

Pelicans Will Meet Chico Tonight

PELICAN BILL

By Bill Cummings

LOCALS FACE TOUGH COAST CASABA TEAMS

Klamath high's casaba crew will have tough sledding when they travel to the coast next week for a Christmas barstom through the Coos bay region.

Forrest Kirby, frosh coach who comes from Bandon and knows the coast league's style of basketball, says

all three of the teams the Pelicans will play are hard-driving, high scoring clubs. Coquille, the opponent for Thursday night, December 28, has a good basketball crew to go along with its topnotch football team.

Coach Dutch French will be running up against an old schoolmate when he takes his Pelicans onto the Coquille coast. The coach of the coast town is Spike Leslie, a fraternal brother of French's at the University of Oregon and a former football star for the Ybboots.

Leslie uses the same fast breaking type of basketball that French employs, giving promise of a tough scramble when the two teams get together.

North Bend and Marshfield, scheduled for the following Friday and Saturday nights, are likewise tough aggregations, according to Frosh Coach Kirby.

Bob Lowe, Pelican basketball, is rounding into better shape after his football knee injury, and will soon see regular action, according to French. The boy who will bear watching, however, on the Pelican lineup is Eugene Love, who is showing fine shooting ability and is ambidextrous.

Dick Shuck, diminutive forward on the Merrill high school county B league team, is the high scorer to date in league competition. He has gathered in a total of 25 points to lead the scoring field. His big night was against Henley high, when he rang up 14 points.

Next on the county B league scoring list is Harold Putnam, lanky Keno center, who has tallied 23 times to date. He piled up 17 points in the Keno-Main game to get the highest single-game total in the county so far this season.

Other county high scorers are Louis Renn of Keno, with 18; Norris of Henley, with 17; Taylor of Chiloquin, with 15, and Taylor's teammate, Horton, with 10.

Out in the college casaba circuits Ted Sarpola, University of Oregon shotmaker, is already attracting attention for high scoring. This Astoria star, a senior at Oregon this year, will probably pile up one of the highest point totals on the coast, and may come close to equalling Laddie Gale's mark of last year.

Hobby Hobson, Oregon basketball boss, describes Sarpola as the player with the "fast hands," who can shoot with one hand from any angle. He never takes two-handed chest shots.

LOCALS WILL PLAY SERIES WITH TOUGH SOUTHERNERS

Eleven Pelican basketballers and Coach Dwight French will invade the home court of the Chico basketball team tonight for the first of a two-game series with the California players. The second game will be played Friday night.

With the same lineup that started the Yreka game last Friday night picked to open the contest, Coach French pronounced all his team members in good shape except Ray Crane, who sprained an ankle during the week in practice, but may be able to see action in the second game of the series.

The starters will probably be the following:
Forward—Bill Rush.
Center—Marion Reginato.
Center—Bob Erlanson.
Guard—Byron Cody.
Guard—George Cooley.

Others making the trip will be Crane, John Mathis, Harold Elstrom, guards; Arthur Martin, Eugene Love, forward, and Wesley Lorenz, center. The twelfth member of the squad, Virgil Jarrett, who has been competing in the Golden Gloves boxing tourney, will not make the trip due to his prolonged absence from practice and a questionable eligibility until next term.

The Chico team, coached by Ralph Hensley, uses a tight man-to-man defense and a fast driving offense which should produce a colorful game when the two quintets come together. French's Pelicans depend on speed and drive to outrun opponents.

Officials at Chico, where Chico State college produces a high interest in basketball among fans and players alike, are less strict in their foul-calling than in Klamath Falls, according to word received from Coach Hensley. The result should be an interesting scrap for the hard playing Pelicans, who trounced Yreka 20-8 here last week in their first game of the season.

Following the Chico excursion the Pelicans will leave on a Christmas tour into western Oregon for games with several coast teams. The tour will start next Thursday and on that night the Pelicans will play Coquille. On Friday and Saturday nights the locals will play North Bend and Marshfield to wind up the tour.

The next home game will be played against Ashland, Friday, January 5, and the following night the Pelicans will take on Grants Pass.

The Pelicans were scheduled to leave early Thursday morning for Chico.

