

Klamath Pelicans Collide With Grants Pass Tonight In Bid for Second Place

Klamath "5" In Top Shape For Tussle

By PAUL HAINES

Tonight the Klamath Pelicans will trot the boards at the KUHS gymnasium with but one purpose in mind—to unseat the Grants Pass Cavemen from their perch on the second limb of the conference tree.

Coach Marble Cook has been hustling the Pelicans in strenuous scrimmage sessions all week and the K-men have displayed plenty of ginger and drive. The Cavemen are riding a victory string of two straight taken at the expense of the hapless Ashland Grizzlies last weekend, but the Klamath kids are determined to partially avenge themselves for the two straight defeats they suffered at the hands of the Medford Black Tornado at the same time.

Although the Pelicans are priming both barrels for the district tournament at Ashland normal February 23-24, they will not spare the horses tonight and Saturday in an effort to take two straight from the rugged Cavemen.

Coach Cook will probably start the usual combination of Jim Palmer and Larry White at the forward berths, Jerry Thorne at the keyhole slot, and Jim Noreen and Bud Biehn at the backcourt positions. Dean Mason, Joe Zarosinski, Bob Redkey, and Bud Bussman will be available if any of the regulars falter in the stretch.

In the preliminary tussle, which gets underway at 7 p. m., Coach Paul Angstead's Wildcats will collide with the Chiloquin Panthers. The Pelicans will officially wind up the conference season with this series with Grants Pass and will be making every effort to bow out in a blaze of glory.



from MIDFIELD

By PAUL HAINES

UNFAIR

The recent navy restriction calling for a complete investigation into the discharge of any prominent athlete, movie star, or what have you, seems unfair to us.

Why should people be singled out for special investigation merely because they are, or have been, in the limelight? All soldiers, sailors or marines are supposed to have the same treatment under the selective service act. Because a professional athlete returned to the game, he plays for a livelihood after being discharged from the armed forces, a storm of protest was forthcoming.

But, great snakes, there could have been any number of things wrong with the man that made it impossible for him to remain in service. Some folks are absolutely not mentally adapted to the type of life one must live in the armed forces. This is not a disgrace to the man, but merely a recognized medical fact.

This order was admittedly issued because the release from the service of several nationally prominent people drew a storm of criticism. To put it bluntly, we think folks would do well to keep quiet until they know the facts.

Off the record—Doesn't seem possible spring baseball training will be starting next month. . . . How about a tennis tournament here in Klamath Falls this summer? . . . Bill Selkirk must have had a horseshoe in his pocket when he sank that hole-in-one Wednesday. . . . Should be some real baseball right here this season with the naval air station and the Marine Barracks. . . . They'll both field good teams.

Ridin' the Beam



This ferocious Klamath Pelican is making a downward swoop with claws unsheathed at this trespassing Grants Pass Caveman. The two teams will clash tonight on the KUHS maple in the last conference series for the K-men. The Klamath five will strive desperately to chase the Cavemen off the reservation and take undisputed possession of second place in the southern Oregon conference standings.

Tony Ross to Clash With "Mask" Tonight

Here it comes, the battle of the century! At the armory garden tonight, Tough Tony Ross, the boy with the bulging biceps, will collide head-in with the "Grey Mask," scourge of the Pacific northwest, in a no time limit, two out of three falls, affair.

Promoter Mack Lillard, the fair-haired boy of Cauliflower row, has booked the bout for the express purpose of finding out which of these two muscled is the better man. The two gladiators have crunched craniums to a draw here twice in a row, but someone will be declared the winner tonight if the boys have to twist torsos until Saturday noon.

There has been no hike in ducat prices for this four-alarm fracas and every mat fan in Klamath Falls is expected to be on hand when the two bitter opponents square off in this headline tussle.

In the semi-windup, popular Gust Johnson, junior heavy-weight king of the Pacific coast, will tangle with "Blood and Guts" Davidson in another fracas that should ring the bell. Johnson has lost only one match here, and that to the vicious mask-and-nate several weeks ago. Davidson is a capable grappler and can be depended on to give a good account of himself.

In the opening clash, the French strongman, Georges Dusette, will mix it up with "Silent" Rattan, deaf-mute muscled. Dusette specializes in a powerful full-Nelson that all but breaks his opponent's neck once it is applied.

A new referee will also be on

Marines Rap Flier Five, 49-30

Southpaw Joe Domitrovich Paces Leatherneck Attack With Total of 18 Points

Sparked by Southpaw Joe Domitrovich with 18 counters, Coach Les Israel's Leatherneck cagers rolled over the Redmond army air base five last night on the post hardwood, 49-30.

The outcome of the tilt was never in doubt from the opening whistle to the final gun. In the first few minutes of play, Domitrovich paced his teammates to a lead which they never relinquished by canning five long-toms out of six attempts for 10 points. The score at the end of the initial heat was 15 to 6, with the marines out in front.

The entire Leatherneck squad saw action in the fray, as Israel substituted freely when it became apparent that the marine hoopmen would take the ball game going away. Halftime score was 24 to 16.

Garland was the big noise for the fliers, collecting 10 points on five double-deckers from far out. He made some sensational long shots from over half the length of the floor. Hargrove flipped in nine tallies for Redmond to follow Garland as high scorer for the visiting firemen.

