Southern Oregon Conference Race Comes Down To Wire This Week

Southern Oregon conference basketball romps down the final stretch neck and neck to the wire this Friday and Saturday. Only three teams, all tied for first place, are in the running in the five team circuit. Nevertheless all four week end contests have bearing on the league championship and on which of the three contenders makes the trek to the Oregon Class A-1 tournament at Eugene.

Not one, but two state tournament berths are at stake.

This is the week end fare: Friday – Medford at Klamath Falls, Grants Pass against Crater at Central Point; Saturday – Crater at Medford; Grants Pass at Ashland.

Grants Pass, Crater and Medford (each 9-5) are the bidders in the stretch for the threatened photo finish. Klamath (7-8) and Ashland (2-13) are out of it but ambitious and able of foiling the dream of the Medfords and the GP Cavemen.

Crater bears the burden of having to play each of the teams with which it is tied.

"This is it" and "we have to win them both" are bywords this week of the contending clubs.

Actually, there are a variety of ways the clubs can finish in the final regular standings and it is quite possible a playoff will be needed to determine state tourney representation. It is possible that there will be a three-way knot after Saturday night's engagements. Also possible is a two-way tie for first place. Or, one of the three clubs could wind up with an unshared championship with the other two tied for second spot.

The league crown, nevertheless seems to be a sort of side issue with the main ambitions those state tourney spots.

As writer Jerry Acklen said in the Grants Pass Daily Courier, "Nothing will be final until Saturday night . . ." And, even then the situation may not be final because a playoff may be required. As Acklen says, also, "Anything can happen."

In previous contests between the clubs, which meet each other for the fourth time this season, Medford has taken two of three from Klamath Falls and from Crater, Grants Pass has taken two of three from Crater and all three from Ashland.

Know What Job Is

In the Medford high camp this week Coach Frank Roelandt has reported real good spirit with the players working seriously and aggressively in drill and all healthy. He said that all hands have been doing a fine job in drills and all doing what they are supposed to be capable of doing. "They all know what the job is at hand," remarked the mentor. Roelandt also said, "We have no other way to go."

"We're looking for the big push this week," said Coach Lloyd Hoffine of the Crater Comets. "We've got the biggest week end," said Hoffine, pointing out that the Fireballs meet both other lead shareholders while Medford goes against the fourth place team and Grants Pass the cellarite. "We have to win one," the tutor said.

Like the Medfords, the Crater crewmen have been working hard. Willie Jones, who missed last week end's game because of an ankle sprain, is back at drills. Said Hoffine, "If we have to use him, I think he can do the job."

Ducks Eye Break Even Cage Year

University of Oregon, Eugene – Oregon's hustling Webfoots battle traditional rival Oregon State in a two-game basketball series this week end with dreams of a .500 season finish riding on the outcome.

Coach Steve Belko's Ducks, with an 11-13 record heading into the week end action, tangle with the Beavers at McArthur Court Friday before moving to Corvallis Saturday for their final engagement of the campaign.

The Ducks have been playing exciting, winning basketball the past three weeks and in the process have captured four of six starts, including a split with the NCAA tournament bound Beavers.

Belko will stick with the same lineup which has produced those recent victories in Friday's series opener. That unit includes 6-5 Steve Jones and 6-5 Jim Johnson at forwards, 6-7 Glenn Moore at center and 6-2 Elliott Gleason and 6-3 John Mack at guards.

Final Appearances

Moore and Mack, along with reserve guard Tom Tuttle, will make their final collegiate appearances this week end as the Ducks strive for a break-even final standing.

Oregon has been particularly effective on the attack in recent games. While whipping Washington State twice and Portland once and pushing Seattle to the wire before dropping a 78-71 decision, the Webfoots have average 80 points a game.

Despite this recent scoring binge, Belko doesn't expect the points to come that easily against Oregon State. "They are a fine defensive team," noted the Duck coach, "and we'll have to move the ball a little longer to get the shots we want. Our kids have learned to discipline themselves extremely well, however, and I'm confident we'll have the patience to play for the real good shot this week end."

SO Conference Officials To Discuss Playoff Plan

Central Point – A special Southern Oregon conference meeting has been called for 7 o'clock this evening at Crater High school to determine the procedure to be followed should a tie occur in the quest for state A-1 basketball tournament berths in the circuit.

Arthur Straus, principal at Crater high and president of the conference, said that all five member schools have been invited to have representation at the meeting. He stated that effort would be made to set up a plan that would serve future seasons as well as the present one.

