

Tornado Slates Klamath, Crater In Week End Court Scuffles

What is the condition of Klamath Union High school's Bruce Bricker, shelved by mumps, and Wally Palmberg, sidelined by an appendectomy? Will the two stellar players see duty when the Pelicans, Oregon's No. 1 rated basketball team, engage the Medford Black Tornado in a Southern Oregon conference scuffle at Hedrick gym here?

Those are questions hoop fans here have been asking.

Pelican Coach Dean White has reported that both players are back in school and that Palmberg appears in the best shape of the two. But, he said, the chances that either will play against Medford are "slim."

Klamath, of course, is just

one of two assignments facing the Black Tornado on the week end. Medford is host on Saturday to the Crater Comets of Central Point. Victories over both are much desired to keep the Big Wind in contention for a berth to the state Class A-1 hoop tournament in March.

Comets at GP

Varsity games are set for 8:15 p.m. on each occasion. Pel and Tornado hoopsters play a triplebill with sophomores meeting around 5:15 p.m. and junior varsities at 6:30 p.m. Crater and Medford soph and Jayvee games also are scheduled Saturday.

Crater goes to Grants Pass on Friday. The other week end league fray takes Ashland to Grants Pass on Saturday.

White said last night that it couldn't be said for sure just how far along in recuperation Bricker and Palmberg will be by Friday. Palmberg, whose operation was on Feb. 5, worked out both Tuesday and Wednesday. Bricker is taking it more carefully. Young Wally particularly is champing at the bit to get back into action. White, however, looking at the long range availability of his players, declared, "If there is any question by Friday, we are not going to take any chances."

Iron Men

Klamath, which is still in good position to sweep on to the conference crown, is strong even with the two players missing from the lineup. The Pels proved that last week end by whipping Grants Pass after the Cavemen had tripped Medford the night before.

The Pelicans, against GP, went all the way with just five players. White said he did not substitute in the contest for three reasons. In the first place, "everything was going good" with the starting

five. Secondly, the game was not clinched until the final minutes and, thirdly, the Pels needed work against the GP defense.

White used Wayne Dennis, Ray Taylor, Gary Patzke, Fred Biehn and Sherm Allen against the Cavemen but said he may change the lineup around this week as the result of drills. Bob Lapsley, Kent Hunsaker and, possibly, Dana Ash could break into the starting combine. "I have not been able to make up my mind," White remarked. He reported the Pels actually in better physical shape than last week end.

If work is any indication, the Black Tornado will be ready to go against both Klamath and Crater this week end, according to Coach Frank Roelandt. The Tornado has been working "awfully hard," he said.

Hoots May Start

Roelandt has been using Steve Hoots and George Clearwater much in workouts this week. Hoots has been coming along particularly good in drills and Clearwater is a good shot. Both may draw starting assignments as Roelandt seeks a combination of height and added fire power.

Regular Bruce Bray missed drill yesterday, presumably because of illness, and Bob McIntyre has been gone three days to take Air Force exams at Travis Air Force base in California.

At Crater Loyal Higinbotham is back with the squad but Bryson LaCasse has been dropped. Junior varsity practice and Jim Allen's sickness complicated varsity drill yesterday by leaving just nine players on hand to workout.

Dennis Edwards, Higinbotham, Mike Gilnes and Louis Alvarez are pretty certain to start with five spot choice among Tom White, Allen and Jeff Anhorn.

OCC Led in Free Throws By Eickworth, Carrigan

La Grande — (UPI) — Larry Applegate, injured Eastern Oregon basketball star, was reported in improved condition at a hospital today.

Applegate, top EOC scorer, was hurt seriously Sunday night in an automobile accident.

Portland — Eastern Oregon's Larry Applegate remained in top position among individual scorers of the Oregon Collegiate conference after a dozen games but the Mountaineer ace's total will remain at 234 for the season following a serious car accident near La Grande last Sunday.

Applegate has averaged 19.5 per game in conference play and has a season's total of 478 points. His season's total ranks him as second among collegiate players in the northwest this year, behind only the national leader, Frank Burgess of Gonzaga.

Sam Smith of Oregon Tech closed in on Applegate and now has 228 points for an average of 17.5 per game. Gordy Carrigan of Southern Oregon took over third place from Portland State's Bill Turner who slipped to fifth behind OTT's Bob Petersen.

Mel Holmes of EOC leads in field goal accuracy with a .481 percentage on 25 baskets in 52 attempts. Applegate has dropped 86 of 180 shots for a .477 percentage. Petersen is

third at .460.

Smith Paces Rebounding

SOC's Larry Eickworth heads the free throw shooters. Eickworth has hit 13 of 15 for an .867 percentage. Carrigan is second at .846 (44-52) and Dennis Spencer of OCE is third with a .769 accuracy mark.

