

Tornado, Caveman Series Among Key Cage Contests In Fight for A-1 Berths

Southern Oregon conference basketball series open this evening on Medford and Central Point courts.

Medford high will be host to Grants Pass at Hedrick Junior high gym and Crater will entertain Klamath Falls. GP and Medford vie at Grants Pass on Saturday while KP will be at Crater again.

Varsity games are set for 8:15 p.m. after 6:30 p.m. prelims. However, there will be no prelim at Central Point tonight.

Medford and Grants Pass are fighting for second place in the conference and A-1 tourney berth. Crater is still in the running for the spot but is three games back of Grants Pass and its hopes are rather dim. Klamath has clinched the league title, has been assured of a trip to the Eugene tourney and is playing its last games of the regular season this week end.

By UNITED PRESS
Fifteen A-1 high school basketball teams remain in contention for nine remaining berths in the annual state tournament next month at Eugene but the field may be reduced this week end.

Several key games are scheduled including a series between The Dalles and Hermiston, another between Medford and Grants Pass, a game between South Eugene and Springfield and the Jefferson-Roosevelt contest in Portland.

Seven teams are "in" for the McArthur court tournament. They are Grant of Portland, Astoria, Beaverton, North Salem, Bend, Pendleton and Klamath Falls.

Grants Pass could gain a tourney berth with two wins over Medford. If they split or Medford wins two the issue goes into next week. The Dalles and Hermiston open a two-out-of-three game series in Hermiston tonight for a tournament spot.

Red-hot Midwest
Roosevelt would qualify for the tournament with a win over Jefferson while the latter needs to win to keep alive its chances for Portland's third tournament spot. Franklin also is a contender.

The red-hot Midwest league sees South Eugene meeting Springfield tonight. Springfield could win one tourney berth with a victory. South Eugene, with Charlie Warren back in the fold, is 6-3 while Springfield is 7-2. Roseburg 5-3 meets North Bend and Marshfield this week end. North Bend is 4-4 and Marshfield 3-5. The loop has two tourney berths.

St. Helens and McMinnville, tied for first place in the TYV league, clash tonight. Tigard, just behind, also hopes for one of the two tourney berths from the loop, and plays Oregon City tonight. Corvallis hopes to join

North Salem as a Valley league tourney representative and could do so with a win over Lebanon tonight.

In class A-2, two of eight berths have been filled. Dallas and Stayton have qualified.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Bears Launch Tough Home Tussle Stand

by GENE BRYANT
United Press Sports Writer
The California Bears, with a fast-closing Oregon State squad breathing down their necks, open up a tough three-game home stand tonight against UCLA as the hot Pacific Coast conference basketball race enters its next-to-last week end of competition.

The surprising Bears will take on a dangerous Idaho team Saturday night then Oregon next Friday, needing a sweep to insure their second straight PCC championship and a berth in the NCAA playoffs two weeks hence.

As of now, California leads the field with a 11-2 mark, followed by Oregon State (9-3) and UCLA (9-4).

Bruins Still Ineligible
The Bruins, with a mathematical chance to finish in first place, are ineligible for the western regionals and the PCC title, however, because of conference penalties.

OSC, only a game-and-a-half behind Cal, will have a much easier schedule than the Bears in the last days of conference play. The Beavers will host slumping Southern California Saturday night, with a pair of games against weak Washington State and a single contest against Idaho slated for next week.

A four-game sweep by the Beavers and a single loss by California would cause a two-way deadlock for first place. A single OSC loss, however, would put the Bears in the enviable position of needing only two victories in their last three games to take the championship. The Bears have taken their last eight games at home.

Stanford Hosts Idaho
In addition to the Cal-UCLA contest tonight, Washington will host the last-place Washington State Cougars. USC will travel to Oregon and Idaho will go against Stanford's upset specialists at Palo Alto. Oregon State is

idle.

Over in the West Coast Athletic conference — where the University of San Francisco has already sewed up another championship — the powerful Dons will go after their eighteenth straight when they host San Jose State. Coach Phil Woolpert's quintet edged St. Mary's, 49-47, last Tuesday to inch the title and a berth in the NCAA playoffs.

Other WCAC games will pit St. Mary's against Loyola and Santa Clara against Pepperdine.

Chieftains Need Win
In the important game in the Northwest, Seattle university's slumping Chieftains will be out to score an impressive victory over Pacific Lutheran in the hope of landing a berth in the Western Regionals.

The Elgin Baylor-led Chieftains were upset by a strong Idaho State, another squad anxious for a trip to the NCAA playoffs, last Saturday after escaping with a narrow one-point victory over Montana State earlier in the week.

