

Pelicans Lose Overtime Tilt to Cavemen, 32-31

Lead Changes Four Times In Last Two Minutes; Lutz Free Throw Wins Game

Last night in a ball game packed with thrills and suspense at Grants Pass, the Cavemen nosed out the Pelicans, 32 to 31, in a three-minute overtime. It was Lutz' charity toss with 15 seconds to go that provided the margin of victory for the Grants Pass quintet.

The game was also extremely rough with a total of 44 personal fouls being called. Noreen and Bienn were both lost to the K-men via the foul route.

The lead changed hands four times in the last two minutes of the ball game in a tilt that had the fans screaming themselves hoarse. To add more excitement to the fray, Jim Palmer had the misfortune to break his glasses and was out a good share of the game.

The score was knotted twice in the third canto and three times in the fourth heat with

Klamath taking the lead by one point with two minutes remaining in the tilt. The Cavemen again deadlocked the fracas, however, to send the game into an overtime.

Grants Pass jumped off to an early lead and had the Pelicans down two markers at the end of the first frame, 5-3. The Cavemen increased their lead by two tallies in the second stanza and held a 13-11 advantage at the half.

The K-men turned on the heat in the third period and tied up the ball game 23-23 as the quarter ended. Both sides racked up eight counters in the final quarter and the thrilling tussle ended 31-31.

In the three-minute overtime period, Lutz came through with his timely free throw to give the Cavemen a 32-31 victory. This was the first win this year for the Grants Pass cagers and dropped the Pelicans into a cellar berth along with the Cavemen.

Coach Marble Cook said last night that the loss of Jerry Thorne was sorely felt and that his added height would probably have made the difference between victory and defeat for the Pelicans. The two rivals clash again tonight on the Grants Pass hardwood in the final scuffle of their two-game series.

Summary: Grants Pass (32) K. Falls (31) F. 5, McClellan White, 5 F. 2, Boyer Bussman, 2 C. 9, Lutz Bienn, 3 G. 12, Riebel Noreen, 4 G. 1, Ausland Substitutions: Klamath—Pope 4, Mason 4, Redkey 2, Zarosinski 0, Grants Pass—Evertson 3, Burdell 0, Chambers 0.

Wildcats Bounce Merrill, 38-30

In a fast and furious game, the KUHS Wildcats roared down the final stretch to top the Merrill Huskies 38 to 30 Friday night at Merrill.

The tilt was nip and tuck all the way with the Wildcats scoring seven points in the last two minutes to put the game on ice. Leroy Coleman was high man for the fracas accounting for six field goals and three charity tosses for a total of 15 counters.

Johnson was high for Merrill with 11 points, closely followed by Fotheringham who had nine counters. Bill Crawford scored four field goals for Klamath.

The game was fairly rough with a total of 27 fouls being called. Bill McLean of Klamath and Fotheringham of the Huskies both left the tilt on personals.

In the preliminary, the local freshmen easily defeated the

Klamath Falls Draws Medford In Tournament

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 27 (AP)—Basketball champion of district 4 will be selected at a tournament in Ashland February 23-24.

Medford will play Klamath Falls and Grants Pass will meet Ashland in the first round, the faculty committee decided at a drawing in Medford yesterday. Winner of the district 4 crown will compete with the district 3 champion to determine which team will go to the state tourney in March.

Unheralded Golfer Leads Texas Open

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 27 (AP)—Unheralded and unmentioned except in the entry list, Raymond Gafford of Fort Worth, whipped up a faultless 68 to lead the Texas Open first round, moving out with a field of 145 today boasting a stroke edge over favored Byron Nelson.

He never has won a tournament and is a golf unknown except in his own backwoods, but Gafford's play in the opening 18 holes yesterday was the kind the star-studded professional troupe swinging along the winter trail could use.

He took only 32 putts and wasn't over par on any hole as he rolled out with a 32 and in with a 34 to snatch away what had appeared a safe lead from Nelson when the Toledo pro posted a 67.

Twenty-one players bettered or equaled par in yesterday's 18 holes with only two amateurs in the group—Frank Stranahan of Toledo, now stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala., who shot a 68 to tie Tex. Conservator of Wichita, Kans., for third place.