Diminutive Eddie Meath looped in six ringers for the marines to follow Domitrovich in the scoring department for the Leathernecks. The marines left at 9 a. m. today by plane for Vallejo, Calif., where they will play a return engagement with the Fairfield-Suisun Skymasters tomorrow night. The previous game here was a thriller, with the Leathernecks nosing out their rivals, 46 to 44, and the Skymasters will be out for revenge when the two service clubs clash Saturday night.

Sam Snead Hot After Top Money

By SKIPPER PATRICK

GULFPORT, Miss., Feb. 16 (AP)—E. J. (Dutch) Harrison, the army sergeant from Little Rock, Ark., makes his bid for a second championship in professional golf's P. G. A.-sponsored winter series in the \$5000 all war bond Gulfport Open today.

Temporarily stationed in Mobile, Ala., Harrison caught up with the touring pros yesterday and showed that he can still go with the game's best by shooting a 3-under par 68 in the pro-amateur prelude to the open. His drives were long and putts straight to the cup. Harrison won the \$10,000 Miami Open last December with a 278, one stroke better than slender Henry Picard of Harrisburg, Pa.

The sergeant's round yesterday was topped only by Bruce Coltart, Absecon, N. J., and Ed Dudley, Atlantic City, N. J., who had low 67's.

Mike Clancy, New Orleans, won the \$100 war bond for the low "best ball" round among the amateurs with a 61.

A dozen pros were better than par 71 yesterday, while Byron Nelson, the game's head man, and Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Sanford, Me., "hard luck" boy, failed to turn in cards but said they were "about par."

Nelson, with four championships and three seconds to his credit for the winter campaign, is rated the "man to beat" in the open. Colorful Sammy Snead, Hot Springs, Va., one of four to go around in 3 under 68's in the pro-amateur, said his lame back was much improved and that he was going after first money.

ers Gene Handley and Willis Altenburg, and Outfielders Al McElreath, Jo Jo White, George Mandish, Ted Greenhaigh, Jim Risokshy and Allen Zutz.

Other player already signed include Pitchers Bud Beasley, Dick Powers and Jack Wilson; Catcher Rufus Jackson; Infield-

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Ludwig Requested to Dispose Of Stock in Sacramento Club

Gambling Interests Big Reason

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16 (AP)—Harry Ludwig, owner of the largest block of stock in the Sacramento baseball club, has been asked by Clarence Rowland, president of the Pacific Coast league, to dispose of the holdings.

"There is no room in baseball for anyone, particularly a stockholder, who is connected in any way with a gambling enterprise," Rowland declared. "That statement seems to me to be self-explanatory. The stockholders at Sacramento understand the situation thoroughly, and they know that if they don't clean house the franchise may be placed in jeopardy."

At the request of Leslie O'Connor of the national baseball commissioner's office Ludwig, who owns \$22,500 of the \$125,000 outstanding stock in the club, recently was deposed as president and a director of the Solons.

This order was made public at a meeting of the league in San Francisco where the reason given was that Ludwig had not made known his asserted interest in a Sacramento cardroom.

Rowland said he had written a letter to Ludwig regarding outside interests before Ludwig

BASKETBALL Results

By The Associated Press COLLEGE

March Field 61, Geiger Field 51.

Eastern Washington 52, Western Washington 44.
Hospital 18.

Ninth Service Command Playoffs

Fort Lewis 85, 29th Engineers (Portland) 29.
Ephrata Army Air Field 74, Camp Jordan (Seattle) 49.
Fort George Wright 44, Barnes Hospital 27.
McCaw hospital 40, Madigan Hospital 18.

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Eugene 33, Salem 23.
Gresham 33, Corbett 30 (over-time).

Western Washington Drops Tilt to EWCE

CHENEY, Feb. 16 (AP)—Western Washington College of Education cagers held Jack Perrault, the nation's third high scorer, but five points last night but dropped a 52-44 decision to Eastern Washington. The win gave the Cheney five revenge for an earlier defeat, one of three suffered this year in 23 starts.

became connected with the ball club last season.

Bill Endorsed Opening More Fishing Areas

BEND, Feb. 16 (AP)—The Deschutes county sportsmen's association is on record today unanimously opposing a state bill, now in the legislature, allowing only fly fishing in South Twin and Sparks lakes.

The measure would discriminate against bait anglers, the sportsmen declared. They endorsed a bill giving the state game commission authority to open more fishing areas—house bill 157.

Big Bill Lee Refuses to Sign

PLAQUEMINE, La., Feb. 16 (AP)—Big Bill Lee, 35, rated No. 2 pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies last season, said at his home here today that he had received his 1945 contract but would return it unsigned.

The big right-hander said he would continue his defense work here "until I receive a better contract than the one I received." He is cutting and hauling timber.

Lee, who pitched 10 wins against 11 losses for the Phillies last season, said he was disappointed in the amount named in the contract.

Baker Needs One Victory To Win Title

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 26 (AP)—Winner of the western district of Oregon basketball title for district one will be decided tonight and tomorrow night when Baker and LaGrande first tangle at LaGrande Saturday night in Baker.

However, if Baker fails to win one of the two games against LaGrande, Baker has to win two games to clinch the district first place.

Nyssa and Ontario are tied for first place in the eastern district. Nyssa will play Vale this weekend. If Vale wins, Ontario becomes winner of the district. Otherwise a playoff will be needed.

Winners in the two districts of district No. 1 are expected to vie for the district title next weekend.

If Baker defeats LaGrande this weekend the Bull Mountain conference.

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