

Northern Hoop Race Tightens

Equality of Teams After First Series Gives Promise of Disputed Title. Oregon, O. S. C. Meet Saturday. Pelicans Not Yet in Contender Class. Bill Tilden Still Rules Tennis World.

Nothing in the opening week of competition among Northern division basketball teams can deny the pre-season prediction of a tight race. Oregon State, the defending champion, and a favorite to pull up as the 1934 title holder in March, has been defeated, and both Oregon and Washington state, dark horses of a very dangerous color, have crashed through to victory.

Washington, listed just as favorable as the Beavers, turned in two victories over the Idaho Vandals last week. The Idaho combination, however, revealed so much promise, it, too, has joined Oregon and Washington State as championship bidders.

Here are the standings of the five teams at the close of the opening series:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	2	0	1.000
W. S. C.	2	2	.500
Oregon	1	1	.500
O. S. C.	1	1	.500
Idaho	0	2	.000

This week-end's schedule sends the Huskies over the mountains to Moscow to try the Vandals again. Despite two previous wins, Washington is not an outstanding favorite. The Vandals are difficult to upset on their own floor and may send Washington into the defeat column. Such a situation would leave the conference without an undefeated team.

The intensity of the schedule and the general equality of the teams each season, make it almost certain all teams will be defeated before the year comes to an end.

Game arrangements this year throw Oregon and Oregon State together unusually early. The annual four games ordinarily are pretty well scattered, with the first not coming until each combination has returned from a road trip.

The Beavers ride over to Eugene Saturday night for a one-game stand against Billy Reinhart's university boys at McArthur court. Oregon State, of course, is favored.

Each of the two Oregon schools won one and lost one against Washington State.

Al Macartney, high school correspondent, sees trouble for the undefeated Pelicans Friday and Saturday night against Bend. Macartney, following the play of the Klamath team all season, has observed that some of the 1933 stars aren't shining quite so brightly this year.

There's little doubt but what the Pelicans must improve tremendously before they can become a serious candidate for the basketball championship. A great deal, however, already has been accomplished.

Dwight French, coach, lost some of his outstanding players this season. He was forced to build anew and forget the combinations sweeping Klamath to two successive district championships.

All hasn't been lost. The team probably would be much farther ahead had not injuries affected its organization. Steady improvement has developed, and by the time of the tournament the Pelicans should figure in the running.

Bill Tilden, former American amateur champion, has made professional tennis a first rank sport. Seventeen thousand persons saw him smash 22-year-old Ellsworth Vines, another former champion, at New York Wednesday night.

Tilden is nearing middle age, but he apparently hasn't slipped. His legs, speed and eye still are as effective as in the days when wasn't a tennis player who could match his skill. Many believe now there is no one who can beat him in match play.

Perhaps it wasn't Tilden at all who declined after a brilliant Davis Cup career. Perhaps it was the American Davis Cup Committee that fell below par with its meddling tactics so distasteful and discouraging to the tennis player.

Gertrude McEvoy Wins Cue Title

CHICAGO, Jan. 11. (AP)—Turning back the challenge of the same Chicago school teacher for the second successive year, Mrs. Gertrude McEvoy of New York is still the women's national pocket billiard champion. Although upset in the concluding game of the regulation contest yesterday, Mrs. McEvoy clinched the title again last night by defeating Georgia Veatch of Chicago, 35 to 29 in a close extra match that went 33 innings.

Although the strokes of a pendulum may shorten and die down, the time required for each swing remains the same.

A breed of sheep, having no wool on the face and legs, has been developed by South Dakota State college.

BOXING BILL TILDEN TRIMS VINES

Veteran Netman Defeats Youngster in "Pro" Debut.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (AP)—Take the word of H. Ellsworth Vines, Jr., who sampled the old master's fire for three sets last night, the greatest tennis player in the world at the moment is Bill Tilden. 41 years old and spry.

"There isn't a man in the game, amateur or professional, who would stand a chance against him in match play," declared the convinced "Elly" after Tilden had taken him over the bumps by scores of 6-3, 6-2, in Vines' debut as a professional at Madison Square Garden.

Service Smothers Vines. "Fred Perry of England and Jack Crawford of Australia? He'd beat either of them easy. I know about what they can do, and I know what he did to me."

"I thought I'd faced some services, but that first ball of Bill's has the others backed off the boards," said the 22-year-old Californian, almost reverently. "It was at me before I knew it, and how it twisted!"

He didn't exaggerate. A few minutes before the crowd of nearly 17,000 that packed the Garden had sat amazed as Vines, a great national champion only two years ago, had tried desperately to stem Bill's thunderous service by brushing both hands on his racket. Even then he couldn't keep it in the court.

