

1927 State Tourney Recalled

Deb Addison of Klamath Falls Member of Eugene High Championship Team. Eugene Last Team to Enter Nationals at University of Chicago. Two-Year Domination of Salem Broken.

This is the time of year Deb Addison turns reminiscent and considers his 1927 excursion to the state basketball championship tournament. Addison, an advertising salesman here who still could make a nice showing on the court, was a member of the Eugene high school champions just seven years ago.

It was Eugene high which broke the two-year domination of Salem, the school possessing the most admirable all-time record for state titles and runner-up positions.

In 1925 Salem pushed aside Franklin of Portland, 20 to 12, and then the following season defeated Eugene, 33 to 15, in the finals.

The next year, however, the story was exactly reversed, and Eugene, runner up in 1924, rode through the preliminary rounds to reach the finals and knock aside its traditional rival, Salem, 25 to 19.

The Eugene team of 1927 included some outstanding college material. Almost without exception the members of the combination entered the University of Oregon and played freshmen or varsity basketball—or both.

That championship high school team included such men as Austin Colbert, Jean Eberhart, Windsor Calkins, Max Rubenstein, Deb Allison, Bill Pittman and others.

It is interesting to recall that this Eugene team was the last Oregon high school to enter the national interscholastic tournament at the University of Chicago.

Washington of Portland, champion in 1928, headed toward the tourney, but when the youngsters reached Arlington, Ore., they received a telegram announcing their ineligibility. There was nothing to do but turn back to Portland.

Several Oregon teams have gone to Chicago, but none had the success of Addison's in 1927.

Eugene defeated Jacksonville, Fla., 13 to 12, in the opening round. The next day the boys drew a giant team from Norfolk, West Virginia, and were eliminated, 14 to 13.

In those days there was no rule permitting a team to play two games before winding up its tournament schedule. If a school lost in the opening round, it entered the consolation, but if it lost later in the tournament it was through.

Addison says there is no greater thrill in athletics than winning a state basketball championship. The whole tournament is packed with dynamite, and each day the tension grows more acute. The young athletes are submitted to the terrific work of play winning and then waiting for the next game.

The great climax, of course, is managing to get through to the finals and then winning a title.

He is fully aware of the excitement the Klamath boys have endured in their remarkable series of victories.



BOXING PELICAN FIVE UPSETS DOPE

Klamath Falls, Astoria Finalists in State Tournament.

SALEM, March 24. (AP)—Staging a brilliant last half rally over Franklin high school of Portland, Klamath Falls won the right to enter the finals of the 15th annual state basketball tournament tonight against Astoria, which had little difficulty in defeating Ashland in the semi-finals last night. Klamath Falls won 25 to 23, while Astoria took a 41 to 16 score over the Lithians.

During the final 15 minutes of play last night, the tall aggression from Klamath looked like unbeatable champions, and played the co-champion of the Portland schools off its feet. With a ten point lead against them shortly after the second half opened, Wakeman and Giovannini opened up a fast defensive, and with the able assistance of Miller and Eckhoff, held off the big Portlanders and lowered the lead minute by minute. The two point margin came from free throws.

Miller Scores First. As the game opened Klamath Falls took the lead when Miller, star center for the southerners, took a fast shot from under the basket, but Jewell, one of the tallest centers ever entered in tournament play here, tied the score for Portland by turning around under the basket and tipping in the ball.

Rally Aids Pelicans. At the end of the first quarter, Franklin held a one point margin, but that was the last time until a few moments before the contest ended. The tall Jewell started for Franklin in the first half by scoring 9 of the 14 points. The score at half time was 14 to eight in favor of Portland, and it looked as though Portland would eliminate the Pelicans from championship honors.

And the Portlanders continued to score early in the third quarter until the tally stood 18 to 8. But at this point the rally started and the lead was cut to four points at the end of this period, 22 to 18.

Not content to remain in the trailing position, Klamath forced into the lead with four minutes left to play when Wakeman shot a beautiful basket from behind the foul line to bring the score to 22-22. The score was tied when Jewell scored a free throw. This was the last point made by Portland, while Eckhoff and Scroggin garnered two more free shots as the result of frenzied play during the final minutes. As the game ended the game, Wakeman tossed another goal, but officials ruled the basket out.

Astoria Downs Ashland. In the first game last night Astoria, after Ashland took a four point lead, started out to demoralize the Lithians, and succeeded. Constant shots by Sarpola, Canessa and Wright from any position on the floor, discouraged the Ashland boys, and

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