

Hedrick Gym To Be Phoenix-Glide Game Scene Thursday Night

Hedrick Junior High school's spacious gymnasium will be the scene of the opening play-off game between Phoenix and Glide Senior highs for the District A-2 basketball championship.

The Pirates of Phoenix and the Wildcats of Glide will clash on the Medford floor at 8 p.m. Thursday. Second game in the two-of-three series will be at two-of-three series will be at Glide on Saturday. Scene of the third game, probably on Monday, if needed, is set to be determined.

Phoenix will take a 12-win 8-loss mark for the season into tourney play. The Pirates tied for second with Illinois Valley in the Rogue league with a 6-4 standing and in the subdistrict tourney fought past Glendale, Illinois Valley and Rogue champion Eagle Point.

Gary Simmonds has been the top point maker for the Pirates this season with 197. But Jim James is close behind with 193. Jim Stout has scored 142. In its 20 games Phoenix has piled up 881 points while yielding 901 to rivals.

SPORTS

Prep Scores

- TUESDAY BASKETBALL**
By United Press
- Grant 62, Wilson 34
 - Benard 63, Jefferson 44
 - Lincoln 39, Washington 31
 - Cleveland 64, Franklin 61
 - McMinnville 59, Forest Grove 53
 - Central Catholic 70, Milwaukie 45
 - Beaverton 61, Gresham 59 (ot)
 - West Linn 57, Oregon City 43
 - St. Helens 46, Tigard 42
 - Newberg 46, Oswego 44
 - North Salem 68, Corvallis 47
 - Hillsboro 64, David Douglas 59
 - Dallas 47, Central 43
 - Molalla 67, Sandy 41
 - Reedport 48, Waldport 38
 - Willamette 58, Junction City 45
 - Elmira 87, Pleasant Hill 36
 - Gabriele 37, Drain 51
 - Yoncalla 77, Oakland 34
 - Silverton 46, Stayton 29
 - Sheridan 51, Banks 50
 - Hood River 51, West 45
 - Rainier 60, Reynolds 34
 - Neah-Kahahine 40, Nestucca 45
 - Riddle 56, Days Creek 43
 - Jefferson 69, Perrydale 35
 - St. Francis 45, Creswell 36

Gambea Has Scoring Lead In PCC Race

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Dave Gambea of Oregon State has taken over the individual scoring lead in the Pacific Coast conference basketball race, figures released by the PCC commissioner's office showed today.

Gambea has averaged 21.8 points per game in his 12 games through Feb. 23 and has taken the top spot away from Washington State's Larry Beck, who had lead the scorers since the second week end of the season.

Gambea has scored 89 field goals and 83 free throws for 261 total points, while Beck has 81 field goals and 92 free throws for 254 points and a 21.2 average. Washington's Doug Smart is third with a 20.4 average.

Smart, the rebounding and field goal leader since the start of the season still leads rebounding by having recovered 15.9 per cent of all opportunities. He has 192 recoveries out of 1,210 chances.

From the floor Smart is shooting 56.2 per cent to still retain the field goal lead, well ahead of the all-time conference record of 53.1 per cent set by Washington's Bob Houbregs in 1953.

Gary Simmons of Idaho has taken over the free throw shooting lead with a terrific late-season performance. After missing the first eight conference games due to injury, Simmons has scored 40 points in 42 attempts for 95.2 per cent in his last six games.

Simmons scored on his first 24 attempts this year, and coupled with completions on his last two tries of the 1956 season, gives him a consecutive mark of 26, erasing the old mark of 25 set by Bill Bauscher, Idaho, in 1955 and 1956, UCLA, ranked fifth in the nation and running second to California in the PCC race, dominates offensive team statistics. The Bruins are on top in total scoring, free throw percentage and rebounding, while California heads total defense. Stanford leads in field goal percentage and Washington is out in front in field goal defense.

UCLA has scored an average of 73.9 points per game, with Southern California in second with 72.0 and Washington in third with 70.9.

Med. Nazarene, YMCA Winners In Church Tilts

YMCA scored its second win of the second half in the men's church basketball league last week end by bouncing Phoenix Nazarene 59 to 36. Medford Nazarene won the other game played 40 to 30 over First Methodist church.

