

## **PELICANS CROWNED STATE HOOP CHAMPS**

### Wayne Scott Breaks Jinx to Bring Home Crown; Foster All-State

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY GYMNASIUM, Salem-Here in the Willamette University's basketball gym a hoop final was being performed with Klamath Falls as the underdog play-ing with the Baker Bulldogs. The referee blew his whistle for Named on All

the tip-off. Slender Jim Cox tossed the casaba to bespectacled Baldy Foster. Foster tossed it to Bocchi and Bocchi let one go from center for the first tally.

A Baker man dribbled the ball back down the center and Bocchi came running and slapped the ball out of his hands in a very congenial way and made a fast break for the basket and laid one in for more tallies. Baker, still without points, worked it back to their basket and Fos-ter again grabbed it and tossed it to Bocchi and CALISE

ter again grabbed it and tossed it to beech and **CALISE** he tossed it gently from the mid-stripe for the score board to read six tallies and only 63 seconds of the game gone. The crowd was wild. The crowd was saying "Another all-stater and no question" but the crowd was fooled, for Bocchi

was not mentioned on the first string lineup for all state. He was on the second team. Why? the crowd asked. It was because the coaches voted at noon when Klamath was rated as the underdog. Foster put up a good show for the first two games and earned Foster put up a good show for the first two games and earned his spot on the first team. Bocchi showed up but was not playing the brand of ball up to his par. Not until the final game did Bocchi really show his talents to the anxious crowd . . . but it was too late . . . Asked Al Lightner, sports editor of the Oregon Statesman if he liked the way the coaches picked the all stars. "No!" was the answer. Bocchi would have made the all-state if the coaches

would have picked ten straight men and the ones with the most votes would be slapped at the top, but instead they picked two separate teams and the ones with the most votes on the team picked would get that position. Bocchi had first team votes but he didn't have enough of them to stay. He did have enough on the second to be placed. If all the votes he received had been the under the most would have made the first team He was rabbed ler. Bak tallied up, Bocchi would have made the first team. He was robbed. But in the minds of the crowd and his teammates, Bocchi

was an all-star with no arguments. Bocchi's 20 points is believed to be a new record for points scored by a player in a tournament title game. The 52 points added up by the Pelicans are the most ever made by a team in a

St. Helens, 27, Wolfe, Eugene, 26, Welch, Klamath Falls, 24, and Guetner, St. Helens, 24.

Bocchi and Catterall each made 15 field goals. Bocchi had the most free shots, 9, and Henderson had the most personal fouls, 11.

Klamath Falls led the teams in scoring with 118 points, St. Klamath Falls led the teams in scoring with 118 points, st. Helens had 115, Baker 111. Pelicans had the most field goals, 51, and St. Helens tried the most free shots, 47, 45 for the Peli-cans. Baker made most foul conversions, 26, to 24 each for St. Helens and Klamath Falls. Astoria had 45 personal fouls, Pen-dleton 36, Eugene 35, Salem 34, and Oregon City 33. To show that the Pelicans were really on in the title game, statistics disclose 61 shots and 23 fields goals for a .375 average.

Baker's average of .166 with 11 goals in 66 shots shows that the Bulldogs were not netting the casaba.

The Pelican fans dotted the packed gym to see their team crowned for the first time in the tournament and saw them play in the finals for the first time since way back in the year of 1934 when they were taken by Astoria.

As the Game Went Klamath was ahead with nine tallies before the Baker team caught on where the hoop was when Henderson shot in a free throw and gave the Bulldogs their first point. Bocchi put a lay in and Welch slapped one in to make it 13 for the red hot Pelicans. Henderson tipped one in and then another one ending the first quarter, 13 to 5.

Baker came in after the first quarter to score one bucket and it seemed that ended their spirit. Klamath started on a rampage. Bocchi, Young, Cox, Welch and All-State Foster began setting up plays and ended the half 23 to 9.

Baker was out of the play now and the Pelicans ruled the floor as the tallies burst into the hoop and the score at the third quarter was 42 to 20. In the fourth period changes were made by Wayne Scott when Belloti, Biggers and Conroy saw action on the hardwood, and the Pelicans were crowned, with a score at the end of 52-28.

### **Only Three Fouls**

As long as we are looking for records we think the Pelicans broke another record. In their first game with the rough and rugged Pendleton boys, the Pelicans only had three fouls called them . . . and the way those boys looked it really was an all time record . . .

Wayne Scott

Wayne Scott Wayne Scott was the one who really broke the jinx on the state tournament . . . It was his first time coaching the Pelicans at the state meet . . . but it was old time stuff for him . . . When he was in high school at Silverton he attended the meet three ing up 58 points and the second and third years he made the second and third years he made the all state teams... Then he ventured down to Ashland and play-ed on the teacher championship collegists hoop team that went while the final is the final is to work the final teacher the final is the final teacher the final teacher team that went all the way to the finals in Kansas City ...

State Roster Klamath Falls Pelicans had only one mention on the all. state team with Ralph Foster taking the honors. Jim Bocchi, the tourney's star, was men-tioned on the second team.