Crater, Medford and Grants Pass are tied for the conference lead with 9-5 records going into the final week end of the regular season.

There is now a plan to follow when teams vie for the conference title in football but none for basketball. In basketball, two teams from the conference (District 6) enter the state tourney.

Softball Meeting Wednesday

A meeting to organize the summer season of the Jackson County Softball association will be held at the Medford hotel on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. The session is open to anyone who is interested in sponsoring or managing a team in the league.

Last summer the association was divided into two leagues. Making up the Major league were Grants Pass, Jay Allen, Keith Schulz, Central Point and Tru-Mix with Grants Pass emerging as champion. The Minor league was made up of Jennings Tire, Butte Falls, Mail Tribune, International Harvester and Communications Workers. Jennings won the championship but lost the playoffs to Grants Pass.

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	W.	L.	Pct.
x—Los Angeles	51	23	.689
St. Louis	42	30	.583
Detroit	31	44	.413
San Francisco	29	45	.392
Chicago	24	51	.30

x—Clinched division title.

Wednesday's Results
Chicago 121, San Francisco 111
Los Angeles 106, Cincinnati 97

VAN OCKER CHAMP

Portland, Ore.–(UPI)–College of Idaho's Steve Van Ocker is the Northwest Conference basketball scoring champion after a close battle with Ken Alcorn of Pacific. Final statistics showed Van Ocker with 268 points in 15 games for a 17.9 average. Alcorn scored two less points. Dave Snow of Whitman ranked third with 244 points in 15 games.

Small-Star Collegians Selected

New York – (UPI) – A pair of great little men on two of the nation's top college basketball teams – Larry Sh[illegible]gleton of Cincinnati and Johnny Egan of Loyola (Chicago) – head the 15th annual United Press International "Small America" basketball team for players no taller than 5-10.

Selected with Shingleton and Egan, who both are 5-10, were Jimmy Gilbert (5-9) of Texas, Vinnie Ernst (5-8) of Providence and Mannie Newsome (5-9) of Western Michigan.

The second team included Tom Baxley of Florida, Eddie Evans of Oklahoma, Doug Hutton of Mississippi State, Larry Brown of North Carolina and Jim Lynam of St. Joseph's Philadelphia.

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McLain's (28-8) 2, Marj Anderson 511; Bunnycrest (15-21) 2, Carroll Peterson 466.
Moser Flying A (27-9) 4, Dolores Kalista 517; [illegible] Signal (15-23) 0, Cecile Garnett 370.
Jean [illegible] 2, Betty Pettegrew 481; Dairandelles (17-19) 2, Pearl Crow 466.
Oakdale (21-15) 0, Anita Graves 395; [illegible] Mkt. (11-19) 4, Marilyn Johnson 485.
West Shell (7-19) 4, Donan Remick 440; Neeley Nelson (9-27) 0, [illegible].
Elk City Mkt. (14-22) 3, Marlene Jensen 481; Cogswell Mkt (14-22) 1, Viola Reaves 378.
Marj. Anderson 203, Marilyn Johnson 194, Marlene Jensen 193, Delores Kalista 193; McLain's Drug Center 1316.

EVERGREEN LEAGUE
Medco (5-0) 0, Ken Pickens 513; Joe's Golden Eagle (5-1) 4, Dan Hadley 555.
Pepsi Cola (3-1) 3, Larry Snopi 501; Hannes Equip. (1-3) 1, F. Bercham 462.
Local Loan (3-1) 0, E. Dukeshire 515; Overhead Door (1-3) 4, Earl Thornton 547.
Rogue Dist. (3-1) 3, Jerry Doty 484; Big Y (1-3) 1, Floyd Hayner 543.
Redman Lodge (3-1) 4, Orval Hayes 520; Road Liners (0-4) 0, Jack McCormick 439.
Bateman & Sons (1-3) 2, Pete Bateman 522; Hire's Root Beer (1-3) 2, Ray Grigsby 504.
Earl Thornton 237, Earl Thornton 217, Dan Hadley 211.

SIESTA LEAGUE
Valley Poultry (22-6) 4, Louise Swindler 574; Bill's No. Central Shell (4-14) 0, Eileen Hunting 400.
No. Central Garage (18-10) 4, Maurine Hemmick 463; Oakdale Mkt. Two (6-22) 0, Lillie Holt 378.
Bob West Const. (17-11) 3, Dee Fullmer 444; Oakdale Mkt. One (11-17) 1, Helen Nikodym 490.
Cascade Sports Marina (13-15) 1, Corky Jones 387; Snow White Diaper (15-15) 3, Norma Larson 464.
Louise Swindler 216, Nita Gosnell 199, Helen Nikodym 181; Valley Poultry 1514.

