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SPORTS

Crater, Eagles Obtain Finals of Little Six Playoff

Phoenix won the consolation trophy last night by downing Illinois Valley 62 to 25 in the District 4 Little Six division playoff at Eagle Point. Phoenix lead at quarters, 14 to 3, 25 to 9 and 46 to 16. Ron Vreeken was game high with 24.

Henley took third place in another fray, stopping Brookings, 52 to 32. The winners held quarter margins of 12 to 11, 28 to 18 and 44 to 23. Louie Zarosinski hit 20 for game honors.

Eagle Point — The Eagle Point Eagles and the Crater high Comets turned back their opposition as expected in semi-finals here Friday night and blasted into the Saturday night finals of the District 4 Little Six division basketball tournament.

Crater, Rogue League titlist and the biggest little school in this Class A district, squelched the hopes of the southern Oregon coast entry, Brookings, 68 to 43. Eagle Point, regarded in pre-season forecasts as the team most likely to succeed in the subdistrict, spurned Henley from Klamath county 56 to 44.

The Eagles overcame a Hornet starting lead, fought on even scoring terms with the adversary in the second quarter and built up an insurmountable margin in the third and fourth cantos. Crater scooted off to a wide early lead, faltered, although not to the danger point, in the second stanza and early third then pulled away to an easy triumph.

Loose, Rough, Wild

Both encounters were loosely controlled and there were streaks and spots and roughness and wildness, particularly so in the Eagle-Hornet brush.

Henley, entirely on free shots, got a 5 to 0 jump on the Eagles. But the home team knotted up the fracas at 7 to 7, 9 to 9 and 11 to 11 and went into the lead for keeps, 13 to 12, on a long jumper by Jack Greb.

Bill Caldwell got buckets on a rebounder, a hook and a close in shove for the Eagles during the quarter while Nelson hit a driver. Frank Reich and Greb scored on fast breaks and Reich put in a long one. EP headed 18 to 12 at the end of the period.

In the second quarter EP managed a 10 to 9 edge in point producing and was in 28 to 21 control at the half. Dale Searcy, Louie Zarosinski and Randy Montgomery kept the Hornets in pace.

A hooker by Caldwell, long shot by Greb, a longie, close jumper and drive-in goal by Nelson and Nelson's free toss gave the Eagles an 18-point lead before the Hornets could get started in the third frame, 39 to 21. Henley was limited to just six points, two field and two free shots during the period and EP's margin was 46 to 27 when it ended.

With reserves filling most of the positions through the last quarter, Eagle Point failed to add another field goal in that stanza but picked up 10 more tallies on free shots. Six of those points gave the Eagles their biggest lead of the contest at 52 to 28. Henley with 10 more free heaves of its own and three field buckets whittled away their dificit. EP went scoreless for about four minutes of the panel which saw a lot of wild shooting by both clubs.

Zarosinski, a rugged boy under the boards, was high scorer in the hassle with 19 and Searcy, a quick, scrappy floor man, added another 12 for Henley. Nelson, a fine driver, topped Eagle Point getting most of his shots from close range. Caldwell, strong boy under the boards, had his hook shot whistling and got 12 counters. Frank Reich, another driver and capable shooter at both long and short range, had 10.

Crater, with Jim Higinbotham sizzling hot and rolling in 11 of the markers, zoomed to a 23 to 9 advantage in the initial quarter against the Bruins. Higinbotham dunked in two fielders as the second quarter started while Ken Russell shot one for Brookings. Bob Gray added two gifters and the Comet lead was 29 to 11.

The Bruins then rallied to gain some lost ground. In the meantime, Higinbotham was charged with his fourth foul and was called to the bench.

Frank Fadling, 5-7 driving guard, was the shining light of the Bruin flare up. Brookings outscored Crater 16 to 15 in the chukker and Fadling got 10 of the points on five field goals, three driving in and two from a distance.

Bruins Cut Gap

Comet margin was 38 to 35 at halftime. It shrank to nine points, 40 to 31 and 42 to 33 as Dennis Graham, Russsell, Fadling and Jerry Anderson scored Bruin goals and Vern Parent got a pair for Crater. That was as close as Brookings could come and the Comets got back in swing.