Tech's Smith has a wide edge in rebounding. He has cleared 200 in 13 games, for a 15.3 per game average. Petersen is second with 146 in a dozen games and a 12.1 average per game.

Teamwise, Eastern Oregon continues to set the offensive pace and Portland State dominates the defense. EOC has averaged 68.9 points per game and PSC has given up only 47.3 points per outing. The only change offensively found Oregon Tech moving into second place ahead of Southern Oregon. One defensive change in the past week put Oregon College in fourth place, replacing Eastern Oregon.

Eastern Oregon has the top accuracy mark from the field, hitting at a .420 clip. Southern Oregon is the best free throw shooting team with a .648 team percentage. Oregon Tech continues to hold a rebounding edge on other conference schools.

OREGON COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE STATISTICS:

Team	W	L	Reb.	TP	FT	Pct.
EOC	7-38	319	108	306	827	
OTT	8-27	305	266	209	617	
SOC	7-38	303	271	173	508	
OCE	6-28	233	230	130	285	
PSC	6-22	227	186	112	436	

INDIVIDUAL SCORING:

Player	Team	W	L	Reb.	TP	FT	Pct.
Applegate	EOC	86	62	234	19.5		
Smith	OTT	166	128	200	15.4		
Carrigan	SOC	62	44	170	13.4		
Petersen	OTT	122	75	179	14.9		
Turner	PSU	70	34	164	14.9		
Neel	EOC	68	35	171	14.2		
Rankin	OCE	55	32	132	12.0		
Wilson	OTT	49	34	122	11.0		
Spencer	OCE	49	20	118	10.7		
Arriola	EOC	50	32	122	10.1		
Payne	EOC	51	27	120	9.9		
Wolf	OCE	33	39	109	9.9		
Bridges	PSC	46	16	108	9.8		
Nah	OTT	48	18	114	9.5		
Habel	SOC	30	23	83	8.3		
Shultz	OCE	42	19	103	7.9		
Hunt	RSC	35	18	88	7.3		
Hughes	SOC	38	17	93	7.1		
Bertell	PSC	19	32	70	6.3		
Holmes	EOC	25	22	72	6.0		
Land	OCE	29	8	66	6.0		

Hoop Tourney Entries Picked

New York — (UPI) — Five teams were named today to compete in the NCAA's college division basketball tournament and at least 12 more are expected to be added this week-end.

The teams selected today include three conference champions and two at-large entrants. The conference champions are Southeast Missouri (18-1), Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (12-3), Fairleigh Dickinson (Conn.) (12-3), Tri-State conference; and South Carolina (15-4), Southern Intercollegiate Athletic conference.

Southern Illinois (18-4), and Wabash (Ind.) (12-4), are the at-large selections.

The regional tourneys, held March 11-12, will cut the starting field to eight for the national finals at Evansville, Ind., March 16-18.

Giants To Train Again at Salem

Salem — (UPI) — The New York Giants of the National Football league will train at Willamette University here for two weeks starting Aug. 10.

The Giants, who have trained here three previous times, have an exhibition game in Portland Aug. 12 against the San Francisco 49ers.

New York will be one of two pro teams training in Oregon. The Dallas Cowboys will train at Forest Grove.

Shoe Team, Guard Win SOIBL Tilts

SOIBL STANDINGS:

Team	W	L	Pct.
50 college JV	9	0	1.000
Wooden Shoe	9	2	.818
Medford Nat. Guard	7	7	.500
Butte Falls	4	9	.308
GP National Guard	0	11	.000

Wooden Shoe beat Grants Pass Guard 114 to 29 and Butte Falls topped Medford National Guard 58 to 49 last night in Southern Oregon Independent league basketball.

Medford Guard licked the GP Guard 95 to 40 on Tuesday.

Wooden Shoe, with Bill Hollingsworth getting 31 points, led at the half 58 to 12. Butte Falls pulled away from Medford Guard after leading just 28 to 27 at the half. Fuz McGay had 18 points for the Guardsmen.

Butte Falls will meet Southern Oregon college JV at Ashland on Saturday instead of the night before.

League statistics through Feb. 12, but with one official game report not received, showed Dave D'Olivio, Wooden Shoe, hanging on to the scoring league with 190 points and 21.1 per game average.

Bill Hollingsworth, Wooden Shoe, held second with 140 total and 20.0 average. Al McCorqudale, Butte Falls, had 129 points and Al Yates, Medford National Guard, 127. Fuz McGay of the Medford Guard was next with 121.

Larry Hink, Southern Oregon college junior varsity, with 116 points, was third in average with 15 per contest.

Scores of the Feb. 1 game between Wooden Shoe and Medford Guard are not in the totals. Reports to the Mail Tribune indicate that D'Olivio has 211 total with that game included and Hollingsworth 158.

