

PHOENIX NICKS EAGLE POINT FOR 6 A-2 SOUTHERN TITLE

Arrangements were being completed today for the District 6 A-2 championship basketball play-off between the Phoenix high Pirates and the Glendale Wildcats on the coming week end.

Phoenix, a co-runner-up in the regular season Rogue league chase, barged into the play-off action by nudging Eagle Point, the Rogue champ, 50 to 48 in the Saturday night finale of the southern subdistrict tournament here.

While the Eagles, ranked as No. 6 in A-2 state circles and the only seeded club in the tourney, were considered the role of at least slight favorite in the south-

ern division play-off, the victory by Phoenix was not an upset. The Pirates won two of four other games with Eagle Point this season and were the crew which spoiled the Eagle aim of an undefeated record in conference contention.

Pirates Down Five Saturday's finale was close and hard fought all the way. Never more than six points separated the two clubs. Score was tied 13 times and the lead switched hands on four occasions. Phoenix had to overcome a five-point deficit in the final stanza to claim its triumph. The Pirates pushed on top by swishing through nine counters while EP went scoreless in a 2 1/2 minute span.

In the other scrapes Saturday Illinois Valley captured third place in the tournament by clipping Henley 60 to 46 and Brookings was consolation victor 56 to 50 over Glendale.

Eagle Point was in front 39 to 37 going into the concluding period of the title game. Jack Greb's jumper from the side of the circle and his free shot, after the foul which sent the Pirates' Doug Witte out of the tussle, put the EP margin at 42 to 37. Jim Waldron got a pair of gifts from the free line for Phoenix but Greb added a brace of free points for 44 to 39 with 4 1/2 minutes left in the panel.

Simmonds Sparks Comeback Gary Simmonds started the Phoenix comeback with a close bucket on a feed. He then got a free shot and with 3 1/2 minutes to go sank a long pusher to tie up the game 44-44. The Pirates went ahead for keeps with 2 1/2 minutes left on two free counters by Jim Stout. Phoenix led went to 48 to 44 when Simmonds fed the ball for a driving shot by Jim James.

Eagle Point closed the gap to 48 to 46 on Dennis Boren's two-hand jumper from back of the

free throw stripe. But Boren fouled James who plunked in both gift tries for 50 to 46 with 27 seconds left to play. Greb missed an Eagle free shot on Stout's foul with 19 seconds remaining but Boren canned a jumper from the side of the slot as eight seconds showed on the clock. The game ended on a long Phoenix pass down the court.

Phoenix headed 16 to 14 at the end of the first quarter in which there were five tie scores. The Pirates had one bulge of six points at 12 to 6. However, the slow starting Eagles pulled on top by six themselves in the second period. They went on top for the first time at 20 to 16 and fought to 26 to 20 and 28 to 22 gaps. James and Don Wallace each downed a pair of foul tosses for Phoenix and the EP edge was 28 to 26 at the half.

18-16 at Free Line In the third quarter there were five deadlocks. Phoenix went ahead at 35 to 34 when Stout drove in for a field goal and added a free bucket. But when Greb made a charity heave and missed his second try, Wayne Christian followed with a rebound shot for a 37 to 35 EP lead.

The Pirates claimed the victory on an 18 to 16 margin in free shots. Each club had 16 field goals for the game. As the fray began, however, it appeared that the Eagles would get the gift toss advantage. Five personals were whistled on Phoenix in the first quarter and the Eagles took full use to collect 10 of their 14 points in the period.

Greb Scores 20 Greb of EP was high scorer in the fracas with 20 points and Gary Simmonds rolled up 15 for Phoenix. Greb, Gary Foran and Christian were the big rebounders for the Eagles and gave their club the edge in offensive play under the boards. James and Witte, until he fouled out, were the main retrievers for Phoenix, which had the edge in overall aggressiveness for the night.

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SPORTS

UCLA Tops Scrappy UO Team 73-65

Eugene — (U.P.) — Oregon's Ducks gave UCLA a battle Saturday night before losing 73-65 for their 11th defeat in 12 Pacific Coast Conference basketball starts.

UCLA led 40-28 at halftime but Oregon, led by Charlie Franklin and Hal Duffy, bounced back to twice come within four points.