Nevada's Far Western conference co-champions will visit Montana State and San Diego State will host Long Beach State in other games tonight.

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY COLLEGE SCORES
By United Press

(East)
Syracuse 66, Colgate 52
Rutgers 76, Montclair Techs. 73
Pittsburgh 73, Westminster 74
Manhattan 95, New York U. 77

(South)
Furman 90, Citadel 74
Mississippi St. 91, Mississippi 60
Dayton 103, Loyola (La.) 69
Drake 94, Marquette 76

(West)
Idaho St. 91, Colorado Mines 42
Utah 74, Brigham Young 56

San Francisco's Chinatown, with an estimated population of 30,000, is the largest in the world outside of the Orient.



SKI-JINKS — "Taking off" in somewhat unorthodox fashion is Yves Latrielle, of Los Angeles, Calif., at Squaw Valley, Calif., Lodge, site of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games. The snowy hi-jinks took place during a recent outing on the ski slopes. Heavy snows lately have made ski conditions at Squaw Valley and other Sierra resorts ideal.

Ducks Face SC Trojans In PCC Tilt

Eugene — Oregon's Webfoots close out their 1958 home basketball season this week end with games against Southern California tonight and Washington State Saturday night.

Oregon still has a road trip left next week with games against California and Stanford.

Coach Steve Belko indicated he would start Dale Heron, Charlie Franklin, Hal Duffy, Bud Kuykendall and Chuck Rask against the Trojans tonight.

Oregon hopes to move ahead of Southern California into fifth place. The Trojans are just half a game ahead of Belko's crew.

Southern California moves to Corvallis Saturday night to meet Oregon State while the Ducks meet the Cougars here.

Oregon has accepted a bid to play next Dec. 26-27 in the 23rd All-College tournament at Oklahoma City. Oklahoma City university is host school.

Bonanza Upsets Mali nCagers

Klamath Falls — Bonanza high upset Malin, regular Klamath league winner, 63 to 62 last night in the opening round of the Klamath-Lake county B basketball tournament.

Chiloquin rapped Sacred Heart 51 to 35. In afternoon scraps Merrill laced Gilchrist 69 to 18 and Bly whipped Paisley 58 to 32.

Merrill meets Bly and Bonanza plays Chiloquin tonight. Tourney finals are Saturday and winner will take on Talent next week end for the District 5B title.

Ron Roberts scored 33 points for Bonanza.

Wright Keeps Small College Leadership

New York — Teddy Wright of South Carolina State, who has completed his season, now must wait anxiously while Bennie Swain of Texas Southern makes a dangerous attack on his national small-college basketball scoring lead.

Wright remained on top in weekly scoring statistics issued today by the NCAA for games through Feb. 22. He has an average of 28.0 points per game.

But the six-eight Swain zoomed from fourth to second place at 27.4 points per game after a week that saw him hitting at a 33 average clip. Swain has tournament play remaining, so has a chance to overtake Wright before the books are closed.

Swain Accurate
Swain already leads the nation in field goal accuracy, sinking 638 per cent of his shots as he led Texas Southern to a record of 22 wins and three losses. His marksmanship helped put Texas Southern in the team lead in the same department with a 532 shooting mark.

Arnold Smith of Allen university has finished his season as the top free throw shooter with a .912 average, topped in history only by the .920 record set last year by Jim Sutton of South Dakota State.

Marv Becker of Penn Military leads in rebounds with 25.5 per game.

West Virginia Tech tops the team scoring list with an average of 101.4 points per game through Feb. 26, followed by Texas Southern at 93.9. McNeese State of Louisiana leads in defense, allowing 46.7 points per game.

Martha Washington was granted the special privilege by a special act of Congress.

George Yardley Brings Record Within Range

By UNITED PRESS

George Yardley, the balding sharpshooter who helps build guided missiles during the off season, now has George Mikan's one-season professional basketball scoring record within range of his big guns.

Yardley, the Detroit Pistons' league-leading point-maker, racked up 41 tallies Thursday night in leading Detroit to a 112-109 victory over the Minneapolis Lakers at Philadelphia. The win gave the Pistons a 1 1/2 game grip on second place in the Western division of the National Basketball association.

In the only other game Thursday, the Philadelphia Warriors moved within two

Friday, February 28, 1958

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL, TRIBUNE—NINE

Jerry Kalapus Leads NW With 22.1 Point Average

By UNITED PRESS

This is the showdown week end in the Northwest conference basketball race.

Linfield has the edge going into the final two days of the 1958 schedule but Willamette and Lewis and Clark still nurse some title hopes and the race conceivably could end up in a three-way tie.

