pistons credited the Syracuse Nations with an "assist" today as their lead in the Western Division of the National Basketball Association was ballooned to seven full games.

With six players scoring in double figures, the Pistons drubbed the Philadelphia Warriors, 105-97, Thursday night while the Nationals squeezed out an 85-81 triumph over the Minneapolis Lakes. The results left the Lakers seven games behind the Pistons in both the "won" and "lost" columns.

SPORTS

Junior Bowling Class Tomorrow

Boys and girls of Medford, who are interested, will be shown the finer points of the kegling sport Saturday at Medford Bowling lanes. Instruction will start at 11 p.m.

Group and individual instruction will be given and each boy and girl will have an opportunity to bowl one game. Registration cards will be given to those who wish to join a junior bowling league.

Instructors will be Ann Wilson, Jackie Wilson and Fred Anderson.

Ed Bingham Might Start

Eugene — (U.P.) — Coach Bill Borcher told his Oregon basketball team to be ready for either a running game or a slow-em'-up contest tonight as his Webfoots meet Idaho in the first of a two-game Northern Division series.

Idaho has used both the fast break and the deliberate offense under new coach Harlan Hodges this season. Oregon won the first game at Moscow 82-59 and the second by only 41-40.

Borcher said that Jerry Ross, who hurt his ankle against Washington last week, was expected to start. If he doesn't, Ed Bingham sophomore from Medford, may get the call.

Central Pointers Win 2 Games From Talent

Central Point — Central Point grade school basketball five won two games last night from Talent.

The seventh grade won 14 to 11 after an 8 to 6 halfway lead. Eighth graders didn't ramble until the fourth quarter but wound up with a 48 to 27 verdict over Talent. Central Point headed 22 to 12 at the half and 30 to 20 after three stanzas.

Jerome McQuade made 16 counters for the CP eighth, and Paul Beach and Wayne Allen each 10. Ron Welburn had 13 for Talent. Jerry Michael got 8 for the Pointer seventh while Jacobs picked up seven for Talent.

Byrne Gets TKO Over J. B. Reed

San Francisco —(U.P.)— Jimmy Byrne, Portland heavyweight, won a technical knockout over Sgt. J. B. Reed, Travis Air Force Base, in the 10th round of a liminary fight here last night.

Headline bout at the Winterland arena was the Eddie Chavez-Manny Renteria lightweight match. Chavez, of San Jose, won a 10-round split decision over the Los Angeles fighter.

Byrne finished off Reed after 50 seconds of the final round. Referee Ray Flores stopped the fight after the serviceman was spun around in a circle by a left and rights to the head.

NW Circuit Eyes On Forest Grove

Forest Grove—(U.P.)—The eyes of the Northwest Conference will be on Forest Grove this week end as College of Idaho brings its unbeaten league record and its star, Elgin Baylor, to town for an important two-game series with Pacific.

A crowd of 2500 each night is expected in the local high school gymnasium. Pacific has lost two conference games and needs to win the week end contests to stay in the title race.

Other Northwest conference action sends Whitman to Lewis and Clark for a week end series, and Willamette hosts Linfield Saturday night.

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