Stanford Drops Basketball Tilt

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 21 (AP)—Nebraska rallied to overcome a 19-point half-time disadvantage and last night edged out Stanford in a wild finish 48-47.

The visitors ran away with the game in the first period with Don Williams collecting 22 points and led 33-14 at the half. Nebraska failed to make a basket until the game was 11 minutes old.

Nebraska's starting team watched the end of the half from the bench and reentered the game to set off the scoring spree which gave Stanford its first defeat of the season.

Hold Everything!



"A collar button in your soup, sir? Oh, goody! I've been looking for that all afternoon!"

Coast Is Breeding Ground for Champs

By JERRY BRONDFIELD
NEA Service Sports Writer
One of the most awesome collections of mobile giants that any part of the country ever sent to the wars stamps the Pacific coast as the most likely breeding ground of the 1940 national collegiate basketball champion.

There isn't a weak sister on the golden slope. At least three teams must be rated among the nation's best in the early season estimates.

Oregon, which won the N. C. A. A. title by beating Ohio State last winter, is making a strong bid to repeat, but should be pressed considerably by Southern California and California. The latter two are said to have the greatest teams in their history.

Oregon lost four of last season's regulars, including all-America Laddie Gale, but the Webbees have a wealth of material built around John Dick, rangy all-Far Western forward.

Dick, who is expected to take over where Gale left off as offensive spark, stands six feet four. He will team with Ted Sarpola, a six-foot one-inch two-year letterman.

Archie Marshik, six-foot seven-inch sophomore, and Henry Anderson, a junior with the same altitude, will handle the center job very nicely. Matt Pavlunas, a plucky at five feet 11, is one guard. The other is still being contested for by Porky Andrews and Toivo Pippo, six-foot sophomores, and Vic Townsend, a six-foot junior college transfer.

Offensively, Howard Hobson expects his club to be better than last season's.

The Lemon-Yellow, again, using the driving, quick break, averaged better than 60 points in three warm-up games.

Its tall and fleet operatives roar down the court at top speed. . . . winging long passes all over the floor.

Southern California, runner-up to California for the Pacific coast conference southern division crown, has four holdovers from its crack quintet of last season.

Ralph Vaughn, senior forward from Frankfort, Ind., is the principal reason why the Trojans should go places.

This six-foot southpaw trickster is being boomed as a second Hank Luisetti and already holds the coast scoring mark for a single game with 36 points against U. C. L. A.

The other forward is Jack Morrison, a senior who broke his ankle as a sophomore, but who came back last winter to finish seventh in division scoring.

Dale Sears, six-foot two-inch center, was good enough defensively to make the all-division team as a guard, but will deploy again in the jumping circle.

Although Troy lost Gall Goodrich by graduation, guards are no problem with Tom McGarvin, brilliant defensive ace and scoring threat, back at one post, and Jack Lippert, a letterman as a sophomore last trip, at the other.

California also has four of its

BASIN HOOP STARS READY FOR CONTEST WITH OILERS

Prepared to give the visiting Signal Oil contingent plenty to worry about Saturday night at the army, the Klamath Basin All-Stars were waiting impatiently Thursday for the impending basketball contest that would send their team against the touring quintet from Portland here this weekend.

With three members of last year's championship Glenzer team, Cliff McLean, Leonard Vette and Ted Schopf, forming the nucleus of the local aggregation, the Klamath Basin squad is expected to give the invaders a real battle. Capable assistance from Emil Stroehle, giant Weyerhaeuser pivot man, Lou Aiello, fighting Molotof forward, and two First National Bank stars, Howard Scroggin and Russ Marshall, will make the Basin team dangerous opponents for almost any hoop squad.

The All-Stars, playing their first game together last Friday against Pacific university at the army, performed quite well but were outclassed by the better-drilled collegians after leading in the scoring department practically all the way. With a few games the local court acts should be molded into a smooth-functioning unit that will give visiting basketball crews all the competition they want. League officials have lined up several top ranking out-of-town quintets that will come here throughout the winter campaign.