Linfield, 9-4, has a home-and-home series with Lewis and Clark, 7-6. Two wins by the Pioneers would tie them with the Wildcats. Willamette, 9-5, has just one game left, a home contest against Pacific in which it is heavily

favored.

Willamette could tie Linfield for the crown by winning if Linfield should lose just one of its two games to Lewis and Clark. But if Pacific should upset the Bearcats, Lewis and Clark could move into a three-way tie for first by a double win over Linfield.

The Willamette-Pacific game is tonight in Salem. Linfield meets Lewis and Clark in Portland tonight and at McMinnville Saturday night.

The Northwest conference champion will enter the NCAA Pacific Coast regional small college tournament. Jerry Kalapus of Pacific

leads the loop in scoring with 221 points in 10 games and a 22.1 average compared to a 21.5 average by Jackie Riley of Linfield with 280 points in 13 games. Kalapus also leads in rebounding.

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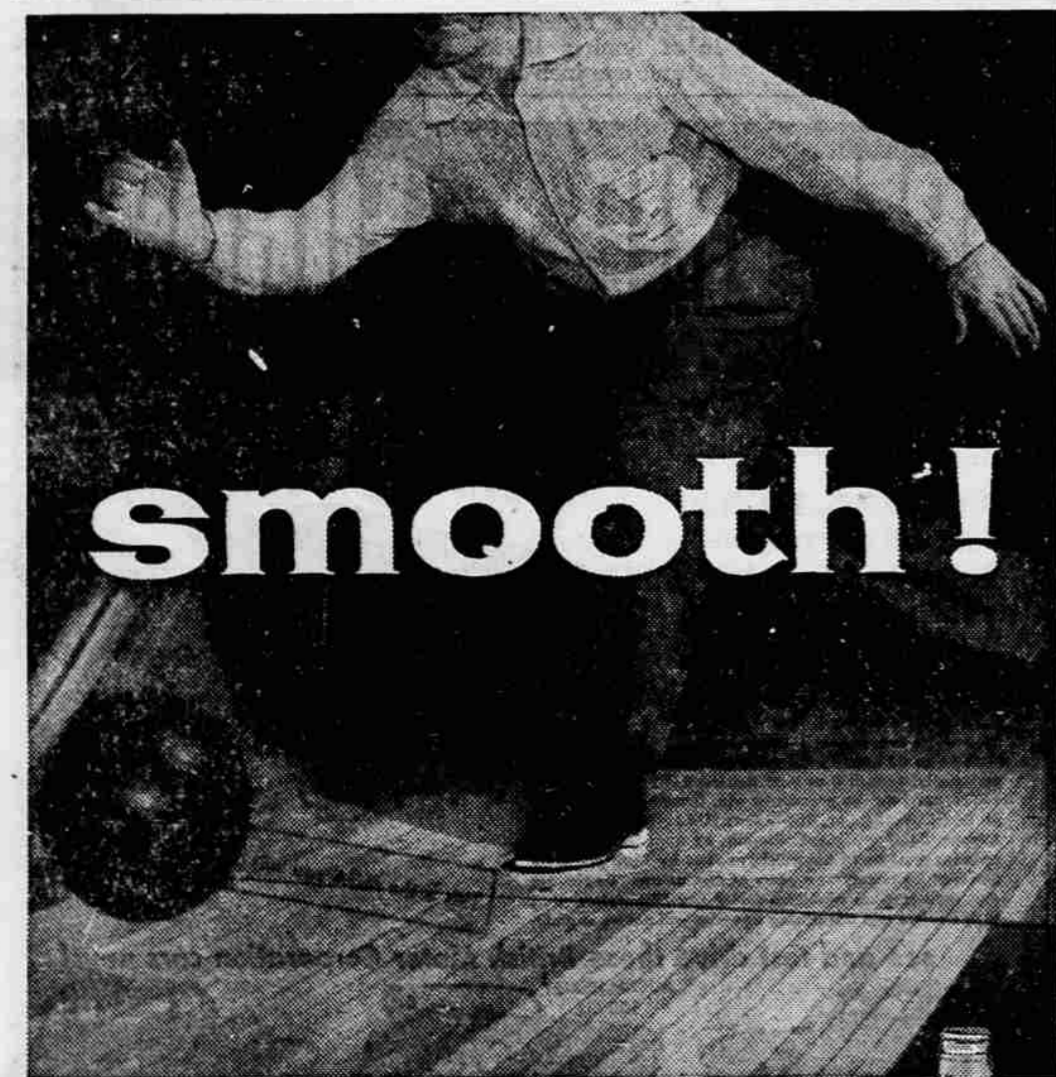
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