CHAMPAGNE LEAGUE
O K Market (16½-9½) 2½, Enid Wolff 456; West Coast Airlines (16½-11½) 1½, [illegible] Klinger 494.
Baker's [illegible] Wallpaper (18-10) 0, [illegible]; Roxy Ann Lanes (15-13) [illegible] Manley 453.
Hart's Hatchery (17½-10½) 1, Georgie Collins 424; Wooden Shoe Room (12-16) 3, Diane Bales 389.
Custom House Drapery (17-11) 3, Bonnie Baylor 480; Gay 90's Pizza Parlor (9½-18½) 1, Ruby Patten 424.
Medford Tire Service (13-15) 3, Virginia Hendry 410; Erma's Beauty Salon (11-17) 1, Meta Baines 400.
Mutual of Omaha (11-17) 4, Ethel Luman 472; Van Lee's Bazaar (9-19) 0, Del Huttner 388.
Jane Klinger 201, Ruby Patten 185, Bonnie Baylor 181; O.K. Market 1342.

ROXY ANN CLASSIC
Beck's Bakery (13-8) 2, Keith Maryott 587; John Wheeler (10½-10½) Don Davis 570.
Talent Merchants (12-9) 2, John Dickinson 592; Roxy Ann Lanes (11-10) 1, Dick Westerfield 571.
American Home & Land (12-9) 2, Martin Stockdale 643; Awkward Five (11-10) 1, Ed Bigham 606.
Kim's (11½-9½) 1, Ron Dixon 617; Wooden Shoe (10-11) 2, Sam Battistone 579.
McLaughlin Plumbing (9-12) 2, Ken Pickens 661; Oak Grove Service (5-16) 1, Gordy Thoreson 582.
Ken Pickens 258, Gordy Thoreson 245, McLaughlin Plumbing 2791.

KOFFEE KLATCH
Channel Chicks (23-9) 2, Darlene Brenton 458; Wee Three (22½-9½) 2, Donna Hunter 500.
Pin Curlers (19-13) 2, Alice Landing 443; Goof Offs (13½-18½) 2, Melva Peyton 447.
Sweet Rolls (17-13) 1, Elsie Eddy 494; Roguettes (10-22) 3, Anna Eisenberger 395.
Sad Sacks (16-16) 3, Luella Main 447; 9 Pins (16-16) Jean Gemaehlich 424.
Bowl Weavels (13-19) 4, Joyce Kraus 476; Early Birds (10-22) 0, Ruth Holloway 473.
Joyce Kraus 189, Elsie Eddy 187, Darlene Brenton 180.

LADIES CLASSIC LEAGUE
Clock Cafe (17-11) 1, Sherril Harshburger 497; Brave Bull (16-12) 3, Norma Burroughs 547.
Crater Inn Motel (16-12) 2, Ethel Champion 505; Thunderbird Market (15-13) 2, Georgia Boardman 561.
Rogue Distributing (16-12) 2, Elaine Brown 518; Union Club (11-17) 2, LaRayne Harris 557.
Medford Yardage (14-14) 3, Wanda Holly 515; Conger Morris (14-14) 1, Lucille Cornelius 490.
Insurance Mart (14-14) 3, Karen Smith 504; Valley Music (10-18) 1, Delores Dyer 469.
Wooden Shoe (12½-15½) ½, Del Christianson 518; Jorgensen's Dairy (12½-15½) 3½, Betty Reinholtz 577.
LaRayne Harris 211, Betty Reinholtz 214; Vera Cummings 212.

LADY ELKS P.M. LEAGUE
Ten Pins (21½-10½) 2, Denise Davis 422; Thumpers (20-12) 2, Ruth Carlson 399.
Elkettes (18-14) 3, Carol Wray 471; Bloopers (14-18) 1, Dottie Vest 425.
Stars (18-14) 2, LaVelle Ricks 409; Esquires (7½-24½) 2, Marie Trautman 438.
Pin Downers (18-14) 1, Dorothy Mason 408; Wapitis (11-21) 3, Donna Graham 435.
Carol Wray 175, Eileen Wise 167, Ruth Carlson 166; Wapitis 1584.