LINEUPS:

Team	W	L	Reb.	TP	FT	Pct.
114 Wooden Shoe	GP Guard	29				
F 12 H. Hollingsworth	M. Lewis	14				
F 11 J. Nelson	M. Sward	14				
C 23 D'Olivio	O. Newman	5				
G 16 Parent	B. Newman	2				
G 14 Johnson						
Wooden Shoe substitution—						
Steward 12						

58 Butte Falls Med. Guard 49
F 12 H. Hollingsworth L. Sward 49
F 11 J. Nelson M. Sward 14
C 23 D'Olivio O. Newman 5
G 16 Parent B. Newman 2
G 14 Johnson
Wooden Shoe substitution—
Steward 12

SOIBL SCORING
(Through Feb. 12)

Player	Team	W	L	Reb.	TP	FT	Pct.
D'Olivio	WS	9	88	18	190	21.1	
Hollingsworth	WS	7	60	20	140	20.0	
McCorqudale	BF	9	53	23	129	14.9	
McGowen	MG	10	56	9	121	12.1	
McGowen	MG	8	48	24	116	11.6	
Johnson	WS	7	40	12	104	14.9	
Irwin	BP	8	47	10	104	14.9	
McGowen	WS	8	33	23	112	11.2	
Reese	MG	6	38	8	84	14.0	
DeFord	SO	8	39	12	84	10.5	
McGowen	SO	7	34	15	84	11.8	
Moore	BP	9	32	10	74	8.2	
McGowen	BP	7	28	10	74	8.2	
Adams	SO	6	27	16	70	11.7	
Veach	BP	5	32	6	70	14.0	

*February 1 game between Wooden Shoe and Medford Guard not included. Game report not received by league president.

Pender-Basilio Fight April 22

Boston — (UPI) — Paul Pender, who signed Wednesday to defend his title against Carmen Basilio April 12 at Boston Garden, believes the fight will prove he is the rightful middleweight champ.

"This clears the field," Pender said. "I fight Basilio and I've proved all I'll ever have to about being the right champ."

Pender said he has no intention of continuing to seek a bout with Gene Fullmer, who is recognized as the NBA middleweight champ. Pender's middleweight title is recognized in New York, Massachusetts, Europe and South America, but not the rest of the states.

The 15-round battle will be Pender's third title defense. He has defeated Sugar Ray Robinson twice and knocked out Terry Downes of Britain earlier this year.

Los Angeles, Calif. — (UPI) — Decathlon champion Rafer Johnson, who was the United States' official flag bearer at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, was named Wednesday as an assistant track coach at UCLA.

Prep Basketball

WEDNESDAY GAMES:

Woodburn 77, Selo 41	Colton 56, Cascade Locks 44
Gaston 64, Wash. Dear School 33	

8-B Sub-District:
Union 38, Lostine 28
Wallowa 47, Cove 37

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IN OCC TOURNEY—George Moses, above, will be a Southern Oregon college representative when the Oregon Collegiate conference wrestling tourney is conducted at Ashland on Saturday. He'll compete in the 167-pound class. The tournament is on a trial basis this year. Preliminaries are set for 10:30 a.m. with finals and consolation billed at 2:30 p.m.

Medford Grapplers Encounter Crater

Medford and Crater high wrestling teams clash Friday at Central Point in the final dual match of the season for each aggregation.

Varsity and non-counting bouts will be run simultaneously with two mats being used. Action in both rivalries is set for 7 p.m.

The Tornado grapplers of Medford hold a season opening win over the Comets.

Possibly varsity match opponents are:

98—Mike Horton, M. vs. Jim Askwith, C; 106—Jim Spitz, M. vs. Dan McKee, C; 115—Dennis Brumback, M. vs. Butch Barber, C; 123—Don Kondo, M. vs. Tom Richardson, C; 130—Doug Robertson, M. vs. Dave White, C; 136—Dan Eddy, M. vs. Dennis Fish-

Karts Race On Sunday

The Medford Go-Cart club has scheduled another racing meet for these pint-sized speedsters this Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Kart raceway at the Jackson County fairground south of Medford.

Time trials and warm up runs will start at 1 p.m., followed by heat races and eliminations at 2 p.m.

Keen competition continues in many classes as owners and drivers are making all-out efforts to improve their cars performance and thus gain that little "extra" that will put them ahead of their competition. As in all other racing sports driving skill on the part of the driver is a most important part of the winning combination.

Wide Entry

Entries from Roseburg, Grants Pass, Crescent City, Ashland and other points in Southern Oregon will be on hand giving tough competition for the local entries and thrills for the spectators.

