BUTTE FALLS WINS COUNTY B LOOP MANTLE; ST. MARY'S, PROSPECT BEATEN; TOURNEY OPENS SATURDAY

JACKSON B LEAGUE
FINAL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Butte Falls	8	2	.800
St. Mary's	7	3	.700
Prospect	7	3	.700
Talent	5	5	.500
Jacksonville	3	7	.300
Rogue River	0	10	.000

Butte Falls ruled today as the regular season champion of the Jackson County B league in basketball, a title which will give the Loggers a "second chance" if needed in the county tournament which opens Saturday night at Rogue River.

The Loggers, one of three quintets tied as the top spot in the loop after games last Monday, were the only crew of the trio to survive final regular season games last night. Consequently they rule alone in the final standings.

Butte Falls subdued cellarite Rogue River last night. St. Mary's of Medford was knocked out of the deadlock 36 to 35 by Talent. Jacksonville spoiled Prospect hopes to claim its first B diadem, shared or unshared, 47 to 43.

Talent, RR Meet

Talent and Rogue River will open the tournament at 6:45 p.m. tomorrow and St. Mary's and Butte Falls follow at 8:15 p.m. Prospect and Jacksonville have byes until Tuesday when Prospect will meet the victor of the Talent-RR mix and the Redskins tackle the SM-BF winner. Tuesday winners will vie next Thursday for the tourney title.

If Butte Falls is not the tourney champ, it will still have the opportunity to face that victor Feb. 23 for the right to meet the Klamath county titlist for the District 5B toga.

Jim Irwin collected a bulging 31 points as Butte Falls rampaged at Rogue River. The Loggers were on top 16 to 9 at the quarter. They led by a slim 24 to 21 at halftime and had a six point gap of 45 to 39 after recording 21 points in the third panel. In the fourth Butte Falls outtallied the Chiefs 25 to 15.

Bill Irwin had 17 and Don Ellis 12 for the Loggers and Bob Wilson 12 for the Chieftains.

Missing from the Butte Falls line-up because of measles were regulars Pat and Mike Conley.

Wallace Shot Wins

Mel Wallace's free shot with 13 seconds to play was the winning point for Talent over St. Mary's. Jacksonville's strong first half over Prospect was its key in its most satisfying victory of the season.

The SM team had a 31 to 30 lead over Talent once in the third quarter. But Talent, regained a two point advantage. With 18 seconds to play, Rodney Read's basket for the Crusaders cf Medford tied the game at 35-each. St. Mary's was in a full court press as Talent took the ball and Eddie Fogel fouled Wallace in the back court.

Wallace made the first of a one plus one free try. St. Mary's rebounded the missed second shot. Ron Pruitt dribbled down the court and tried a long pass to Jerry Flakus. Terry Hazelton of the Bulldogs knocked the ball out of bounds and the game ended before SM could get the ball back in play.

24-19 Widest

First quarter standing was 11 apiece and Talent was in front 20 to 17 at halftime. The Bulldogs then went ahead 24 to 19 for the widest spread of the game but the score was even at 28-each at the third intermission.

St. Mary's actually was more accurate in scoring with 23 of 38 tries for .315 from the field and 11 of 20 for .550 from the free line while Talent had 14 of 45 for .311 from the field and eight of 19 for .421 from free shooting. St. Mary's also got the most jump balls nine to six but Talent had a 35 to 24 margin on the backboards. The Crusaders lost the ball more often 10 to 6.

Phil Combs was main scorer for Talent with 14. Flakus had 12 for SM and almost made the difference with tip in shots. He made three of four such tries after missed free throws. Hazelton and Flakus each got nine rebounds and Combs had eight retrieves. Jim Darland picked off six for St. Mary's.

It was Talent's first victory in a close game this year. The Bulldogs have lost five tussles by one or two points.

Redskins "Up"

Jacksonville was "up" for the Cougars. Redskin defense was tight and the 'Skins hit with great regularity on their shots in the first half. Gary Heuners got 12 points and Marion Dowell put in 10 as Jacksonville gained 17 to 9 and 35 to 17 leads at the quarters.

A helter skelter second half was mostly in Prospect's favor. Jacksonville tallied only two points in the third quarter but still led 37 to 27.

Gary Heuners scored 14 points for Jacksonville and Don Vannice was leader for the Cougars with 12.

The Redskins were ahead all the way.

In junior varsity prelims Talent won 48 to 47, Prospect 43 to 41 and Rogue River 43 to 36.