SALEM, March 15 (P)-- Baker's second place Bulldogs placed two men on the all-state team announced by coaches and officials before the finals of the 24th high school tournament Saturday night while the cham-pion Klamath Falls Pelicans, Astoria and Pendleton landed one each

The first team: Paul Sowers, Baker, and Cliff Crandall, A st o r i a, forwards; Bob Henderson, Baker, center; Jim Catterall, Pendleton, and Ralph Foster, Klamath Falls,

The second team:

Kenny Seeborg and Happy ler, Baker, guards.

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**Pelicans Named Champions!** 

Here is the 1943 champion basketball team, which defeated Baker 52-28 in the final game Lee, both Astoria, forwards; Al at Salem te clinch the title in their hands Saturday night. Back row, left to right: Jim Bocchi, Wolf, Eugene, center; Jim Bocchi, Klamath Falls, and Joe Mil. Don Bigger, Manager Dean Fitzgerald, Coach W.ayne Scott, Ralph Foster, W. Welch. Kneeling: Rex Young, Jim Conroy, Jim Cox and A. Bellotti.

# championship game and the combined score of the two teams— 80 points is the highest ever put in a record book. Bocchi also took the individual scoring title with a low 39 points, which would ring up 13 points to a game. Catterall, Pen-dleton, had 35. Sowers, Baker, 34. Henderson, Baker, 30. Kinney,

### Washington Begins Resting for National Tournament This Month

SEATTLE, March 15 (P) - shots from the floor and both With the Pacific coast confer- scored 18 field goals. Wally With the Pacific coast confer-ence basketball title safely tuck-daway, by virtue of straight victories over the University of Southern California last week-end, the University of Washing-ton Huskies rested today before starting training for the western Intercollegiate tournament later this month. The Huskies clinched the coast title Saturday night with a 52 to 45 victory over USC in one of the tightest and roughest basket-ball games ever seen at the uni-versity pavilion. The score changed hands no less than 18 times and was tied 8 times as the two teams battled back and forth for 37 minutes be fore W a shing t on pulled ahead. The Trojans' led 24-22 at the half. Statistics e m p h a sized the ence basketball title safely tuck-Leask, guard, was high man for

Statistics e m p h as i z e d the closeness of the contests. Saturday, both teams took 75 championships March 30.

### It's Major League Baseball Time as It Opens Training

By HAROLD CLAASSEN summer. He is a recreation di-NEW YORK, March 15 (AP) NEW YORK, March 15 (A) — rector for a Long share Dodgers Major league baseball officially opens its spring training season today with at least 17 members of its sprase roster classified as buck N e w s o m and Catcher rector for a Long Island defense Mickey Owen.

made it a praemtice to be out in front in virtually all depart ments set the pace here, too, with four unsigned batterymen even though Pitcher Ernie Bon-ham said on the west coast that the terms offered

even though Pitcher Ernie Bon-ham said on the west coast that the terms offered were agree-able. He didn't initial the con-tract howavers able. He didn't initial the con-tract, however. Ten of the 16 American and National league clubs start their seasonal grind today with the Yankees shedding their excess poundage at Asbury Park, N. J. The New York Giants, workon the campus of Purdue univer poundage at Asbury Park, N. J. A player automatically becomes a holdout when his club begins its drills and his name isn't on a pact. The New York Giants, work-ing out on what once was the private golf course of John D. Rockefeller at Lakewood, N. J., Catcher Bill Dickey and Pitch. Catcher Bill Dickey and Pitch. ers Atley Donald, and Spud Chandler are on the outside along with Bonham. Rocketener at Dakewood, it of were unable to sign Veteran Dick Bartell before the practices got under way. In addition, First Base man Johnny Mize and along with Bonham. Iong with Bonham. The Yankees, conquerors in the last world series the St Louiner of the series and the series the st Louiner of the series the last world series, the St. Lou-is Cardinals, unpack their bags induction orders.



All-Stater



Baldy Foster was named all-state Saturday night after the cans romped over the Baker Bulldogs for the final victory Pelicans romped over the Baker Bulldogs for for the hoop championship. Captain Jim Bocchi was placed or the second team.

### **Klamath Wallops Baker** In State Meet 52-28

### Captain Jim Bocchi Put on Second Team Before Displaying Hoop Ability

In exactly 63 seconds, Captain Jim Bocchi piled up three buckets and left the Baker Buildogs in a bewildered condition and helped run the score up to 52 tallies to Baker's 28 to be crowned as prep champions of Oregon.

crowned as prep champions of Oregon. Klamath took the lead and never was in any danger for Baker and at the first quarter saw the Pelicans 13-5 and moving faster for points. Welch, Cox and Young were in the game pitch-ing and tossing the casaba into the hoop constantly during the four periods adding figures

to the score. Foster was in on the back-board struggle and usually came out with the ball in his hands, and at the halftime whistle Klamath was well in the twenties with 23 tallies and the Baker team barely catching on that a game was being played and had only nine. Bocchi finally added up 20