- LINE-UPS:**
- 40 Med. Nazarene Methodist 30
 - 15 Goble, 1 Van Ausdall 4
 - 12 Sherman, K. Van Ausdall 12
 - 6 Johnson, Lagergren 6
 - 12 Beatty, McKennie 4
 - 5 Yates, Hale
- Substitutions—For Nazarene, Walker 1; for Methodist, Richey 4, Eichner 1.
- 39 YMCA Ph. Nazarene 36
 - 20 Isaacs, Wood 21
 - 16 Peterson, Witt 10
 - 8 J. Gordon, Dean 10
 - 6 K. Ennis, Yonfa 5
 - 4 D. Ennis, Merwin
- Substitutions—For YMCA, Hammer 11; Armstrong 4; for Ph. Nazarene, McCarty.

BUTTE FALLS WILL TRY FOR FIRST B TOURNEY BERTH SINCE 1942 TOGA

Butte Falls — The Butte Falls Loggers will be aiming for their first state tournament berth in 15 years and Malin will be gunning for a chance to defend the state B championship it claimed last year when the two clubs collide this week for the District 5B basketball crown.

Thursday and Friday night scuffles in the two-out-of-three play-off will be at Oregon Tech gym at Klamath Falls. If a third game is necessary, the clubs will move to Ashland on Saturday evening.

Butte Falls last state B tournament jaunt was in 1942 when it was a surprise winner of the Oregon small school diadem. Malin took the title last year after being runner-up the year before.

The Mustangs, although second best in Klamath county in regular season play for the third year in succession, took the sub-district tourney by a nose and will carry a more impressive season record than Butte Falls to the play-off. Malin has a 16-5 mark and was 4-2 in regular league play.

The Loggers finished with 10-6 but had an 8-2 standing in the regular Jackson County B league slate. They lost to St. Mary's in the county tourney but beat Talent in their second chance county play-off final. It was the fourth win over Talent in five games with the Bulldogs.

Butte Falls suffered three of its setbacks at the hands of Prospect, which it beat once. The Loggers won one of three games with St. Mary's.

Malin is bidding for the

tourney trip will have a height edge over the Loggers. The Mustangs have Allen Myers, 6-2, a regular on the 1956 state champ club, Dale Rick, 6-3, and Bill Rajnus and Len Dobry, either of whom could start, 6-0 each. Stu Miller, 5-11 and Roland Harmon, 5-7, speedster are the guards.

Not a Butte Falls regular is shown at 6 feet. Pat and Mike Conley, Bill Irwin and Don Ellis are 5-11. Raymond Abbott, 6-3 freshman, will be the tallest man on the traveling squad.

O'Malley Won't Be at PCC Meet

San Francisco — (U.P.) — President Walter J. O'Malley of the Brooklyn Dodgers has decided to miss Saturday's special meeting of the Pacific Coast league directors to act on Brooklyn's purchase of the Los Angeles franchise from the Chicago Cubs.

In a telegram to league headquarters, O'Malley said: "We will be absent from the meeting to avoid any implication of pressure, but believe the Cubs, as present member, should be present."

WEST CAGERS PICKED

New York — (U.P.) — Gary Thompson of Iowa State and Jimmy Krebs of Southern Methodist became the first players named for the West quad today for the annual East-West All-Star Basketball game at Madison Square Garden, March 30.

Black Tornado Needs One Verdict for Tourney Spot

Medford high's hoopmen, who drew a bye in the Southern Oregon conference last week end, are back at hard work this week in preparation for a crucial series with the Ashland Grizzlies.

The Black Tornado goes to Ashland on Friday and hosts the Grizzlies at the Hedrick court here on Saturday. In the other week end series loop leading Klamath Falls plays both nights at Grants Pass.

Action will find Medford attempting to cinch a state tourney spot and Ashland fighting to stay in the running for a trip to the A-1 scramble at Eugene. Klamath Falls has assured itself of entry in the big school ruckus but still needs triumphs to sew up the league lead and District 6 title.

Grizzlies Require Both
A single victory over Ashland will qualify Medford's Tornado aggregation for its third consecutive jaunt to the state tournament. Ashland concludes regular league play with the Medford scuffles and must win both to stay in contention.

Coach Frank Roelandt today reported his Medford squad intact and in good shape following a rugged Tuesday drill. The Tornado was to go at it hard again today before tapering off Thursday for the week end games. Assistant mentor Bob Newland was to have charge of this afternoon's workout. Roelandt headed for Corvallis where

former Oregon State collegians are playing the Harlem Globetrotters tonight.