LINE-UPS:

		Butte Falls	Rogue River	
F	17	B. Irwin	Wilson	14
F	2	Henshaw	B. Bigman	10
C	12	Ellis	Allen	8
G	4	Dillen	J. Bigman	9
G	31	J. Irwin	Elledge	8

Substitutions—For Butte Falls, Remsen 6; for Rogue River, O'Kelly 3, Kirkley, Moore 2, Johnson, Wagner.

		Talent	St. Mary's	
F	14	Combs	Darland	10
F	4	Gingerich	Birmingham	4
C	4	Hazelton	Flakus	12
G	4	Hoffman	Daley	5
G	5	Wallace	Pruitt	2

Substitutions—For Talent, Baer 2; Weinhold, Helm 3; for St. Mary's Miksche, Read 2, Fogel.

		Jacksonville	Prospect	
F	10	Dowell	Vannice	12
F	7	C. Smith	J. Daniels	10
C	10	Pawlowski	Cummins	
G	6	McIntyre	Gardner	6
G	14	Hueners	J. Davidson	11

Prospect substitutions—L. Daniels 4, Dole.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Tornado-Pelican Fray Rated 'Real Natural'

By UNITED PRESS

The Oregon high school basketball agenda for tonight has a pair of real naturals on tap as teams begin the final sprint toward the finish line.

Action in the A-1 division throws four teams rated among this week's top 10 against another rated team. In Portland, fourth-ranked Benson goes against seventh-ranked Lincoln while Medford, which tied with Benson for fourth this week, collides head on with top-ranked Klamath Falls.

Other Games

Second-rated Central Catholic hosts Gresham; third-ranked Eugene is at Cottage Grove; sixth-ranked Astoria plays Hillsboro; eighth-ranked Hermiston hosts Baker; ninth-ranked Pendleton entertains Mac-Hi; and Grant, tied for ninth spot this week, travels to Roosevelt.

In the A-2 division, top-ranked Madras faces a strong test from Burns. Scappoose, the No. 2 team, is at Wy'East and No. 3 Drain entertains Creswell.

While the Medford-Klamath Union high basketball encounters tonight and Saturday at Klamath Falls have state-wide interest as the result of their position in the polls. The real significance will center in the Southern Oregon conference chase.

Medford goes into the series with a full game lead on the basis of nine victories to seven by Klamath Falls and the one loss suffered by each in their earlier series with each. Klamath, which has picked up prestige since playing Medford last and which will have the advantage of its home court, gets the role of favorite in the series. The Tornado of Medford can hold its conference command, however, by just another split with the Pelicans.

KF Has Height

Klamath will hope that its bit of an edge in height will payoff but all week long the Tornado has been working at means to combat this deficit and get its share of backboard retrieves. Both clubs have picked up in firepower since last meeting and Klamath Falls has put a fast break to advantage.

Medford has shown ability with both a running attack and more set style of play but has met mostly ball control opposition since last facing the Pels.

For Medford tonight coach Frank Roelandt has indicated that he'll call on Neil Plumley, Dick McLaughlin, Dick Copple, Larry Perkins and Dick Puhl as starters. Mentor Don Peterson's more than obvious choices are Bob Niles, Cliff Sutherland, Glenn Moore, Butch Kimpton and Lee McGill.

Advance Guard Hard at Work

By UNITED PRESS

Spring training won't start officially for another two weeks but the "advance guard" of the diamond horde already is hard at work.

The "advance guard" — consisting mostly of batterymen and top prospects from minor league farms—got down to serious business Thursday when both the world champion New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals opened their rookie acceleration schools.

And, today, the New York Giants' contingent of 20 players, coaches, etc., begins "boiling out" in the Buckhorn Mineral Baths at Mesa, Ariz.

Within the week, they'll be joined by just about every other major league club eager to lay the groundwork for fast getaways when the March 1 spring training deadline is reached.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE
By United Press

Gordie Howe, through the years one of the most prolific scorers in the National Hockey league, is enjoying another banner season and, as a result, the Detroit Red Wings appear to be a shoo-in for their eighth league championship in the last nine campaigns.

Howe rifled his 33rd goal of the current campaign late in the final period Thursday night to enable the Red Wings to beat the New York Rangers, 3-2, and open up a six-point lead over the deadlocked Montreal Canadiens and Boston Bruins. The Canadiens dropped a 2-1 decision to the Toronto Maple Leafs in the only other game played.

Willamette, Linfield on Road in NW

By UNITED PRESS

The Northwest conference claims the center of attention in Oregon's small college basketball wars this week end with the two front runners on tough three-game road trips.

