

Raiders Need Win To Assure Mantle

Asland—If the Red Raiders of Southern Oregon college want to be sure of at least sharing top honors in Oregon Collegiate conference basketball this season they will have to win over Oregon Tech tonight when they play the Owls in Klamath Falls.

At present the Raiders lead the league by a half-game over the second place Vikings of Portland State. The men of SOC stand 12-3 and PSC 11-3 but the latter has two games to play in the OCC. A win over OTI and a loss by PSC to Eastern Oregon would give the Raiders the crown.

No matter what the Raiders do against Oregon Tech they virtually have sewed up a position in the district tournament.

Coach Pleased
Coach Ted Schopf has been well pleased with the improvement of his ball club which is evident of the present record of 15 wins and nine losses.

Since then the Raiders have won 13 of 17 contests. Schopf feels the improvement was partly due to the rough California teams which has taught the team to play more as a multiple offense rather than one individual. The point averages will bear this out for center Dave D'Olive is averaging 15.3 points per game, Gordie Carrigan 14.4, Punk Biddington 11.6, and Jimmy McAbee 9.5.

These four plus Don Vannice will open tonight against the Owls.

Shooting .387
In overall statistics the

Petersen Wins In Shoot-Off

Don Petersen won a shoot-off Sunday in the Ed Pease handicap at Medford Gun club.

Petersen, Charles Bendell and Percy Bearden each broke 43 of 50 birds in the regular rivalry. In the extra regular shattering 24 of 25, Bendell 21 and Bearden 20.

In the Northwest Spokesman Review telegraphic skeet shoot the scores of Floyd Young and Bert Beck, 22 each, and John Deaver, 21, were sent in.

Medford club will be host on Sunday, March 1, for its annual Early Spring trapshoot. It will be a Pacific International Trapshooting association registered event.

BOWLING

LADIES CLASSIC LEAGUE
Standings:
Ross Lumber 22 16
Crater Inn 17 12
Pepsi Cola 16 12
K-Dov 16 12
Crater Logging 16 12
Union Club 16 12
Wooden Shoe 16 12
Jorgenson's 11 17
Hawkinson's 9 18
Silver Dollar 11 17
Morning Fresh 9 18
Lininger's 8 20

Results:
Ross Lumber 4 (554) 2410; Morning Fresh 0 (J. Lovett 455) 2244; Crater Inn 2 (G. Riggs 459) 2121; Union Club 2 (M. McCall 459) 2116; Pepsi Cola 3 (O. Wyatt 504) 2362; Hawkinson's 1 (S. Daigle 541) 2267; K-Dov 3 (D. Hickson 539) 2426; Crater Logging 1 (V. Blunt 427) 2215; Wooden Shoe 3 (L. Learning 474) 2142; Jorgenson's 1 (I. Schroeder 479) 2119; Silver Dollar 3 (L. Turner 465) 2174; Lininger's 1 (A. Mitchellre 462) 2121; High Games & Series—E. Baker 234 (197); S. Daigle 54 (222); D. Hickson 539 (159); F. Durcan 513 (211); R. Barr 514 (178); A. Bohannon 514 (183); O. Wyatt 504 (187); Split—J. Lovett 43-10.

LADY ELKS NO. 1
Standings:
Late Corners 23 9
Wapiti 18 14
Maudlin Mamas 17 15
Stumble Bums 16 16
Goof Balls 14 17
Demi Lassies 14 17
Three Spares 14 17
Wanedos 9 23

Results:
Late Corners 4 (D. Janzer 354) 1427; Goof Balls 0 (L. Turner 441) 1311; Wapiti 2 (V. Lusk 459) 1185; Wanedos 2 (L. Edwards 399) 1177; Maudlin Mamas 1 (J. Kessler 490) 1210; Demi Lassies 3 (V. Knox 474) 1266; Three Spares 2 (P. Anderson 439) 1192; Stumble Bums 2 (E. Straus 445) 1209; Conversion—J. Kessler 3-8-10.

PACIFIC LEAGUE
Standings:
Johnstone Store 15 5
Gates Furniture 14 6
Hi Way Cafe 12 8
Moore Steel 11 9
Western Hot Coffee 10 10
Taylor Salade Ins. 10 10
Fyre-Flyers 8 12
White Law Candy 8 12
Harry and David 6 14
Gassers 6 14

Results:
Johnston 4 (C. Hendry 301) 2806; Harry and David 8 (F. Goddard 494) 2607; Gates 3 (W. Fisher 535) 2789; Moore 1 (R. Edwards 479) 2601; Hi Way 3 (M. Mager 518) 2819; Fyre-Flyers 1 (J. Tomlin 510) 2728; Hot Coffee 3 (G. Fisher 512) 2888; Gassers 1 (G. Paul 447) 2631; Whitelaw 1 (N. Caster 511) 2881; Taylor-Salade 3 (D. McKenna 361) 2929.