Merrill "B" team, Jim Crisman led the Klamath scoring with eight points while Chin led the Merrill five with four tallies.

Colorful Syndicate Purchases New York Yankee Baseball Club

By JOE REICHLER NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (AP)—The oft-rumored sale of the New York Yankees, baseball's most powerful empire, finally has materialized with purchase of the club and its vast holdings by one of the most colorful combinations in the major leagues.

A syndicate consisting of Col. Larry S. MacPhail, former president of the Brooklyn Dodgers; Capt. Daniel R. Topping, owner of the Brooklyn football Tigers, and Del E. Webb, millionaire head of an oil construction company in Phoenix, Ariz., yesterday bought 98.88 per cent of the club's stock.

The purchase price was an estimated \$2,800,000 for the en-

tire Yankee property including the club's vast minor league chain comprised in part by Newark, Kansas City, Birmingham and Norfolk. The deal also takes in the Yankee stadium and stadiums in Newark and Kansas City.

Almost 400 players, 269 in the armed services, go with the deal, announced by MacPhail at a press conference.

While MacPhail takes over Barrow's throne as president and general manager of the Yankees, Barrow will remain with the club "at least as long as his health permits" as chairman of the board of directors.

MacPhail said Joe McCarthy would continue as manager and George Weiss would be retained

as manager of the farm system. McCarthy signed a three-year contract in 1944 and Weiss' contract parallels Barrow's which has three years to run.

Wilfred Wotrich, vice president of the Manufacturers' Trust company, executor under Ruppert's will, explained the sale had to be made by the heirs to realize funds for administration of the estate.

MacPhail asserted that the transaction does not reflect any optimism on his part about 1945 baseball, "unless Washington takes away the stigma it has unjustly placed on 4-F athletes." "They'd better slow up a little on 4-F's and decide what to do with a lot of 1-A's they've got now."

Webfoots Rap Husky Five, 59-36

Victory Over Washington Puts Oregon In First Slot; Cougars Whip Idaho, 56-41

By THE Associated Press WESTERN DIVISION STANDINGS

Team	W	L	For	Agst.	Pct.
Oregon	6	2	383	340	.730
Ore State	4	3	333	295	.571
Wash'ton	4	3	323	335	.571
Wn. State	3	4	306	333	.429
Idaho	0	5	208	250	.000

The University of Oregon's Webfoots paddled serenely and alone today on the topmost ruffle of the Northern Division, Pacific coast conference basketball cascade and the Cougars of Washington State college were pushed up members in the "ifs" club.

The Webfoots rode the crest of a home-made tidal wave that completely engulfed the Univer-

sity of Washington's Cougars rallied from a halftime deficit to hand a 41 defeat on the University of Idaho.

If these teams can repeat tonight, Oregon beating Washington in Eugene and WSC winning Idaho in Pullman, Washington State will move up to a place tie with the leading Huskies, Oregon State will hold on to spot all alone and the Webfoots will be two full games in front of the pack.

Oregon squashed Washington in the first four minutes by all the way with the scoring encouragement of home town fans. The team made only four around the clock before count was 13-5 and in four it stood at 22-8. Webfoots desperately against the general shooting of Ken Hark got all his 14 points in the half, and Dick Wilkins in the second half, at 14-22, by time.

But the second half was six minutes when Oreg stretched its lead to 42-21 from there the Webfoots held off the Washington scoring leader, led the Huskies with 33 points and Wilkins was high for Washington with 11.

At Moscow Vince Hansen of the Cougars, currently on a hot race for scoring honors, poured in 20 counters and led WSC in second-half rampage. He squelched the Vandals, still trying for its first win schedule, stepped out to an eight-point lead that grew to two by the half.

WSC was in front two minutes after the period began and Idaho returned to the lead. Hansen made 11 of his 12 in the second half. Center Taylor led the Idaho with 10.