Backhand Powerful. The audience had seen Vines drive deep to Tilden's backhand, a forcing shot, and tear in for the bill as he was wont to do when he ruled the world's amateurs. And they had seen the youngster's bat nearly knocked from his hand, the ball flying askew, from the fury of Big Bill's backhand return.

It was a marvelous show that Big Bill, the showman, had saved up for the unveiling of Vines. He had the sort of audience he liked, with plenty of stiff shirts in the side boxes, and he gave them the works. Vines played some noble tennis himself, particularly in the opening set, but it takes more than that to hold off a Tilden.

Where Ellsworth was forced to depend almost entirely on his own scoring service, which fact he said early at times, and his blistering deep-court shots, Bill matched him there and then, dished him with phenomenal shots and court deuces that left no doubt of the ultimate result. Tilden's beautiful half-volleys, his "sets" of balls that seemed lost and the effortless ease with which he covered court were something to see.

Thalia Massie At Reno For Divorce

RENO, Nev., Jan. 11. (UP)—Mrs. Thalia Fortescue Massie, central figure in sensational assault and manslaughter cases in Hawaii, arrived here today prepared to divorce her naval officer husband, Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie.

She said she was "happy," but in the same breath reiterated statements that she did not think the contemplated divorce was necessary.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



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BASKETBALL IT'S SO EASY!



When Big Jim Scott is up on his toes, his basketball game is a honey. Jim, shown above, is a seven-foot three-inch basketball player who plays for an amateur team at Asheville, N. C. By standing on his toes, shooting a basket is simple. He's only 20.

Right to Jaw Brings Victory for Lodi Heavy

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11. (AP)—A hard right to the jaw decided last night's main event wrestling match at the auditorium here after announcement was made that only biting and choking were tabs for the final fall.

Ted Cox, 210, Lodi, Calif., was winner over Pat Reilly, 200, Boston, after each had taken a fall with elbow jabs to the jaw and body presses.

Another speedy one-fall match was won by the still undefeated Don Wagner, 220, ex-Oregon State college football player, in a match with Moose Norbeck, 245, Vancouver, B. C.

Harry Kent, 225, Hillsboro, planned Paul Jones, 212, Dallas, Texas, with a body press.

Flying tackles and a body press brought Jack Rogut, 200, Montreal, a one-fall decision over Bob Stone, 202, Chicago.

The opener was a three-round stalemate with neither Al Snell, 210, Billings, nor Rocky Brooks, 205, Victoria, B. C., able to gain a fall.

Geodetic Survey Starts At Bend

BEND, Ore., Jan. 11. (UP)—Under supervision of T. S. Abbott, of Klamath Falls, a coast and geodetic survey was under way today in eastern Deschutes and northern lake counties, with unemployed surveyors being used in the work.

First work in the district comprising Deschutes, Klamath and Lake counties consists of running a line of levels from Fort Rock north to the central Oregon highway, several miles east of Millican. Permanent bench marks will be established.

HUNTING BEND OFFERS HOOP THREAT

Six Lettermen in Lineup Against Klamath This Week-End.

By Al Macartney

Although the Birds seem to regard the Bend tossers as just another trial horse before the Medford game, they may find the invaders just a little too wild for a Pelican to tame. Credit Bend with six letter men, a light fast team, and a fiery coach.

That, and a burning desire to avenge seven defeats suffered at the hands of Pelican hoopers in the past two years, are some of the reasons why the Frenchmen are in for a tough assignment when they tangle with the Lava Bears here Friday and Saturday.

Scroggin Out. Consider the fact that Howard Scroggin, who has been the backbone of the Klamath team for the past two years, will not be able to play because of a septic sore throat, add to this fact that for two years prior to the last season Bend has ruled the maple courts in this section, and you have still more reasons why the Pelicans will have a tough battle on their hands.

Strong in the opening game with the Alumni, the Pelicans faltered when they played a return game and lost by one point. According to the brand of basketball they have displayed so far this season, they do not look much like a championship combination. The games won from Yreka by close decisions may have bolstered them somewhat, but this remains to be seen.

Team Improves. Coach French has been drilling his proteges hard this week, and has promised something new in defensive playing. The red and white team has also been brushing up on a lot of uncertain passing. Darrell Miller, center, has been the only man to successfully follow up his shots so far this season.

Radically changing their offense from last year, the hoopers are using a fast break and have speeded up their offense. The new offense shows up well in scrimmage session, and Klamath will try this style of playing before spectators for the first time in the Bear-Pelican game.

According to a statement from Coach French, the Pelicans will present a real brand of basketball in these two games, as the Pelicans are rapidly approaching mid-season form.

Malin Townies Defeat Sons, Score 47 to 23

The Malin Townies opened their basketball season by defeating Sons of Italy, 47 to 23. Malin took the lead and kept it throughout the game. Score at half stood 33 to 13. LaClair was high point man with 14 points, followed by Duacha with 8 points.

