

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

"We came to see an upset," said this writer to a Crater high faculty member Friday night on entering the Comet gym with his wife and daughter to see the Central Point school face the state No. 1 rated prep basketball team, the Klamath Falls Pelicans. "You certainly called it right," said the faculty member after the game.

Now, we'll have to admit that, while our sentiments were in the right place, our remark was made with tongue slightly in cheek.

OVERDUE VICTORY

The Comets showed what determined, aggressive, persistent play combined with fine shooting can do. In District 8, where fans are still up on Cloud Nine after the triumph of their team, there's a note of regret that the victory did not come earlier in the season in the first game with the Pelicans at Central Point. For the inspiration and the confidence gained could have led to a better record in the win column than the season standings now show. Crater demonstrated that potential Friday.

Actually, the victory was a bit overdue. Comet cagers for the past several years have given Klamath a scare when the clubs have met at Central Point. This time the hex went all the way.

Crater's shocker knocked Klamath out of first place in the Associated Press rating poll but the Pelicans managed to cling to top spot in the Portland Oregonian and Oregon Journal rankings. Choice was not unanimous, however.

WILL IT HELP?

Around Klamath Falls, last week end, people were saying, "Losing to Crater will prove to be a good thing for the Pelicans." Said Wayne Scott, sports writer for the Klamath Falls Herald and News, "If I hear it once, I heard it 100 times."

"That will depend on the Pelicans," said Scott. "While it's true that a defeat once in a while can help to keep a club from getting overconfident, or so it's said, I can't help but feel that it's possible for one to learn just as much from a win as from a loss... (something like it's just as easy to fall in love with a rich girl as it is with a poor one)."

A Southern Oregon conference coach told us once, "It never helps to lose."

At Klamath they are blaming overconfidence for the Pelican defeating them at the hands of Crater. The terrific

Big Gamble Tonight by Duquesne

By MARTIN LADER
United Press International

The Duquesne basketball team is gambling its whole season on the outcome of one game today — but even the Ducks must be wondering if they've inadvertently chosen the wrong team on the wrong night.

The team in question is St. Bonaventure, second-ranking college five in the nation and Duquesne's opponent at Pittsburgh tonight.

Just a few days ago, members of the Duquesne squad sent a letter to Ken Norton, chairman of the National Invitation tournament selection committee, telling him to read the papers on March 2.

In brief, the letter read: "We are resting our case on the Bonnie game. All that we ask is that you give us serious consideration after reading the papers on March 2."

What at the time may have served as a spur to the tournament-hopeful Ducks is now likely to backfire, and with an extra-loud bang following the nation-wide publicity the letter received.

The power-packed Bonnies fell victim to a shocking upset at the hands of Niagara last Saturday, their first home court defeat after 99 straight successes.

Somewhat humiliated, St. Bonaventure is out for revenge, and Duquesne stands directly in the path.

Three Raiders Enter Tourney

Asland — A trio of Southern Oregon college grapplers and coach Bob Bennett leave Thursday for Seattle and the site of the annual Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling tournament.

The Raider matmen close out the season with the tourney appearance, which is scheduled for this Friday and Saturday.

The trio, Tom Parker, Rod Napier and Jerry Hull, all appeared along with teammates Bill Hartley, Ken Williams, George Moses and Ron Mullin in the District 2 NAIA tourney at Portland last week end, where the SOC squad finished low in the team scoring but had three third place winners and one fourth.

play of the Comets should really get the credit. Scott said he pointed out some time ago that "one day Loyal Higginbotham and Louie Alvarez would get hot on the same night and get up and 'kill somebody.' Well, it happened."

MUST BE RECORD

Some player in the Wilco league in northern Oregon, we are told, put in 21 free shots in a game this season. But, so far as we have been able to learn, Jim Barry's amazing perfect 18 for 18 from the gift stripe against Grants Pass Saturday is a record in the state, the highest total among prep cagers for 100 per cent shooting in a single game. Barry's 18 Saturday actually gave him a string of 20 without a miss. He made the last two of his three free shot attempts against Asland on Friday.

Barry's impressive achievement is far better than the state tourney perfect mark of 10 for 10. This gift loss record was set by Burton Williams, Medford, in 1953. It has been tied by Eddie Grossbacher, Milwaukie (1956), and Bill Maurer, North Salem (1959).