UCLA won the game at the free throw line, bagging 29 charity tosses to 17 for Oregon which out shot the visitors from the field 24-22.

Franklin had 17 points as did Ben Rogers and Walt Torrence of the Bruins. Duffy chipped in with 15 for the Ducks.

Dennis Hogan had 15 points and Larry Preston 13 for IV and Jim Marler 13 for Henley. Brookings trailed Glendale at the quarter 16 to 7 and at half 26 to 33 but went ahead 46 to 34 in the third quarter. Jerry Anderson scored 19 for the Bruins and Tom Munyon 14 for Glendale.

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Basketball Scores

Table of basketball scores for various teams including (East) Canisius 83, Bowling Green 70, Harvard 59, Pennsylvania 83, Temple 67, GWU 59, Boston 77, Brandeis 76, Dartmouth 84, Cornell 49, Holy Cross 89, Boston Col. 65, West Virginia 107, Pittsburgh 93, Princeton 56, Yale 38, St. Bonaventure 74, Niagara 66, Rutgers 64, CUNY 62.

Bruins Face Southern Cal On Tuesday

By UNITED PRESS PCC STANDINGS (BY UNITED PRESS) UCLA 11, California 11, Washington 11, USC 6, Stanford 6, Oregon State 6, Oregon State 2, Idaho 2, Oregon 1.

Fifth ranked UCLA and ninth ranked California are destined to collide in a basketball titanic at Berkeley next week end although the script could be messed up a little by Southern California.

For the Bruins, still deadlocked with California for first place in the Pacific Coast conference tangle, have a date with Coach Forest Twogood's quintet Tuesday at Pan Pacific auditorium and neither the Bruins nor Cal are impervious to upsets.

Things are just as tense in the California Basketball Association where USF clings to a half-game lead over St. Mary's with the teams slated to fight it out March 5 for the title, unless "upstarts" gets them in the meantime.

California, which was wrecked Friday night by Washington, turned on a full court press Saturday to defeat the Huskies 72 to 62.

The Bruins kept pace by defeating last place Oregon, 73 to 65. Southern California cleaned up its week end series with an 86 to 73 victory over Stanford. Oregon State earned a split with Idaho by dropping the Vandals 81 to 53, in the other PCC game. Washington State was idle.

USF used its vaunted defense to put the squeeze on Loyola, 75 to 65, and retain the half game edge over St. Mary's which downed Fresno State in overtime, 89 to 85.

Field Half Filled For NCAA Cage Play New York — (U.P.) — The 32-team field for the NCAA's brand-new small college basketball championship tournament was half completed today with the addition of four conference champions decided during the week end.

Teams named swelled to 16 with the addition of Mt. St. Mary's of Maryland, Jackson College of Mississippi, Florida A&M, and the University of Nevada.

First and second round games in the small college tournament will be played at home courts sites to be determined by the draw. First round games will be played March 2-5 and second round games March 9. Quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals will be played March 13, 14 and 15 at Evansville, Ind.

HOCKEY By UNITED PRESS It was a "lost week end" for all three of the National Hockey League's top teams, which blew opportunities to make significant gains.

The Detroit Red Wings could have taken an eight-point lead over the Montreal Canadiens, but suffered a 2-1 loss at the hands of the fifth-place Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Canadiens then failed to cut into the Red Wings' first-place margin when they dropped a 4-3 decision to the fourth-place New York Rangers.

Pelicans Tip Ashland High Quint 41-37

Ashland — The Klamath Falls Pelicans won 41-37 over Ashland high Saturday night.

It was a hotly contested game all the way with the lead changing hands several times before Klamath could salvage enough of a lead to ascertain its 10th conference victory against two defeats.

The Pelicans were out to compensate for their humiliating 50-39 Friday night setback. They started fast in the Saturday night encounter and were on the long end of a 5-0 count after 48 seconds of the first quarter. But for the Grizzlies midway through the opening quarter Jack Tobin sank a pair of free throws to tie the score 6-6.