BASKETBALL Results

OREGON PREP By The Associated Press

- Washington (Portland) 38, Grant (Portland) 22.
- Benson (Portland) 38, Roosevelt (Portland) 30.
- Lincoln (Portland) 36, Jefferson (Portland) 34.
- Commerce (Portland) 47, Sabon (Portland) 36.
- Central Catholic (Portland) 40, Hill Military Academy (Portland) 20.
- Columbia Prep (Portland) 30, Estacada 24.
- Eugene 40, Albany 27.
- Silverton 54, Mt. Angel 41.
- Scappoose 28, Rainier 24.
- Clatskanie 43, Seaside 29.
- McMinnville 32, Dallas 29.
- Lebanon 50, Toledo 38.
- Milwaukie 32, Corvallis 19.
- Oregon City 52, Salem 24.
- Pendleton 33, La Grande 31.

- COLLEGE
- Utah 51, Brigham Young 46.
- Idaho Southern 49, Boise Junior College 35.
- Wyoming 62, Denver 36.
- Colorado 62, Utah State 32.
- Carroll 70, Montana State College 44.
- Western Washington 59, Eastern Washington 55 (overtime).
- Second Air Force Superbombers 48, Walker Field (Kans.) 30.
- Alameda Coast Guard 53, California 41.

"Grey Mask" Guzzles Gust Johnson in Headline Event

Last night in Gladiator's gulch, Gust Johnson came within an eyelash of thumping the "Grey Mask" and put up one of the gamiest and greatest exhibitions of rassing seen here for a long time.

Gust came out of his corner loaded for bear at the start of the scuffle and staggered the masked menace with a series of powerful forearm blows. Mr. Stoneface weathered the storm, however, and took the first tumble with a step-over toe hold after he had felled Gust with one of his savage head butts.

To open the third canto, Johnson came storming out and uncorked some more forearm wallops that could be heard all over the armory as they landed. The hooded hoodlum was rubber-legged and slightly dazed when Gust raised him up and crashed him to the canvas with a full body slam. He immediately applied a body press to grab the fall and knot the count while the crowd almost tore the roof off with cheers.

In the fourth stanza, Johnson missed a surfboard hold by a whisker when the veiled varmint crawled under the ropes and out of the square. At this point in the fracas, the "Mask" once again fell back on his dread-

ed cranium knoks and then flung Gust out of the ring.

When Johnson crawled back through the strands, Mr. Stoneface was quick to seize his advantage and, with Gust dazed and bleeding about the forehead, again cracked his concrete dome against Johnson's skull. Gust went down and the hooded heel took the final fall and match with a body press while the fans screamed at Referee Wally Moss to "break it up!"

In the semi-final tussle, meany Billy McEuin tried every trick in the book on Jolting Jack Kiser, but Jack snapped out of it in time to take the bout. After each muscled had gained a fall, McEuin started pummeling Kiser in the small of the back. Jack appeared to be in a bad way, but Gust raised him up and crashed him to the canvas with a full body slam. He immediately applied a body press to grab the fall and knot the count while the crowd almost tore the roof off with cheers.

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from MIDFIELD By PAUL HAINES

THIS IS IT

Tonight will tell the story of whether we attain our goal of \$1000 for the "March of Dimes" at the big cage tussle between Shannon's ball club for making the trek from Portland independent club, and the Leathernecks from the Marine Barracks.

The box office at the Klamath Union high school gymnasium will accommodate persons who were unable to purchase advance tickets and bleachers will be set up on the sides of the floor to handle the overflow from the gallery.

We take this means of thanking all KUHS officials for their splendid cooperation in assisting us in staging this contest for the polio fund and we also express our gratitude to Shannon's ball club for making the trek from Portland to Klamath town for expenses only.

The cooperation of the Marine Barracks in this fine ball game for a finer cause has been wonderful and without the whole-hearted aid of Maj. Clyde C. Roberts, executive officer, Capt. William R. Orand, post athletic officer, Col. George Van Orden, commanding officer of the Barracks, and the entire Leatherneck basketball team, it would have been impossible to give you this contest tonight.

Our appreciation also goes to the public relations department at the Barracks, which rendered valuable service. We hope for and expect a fine crowd at this game and do not feel that we will be disappointed.

The preliminary clash between the Klamath naval air station and a marine company team will get started at 7 p. m., with the main battle slated to get underway at 8 p. m.

The red-hot tilt may make sports history in Klamath Falls from both the standpoint of classy play and attendance. But it's gettin' late—we'll see you at the ball game!

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