ZEPHYR LEAGUE
Medford Honda (27-9) 2, Ann Skeeters 470; Woodland Heights Market (19-17) 2, Vetia Higday 485.
Landis Studio (27-9) 4, Billie Beale 455; Modern Tile Co. (19½-16½) 0, Wilma Logan 451.
Rogue Boarding Kennels (18-18) 1, Ellen Wade 439; Burk's Awnings (9-27) 3, Dorothy Mason 416.
Burelson's (13½-22½) 2, Vi Corby 423; Wainscott's Drugs (11-25) 2, Evelin Smith 459.
Marge Smith 194, Billie Beale 180; Medford Honda 1282, Wainscott's Drugs 1282.

ROXY ANN ROCKETTES
Stevens Auto Sales (21-3) 2, Lanell Wilkes 478; Drews Manstore (11-13) 2, Mary Parker 515.
Rodda Paint (14½-9½) 1, Gayla Dixon 425; Trailways (14-10) 3, Norma Pervorse 448.
Crosby's Mobile (13-11) 2, Ruth Carpenter 468; Tex of Courtesy Chev. (10-14) 2, Eloise Logan 360.
Loveness Lbr. (12½-11½) 3, Alta Knauber 495; Simmonds Const (5-19) 1, Mary Bassonette 419.
Eastside Market (11½-12½) 1½, Judy Barnum; Roxy Ann Lanes (7½-16½) 2½, Peg Melsted.
Norma Pervorse 218; Mary Parker 191; Ruth Carpenter 188; Stevens Auto Sales 1780.

TUESDAY MIXED
Tiros (12-13) 3, Art Kobold 490; Lazebe (26-10) 1, Bud Bateman 549.
Outlaws (13½-22½) 1, Jim White 482; Tigers (13-23) 3, Mac McEwen 441.
Mix-Ups (19-17) 0, Leonard Welch 525; K-Sha (10-26) 4, Art Brereton 513.
Four S's (14-22) 0, Jerry Steckler 409; Holy Bowlers (25½-10½) 4, Don Relling 516.
Edith Tuttle 183; Don Landing 203; K-Sha 2227.

MAJORETTE SCRATCH
Oregon Veneer (26-10) 3, Ann Taylor; Kim's (12-24) 1, Del Christianson 508.
Bruce's Richfield (24-12) 4, Mary Morris 525; Brave Bull (11-25) 0, Edith Dickenson 490.
So. Oregon Trophy (23-13) 3, Wanda Booth 518; Brown's Trucking (11-25) 1, Ginnie Brown 474.
Barco Supply (21-15) 3, Dotty Wolff 564; Classic Studio (16-20) 1, Elsie Baker 484.
Dotty Wolff 223, Wanda Booth 192, Del Christianson 190; Barco Supply 1948.

FOULETTES LEAGUE
Tri-etts (21-7) 1, Irma Shroy 447; Bees' (19-9) 3, Trilby Stone 430.
Pin-Spotters (16-12) 4, Rayma Burger 418; Lucky Strikes (11-17) 0, Ella Adkins 402.
Crybabies (15½-12½) 1½, Betty Norum 425; Jokers (9½-18½) 2½, Hulda Sommer 343.
Hotshots (13-15) 2, Winnie Geddis 353; Pin-Ups (11-17) 2, Helen Schermerhorn 381, Rozanna Mulhollen 381.
Betty Norum 167, Elva Penwell 165, Irma Shroy 160; Bees' 1579.

USF's Dons Bid Again

United Press International

The University of San Francisco, which set the college basketball world on fire in the mid-1950s, is seeking to light the torch once again.

San Francisco still holds the all-time record for a college team of 60 wins in a row stretching from 1954 to 1956, including two straight NCAA championships. Leading the team in those banner years were Bill Russell and K. C. Jones, current stars with the professional champion Boston Celtics.

The Dons never could reach the same peak again, but still may cause a stir if they reach the NCAA tourney next week.

They moved into good position to do just this by turning back San Jose State, 51-46, on their home court Wednesday night. The triumph pushed the Dons back into a first place tie with Santa Clara in the West Coast Athletic conference. The two top teams meet in a showdown game Saturday night with an NCAA berth awaiting the winner, and San Francisco will have the all-important home court advantage.

Doug Sanders Defends Title

Pensacola, Fla.–(UPI)–Defending champion Doug Sanders tees off in the $25,000 Pensacola Open golf tournament today determined to prove it just takes a jinx to win.