Tall Bob Gray got two field goals and two free shots Harvey Tonn, Parent and Fred Hogue also countered to give Crater 56 to 37 third quarter command. The Comets maintained a 19 to 23-point lead through the closing session and reserves finished out the scrap. Nathan Douthit, last reserve to get in, entered with 10 seconds left and got two gift tosses to bring the Comet count to its final 25 point margin.

Crater height was a big factor over the shorty Bruins and the Comets had a backboard retrieve total of 54 to Brookings' 24. Gray cleared boards 15 times.

All five Crater starters scored in double figures and Higinbothan was tops with 19. Fadling had 18 for Brookings.

LINE-UPS:

Eagle Point 56		44 Henley
Nelson 16	f	3 Montgomery
Christian	f	4 Cunningham
Caldwell 12	c	19 Zarosinski
Greb 8	g	2 Arant
Reich 10	g	12 Searcy

Substitutions—For Eagle Point, Mason, Cave 2 ,Bitterling, Tuttle 8, Eastgate, Wyatt, McDonald; for Henley, Axel, Blofsky 4, Buckingham.

Crater 68		43 Brookings
Hogue 11	f	13 Russell
Higinbotham 19	f	4 Gribble
Gray 10	c	2 Graham
Parent 16	g	18 Fadling
Tonn 10	g	6 Anderson

Substitutions—For Crater, Kelley, Tidwell, Johnson, Shama, Bailey, Douthit 2, Lefler; for Brookings, Holmes, Ingle, Blair, Weaver, Bullock.

Golden Glove Entrants Begin Boxing Monday

Chicago — (U.P.) — The 28th annual Western Golden Gloves tournament will open a four-day stand in the Chicago Stadium Monday with first and second round bouts in the four lighter weight divisions.

A total of 264 fighters from 33 centers was entered for the spectacle. All of the entrants won Golden Gloves titles in eliminations in their home areas.

First and second round bouts in the four heavier weight divisions will be held Tuesday night while Wednesday the field in all weight classes will be reduced to the four semi-finalists.

Fighters represented 24 states and included teams from such cities as Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, Memphis, Cincinnati, Columbus, O., Detroit, Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Louisville, Minneapolis, Nashville, Milwaukee, Tulsa and Denver.

Nashua Races To Stakes Win

Miami — (U.P.) — Nashua, the 1954 King of the Colts, renewed his fame and favoritism for the Kentucky derby Saturday with a smashing victory in the $141,800 Flamingo stakes before a record throng of 37,282 at Hialeah.

Famed Eddie Arcaro had to drive the big bay champion all-out to whip Montpelier's Saratoga by a length and one-half and then survive a foul claim by Ted Atkinson, who was riding Saratoga.

Fittingly, it was these two famous jockeys — each seeking his third Flamingo victory — who locked in a slambang stretch duel for the purse of $104,600. Atkinson claimed Nashua bore out in front of his mount during the last sixteenth of a mile. In the last few strides Atkinson appeared to take up on Saratoga and cut into the rail to lose all chance of catching Nashua.

Clowns Will Have Antics Plus Power

Comedy, plus power! The Harlem Clowns have it this season as they barnstorm about the country making people laugh and staging marvelous basketball exhibitions.

Residents of Medford and vicinity get to see the Clowns in action this Wednesday. They oppose Andy's Jewelers at 8 p.m. at the senior high gymnasium.

Basketball fans come out to see a fancy exhibition and to laugh at funny stuff when the Harlem Clowns are on the program. So Manager Al Pullins coaches his boys to give the fans what they want. "We play strictly for laughs!" says Pullins.

"But we have a basketball team—don't forget that" cautions Manager Al. "This year's team is the greatest. It is the first time we have had really nationally known performers such as John Barber and Cleveland Harp" he stresses.

Barber is the All-American lad from Los Angeles State, seventh highest scorer in the nation last year with 848 points in 32 games for a 26 plus average. Barber stands 6-6 and weighs 220 pounds.