Linfield, No. 1 going into its week end schedule, faces College of Idaho at Caldwell tonight and Saturday, then moves to Walla Walla for a single go at Whitman Monday. Willamette, only one game behind Linfield, starts its eastern swing tonight against Whitman, then swaps opponents with Linfield Monday.

Pacific, just a breath back from the leaders, could move to the top of the standings over the week end. The Badgers have a single Saturday night game with Lewis and Clark on their schedule.

The Oregon Collegiate conference has four clubs in counting action but Oregon Tech, which has already assured itself a share of the loop flag, steps outside counting play.

Tech plays St. Martins in a pair of non-conference tilts at Klamath Falls. Southern Oregon opens a two game stand at Ashland tonight against Portland State and Eastern Oregon stays home to entertain Oregon College in a pair.

Major points of contention in the OCC games will be possible berths in the NAIA playoffs. Tech as a junior college is not eligible so the second and third place clubs from the loop will qualify for berths.

Dayton Helps NIT Cause

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer

Dayton, runner-up in the National Invitation tournament four of the last six years, boosted its bid for a return trip to that court carnival today along with two other hopefuls—Manhattan and St. John's.

A 97-53 romp Thursday night over Regis College gave Dayton a modest 15-7 record for the season. Off to a bad start in a rebuilding season, Coach Tom Blackburn's Flyers now have won eight of their last nine games, including the last five straight, in an 11th-hour bid for glory.

Manhattan, St. John's Win

Manhattan and St. John's, likely to represent New York City in the Madison Square Garden post-season carnival, each registered a solid victory at that arena Thursday night to enhance its prestige.

Manhattan, winner of the Holiday Festival tournament, Christmas week, pushed its record to 11-5 with an easy 93-78 victory over New York U. as Angelo Lombardo led the way with 34 points. Danny Knapp scored 27 in a vain effort for the Violets.

St. John's moved its record to 12-6 with a 71-67 conquest of Niagara.

DAILY DOUBLE

Bowie, Md.—(U.P.)—A $1,158.80 daily double, the largest of the year in the nation, was returned at Bowie Thursday when Hac Saw $19.40 and Car Hop $118.20 won the first two races. Car Hop's straight payoff also was a new high for the year.

RETURNING to Los Angeles from Australia where he competed in world professional tennis matches, Pancho Gonzales heads for New York. *(International)*

Indoor Flotilla Assembled for SF Sports Show

San Francisco—A fleet of 450 pleasure craft, the largest indoor flotilla ever assembled in a show here, will begin a 10-day "cruise" at the Cow palace, March 1, with the opening of the 12th annual San Francisco National Sports and Boat show.

More than three times the size of last year's show, with 231 exhibitors displaying their wares for the first time at the Cow palace, the Sports and Boat show will feature boats ranging from an eight-foot pram to a 43-foot inboard cruiser. Included in this spectacular panorama will be outboard cruisers, outboard runabouts, sailboats, inboard runabouts and many inboard cruisers of various sizes.

Imported Boats

Among the foreign boats to be introduced to northern California boat enthusiasts will be imported English sports boats, Danish sailboats, Japanese outboard cruisers, Holland sailboats and several others.

Along with the boats will be the products of all the outboard and inboard manufacturers, boat trailer manufacturers, supply and accessory manufacturers.

Sharing top billing with the boats will be the other outdoor exhibits of hunting, fishing, skin diving, camping, pack trip demonstrations by the High Sierra Packers associations, archery and many more.

Doors will be open weekdays from 2 to 11 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ken Konz Punt Champ of NFL

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Ken Konz, a fleet defensive back for the Cleveland Browns, today was officially tabbed as the National Football league's 1956 punt return champion.

Konz, who finished fourth in that department in 1955, carried 13 punts a total of 187 yards for a 14.4 yard average. His longest return was 65 yards for a touchdown.

Frank Bernardi of the Chicago Cardinals was second to Konz in the 1956 put return standings with a 12.1 yard average. Ken Keller, Philadelphia Eagles rookie, was third with a 9.7 average.

SOC, OTI Set Date in Ring

Ashland — Southern Oregon college and Oregon Tech will meet next week at the Ashland junior high gym in a boxing show exhibition.

Oregon Tech challenged the Red Raiders to a boxing contest last week. Coach Al Akins organized a group of boxers from the ranks of SOC and has set a date of Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m.

Currently line-up on the card are, Ronnie Maurer, Larry Maurer, Dick Lopez, Andy Travis, Tom Findlay, Bob Lolcama and Millard Marsh. There will be 11 bouts in all, and all proceeds will go to the Southern Oregon college Lettermen's scholarship fund.

People in Medford can purchase their tickets for the matches at Barker's Men's store.

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