Engineering a patience-trying strategy while trying to pull the Pelicans out of their zone defense and into a man to man defense, the Grizzlies pushed for a slow, low-scoring game, and were in front of the Pelicans midway through the second quarter, and were just a shade behind the classy KF five when the half ended with Klamath Falls leading 19-17.

Free Tosses Aid "Klamath was one to three points in front much of the third period. With Klamath trailing 26-25 with three minutes remaining in the third canto, two quick field goals by the Pelicans pushed the visitors into a 29-26 third period nod.

From that point on and throughout the final quarter the Klamath Falls Pelicans made the most of their free throw attempts, hit the hemp from outside the key, and generally held a four to five point edge to regain some of the prestige they lost in Friday night's defeat.

The Pelicans in winning boosted their season record to 18 victories against 3 setbacks. The Grizzlies own a season record of 13 wins and 7 defeats.

In Saturday night's preliminary, the Ashland JV pinned the Klamath Falls JV with their first defeat in 17 games, winning handily, 57 to 44.

37 Ashland 8, Klamath 41, Eberhart 8, Sutherland 2, 8 Dalley, Sutherland 2, 8 Tolson, Moore 15, 8 Fitch, Kimpton 12, 8 Hartwell, McGee 7, 8 Substitutions — For Ashland: Orlson 4; for Klamath Falls, Douglas.

Pacific Has Edge in NW Hoop Chase Linfield and Pacific were embroiled in a down-to-the-wire battle for the Northwest conference basketball title today. Pacific has a 9-4 record with three games to play while Linfield is 10-5 with one game left.

Tonight, Pacific, winner of two straight over College of Idaho during the week end, clashes with Whitman at Forest Grove. The Badgers downed the Idaho team 73-62 Saturday. Lewis and Clark, tied with Willamette for third place at 6-7, meets College of Idaho tonight.

Linfield edged Willamette 85-81 Saturday night to keep the race hot. Lewis and Clark took Whitman 73-55 in the other Saturday game.

Portland State drubbed Eastern Oregon 71-41 to wind up in a second-place tie with Southern Oregon in the OCC race. Portland State also won a berth in next week's regional NAIA tourney along with Southern Oregon, Portland, and Lewis and Clark.

Knickerbockers Just About Out By UNITED PRESS Four straight wins by the Syracuse Nats have just about beat out the New York Knickerbockers for third playoff spot in the National Basketball association Eastern division. After Sunday's 109-93 triumph over Rochester, which hiked the Nats lead over losing New York to 2 1/2 games, the Knicks have just about "had it."

The Boston Celtics blasted the Knicks 97-85. New York's defeat dropped it four games down to Syracuse in the lost column with only nine games remaining.

In other games, rookie Irv Bemoras' tip-in with two seconds to play climaxed an uphill 113-112 St. Louis triumph over the Philadelphia Warriors.

Dick Garmaker dropped in 29 points to pace the Minneapolis Lakers to a 123-115 win over the league-leading Fort Wayne Pistons.

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SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS W. L. Pct. Klamath Falls 10 2 833, Medford 7 7 500, Ashland 4 8 333, Grants Pass 2 12 143, Crater 0 0 0.

Klamath Falls assured itself a berth in the Oregon Class A-1 basketball tournament from District 6 by thumping Ashland 41 to 37 at Ashland on Saturday night in the Southern Oregon conference while Grants Pass won a battle of league also-rans by rapping Crater high 53 to 44 at Grants Pass.

The loss pushed the Ashlanders out of the running for the loop diadem but they stayed in the fight for the second tourney spot from the district. Week end results left idle Medford just a game behind the KF Pelicans in the conference championship race. The Medfordites hold a three game gap over Ashland in the quest for state tournament entry.

Grants Pass was jarred out of league title and tourney aspirations by its 54 to 52 double overtime loss to Crater on Friday, the same night the Ashland quint stunned the state and helped its district cause with a 50 to 39 victory over Klamath Falls.

Tornado, Grizzlies Vie Medford and Ashland collide this Friday and Saturday with the Black Tornado of Medford needing but one verdict to gain a third consecutive tourney jaunt. Grants Pass and Klamath are foes in the other series while Crater sits out with a bye.

At Grants Pass Saturday the Cavemen built up a wide first

half command. Crater came back to challenge in the second half, but when the Comets got within striking range in the concluding period, the GP crew plucked its score with foul tosses.