Malin (47) Sons of Italy (23)
LaClair, 14 F 8, Duacha
Parks, 7 F 7, McAnich
Johnson, 7 C 4, Gilman
Rajna, 6 G 1, Barrow
Kallia, 2 G 2, Conforti
Jackson, 3 S 2, Brady
Replek, 3 S 2, Brady
Halousek, 4 S 2, Brady
Smith, 4 S 2, Brady

Malin Town girls defeated Sacred Heart Academy of Klamath Falls in a preliminary, 46 to 12. Pauling Suty and Kallina starred for the winners, scoring 26 and 16 points respectively.

Jack Dempsey Seeking Lease for Promotions

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (UP)—Jack Dempsey, the former heavyweight champion who created the million dollar gate with his pounding fists, announced today that he would like to try to resurrect boxing by leasing the fight privileges at Madison Square Garden.

"However," he added, "I don't think there's much chance of getting such a lease, in spite of the way the Garden seems to be mismanaging the business."

Dempsey surprised sports writers by saying that he thought Champion Primo Carnera would beat Maxie Baer if they met in the near future. This was unexpected because Baer is under contract to fight for Dempsey.

Appraisals Made On Telephone Firm

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11. (UP)—Plant and properties owned by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company were given a "fair value" estimate of \$37,879,888, in appraisals filed by C. E. Fleeger, vice president of the company, with the public utilities commission at a hearing held in the court house here today.

Tillamook county, Oregon, is the wettest spot in the United States, having an annual rainfall of 130 inches.

COLF BRUSHING UP SPORTS By Laufer



Undeclared Waldorf Quint Will Play Ashland Normal

The undefeated Waldorf basketball team, independent quintet of Klamath Falls, will swing into a major contest here next Tuesday against the Southern Oregon Normal school of Ashland.

Manager of the Klamath team announced Wednesday night that the contest would be played in the Klamath Union high school gymnasium. The Sons represent one of the strongest college teams in the state and last year upset the University of Oregon three times in a four-game series.

Three Games Won. Waldorf has won the three games on its schedule thus far in the season, and will play the Chiloquin town team at Chiloquin Saturday night.

The team expects to arrange for a game here with the Oregon All-Stars, an organization headed by Mike Mikulak, all-American fullback on the Webfoot football squad. Other players on this team include Leigh-ton Geo and Mark Temple, half-backs; Bernie Hughes, center; Bree Cupolletti, guard, and Charles Wishard, end.

Brown Combination. The Waldorf combination has been sponsored by Bill Elliott, Walter Brown has been named manager. Many of the players were once members of the Pelican high school teams, others played in the city league last season, and the remainder have had experience in college and independent play.

The squad is composed of Dick Sheets, guard; Jack Crawford, guard; Woodrow Triplett, forward; Walter Peterson, center and forward; Curly Wakeman, guard; Fred Fioske, guard, and Ray Allen, center.

round will qualify for the match play, beginning tomorrow and ending with next Monday's 36-hole final. A purse of \$4,000 will be split up between the pros, the winner taking \$1,500.

Japanese Current Believed Changing

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 11. (UP)—All is not according to Hoyle with the Japanese current, Captain Alvin O. Lustie of the President Jefferson reported here today.

He said the current has changed for the last few months and ships arriving from the Orient have been delayed.

"At least, the surface movement is opposite to the customary direction," Capt. Lustie said.

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ROUGH MATCH EXPECTED HERE

Karasick, Reilly Meet in Main Event on Friday.

Klamath Falls wrestling fans Thursday were making the prediction the main event match between Al Karasick of Portland and Pat Reilly of Boston would be short and decisive. The two heavyweights clash Friday night at the Legion hall.

Few were prepared to say the match would go the full limit of one hour. The reputation for roughness, possessed equally by the athletes, indicated the possibility of a hasty conclusion.

Events involving either the Russian or the Irishman frequently end with one participant prone somewhere between the arena and the first row of the ringside. Karasick and Reilly have been known to disable an opponent so completely his return to the ring was impossible.

The Russian Lion, after a look at his undefeated record here, continued to rule as a favorite. Both Karasick and Reilly will enter the ring at approximately the same weight.

A fact, even match probably will be the character of the encounter between Bob Stone of Chicago and Rocky Burke of Victoria, B. C. In the semi-windup, Burke and Stone, wrestling for one hour, are both over 200 pounds.

Michigan Coach Denies Conference

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 11. (UP)—Harry Kipke, Michigan football coach, on his return here today announced he had not received an offer nor had he been in communication with anyone concerning the Yale coaching position.

"I have been in South Bend and no other place," Kipke said. "I have received no information from Yale nor from anyone connected with them."

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