Cleveland Harp is the leading scorer on the Clowns this year with a 27 plus average to date. He came to the Clowns after one season with the Harlem Globetrotters and another with Marquis Haynes' All-Stars. Harp is 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 195 pounds. Cleveland Harp, also known as "The Deacon," plays center and the pivot spot. His hook shots out of the pivot are tremendous.

EO Chosen Over SOC For Tourney

Portland — (U.P.) — Eastern Oregon was chosen Saturday to become the fourth team in the Oregon NAIA basketball playoffs this week at Milwaukie high school gym.

The selection was announced by tournament director Eldon Fix. EOCE defeated Oregon College of Education Friday night to assure itself of no worse than a tie with Southern Oregon in the Oregon Collegiate Conference race. Fix said Eastern Oregon got the bid on basis of a better season record.

Eastern Oregon will play Pacific of the Northwest Conference in the first game Tuesday night and Willamette meets Portland State in the second game. The winners meet the next night for the right to enter the NAIA tourney in Kansas City.

Non-High Crews To Begin Hoop Tangle March 7

Medford again will be host for the annual basketball tournament among grade schools in non-high school districts of Jackson county.

The event will be conducted on March 7, 9 and 11, according to Lee Ragsdale, supervisor of physical education for Medford public schools. Eight teams will take part.

Entries included Shady Cove, Howard, Oak Grove, Lone Pine, Griffin Creek, West Side and Elk Trail. Either Ruch or Applegate is being sought to fill out the eighth spot.

If one of those schools does not accept, Team X will fill the spot in the bracket. The team, with players drawn from four schools, will be coached by Harold Boner. This arrangement will prevent a bye for any club in the bracket.

First, second, third and fourth places will be decided.

A principal's cup will be given for sportsmanship.

Mexicans Take Third Tussle From Portland

Mexico City —(U.P.)— A fast-moving Mexican all-star team defeated Portland University 64-56 for the third consecutive time to clinch a four-game international basketball series at the National Auditorium Friday night.

Cleveland High Cagers Cinch Tourney Berth

Portland — (U.P.) — Cleveland high school clinched a state tournament berth and tie for the Portland prep title Friday night by whipping Benson 68-50.

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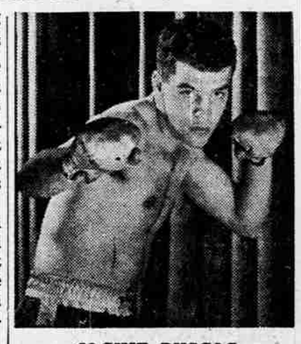
ROOKIE'LL COOK WITH COOKIE—Harry (Cookie) Lavagetto (left) gives instructions in the art of bunting to rookie Al Griggs of Hickory, N. C., as the Washington Nationals begin their spring training workouts at Orlando, Fla.

PAL Club Lines Up Puscas, Thomas For March 5 Card

Jackie Puscas, thrill fighting bombadier from Eugene, has been signed to battle in the top half of the double main event at Merricks arena March 5 when the Medford Police Athletic League presents what it hopes will be one of the most sensational AAU boxing shows ever held in Medford.



JACKIE PUSCAS
On PAL Club Card

Nationally-rated Puscas will be up against highly regarded Eureka, Calif., lightweight champ, Manny Fernandez. The Californian is rated as hard a puncher as Puscas and in addition is a master boxer.

In the other half of the main event, Portland Air Base Tommy Thomas meets the Eureka welterweight champ Jim Wilson. Thomas is rated one of the truly top men in the national AAU boxing picture. He holds victories in many tournaments and recently captured the Northwest Golden Glove title.

His most impressive victory to date was a TKO triumph over the national welterweight champ Joe Bathea. Thomas is considered simply amazing by those who have seen him in action.

McDonald, Lewis Fight

Medford's lightweight challenger, Jolting Junior McDonald, who has been regaining his old time punching prowess, gets a chance for revenge when he sets his sights on Maxie Green, Eureka. Green scored a decision over the local star on the last PAL show. They meet in the semi windup.

Local railbirds will also get another look at their flyweight pride when Larry (Dynamite) Lewis meets Dawson Carlysle of Portland Air Base for the second time. Lewis scored a decision over the Air Base champion in their first meeting in Portland last month.

Twelve top bouts are billed in a Battle of Champions. The boxing show is aptly named for fourteen champs will appear.