A field of 149 pros and 10 amateurs, including Downing Gray, 1962 National Amateur runner-up and top amateur here for the past three years, compete in the event over the 6,400-yard Country Club course hard on the Gulf of Mexico.

Sanders, a hustling Georgian, won the tournament last year with a 14-under-par 207 after gashing his left foot.

FULLMER NAMED

Providence, R.I. – (UPI) – Gene Fullmer, former middleweight champion, was named "boxer of the month" today by the World Boxing association because of his impressive attempt to recapture the title on Feb. 23. Fullmer, of West Jordan, Utah, held champion Dick Tiger of Nigeria to a surprise 15-round draw in their return title bout at Las Vegas, Nev. Tiger kept his 160-pound crown.

Cooper, Smith Glove Champs

Chicago – (UPI) – Detroit's amateur boxers held the team championship today after what might have been the last national Golden Gloves tournament, but individual honors had to go to Omaha's Harley Cooper and Wade Smith of Muncie, Ind.

Cooper, a 28-year-old Air Force sergeant who is the father of seven children, defeated Ronald Marsh of Kansas City and James Taylor of Hollywood, Calif., to win the heavyweight championship with his 50th straight triumph, covering seven years.

Smith, a welterweight who won the National AAU crown last year, revenged himself for loss of the Golden Gloves crown when he defeated Rory O'Shea, one of three brothers who have held Chicago and national crowns, in a rematch of last year's title bout.

Pont Chosen Coach at Yale

New Haven, Conn. – (UPI) – John Pont, 34, Miami (of Ohio) university football coach, today was named to succeed Jordan Olivar as the 30th head coach in Yale's 90 years of football.

Olivar, winningest Eli coach except for the immortal Walter Camp, resigned Jan. 28 to devote all his time to his insurance business in Los Angeles. His Yale teams won 61 games; Camp's won 67.

FIGHT TONIGHT

Portland – (UPI) – Portland middleweight Andy Kendall meets Ramon Hernandez of Mexico in a 10-round fight at the Portland Armory tonight.

Wheeler's Wrap Up SOIBL Title

John Wheeler Loggers wrapped up the Southern Oregon Independent Basketball league title last night by bouncing Drew's Manstore 108 to 73.

It was the 12th league win against one loss for the Loggers. They led at the half 56 to 44.

John Payne scored 30 points for Drews.' Dave D'Olivo had 22 and Dick Copple 18 for Wheeler's.

In a game earlier this week Wheeler's romped over Sambo's restaurant 80 to 40 with Copple scoring 20.

The Loggers go to Hermiston for the state AAU tourney on Friday. They play The Theme of Portland at 11 p.m.

LINEUPS:
John Wheeler 108—D'Olivo 22, Smith 15, Copple 18, Dunson 13, Dickerson 13, Hughes 9, Anderson 9, Nash 5, Twitchell 2, Frank 2, Johnson.
Drews' 73—Payne 30, Graham 13, Munyon 7, Louk 6, Altenhofen 5, Hood 4, McKinley 4, Gardner 4.

INGO HAS SON

Goteborg, Sweden –(UPI)–Former heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson's wife gave birth Wednesday to their first child, a boy.

POWER AND WEAKNESS

Palm Springs, Calif.—(UPI)—Both the power and the weakness of the Los Angeles Angels will be on display in a tentative lineup announced for Saturday's opening exhibition Cactus League game with the Houston Colts. Six men in the starting lineup bat left handed. The Angels, in their climb to third last year, banked heavily on the lefties—Leon Wagner, Lee Thomas, Albie Pearson and switch-hitting Bob Rodgers. When these men ran into trouble, so did the Angels.

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Liston Expected To Receive Okeh

Miami Beach, Fla.–(UPI)–Sonny Liston's manager said early today that he expected the heavyweight champion will "receive a green light" to resume training Saturday after a thorough physical examination by Dr. Duke Baird of Miami.

Jack Nilon said the heavyweight champion will be examined for the second time in 24 hours by Dr. Baird this afternoon and added, "we expect Sonny to be cleared and given a go-ahead to resume training Saturday."

Liston's return title bout with Floyd Patterson, from whom he won the crown on a one-round knockout last September 25, has already been switched from April 4 to April 10 because of the champion's injury to his right knee.