WIND STRIKES TWICE

Said sportswriter Jerry Acklen in the Grants Pass Daily Courier Monday.

"Tornado-like winds struck twice at Grants Pass High school last week end—the first time it took the roof off the building on Friday and forced school authorities to close school for awhile, but the second time was on the basketball court at Medford when the Big Wind slammed shut the door on any chance of the Cavemen basketballers making the trip to Eugene next month to participate in the state hoop tournament."

TOO MUCH PRESSURE

Acklen says that "probably too much pressure was the answer" for poor Grants Pass field shooting. Perhaps, the pressure resulted to some extent from an overconfidence in the desire to win and stay in the chase for a state tournament berth. But, as we saw it, a tenacious-covering Tornado defense had much to do with making the Cavemen force and miss their shots.

MARCH 15 FOR TORNADO

Medford will play at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, in the Oregon A-1 hoop tournament at Eugene. The Tornado, No. 2 team from District 6, meets the No. 1 team from District 4 (Tualatin - Yamhill Valley league), Tillamook, which Medford defeated in December in the two games starting its season.

ROELANDT DETAILED

The Southern Oregon conference has detailed Medford High Head Coach Frank Roelandt to come up with some workable and acceptable plan or limit concerning use of varsity reserve players in junior varsity basketball games among schools of the circuit. It's been our observation that Klamath Falls has made considerable use of varsity reserves in jayvee tussles, with Grants Pass and Crater doing so to lesser extent. Crater, of course, as a smaller school, has less manpower.

77 IN VARSITY GAMES

The Courier's Acklen, whom we appreciate for his tabulation of conference statistics, has come up with some information that may seem to contradict our foregoing observation. He reports that for Grants Pass some 18 boys have seen action in varsity games while Asland has used 17 different players, Crater 13, Klamath 14 and Medford 13. We don't think the figures conflict when time played is considered along with the matter of squad adjustments as the season progressed.

Acklen reported that 77 players among the five conference clubs have varsity duty this season. That's an average of 15.4 players per team — not that any cagers come in fractions.

NO GRID COMMISSIONER

Southern Oregon conference schools will not utilize the services of a commissioner to assign football officials for games next fall. That was a decision in a recent league meeting here. A commissioner has assigned basketball officials for the past few seasons. This season the commissioner, Golden Noble, has been directly responsible to the conference. There are not the number of games in football that there are in basketball to secure officials for.

WRESTLING RULE

It was ruled also by the southern Oregon big school circuit that, when a member school wrestles its junior varsity against the varsity of another member, the match counts as a varsity engagement. There is a limit of 14 matches. Klamath wrestled its jayvees twice against the Asland varsity this season. It would thereby have had 16 matches, had the new rule applied.



SLUGGING OUTFIELD—One of the best line, Bill Bruton, Rocky Colavito and Man-slugging outfielders in the American league ager Bob Scheffing. Bruton was traded from reported for work today when the Detroit Tigers opened camp. From left are Al Ku—the Milwaukee Braves.

SPORTS

Arm Bothering Pitcher Roebuck

Vero Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Reliever Ed Roebuck, whose right arm is a source of concern to the Los Angeles Dodgers when it's sore and a source of concern to opponents when it's OK, is showing improvement.

After three days off because his wing was aching, Ed returned to action Tuesday and did well.

He practiced pickoff plays for 20 minutes and then threw for another 20 minutes.

"I felt pretty good," Roebuck said, "but I guess I'll have some soreness all spring. My arm isn't as strong as it was at this time last year, after I'd pitched a season of winter ball."

Concerned

"This winter I only threw once a week."

"Sure, I'm concerned," said Manager Walt Alston, "but not alarmed. I'd hate to lose a pitcher like him. But he's had these streaks of soreness before and has always bounced back. It's typical of Roebuck."

General Manager Buzzie Bavasi said the Dodgers do not contemplate sending Roebuck back to Los Angeles for treatment.

Roebuck had an 8-3 record for the club last year, working in 58 games and 117 innings.

Angels Conduct Squad Tussle

Palm Springs, Calif. — (UPI) — The Los Angeles Angels accomplished some sort of "first" every afternoon and today it was the club's first camp game — the Elliotts versus the Kresses.