Profits go to the Medford Police Athletic League for its maintenance.

Tickets are now on sale at Sam's Sporting Goods, Lamports Sporting Goods, the Bohemian Club, the Union Club and the Medford Police station.

The action starts promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Ski Conditions

Skiing, if possible at Crater lake today, will be limited to trails because of avalanche conditions, the national park rangers office reported. "Rough" weather existed at the lake yesterday afternoon. Snow was falling hard and there had been 21 inches of new snow in deep, light powdery form.

Travel was not advised to the park while the storm lasts and the highway from Annie Spring to the rim was closed temporarily yesterday. Rangers said, however, that if the storm has abated and travel to the lake area is possible, skiing on trails should be good to excellent.

Persons desiring information may call the Crater lake park ranger's office.

Good skiing at Union Creek appeared possible if no rain falls. There was six inches of new snow and a total depth of 36 inches. Snow was falling heavily at noon yesterday. Packed snow was on the highway and chains were advised.

Annual Hudson river shad catch totals 2,000,000 pounds and brings $350,000.

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TALENT GAINS 'B' LOOP CROWN

Mantle Twins Want to Be 'Just as Good' as Brother

By MILTON RICHMAN

St. Petersburg, Fla. —(U.P.) — The mercurial Mantle twins, Ray and Roy, said Saturday they'd like to be "just as good" as their big brother Mickey, but Yankee Manager Casey Stengel declared "They could even turn out to be better."

Stengel, moving out of the dugout and squinting down toward the sliding pit in right field where the 19-year-old Mantle boys were kicking up dirt and sawdust, said both "have looked top-notch" since they entered the Yankees' preliminary training camp two weeks ago.

"People who have seen 'em before tell me the two kids are faster than Mickey," Stengel said. "Well, sir, that Ray can fly but I still think Mickey is the fastest guy in baseball."

"I'll tell you this much. They're gonna be ballplayers all right. How good? It's too early to say yet. They could even turn out to be better than their big brother. But that's a big order."

Roy, a left-handed hitting right fielder, batted .324 for McAlester of the Sooner State League last season, while brother Ray, a right-handed hitting left fielder, batted .325 for the same club in their joint professional debut.

"Mickey has been out to the ball park to see us play a coupla' days," said Roy, "and he gave us a lot of encouragement."

What Roy means," said Ray, "is that Mickey came out here, took one look around and said, 'They can just about make a ballplayer out of anyone out here."

Jerry Barber Leads Golf Tourney With Red Hot 63

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.) — Little Jerry Barber of Los Angeles pulled to the front of the pack at the end of 54 holes in the $30,000 Houston Open Golf Tournament Saturday with a sizzling nine-under-par 63, a new record for the Memorial Park course.

The 38-year-old Barber, one of the smallest men in the professional ranks at five-feet-four and 140 pounds, broke the mark of 64 set by Jim Deal of Houston in the 1951 tournament.

The little slammer ended the day with 141-63-204, one stroke ahead of runner-up Julius Boros of Mid-Pines, N. C., who shot a 66 Saturday.

Barber birdied No. 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9 and bogeyed No. 6 for a four-under par 32 on the front nine. On the 32-par back nine, he birdied No. 11, got an eagle on No. 13, missed a 20-foot putt that would have given him a birdie on No. 76, then climaxed his day with an eagle on No. 18.

On the last hole, he holed out a 125-foot eight-iron shot. The ball hit the green about eight inches from the cup, took two bounces and went into the cup. About 2,000 spectators stood up and cheered, and the grinning Barber picked up his ball out of the cup and tossed it into the packed gallery.

Barber used but 22 putts in the 18 holes for his 32-31-63.

17 Qualify For Rich Play

Las Vegas, Nev. — (U.P.) —Seventeen golfers have qualified to play in the $35,000 Tournament of Champions, slated April 28-May 1 at the Desert Inn course, Director Wilbur Clark said Saturday.

Only winners of major tourneys during the preceding 12 months qualify for the west's richest golf competition. Winners of the current Houston and upcoming Baton Rogue, St. Petersburg, Miami Beach, Wilmington and Masters tournaments will qualify provided they are not already qualified.