MAJOR LEAGUE
Standings:
Pin Ups 73 21
Keglers 72 21
Buddies Follies 56 48
Squirrels III 37 57
Channel Cats 36 57
Triple Threats 34 59

Results:
Buddies Follies 3 (A. Bohannon 552) 3324; Pin Ups 1 (G. Riggs 571) 3210; Squirrels III 3 (C. Low 555) 1515; Keglers 1 (I. Schroeder 524) 1514; Triple Threats 1 (R. Barr 467) 1513; Channel Cats 3 (T. Tolles 535) 1528.

Results:
High Series—G. Riggs 571, High Game—G. Riggs 217.

Torrence Near PCC Point Title

Los Angeles—UPI—UCLA's Walt Torrence had the Pacific Coast conference basketball scoring title almost sewed up today with a 31-point lead over Washington's Doug Smart, weekly statistics from the commissioner's office disclosed.

Torrence in 13 games has average 21.4 points for a total of 278 points while Smart has averaged 19 points a game. Lee Harman of Oregon State has an average of 18.3.

Smart, however, has established a new all-time conference scoring record of 913 points over three years, breaking the former record of 908 points set by Dave Gambee of Oregon State during 1956-58. With three more games remaining, Smart can improve his mark.

The Washington star was the leader in field goal percentage and rebounding as well. Smart has 98 field goals in 183 attempts for a mark of 53.5 per cent. Rafer Johnson of UCLA was second to Smart with 51.0 per cent, followed by Harman with 48.3.

173 Rebounds
Smart captured 173 rebounds out of 1098 chances for 15.7 per cent. John Livesious of Idaho was second with 13.0 per cent and Darrell Imhoff of California was third with 12.6.

Denny Fitzpatrick of California led at the free throw line with 38 points in 42 attempts for a mark of 90.6 per cent. This equaled the record for a minimum of 30 points set by Gary Simmons of Idaho in 1957. Tied for second in free throws were Paul Neumann, Stanford, and Jim Woodland, Oregon State, with 88.5 per cent.

In team statistics, California led defensively by allowing its opponents but 49.2 points a game. UCLA led in rebounding with a mark of 55.5 per cent. Washington was tops in team scoring with a 66.5 point average while California led in shooting with 295 baskets on 723 attempts for a mark of 40.7 per cent. California also led in field goal defense, allowing opponents to sink but 33.8 per cent of their shots.

Voegtly-Cowling Golfing Duo Has Lead Along in Handicap

Bob Voegtly and Bill Cowling assumed lone lead in the holiday handicap golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country club last week.

The partners won two points from Leland Clark and Paul Mitchell and one point from Doug Pickell and Harry Withrow. Ranny Smith and Tom Teutsch who had shared the lead lost by two holes to Fred Conrad and Bob Anderson.

Clayton Lewis and Frank Allen took two markers from Harold Holmes and Floyd Baker to stay in third spot. The fourth place team of Paul Meyers and Dick Hogan lost a point to Jack Dougherty and Jack Lewis but won three from Gain Robinson and Morris Leonard.

Club professional Ron Caperna has announced that the period for qualifying for the spring golf handicap has been extended one week and will conclude on March 8.

SC Sportsmen Will Discuss Shooting Group

Shady Cove—Shady Cove chapter of Oregon Sportsmen club will discuss formation of a shooting group within its organization at a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Shady Cove fire hall.

Reports on legislation concerning fish and game will be given. All persons interested are invited to the meeting.

It is felt that formation of a shooting club will help the chapter in backing the hunter safety program which is being worked out by the Oregon State Game commission.

Richie Guerin Sparks Knicks

United Press International—Richie Guerin murders the Boston Celtics.

Boston, runaway leader of the Eastern division, may frighten many other players in the National Basketball association but Guerin, former Iowa college flash now starting for the New York Knicks, belted 'em again Tuesday night with 37 points in New York's 134-122 victory.

In the only other NBA game Tuesday night, the first game of the Garden twin bill, the Cincinnati Royals blew a 17-point lead and then rallied again to beat Syracuse, 113-109.

Grade School Title at Stake

National League W L Pct.
Roosevelt 6 0 1.000
Washington 4 2 .667
Jefferson 2 4 .333
Jackson 0 6 .000

American League W L Pct.
Hoover 4 2 .667
Lincoln 4 2 .667
Oak Grove 3 3 .500
Wilson 1 5 .167

Roosevelt and Hoover will on Friday afternoon for the city grade school varsity basketball championship.

The game will be at 4 p.m. at Roosevelt gym.

Tangle for third and fourth places the same afternoon will be Lincoln at Washington while the Oak Grove at Jefferson contest will be for fifth and sixth. Jackson at Wilson will be the seventh and eighth place mix.

Roosevelt was unbeaten in the National league this season while Hoover tied with Lincoln at the top of the American circuit and got the top play-off spot on the basis of a decisive win over Lincoln last week end.

In last Friday's games Washington topped Jackson 26 to 10, Roosevelt topped Jefferson 30 to 25, Oak Grove downed Wilson 26 to 10 and Hoover whipped Lincoln 26 to 13.