Coach Red Kress fielded a lineup headed by former Rookie of the Year Albie Pearson in center field and veteran Eddie Yost at third. They were joined by Jim McAnany, right field; Bob Cerv, left field; Steve Belko, first base; Rocky Bridges, second base; Ken Hamlin, shortstop; and Bob Rodgers, catcher.

Coach Bob Elliott went with an infield of Ted Kluszewski, first; Gene Aspromonte, second; Gene Leek, third; and Jim Fregosi, shortstop, and an outfield of Earl Averill, left; Ken Hunt, center; and Faye Throneberry, right. Ed Sadowski will catch.

Manager Bill Rigney intended to have the following pitchers work: Bill Garcia, Tom Morgan, Jack Harshman, Ken McBride and Jack Hannah.

Logan Responds To Challenge

By FRED DOWN
United Press International

The battle's on between Roy McMillan and Johnny Logan for the Milwaukee Braves' No. 1 shortstop berth.

The job was supposed to be all McMillan's when the fancy-fielding shortstop was obtained from the Cincinnati Reds but Logan, who has been the Braves' regular shortstop since 1952, insists it's not that easy.

"You don't just get handed a job in baseball," says Logan. "You've got to beat out your competition for it—and that means McMillan has got to beat me out."

Manager Charley Dressen stood by approvingly Tuesday when McMillan and Logan each connected for a homer during the Braves' intra-squad game at Bradenton, Fla. McMillan hit his off rookie Larry Maxie while Logan connected against southpaw star Warren Spahn.

"Both know they'll have an equal chance," said Dressen. "The fellow who plays the best will play the most."

UCSB Looks To Be Top Contender

United Press International

UC at Santa Barbara looks like the team to beat in the NCAA regional small college basketball tournament.

Picks for the western competition were announced today. It will be held March 10 and 11 at Santa Barbara with the winners going to Evansville, Ind., to meet seven other district champions March 16-18.

In the upper bracket at Santa Barbara, Far West conference victor Nevada (13-7) will face UCSB, champion of the California Collegiate Athletic association.

The Gauchos ran their season record to 17-7 Tuesday night with a workmanlike 76-55 win over the crosstown rival Westmont. Gene Freeman had 15 for the winners. Santa Barbara ends its regular season Friday against Arizona.

Teams Breezed

In the lower bracket at Santa Barbara, independent Chapman (15-9) will face the CCAA's second place team, Long Beach State (14-10).

Elsewhere Tuesday night, two of the first division West Coast Athletic conference teams breezed to easy victories.

Santa Clara won a conference battle over cellar-dweller UOP, 54-40.

Santa Clara faces St. Mary's in a key contest Friday night. The Gaels (7-2) must get by the tough Broncos or else just about guarantee that Loyola (8-2) will win the WCAC.

USF, which is 6-3 in the WCAC and still mathematically in the race, rolled to an easy 61-49 win over San Francisco State.

Van Brocklin Appoints West

Minneapolis-St. Paul — (UPI) — Coach Norm Van Brocklin of the Minnesota Vikings today had just one more position to fill on the coaching staff of the new National Football league club.

Stan West, former All-American guard from the University of Oklahoma, was named defensive line coach Tuesday. He joined assistant coaches Harry Gilmer and Pete Brewster on the Viking staff.

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Celts Aim To Clinch East Title

United Press International

This could be clinching day for the Boston Celtics, winners of the National Basketball association's Eastern division title the past four seasons.

The Celtics, who gained at least a tie for the title Tuesday night by routing the New York Knickerbockers, 142-116, met the Western division champion St. Louis Hawks today in the second game of a double-header at the Boston garden. The Knicks play Los Angeles in the opener.

The victory over New York was Boston's 50th of the season in 71 games and meant that any combination of one more Celtic win or Philadelphia loss would give Boston the Eastern title.

Stay Alive

The Warriors stayed "alive" by beating the Lakers, 123-108, as Wilt Chamberlain scored 32 points to set a new individual NBA season scoring record of 2,734. Wilt set the old record of 2,707 last season.

Oscar Robertson, the All-America from the University of Cincinnati, tallied 16 points Tuesday to push his season scoring total to 2,009 and become the only other player besides Chamberlain in NBA history to score 2,000 points in his rookie season.

Because of a still sore ankle Robertson turned play maker in leading the Cincinnati Royals to a 131-105 victory over the Hawks in the preliminary game to the Boston-New York contest at Madison Square garden. Jack Twyman was the top Cincinnati scorer with 24.