Saturday's clash should be especially interesting from the spectators' standpoint because former team mates will be playing opposite each other in the Signal Oil-Klamath engagement. McLean of the Basin team and the Ollers' Bill Courtney were paired at the guard positions on Coach Howard Hobson's Southern Oregon Normal team several years ago when the Ashland school was turning out championship cage crews. Later Chuck Patterson, big negro center, teamed with these two boys and they transferred to University of Oregon a few seasons back to play as regulars on the Eugene five.

Captain Bill Courtney, leader of the visitors, is rated one of the best defensive players in the state today, even after several years as a top tight independent casaba star. Although two inches under the six foot mark, Courtney is a valuable backboard man, retrieving the ball with much the same adeptness that McLean is known to do. He collects his share of the points during a contest, specializing in one-handed southpaw push shots.

His score to date for the Ollers is Jay Hollingsworth, former basketball star from Oregon State. He has averaged 13 points for the 12 contests the Signal team has played thus far this winter. Art Merryman and Roy Pfingrad, two more ex-Oregon Staters, are considered the two best ball handlers on the Portland team and both are consistent scorers as well.

Princeton Boy Given Spokane Club's Trophy
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Round Table club of Spokane, has named Don Herring, plucky Princeton university football player, as its "outstanding sportsman of the year."

Herring (Bud) Ward of Spokane, national amateur golf king and club secretary announced the selection of Herring here. The husky tackle underwent a leg amputation following a football injury this fall.

Nationally known sports authorities participated in the poll which named Herring for the honor and cited him as having contributed most to amateur athletics in 1939.

Ward is spending the winter in Southern California. Herring will be honored at the annual dinner of the Washington, D. C., touchdown club, and will be presented there with the Round Table trophy. Vice President Garner is scheduled to make the presentation.

The Spokane organization is one which annually, in lighter vein, conducts a nationwide "moaning contest" for college coaches. It also sponsors a golf tournament in which links celebrities try to perform fireworks acts set off on the sidelines.

Pitchers Need Savvy Rather Than Control

By GEORGE KIRKSEY
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—It's not how much hop you have on your fast one or how much break you have on your curve but how much savvy there is out there on the mound that counts heaviest in modern pitching.

The American league offers in evidence Lefty Grove, Red Sox southpaw, and Ted Lyons, White Sox right-hander, as living proof it takes more than speed and curves to become a successful pitcher. Those two gray-beards—Grove will be 40 next March 6 and Lyons will be 40 December 28—were the two outstanding American league pitchers last season, according to the official averages released today.

Grove, pitching with his noodle and cunning, led the regular pitchers in earned runs with an average of 2.54 for 23 games and was fourth in the won and lost column with 15 victories and four defeats for a percentage of .789.

Lyons finished second to Grove among pitchers who worked in 10 or more complete games, with an earned run average of 2.46. He won 14 games and lost six for a winning percentage of .700.

Grove's feat was all the more remarkable because even the doctors were skeptical about him ever pitching again after his arm went dead late in the 1938 season.

Heading into his sixteenth major league campaign since he joined the Athletics in 1925, Grove has a record of 286 victories, more than

any pitcher still active in the big show. In that span Grove has hurled 286 complete games.

Bob Feller, Cleveland's young fire-baller, finished third in earned runs with a record of 2.85 and led the league in victories with a record of 24 and nine for a percentage of .737. Feller, who was 21 November 3, is the only pitcher under 29 to finish among the first nine earned run leaders. John Rigney, White Sox, who finished tenth, is 25, while all the others are past 30 except Lefty Gomez, Yankees, who finished fifth and Emil Leonard, Senators, who placed eighth, Gomez and Leonard are 29.

Feller, however, did more than his share holding up the youngsters' and against the old timers. He captured the strikeout crown, fanning 246, and tied with Red Ruffing, Yankees, for the most shutouts, with four each. He also tied Ruffing for the most complete games, each with 24. Feller had the greatest record of low hit games, hurling two one-hit games, three three-hitters and two four-hitters.

There were only four 20-game winners. Besides Feller, they were Ruffing, with 21 and seven; Emil Leonard, with 20 and eight, and Buck Newsom, Tigers, with 20 and 11. It was the fourth straight year Ruffing has won 20 or more.

Feller walked the most men, 142, and unfurled the most wild pitches, 14. Vernon Kennedy, Tigers and Browns, lost the most games, 20.