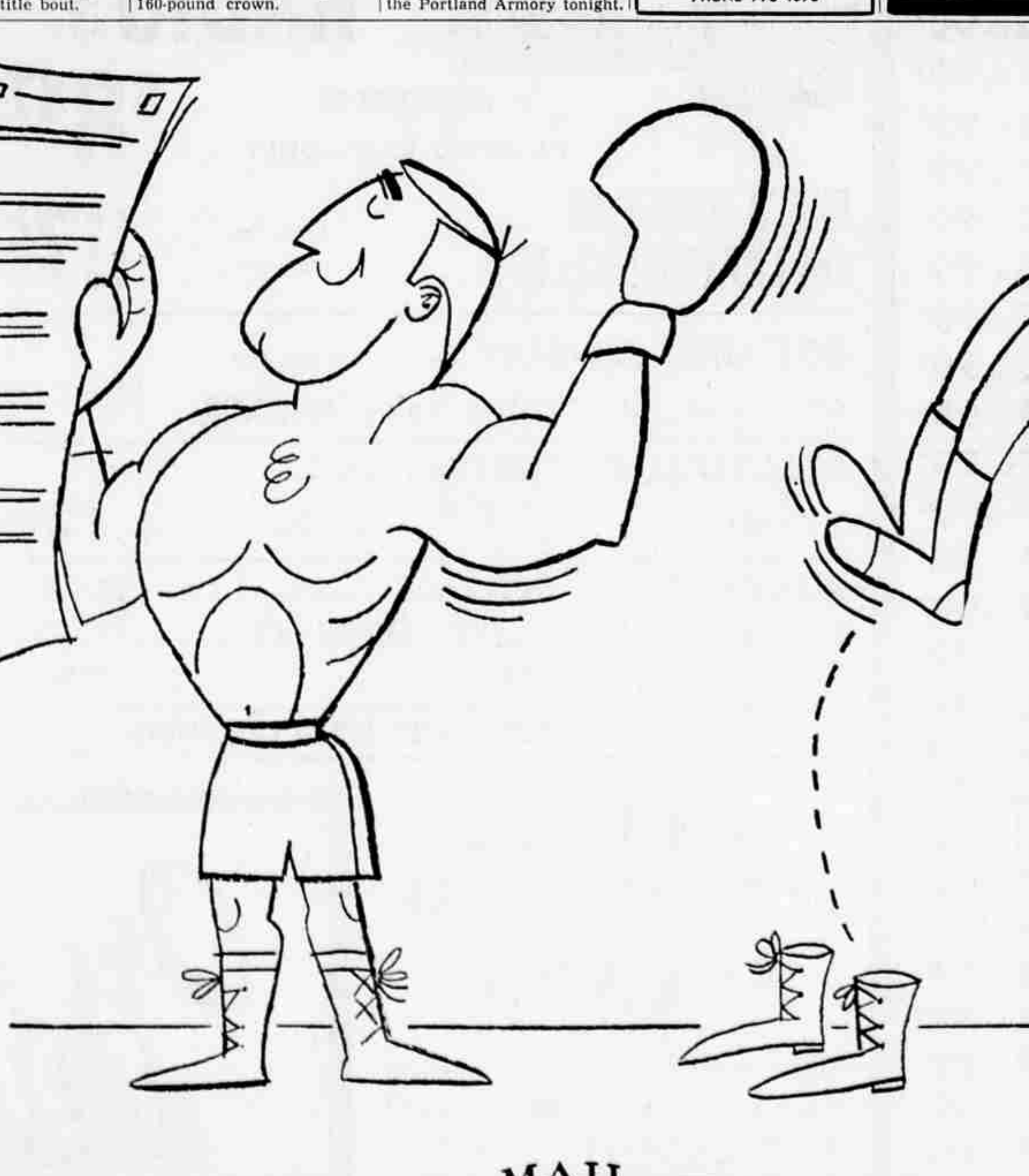
Claudia's Captures Portland AAU Crown

Portland – (UPI) – Claudia's captured the Portland City League basketball championship by defeating Priestley Oil 96-87 Wednesday night.

Guards Jack Riley and Chuck Rask led Claudia's with 21 and 20 points, respectively, to its second win in the third game of the best-of-three series for the title. Don Porter topped Priestly with 24.

TO EXPLAIN BRACKET

Frank Roelandt, Medford high basketball coach, will explain the bracketing for the Oregon Class A-1 tourney at the Friday noon meeting of Medford Linebackers club. The meeting will be at North's Chuck Wagon.



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