Giants Maranda Still Missing

Phoenix, Ariz. — (UPI) — Anybody seen Georges Maranda? The San Francisco Giant hurler is the only player missing from camp. Pitcher Jack Sanford arrived Tuesday.

The squad ran through a workout under the bright sun Tuesday. Batting instructor Frank (Lefty) O'Doul failed to make his first appearance of the spring, however. They could not find a uniform big enough for the former hitting great.

Hitting Seminars

He was expected to conduct his hitting seminars today if equipment manager Eddie Logan can come up with a big enough uniform.

Orlando Cepeda looked ready for another big campaign as he rocketed many drives out of sight during a hitting drill. Cepeda's new bride, Anna, looked on.

Northwest Champion Says Good Ski Jump Team Possible Here

Lenny Johnson, 29-year-old court reporter here, who is the new Pacific Northwest ski jumping champion, has indicated he may enter a meet this week end at Revelstoke, B.C., under sponsorship of Cascade Ski club, Portland.

Johnson, carrying the standard of that club, won the northwest title last Sunday at Multnomah mountain in the Mt. Hood Ski area. He had 180 and 178-foot jumps.

Johnson hopes to join the United States International ski team which will compete in Portland in 1962. He plans to spend two or three months in ski jump training and competition next year. He was an alternate on the 1956 U.S. Olympic jumping team.

The small, wiry jumping champion who has competed in major ski jumping contests throughout this country thinks there are a number of hills in this area which could be developed for jumping competition.

"Mt. Asland looks like a very nice ski area and I understand there are two or three others being considered which I haven't even seen," Johnson remarked today. "Mt. Shasta is real nice. It's a big area without too much rugged terrain where most people can enjoy themselves."

Start Young

The ski jump expert said a good jumping team could be developed in the Rogue Valley and he would be willing to coach and instruct. He suggests that future jump contestants start when they're young — under 12 years old.

"That way you don't have to overcome a fear of the hills," he jump champion said.

Johnson started when he was young. He's been in jumping competition since he was eight years old. His father, who still skis for pleasure at 67, started his son off. The young court reporter is half Norwegian and half Swedish.

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Impressive Array of Trackmen

Portland — (UPI) — Broad jumper Ralph Boston heads an impressive list of track and field stars who will compete here Friday night in the Far West meet.

Boston set another indoor record of 26-6 1/2 at New York last weekend. He's expected to get his stiffest competition from Oregon State's Darrell Horn, who has gone 25-6 1/2.

Among stars to compete are Parry O'Brien, Daryl Burleson, Roscoe Calk, Eddie Southern, Jim Grelle, Harry Jerome, Mel Renfro and others.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE
United Press International

The odds are heavily against them but the Detroit Red Wings are still battling to finish third in the National Hockey league race.

The Wings crept to within six points of third place Tuesday night when they downed the Chicago Black Hawks, 3-1, and ended a winless streak of four straight games.

WESTERN LEAGUE
United Press International

The Vancouver Canucks moved into second place in the Western Hockey League Tuesday night by defeating the Victoria Cougars 4-2 at Victoria.

The victory moved the Canucks one point ahead of the idle Portland Beavers.

In tonight's action, Seattle is at Portland and Edmonton travels to Winnipeg.

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BASKETBALL

TUESDAY COLLEGE GAMES
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EAST
St. Joseph (Pa.) 76, Albright 74
Iowa 73, Long Island 71, 60
St. Francis (N.Y.) 64, CCNY 61
Rhode Island 63, Massachusetts 73
Penn St. 63, Temple 56
SOUTH
Florida St. 72, Loyola (La.) 68
MIAMI
Kansas 81, Oklahoma 56
Marquette 74, Drake 72
WEST
USC 76, Westmont 55
Santa Clara 54, UOP 49
USF 61, SF St. 49
Portland 61, Gonzaga 63

ACCEPTS BERTH

New York — (UPI) — Marquette's basketball team has accepted an at-large berth to compete in the NCAA tournament. It was reported Tuesday by Roy Keene, Oregon State athletic director and chairman of the NCAA Western Selection committee. Keene said Marquette will play its first-round game against Houston on March 15 at Houston. The site was selected by a flip of a coin.

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