Meeting Airs Ski Lift Plans

Plans for the installation of the electric ski tow at Crater lake rim were talked over Wednesday night by directors and several members of the Klamath Falls chapter of the Greater Lake Ski club, meeting in the circuit court rooms of the courthouse.

Regulations for the project were received from E. P. Leavitt, park superintendent, and arrangements were made to go ahead with the installation as soon as equipment is approved by the park engineer.

At Leavitt's suggestion, members of the Rogue Snowmen, ski organization at Medford, will be contacted to get their cooperation in the project.

President Embert Fossum announced that a membership drive will start next Wednesday night at a general meeting, probably to be held at the circuit court rooms.

Hawaiian Team Beats Stagmen

HONOLULU, Dec. 21 (AP)—Halfback Jud Atchison, former Texas university star, passed and ran the Healan town team to an 18 to 7 football victory over the College of the Pacific of Stockton, Calif., before a crowd of 8000 last night.

Strong pre-game favorites, the Healan boys drove 65 yards for their first tally when the game was only six minutes old, scored again in the first period and got a third touchdown in the third quarter.

Pacific, which beat University of Hawaii Saturday, scored in the second quarter after a 47-yard drive.

BASKETBALL

Southern California 28, Purdue 24 U. of Detroit 42, John Carroll 34 Northwestern 42, Princeton 26 Drake 38, West Texas State 33 Brigham Young 30, Oregon State 57

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Handicap	68	68	68	204
				819 914 959 2793

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Martin	179	144	166	489
Farrar	150	148	130	428
Cheyne	137	186	190	513
Sweeney	173	140	186	505
Hyde	177	153	186	518
Handicap	42	42	42	126
				858 821 900 2579

Southwell Accounts

Owens	158	178	168	514
Kienas	132	157	162	501
Woolington	131	200	182	513
Southwell	178	202	181	561
Hens	175	159	200	534
Handicap	28	28	28	84
				922 924 921 2767

Matt Finnegan's

Britt	172	142	180	494
Fischer	142	148	153	443
Groat	132	159	172	463
Clark	156	184	164	494
Carter	160	140	189	489
Handicap	68	68	69	205
				830 841 922 2593

T-Hone Cafe

Welch	204	184	172	560
Booth	196	225	200	621
Potter	118	135	162	415
Bray	173	180	194	547
Haley	177	181	201	559
Handicap	68	68	68	204
				936 973 997 2906

Palace Market

Wilson	203	203	183	589
Ross	178	216	248	642
Geiger	161	224	148	533
Orsler	200	188	173	561
Leftwich	202	209	183	595
Handicap	24	26	24	74
				971 1066 961 2998

Eagle Card Room

Lavenik	190	214	147	551
L. Pastega	166	151	119	436
Gardner	174	164	193	531
Hold	154	158	120	432
Reister	166	169	149	484
Handicap	84	84	84	252
				934 940 812 2686

Dick Breder's

Bayless	152	181	145	479
Holand	187	146	196	529
Webb	128	167	189	484
Baekes	180	162	194	536
Edson	179	146	190	523
Handicap	62	62	62	186
				889 863 1005 2757

Fight Results

By The Associated Press
CAMDEN, N. J.—Gus Dorazio, 1854, Philadelphia, outpointed Charley Massera, 189, New York, (8).

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Larry Bolvin, 1214, Providence, stopped Tony Dupre, 123, Manchester, N. H., (2).

BOSTON — Steve (Crusher) Casey, 239, Ireland, and Bobby Managoff, 226, Chicago, drew, one fall each, 30 minutes.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Bobby Bruns, 217, Kansas City, threw Brunek Zagurski, 120, Poland, 28:10.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Billy Thom, 170, Indiana, threw Billy Weidner, 190, San Francisco, 28 minutes.

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NOVA IN HOSPITAL
WOODLAND, Calif., Dec. 21 (UP)—Lou Nova, heavyweight boxer, yesterday entered the Woodland Clinic hospital for observation of a bladder infection and general physical checkup. Dr. W. T. Robbins of Davis, brother-in-law of the fighter, was attending him. Hospital attendants said Nova's condition was not serious.

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