Bocchi finally added up 20 points with Welch 13, Cox 12 and Young right in back of three points difference between em with seven. This was Klamath's first could not quite forge into the them with seven.

crowning in the prep division in the 24 years of tourneys held in Oregon. lead. Warrenton took a 18-15 lead as the fourth period open-ed, and held onto the advantage

SALEM, March 15 (/P)-An aroused Klamath Falls high school team raced to its first state basketball championship in history Saturday night by crush-ing a highly rated Baker high Henderson, cteam, 52-28. In direct contrast Warrenton Lemon, g nosed out Harrisburg, 20-19, in a see-saw contest for the state B division title. Cook, c Wendt, g Totals

As if to make up for years of dismal state tournament per-formances, the Klamath Falls team bounded into an immedi-ate lead in the A division finals and extended the victory margin with the minutes. At the end of the first quar-At the end of the first quarter it was 13-5, at the half, 23-9, and at the end of the third period, 42-20. The final acore was the highest on record

acore was the highest on record in tournament wind-up games. Captain Jim Bocchi, who had a personal score to settle, led the Pelicans, Relegated to the second string on the all-state team selected before the final teamsent same Bochi scored

tournament game, Bocchi scored 20 points and gave an outstand-

ing defensive performance. He raced through the Baker team for six points in the first minute, and the stunned Bulldogs never recovered. Wilbur Welch added 13 points,

James Cox, 12, and Rex Young, 7, to complete the Klamath scoring, Ralph Foster, the only Pelican to make the all-state first team, didn't break into the

Irst leam, didn't break into the scoring, but set up his team-mates with slick passes. Paul Sowers, all-state Baker forward, led the Bulldogs' only rally, scoring 7 of his team's 11 points in the third period. The game completed a tour-nament that for the first time was completely dominated by

was completely dominated by teams from the eastern side of the Cascades. Baker followed Klamath Falls to earn second place, and Pendleton downed Astoria, 34-33, Saturday to earn third place. St. Helens won the

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the rest of the way, Summary: Baker FG FT PF TF

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**Slats Gill Picks** All-Opponent Teams With Huskies Ahead

CORVALLLIS, Ore., March State, who should know a basketball player when he sees one, has placed all five of the Univer-sity of Washington first string

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cagers on his two all-opponent teams. Three Huskies—Center Chuck Gilmur and Guards Bill Morris and Wally Leask—made Gill's first five, along with Gall Bish-op, Washington State, and Fred Quinn, Idaho, who won the call

as forwards. Gill's second team: Warren Taylor, Oregon, and Doug Ford, Washington, forwards; Boody Gilbertson, Washington, center, and Don Kirsch, Oregon, and John Ryan, Idaho, guards.

#### Three Franks

Frank Ramsey was there and we met him at the coaches' meeting. Ramsey was noted as the Pelican's coach and ran in several papers, but it was all fixed up when the three Franks got together, Frank Ramsey, Frank Gianelli, of the Oregonian and your truly . . .

#### Trophies

The trophies this year were not made out of the real metal but out of wood. It was presentable. It did have a metal figure on it but it also had the state champions inscribed on it and that was the most important thing.

**Oregon Sport Notes** 

By FRED HAMPSON Associated Press Staff Writer

ry Leeding of the Oregon Jour-nal arises to the defense of the onds to win the game. game by noting that among last Friday's fighters in a Portland ring show was a foundryman, a welder, an iron worker and four shipyard workers of other trades. Boxing is a sideline.

Spring training note: This is

When in Medford Stay at HOTEL HOLLAND Thoroughly Modern Joe and Anne Earley Proprietors

the first season since 1908 that class-A entries in last week's stat high school basketball tour-manient were new to it. Wally Palmberg of Astoria was the only veteran. First-timers were

City, Dick Nixon of Pendleton, Wayne Scott of Klamath Falls, and Hal Smith of St. Helens. Boxing may not be classified as a war-essential sport but Har-ry Leeding of the Oregon Jour-side court shot in the last 30 sec-mal arises to the deforme of the ords to win the amount of the second second

The managerial turnover in the Pacific coast league will be heaviest this season since 1936. The new blood—to boss jobs— are Ken Penner of Sacramento, Merwyn Shea of Portland, Char-ley Root of Hollywood and Bill Sweeney, Hollywood.

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### HUNT SCHEDULED

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Palmberg of Astoria was the only veteran. First-timers were Frank Brown of Salem, Ford Mullen of Eugene, Ted Sarpola of Baker, Dan Jones of Oregon Utility man on the University of Other Astoria as train in California. Bill Taylor, the sophomore utility man on the University of Other Astoria as train in California. Bill Taylor, the sophomore utility man on the University of Other Astoria as train in California. Bill Taylor, the sophomore utility man on the University of Other Astoria as train in California. Bill Taylor, the sophomore utility man on the University of Other Astoria as train in California. Bill Taylor, the sophomore utility man on the University of Washington quintet who contri-mated that he may not play this 2-4.

