

Linfield Wins NAA District Title; Raiders Top Pioneers

Milwaukie, Ore.—(UPI)—Linfield's Wildcats held the District 2 NAA championship and a berth in the national tournament in Kansas City today.

The Wildcats dumped Portland State 61-42 here Wednesday night to wrap up state honors. They leave for Kansas City Sunday and will play either next Monday or Tuesday against an opponent to be chosen by draw Friday.

Southern Oregon took third place by defeating Lewis and Clark 64-60.

Linfield, which barely got by Southern Oregon Tuesday night, rolled up an early 19-6 lead over Portland State, held

a 32-17 halftime margin and coasted in. The Linfield scoring was evenly divided with Jackie Riley hitting 13, Bob Close and Terry Woods a dozen apiece and Ken Davis 11.

Don Bridges of Portland State hit 25 while Bernie Jones, hero of PSC's 56-55 win over Lewis and Clark Tuesday, was held to only 1 tally.

D'Olive Back Linfield's tight zone defense held Portland State to a shooting percentage from the field of only .189. Linfield hit .313.

Southern Oregon, with big Dave D'Olive in action again, were ahead of Lewis and

Clark most of the game. The halftime margin was 31-27. D'Olive, who suffered an eye cut in the Tuesday night game against Linfield, scored 17 points and Gordy Carrigan, the sharp-shooting guard, had 16. Royce McDaniel led Lewis and Clark with 11.

The finish was close. L&C was behind 56-55 with 2½ minutes to play. Three two handers by Carrigan made it 62-56 with a little over a minute left. Lewis and Clark still wasn't through.

Bert Lundmark hit a field goal and McDaniel two free throws to make it 62-60 with 14 seconds left. But two free throws by Laval Meunier iced the game for SOC.



SEEK DISTRICT 5B TITLE—The St. Mary's of Medford basketball team, pictured here, opens a two-of-three series this evening with Merrill High for the District 5B championship. Games are at Oregon Tech, Klamath Falls. Second fray will be on Friday and third, if necessary, on Saturday night. In the first row, left to right, are Manager Larry Schaefer, Dick Evans, Terry Cooper and Marvin Frazier. From

left, in second row, are Manager Don Rausch, Bob Evans, Harold Daley, Ron Daley and Coach Bill McKibbin. Those in back row, from left are Roger Hout, Al Yates, Gary Miksche, Florian Shasky and the Rev. John Ilg, athletic director. Merrill, Klamath county champ and rated No. 4B school in the state, is play-off favorite. St. Mary's won the Jackson county crown.

SPORTS

Vikings Favorites In 6 A-2 Tourney

Myrtle Creek will be the favorite and Eagle Point High the Rogue valley hope Friday and Saturday in the District 6 A-2 play-off for a state meet berth.

The Vikings of Myrtle Creek tussle Henley in a 7 p.m. fray Friday at Southern Oregon college gym in Ashland. Eagle Point and Glide follow in another semi-final.

Winners mix for the district toga on Saturday after a pre-lim between the Friday losers.

Myrtle Creek's role as team to beat is based on its rating as No. 1 A-2 team in the state. None of the other clubs in the meet are rated. The Viks, 21-1 for the season, also have recorded two wins each over Eagle Point and Glide.

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OSC Host To Coast Mat Meet

Oregon State College, Corvallis—The largest college wrestling tournament ever staged in the northwest opens Friday at Oregon State's Gill Coliseum, with some 25 schools and approximately 100 grapplers competing in the 10th annual Pacific Coast Intercollegiate championships.

Action begins at 1 p.m. with team and individual championships to be crowned Saturday night.

Oregon State, the host school, ranks as one of the pre-tourney favorites. Coach Dale Thomas' Beavers have won 29 consecutive dual meets over a three-year span, although they faltered badly in the coast tournament last year and placed only fourth.

Cal Poly, the defending champion, again has a strong squad—as do such schools as San Jose State, Portland State, DSC and Oregon nines to a large extent the eventual champion.

Schools also entered in the mammoth mat show are California, Stanford, Washington, Linfield, Pacific, Lewis and Clark, Oregon College of Education, Southern Oregon college, Long Beach State, San Diego State, Santa Clara, Cal Aggies, Arizona, Chico State and College of Puget Sound.

Bill Esselstyn To Ref Tourney Eugene—UPI—Officials for the state A-1 basketball championship here March 17-21 were announced Wednesday.

Named to officiate the tournament were Pat Wohlers and Jerry Laurens of Portland; Bert Burr, St. Helens; Dan Jones, Oregon City; Bill Williams, Eugene; Bill Esselstyn, Medford; Carlyle Staab, Baker, and Erland Anderson, Lebanon.

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Medford Takes on Crater Here Friday; Tornadoes Ailing

Medford High school's basketball squad is expected to be without the services of three of its players this week end when it contends in the final games of the regular Southern Oregon conference season.

Coach Frank Roelandt reported that John Harvey is laid up with turned ankle and George Koch by illness. John

Frohmayer will make a high school choir trip.

The Black Tornado opposes Crater at Hedrick gym here on Friday night and goes to Ashland on Saturday for the loop finale. Ashland high will be at Grants Pass on Friday evening and Klamath Falls and Crater end conference action at Central Point on Saturday.

Klamath Falls already has won the championship along with a state A-1 tournament spot. Still at stake is second place and the other tourney placing from District 6. Medford can sew up the position by winning just one of two games. Grants Pass is still in line for a tie for second.

Medford's two frays and the one for Grants Pass are against cellar clubs. But, both Crater and Ashland have shown that they can be dangerous this season. The Comets of Crater came close to spilling Klamath Falls earlier at Central Point, will go against Medford after almost tumbling Grants Pass last week end.

Roelandt said that jayvees Bob Quinney and Durrell Miller might suit up with varsity this week end because of the missing and ailing players.

Koch, one of Medford's tallest regulars, was in school yesterday but had missed all three Tornado practices so far in the week. Harvey turned his ankle shooting baskets on Sunday. He hobbled around on the sidelines for two days and was put on crutches yesterday.

The Medford mentor had mentioned the possibility of having Quinney and Miller up with the varsity for the Klamath game last week because Koch was not feeling well. Koch, however, saw duty in the game and the coach did not go through with the plan.

Hawkinson Nudges BF In Finale

Hawkinson Tire Tread of Medford held off Butte Falls 81 to 80 here last night in the final Southern Oregon Independent Basketball league scuffle of the regular season.

The Tirenmen wound up in a tie with Riddle, for third place with a 6-10 record. Southern Oregon college junior varsity and Christie's Silver Dollar of Grants Pass tied at the top of the final standings with 14-2 marks. Butte Falls concluded 0-16 after coming close to an only win last night.

It was not certain today whether a play-off will be held to decide a lone loop titlist.

Bill Irwin's goal with a minute to go brought the mix here last night up to the 81 to 80 count. Jim Irwin swiped the ball with about 20 seconds left but lost it to Larue Smith and Fuz McCay under the BF bucket.

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