Many of the faster Karts are capable of speeds up to 60 miles per hour on the winding asphalt — covered course that measures two-tenths of a mile in length.

The public is invited. A nominal admission charge will be made and concessions will be available.

Spectators are asked to park their cars in the parking areas near the Armory rather than risk getting stuck in the area around the raceway which has been made very soft by the recent rains.

Cincinnati, Duke Eye Loop Tiffs

United Press International

Duke and Cincinnati each can take another giant step toward their respective conference championships when they meet league opponents tonight.

Duke, leveled into a first-place deadlock with North Carolina in the Atlantic Coast conference when the Tar Heels defeated North Carolina State, 62-56, Wednesday night, can move to the front again by beating Maryland tonight. A victory is a near must for the Blue Devils who would like a soft cushion beneath them when they tackle North Carolina Feb. 25.

The Tar Heels, who have nowhere to go in this year's college basketball picture because of an NCAA probation, put the pressure on Duke with a come-from-behind triumph over their arch-rivals from Raleigh.

Players Suspended

Further complicating one of the weirdest races in recent ACC history is the suspension of two North Carolina players, Larry Brown and Don Walsh, and Duke star Art Heyman. The trio was declared ineligible Wednesday when the conference's executive committee upheld a ruling to that effect by league commissioner Jim Weaver.

The suspensions were the result of a fight when North Carolina played Duke Feb. 4. The players will be eligible to compete in the ACC tournament starting March 2, but this means little to Brown and Walsh since North Carolina already has declared it won't bother sending a team to the playoffs.

Eagles Play Phoenix HS On Friday

Eagle Point — Eagle Point high basketball team, winner of three of its last four games, hopes to maintain the victory trend this week end.

The Eagles are at home for two games, meeting Phoenix in the Rogue league on Friday and playing St. Mary's in a non-conference on Saturday.

Phoenix won the last league fray with the EP club by a 36 to 35 edge. Last week end EP tripped SM 55 to 46.

Coach Dale Bates said that the Eagles have been trying to develop offense to go against zone defense this week and have labored hard on ball handling and their own defense. He'll likely name his Friday starters from among Mike Palm, Steve Geren, Tom Perdue, Ron Greb, Ron Weidman, Charles Pomeroy and Dick Wilson. Wally West also is ticketed for service.

Varsity games are set for around 8:15 p.m. after 6:30 p.m. junior varsity play.

Eagle Point freshmen meet Phoenix here this evening.

SM play on the EP court will give them a chance to get the feel of the gym in which they'll engage Prospect next Tuesday in a Jackson County B league playoff. St. Mary's will be host in Medford Sunday afternoon to Sacred Heart of Klamath Falls.

Moore Delays Fight Signing

San Diego, Calif. — (UPI) — Archie Moore turned cagey today about signing for a proposed light heavyweight championship match and indicated he wouldn't announce whether he signed for a June 10 match until contender Giulio Rinaldo also agrees to terms.

Moore was ordered by the New York State Athletic commission to defend his share of the world title "forthrightly" unless he wanted to lose it.

Crucial Cage Play On Pacific Coast

United Press International

Pacific Coast basketball teams take a break tonight before a round of crucial cage action Friday and Saturday.

The week end contests could clear up the NCAA tournament picture, but are just as likely to make an already confused situation more chaotic.

USC and Loyola, leaders of their respective conferences, will be almost certain tournament starters if they can win rugged battles on the road Saturday. However, should the Trojans and Lions lose, the Big Five and WCAC races will be wide open.

USC, which has moved up to the No. 4 spot in the UPI national rankings, must face Washington at Seattle. Troy is 6-1 in Big Five play and every other team has at least three defeats. The rest of the loop's hopes will be riding with the Huskies.

Loyola is 7-1, but is getting a stiff battle from USF (4-1) and St. Mary's (4-2). The Lions move into the St. Mary's game Saturday.

USF hosts Pepperdine (0-4) and San Jose State (3-4). The Dons could take over the league lead by Saturday night.

Figure Skating Event Cancelled

United Press International

The world figure skating championships, scheduled for Prague next week, were cancelled today as a "sign of mourning" for the 18 members of the United States team killed in Wednesday's air tragedy in Belgium.

Entries in addition to Grants Pass will be Klamath Falls, Crater, Ashland and Medford High schools. Each school may enter 26 boys, two in each weight. An overall entry of at least 120 boys is anticipated.

221 Bout Potential

The tourney is double elimination in determining second place and as many as 17 bouts could be needed to finish the bracket in a single division. This means a potential of 221 matches in the tournament.

Afternoon and evening matches are slated each day. Jess Loffer, Grants Pass high athletic director, has pointed out that a "season" ticket will provide admission to any session at reduced price.

Coaches and officials will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, to draw for places on the brackets.

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