The head tutor of the Tornado reported this week that the Medford crew was aiming a both offensive polish and tighter defense this week.

No Easy Time
Medford won both previous hassles with the Grizzlies but both victories were hard earned and the Tornado is anticipating no easy time this week with the Ashlanders. The Grizzlies doubtless have picked up a lot of confidence from their upset last Friday of the high ranked Klamath Falls team and their close tussle on Saturday with the Pelicans.

Southern Oregon conference statistics show Dick Coppel and Dick McLoughlin of the Tornado still tied for third in per game scoring average with 12.4. In total points, however, Mel Dailey of Ashland took the advantage of the Tornado's idle week end to pull ahead of the two Medfordites.

Butch Kimpton of Klamath Falls heads the pack with 196 total and 16.3 average and Glenn Moore of Klamath is next with 181 and 15.1. Dailey has 152 and 10.1. Coppel and McLoughlin each have 148 points.

The statistics are prepared by Clayton Hannon, sports editor of the Klamath Falls Herald and News.

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE SCORING:

Player	FG	FT	PP	TP	Ave.
Butch Kimpton, Klamath Falls	65	66	28	196	16.3
Glenn Moore, Klamath Falls	56	65	31	181	15.1
Mel Dailey, Ashland	55	42	30	152	10.8
Dick Coppel, Medford	59	39	35	148	12.4
Dick McLoughlin, Medford	46	56	33	148	12.4
Fred Herrmann, Crater	41	58	46	140	10.0
Jack Eberhart, Ashland	29	62	49	129	8.57
Mark Fitch, Ashland	43	28	36	114	8.14
Neil Plumley, Medford	31	49	37	111	9.25
Jack Tobiasen, Ashland	18	60	28	96	6.88
Bob Niles, Klamath Falls	37	22	23	96	8.0

TEAM SCORING:

Team	PP	Ave.	PA	Ave.
Klamath Falls	662	50.8	535	44.6
Medford	660	55.0	545	45.4
Grants Pass	540	45.0	601	50.08
Ashland	539	43.7	563	46.02
Crater	587	41.9	778	55.6

Vince Choice Unpopular

Newark, N. J. — (U.P.) — Welterweight contender Vince Martinez wasn't a very popular victor over the rejuvenated Kid Gavilan, but he was thrust forward today as a \$100,000-guarantee challenger for either the welterweight or middleweight titles by elated New Jersey promoters.

He was also considered for a return bout with either of the ex-welter champions, Gavilan or Tony DeMarco.

Cuban Gavilan, 31, was yelling for another fight with Martinez of Paterson, N. J., and he deserved the rematch because of his magnificent performance in Tuesday night's wham-bam brawl.

The money for this non-televized bout was not mis-spent; for Gavilan — fighting well throughout — staged an electrifying finish that had 27-year-old Martinez lurching about the ring on rubber legs at times in the ninth and tenth rounds.

There are no judges in New Jersey. On a rounds basis, Referee Joey Harrison of Garfield, N. J., gave the decision to Vince: 6-3. It was booed for five minutes by the fans.

Esselstyn Will Head Refs Group

Bill Esselstyn, Central Point, will assume office next fall as president of the Southern Oregon Officials association, the organization of football and basketball referees.

C. A. (Dutch) Meyer, Central Point, will serve as basketball commissioner for the 1957-58 season.

They were named Monday at a meeting of the arbiters. Others chosen to take office next fall were Joe Zarosinski, Medford, vice president; Lee Flink, Medford, secretary-treasurer; and Barney Riggs, Medford, director.

Esselstyn will succeed John Tullis, Grants Pass, and Meyer will replace Virgil Swanson. The arbiters voted to continue next season with the policy of having the commissioner assign basketball referees. It is planned, however, to leave selection of football officials up to coaches.

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COACH RELIEVED

Lexington, Va. — (U.P.) — Bill Chipley, who was fired as head football coach of the deempha-

sized Washington and Lee Generals Tuesday after losing 14 of his past 15 games, blamed part of his troubles today on an interfraternity touch football league.

Boxing Results

By United Press
Miami Beach, Orlando Zuluceta, 138, Havana, outpointed Ray Portilla, 139½, Houston, Tex. (10).

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