Grants Pass had 20 to 7, 30 to 11 and 41 to 26 leads at the quarters. Crater, having trouble with the Caveman zone defense and also missing good shots, put in only two field goals in the first half in 25 casts at the net. The Comets in the second half limited Grants Pass to just three baskets from the field but the Cavemen added 17 pointers on gift tries in the last two quarters. Crater came up within six points of the Cavemen at 48 to 42.

Both clubs recorded 14 field goals but the Cavemen put in 25 free throws to 16 by Crater. Don Goyette of Crater with 13 markers was high point man in the game. Mike Sparlin and

Bruce Marks had 11 each for the GP team. John Greb, Dick Davis and Goyette of Crater and Marks and Henderson of GP fouled out of the game.

BOX: Crater: FG FT PF TP Davis, c 2 0 5 4 Herrmann, f 3 4 4 10 Goyette, g 0 2 3 2 Goyette, g 0 5 5 13 Teeter, g 1 0 1 0 Campbell 1 2 1 4 Kime 0 0 0 0 White 0 1 1 1 Smith 0 1 1 0 Cochran 3 2 1 8 Bennett 0 0 0 0 Totals 14 16 33 44

Grants Pass: FG FT PF TP Sparlin, f 3 5 1 11 Marks, f 2 3 1 11 Henderson, c 2 5 3 6 Smith, g 2 2 3 6 Lasher, f 1 2 1 4 Renber, f 1 2 1 4 Putnam 0 0 0 0 Fowler 0 0 0 0 Walker 0 0 0 0 Hayes 0 3 0 3 Proctor 0 0 0 0 Williams 0 0 0 0 Totals 14 23 18 53

Prep Scores

SATURDAY BASKETBALL BY UNITED PRESS Marshfield 57, Eugene 55, Klamath Falls 41, Ashland 37, Springfield 58, North Bend 50, Madras 47, Redmond 33, Lakeview 70, Burns 59, Sisters 61, Dufur 38, Grants Pass 38, Crater 44, Reedsport 58, Waldport 47, Baker 55, LaGrande 47, Toleno 49, Myrtle Point 47, Knappa 49, Corbett 38, Hermiston 65, Mac Hill 51, Phoenix 50, Eagle Point 48, Butte Falls 38, Talent 27, Brookings 56, Glendale 50, Illinois Valley 69, Henley 46, Malin 41, Merrill 40.

Kurt Nielsen Net Victor

New York — (U.P.) — Another sour note was struck in American tennis today when the U.S. National Indoor tennis championship went out of the country for the third time in the last four years.

Mustachioed Kurt Nielsen of Denmark, who had been seeded fourth, emerged as the surprise winner of the 1937 indoor crown Sunday when he upset third-seeded Herb Flam, U.S. Davis Cupper from Beverly Hills, Calif., 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

Oregon State Rebounds Over Idaho

Moscow, Ida. — (U.P.) — Oregon State rebounded from a Friday night defeat to wallop the Idaho Vandals 81-53 here Saturday night.

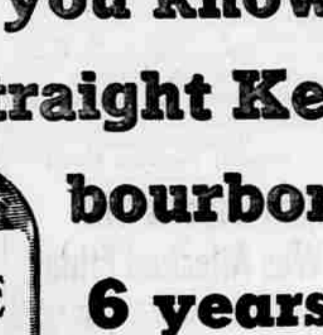
Dave Gambee, the tall OSC forward, canned 28 points Saturday to give him '60 for the two-game series.

Oregon State led all the way after the first seven minutes. The Beavers hit 27 out of 56 field goal tries for a 482 mark to 16 out of 53 and a .302 percentage for Idaho.

Whaylen Coleman led Idaho with 15, the same number hit by Ken Nanson of the Beavers.

POINTERS TO END SEASON Central Point—Central Point seventh and eighth grade teams end their season in basketball on Thursday playing the McLoughlin Bulldogs of Medford. Seventh grade game will be at 6:30 p.m. The pointers won two games from Grants Pass last week, the eighth victor by 37 to 22 and seventh by 21 to 15.

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