All qualifiers for the Tournament of Champions automatically receive a $1,000 guarantee, regardless of finish.

Qualifiers to date include Mike Souchak, Art Wall Jr., Julius Boros, Bob Toski, Lloyd Mangrum, Pete Cooper, Ed Furgol, Tommy Bolt, Cary Middlecoff, Chick Harbert, Wall Ulrich, Jerry Barber, Doug Ford, Bud Holscher, Marty Furgol, Bob Rosburg and Gene Littler.

Nothing New

Concord, N. H. — (U.P.)— The New Hampshire Supreme Court took judicial note Friday of something a lot of men already know — women are slow golfers.

The court ruled that it was legal for a municipal golf course to bar women during busy hours because their slow playing was hazardous on crowded links.

Youngsters Lead Skiers

Iron Mountain, Mich.—(U.P.)— Youngsters grabbed the spotlight as qualifications continued Saturday for the 1956 U. S. Olympic ski team.

The full-scale youth movement threatened to derail several of the nation's top veteran jumpers.

Forty of the nation's best skiers participated in the second round of the trials Saturday in the wake of first day action which saw teenagers capture the first three spots.

Leader at the end of Friday's action was Rudy Maki, Ishpeming, Mich., who is just 19. He leaped a flat 300 feet, the first 300 foot ski jump ever recorded cast of the Rockies.

The leap also cracked the Pine Mountain Hill record of 297 feet. Maki's two other jumps were 295 and 268 feet.

Malin Series Opens Friday

Talent high's Bulldogs wear the Jackson County B League basketball crown for the second consecutive year.

The Bulldogs held off a last half Chieftain challenge to subdue Rogue River 63 to 53 Friday night at St. Mary's gym in Medford. They broke a deadlock for the B school banner. Rogue River and Talent knotted during the regular loop slate with 9-1 standings.

With the victory, Talent's third in three games with the Chiefs this year, went the subdistrict championship. The Bulldogs will encounter Malin, Klamath county B tourney winner, for the District 5B laurels and a trip to the state tournament in Salem.

First games of the two-out-of-three series will be next Friday and Saturday in Klamath union hight school gymnasium. Third game, if needed, will be on Monday on a Jackson county floor, possible the Southern Oregon college court.

Backboard Power

Talent didn't shoot as hotly as did the Chieftains in the second half but over the whole game route it edged Rogue River from the field 26 goals to 24. And the Bulldogs lived up to their reputation for strength on the boards with Jim McAbee, George Zickefoose, J. Lloyd and Jack Barrett all performing yeoman service.

After a 13-all first quarter in the scuffle, the Bulldogs earned a 29 to 20 halfway lead. During the third quarter Talent ran up a 19-point, 47 to 28, advantage but didn't keep that wide margin long.

Rogue River's Gary Johnson started hooking shots in with both hands and his teammate, Ted Stanfield, started swishing the net from outside. At the end of the third quarter the Talent spread had dwindled to 49 to 38. Near the end of the final panel it was only 58 to 52. Talent, nevertheless found the staying power and widened the gap at the finish.

Johnson and Stanfield each got 20 points. Zickefoose had 16, Wood 15 and Barrett and McAbee each 14 for Talent. The four Bulldogs contributed just about as evenly from in the rebounding. McAbee plucked 15, Zickefoose 13, Wood 11 and Barrett 10 from the backboards.

Talent shot from the field at a .295 clip.

LINE-UPS:

Talent 63		53 Rogue River
Barrett 14	f	20 Johnson
Zickefoose 16	f	9 Weaver
McAbee 14	c	3 Daily
Wood 15	g	20 Stanfield
Thoreson 4	g	1 Stinchcomb

Substitutions—For Talent, M. Wallace; for Rogue River, Moore, Towse, Phillips.

Oregon State Matmen Defeat Californians

Berkeley, Calif. —(U.P.)— Oregon State's wrestling team swept to its eighth straight victory Friday night by blanking University of California 28-0 in a match here. Oregon State won all eight events with the only close contest being a 177-lb clash in which Ron Hicks of Oregon State won over Robert Hill of California in the closing moments.

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