FREE SHOT CHAMP—Louis Alvarez, above, will represent Jackson County in the state grade school free shot tournament at Oregon State college. Alvarez, leading scorer for the Central Point eighth grade basketball team, won the county title last week in a shoot-off in Medford. He and his coach, Keith Johnson, will leave Friday for the event at Corvallis.

Alvarez has made 49 out of 50 in practice this week and yesterday shot 44 out of 50 at Hedrick gym where he practices to accustom himself to a glass backboard. The Elks lodge and Oregon State college are sponsors of the state contest. Lee Ragsdale, Medford, was Jackson county chairman.

KF Tussle Aimed For By Tornado

The Medford high varsity basketball squad, which paused to catch its breath after defeating Grants Pass last Saturday night, was back at heavy drill today in preparation for a single Southern Oregon conference game this week end with Klamath Falls.

Medford, in second place, meets the loop-leading Pels at Klamath Falls on Saturday.

After taking Monday off, the Tornado had a light workout yesterday. The reserves scrimmaged the junior varsity.

Coach Frank Roelandt said that the Medford hoopsmen would go at it hard this afternoon and Thursday. Major object is to find a means to stop Bob Peterson. Although the Pelican height advantage on the Tornado is not much, the Tornado can't depend on the altitude it has, alone, to stop the 6-4 Pel all-stater.

The Medford squad was intact yesterday with the exception of reserve Ray Konopasek. He's out for the remainder of the season because of an ailing back and will rest for the start of the baseball campaign.

Medford will have varsity, junior varsity and sophomore scraps at Klamath Falls.

Skiers Plan Reno Trip

Annual trip of the Rogue Snowmen to the ski bowl at Reno, Nev., was talked over by the club at a meeting last night.

A film on skiing at Aspen, Colo., was shown to the Snowmen at their meeting at the Red Cross building.

It was reported that a number of skiers from here went to Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl on Sunday. Because of heavy snow the road was not open until noon Sunday but skiing was found to be good when the bowl was reached.

Erskine Victor Over Pastrano

London—UPI—Lanky Joe Erskine of Wales, inspired by Tuesday night's upset victory over American Willie Pastrano, challenged today for another shot at the British Empire heavyweight crown.

Dejected Pastrano of Miami Beach, Fla., fifth-ranking contender for the world title, said, "I'll be satisfied if they let me fight over here in Britain again," after losing two straight bouts in London rings.

County B Schools Prime For Tourney

Four Jackson county B high school basketball teams were doing their final tuning today for a week end play-off to determine who'll meet Merrill of Klamath county for the District 5 championship and a state B tournament berth.

The play-off opens Thursday at Eagle Point high school gymnasium.

Jacksonville goes against Talent in the 7 p.m. mix and about 8:30 p.m. it will be St. Mary's against Butte Falls. Winners meet on Friday after a game between the losers.

St. Mary's, Jackson County B league champion, face the fourth place team in going against Butte Falls, Jacksonville was second and Talent third in regular season's standings.

As the champ in loop play St. Mary's has the right of second chance if it is not the winner of the two night play-off. If it is beaten either Thursday or Friday, St. Mary's has the opportunity of playing on Saturday night also at Eagle Point, against the victor in the Friday night finale.

SM Record 14-4
The SM Crusaders of Medford enter the week end play-off with the best full season record. They were 12-4 in the conference and won two games with Sacred Heart of Klamath Falls for a 14-4 overall campaign.

Jacksonville is 11-9 for the year. It dropped four non-league frays with A-2 schools and was 11-5 in the B loop. Talent has played only its league slate and finished 9-7. Butte Falls was 8-8 in the loop and won twice from A-2 Rogue River for 10-8 for the season.

St. Mary's has run up 932 points to opponents' 764, a per game average of 52 for

St. Mary's NCAA Cage Qualifier

United Press International—Louisville (14-10) and St. Mary's of California (16-4) today became the fifth and sixth teams to qualify for the 23-team NCAA major college basketball tournament.

That put the NCAA just one team behind New York's National Invitation tournament in the race to sign up blue-ribbon teams for the two big post-season carnivals. The NIT committee was scheduled to meet today to pick additional teams.

Louisville, winner of the NIT in 1956, accepted a "member at large" berth in the NCAA fray.

St. Mary's earned a berth as unbeaten champion of the West Coast Athletic conference when it defeated College of the Pacific, 58-57, in overtime Tuesday night. Bobby Dolf's 20-foot jump shot with one second left in the extra session gave the Gaels the victory after they were tied, 52-52, in regulation. Dolf scored all six Gael points in overtime.

St. Mary's thus qualified for a berth in the NCAA regional tournament at San Francisco, March 13. The Gaels will meet the winner of the first-round game between the champions of the Border conference and Rocky Mountain conference, both yet undetermined.

AAU Basketball Tourney Slated

Portland—UPI—The Oregon AAU basketball tournament gets under way Friday at the Mt. Scott Community Center gym. Eight teams will compete in the event which runs through Sunday.

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