

Medford Wins Tournament; Pelicans Bounce Caveman Five In Consolation Tiff



END OF THE TRAIL

To all intents and purposes, the Klamath Pelicans have reached the end of the basketball trail for the 1944-45 season. The Klamath kids didn't do badly this year considering the fact that they were a green, inexperienced club at the start of the season and wound up in second place in the Southern Oregon conference.

Now the time has come for us to stick the old neck out and choose an all-conference five for this year. Selecting the first five was not too hard, but the second team offered a little more difficulty. There were many players that were almost of the same ability, and in a case of this kind, we tried to be impartial as to school and judged by seniority. Here are the first and second all-conference clubs for this season as we see it.

FIRST TEAM		SECOND TEAM	
Player	School	Player	School
Palmer	Klamath Falls	Ashland	Jandreau
Ross	Medford	Grants Pass	Lutz
Riebel	Grants Pass	Medford	Riggs
Noreen	Klamath Falls	Klamath Falls	Biehn
Watson	Medford	Ashland	Samuelson

As to the first five: Ross and Palmer were undoubtedly the two top forwards in the conference. Both boys were exceptional shots and led the conference in scoring at the end of the season. Riebel of Grants Pass was the only man that made the Cavemen a threat, although Lutz was a brilliant ball player. Noreen and Watson at the backcourt positions were both outstanding ball players, by far, and Watson was a top defensive man.

Considering the second team, Jandreau of Ashland rates a spot on any prep selection and Lutz of Grants Pass was a fine cager and a good shot. The altitudinous Riggs of the Black Tornado worked well under the bucket and was a fine hand at canning tip-in shots. At the guard slots, Biehn played an effective defensive game and was a better than average shot, while Samuelson is just another one of those guys you can't leave out.

This, then, is our choice for the 1944-45 all-conference basketball squad. Let the chips fall where they may!

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Talent 36, Jacksonville 23.

Reedsport 84, Glendale 43.

Myrtle Creek 29, Drain 18.

Lowell 38, Elmira 25.

Army Grid Star No Slouch at Heaving Shot

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP)—Felix Blanchard, fullback of Army's unbeaten football team last fall, may be the strong man to help bring the Cadets their second straight IC-4A indoor track and field title at Madison Square Garden Saturday night. The hard guy with the soft Louisiana accent never as much as picked up a 16-pound shot until this winter, but Saturday night he grabbed second in the national AAU meet with a heave of 48 feet 7 1/2 inches. Wilfrid Bangert of Missouri was first with 50 feet, 5 1/2 inches. Blanchard's effort was two feet and three inches better than the putt that won the IC-4A a year ago.

Sam Snead Takes Money At Pensacola

By SKIPPER PATRICK
PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 26 (AP)—Temperamental Sammy Snead of Hot Springs, Va., was one championship-up on Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., today as the barnstorming pro pulled out for Jacksonville where they begin their fourteenth tournament of the winter golf circuit Thursday. Slammin' Sammy gave the money boys another lesson in driving yesterday to win the \$6500 Pensacola Open with a 72-hole total of 267, twenty-one strokes under par and seven strokes better than runner-up Nelson.

Nelson still tops the field in war bond earnings however, having raked in a grand total of \$14,468.66 maturity value during the winter compared to Snead's \$12,516.66. Snead has played in two less tournaments than Nelson, skipping the Texas and Corpus Christi Opens to rest a lame back. His share here was \$1,333.33, Nelson's \$933.

A fitting straight down the fairway, Snead drove onto the 320-yard tenth green and reached the 508-yard 12th in two strokes. He scored 24 pars, 10 birdies, one bogey and a double-bogey in chalking up a pair of 4-under par 68 rounds yesterday.

Snead had his troubles on the final rounds, however. He drove into the trees from the 14th tee on the third round and penalized himself two strokes before hoisting out with a double-bogey 6. After topping his second shot on the long 12th fairway in the afternoon, he complained to the gallery that clicking of camera shutters was spoiling his game, but he managed to birdie-4 on the hole.

Marine Cagers Split Series With Pilots

In a two-game cage series played over the weekend, the Leathernecks from the Marine Barracks and the San Francisco Coast Guard Pilots divided the double-decker.

In the initial tussle Saturday night on the KUHS hardwood, the Pilots swamped the marine five, 56 to 33, but the scrappy Leathernecks bounced back from their defeat Sunday evening on the post maple to drop the coast guard club, 37 to 31.

The loss of John Cox, who was injured in the first game, was sorely felt by the marine outfit and apparently demoralized the entire team Saturday. The Leathernecks rallied their forces Sunday, however, and pulled out a closely contested victory to even the series.

Bill Mills and Eddie Meath turned in a good game for the marine hoopers, but Mangiaracina, manager-coach of the Pilots was about the cleverest man on the floor. He did not play Sunday, however, as the Pilots used their second string throughout most of the contest.

Emlen Tunnell, dusky backcourt man, displayed some superlative ball handling and Ernest Bertolotti, star coast guard pivotman, showed plenty of stuff, although he, too, played but little of the ball game Sunday.

In the first clash Saturday, the marines led by one point at the end of the half, but the Pilots turned on the heat in the final canto to capture the tilt. The position was reversed in the second tussle at the Barracks with the coast guard five holding the advantage at the mid-way mark, but the Leather-

Three Teams Running Close Race for Northwest Title; Cougars, Orangemen Win

By The Associated Press
NORTHERN DIVISION BASKETBALL STANDINGS

W.	L.	Pct.	For	Agst.	
UO	10	5	687	768	690
OSC	10	5	687	677	605
WSC	9	5	643	656	610
UW	5	11	313	714	797
Idaho	5	11	214	540	633

The northern division Pacific Coast conference basketball race comes roaring into the stretch this week with one of the tightest finishes in years in the offing.

Washington State's indomitable Cougars, by turning back Washington twice at Seattle, now can finish in a tie with either Oregon State or Oregon, currently knotted at the top, by downing the University of Idaho in both games of a Friday-Saturday series.

Oregon State moved up to tie Oregon by defeating Idaho, 44-33, Saturday night, and the two Oregon clubs are scheduled to battle it out in their final game at Eugene Saturday.

Washington State clung stubbornly to its title chances by vanquishing Washington 33-45 in a tight battle Saturday. The lead in the game changed hands 13 times and the score was tied four times before the Cougars surged ahead in the closing minutes.

WSC's Vince Hanson got himself 16 points for a season's total of 224, tying the northern division record set by Gale Bishop.

Minor League Clubs Demand Recognition

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (AP)—Minor league baseball, "kicked around" more or less by the majors for years, is ready to stand on its own feet and assert itself.

The smaller leagues, from class AA down to non-operative but still "alive" class D circuits, will take the first step in that direction today when a 10-man committee meets here to make recommendations for revision of the major-minor agreement.

Among the proposals expected to be offered in revision of the agreement which expires next January are:

1. Greater self-government.
2. Guarantees against post-war major league expansion.
3. A voice in selection of a commissioner to succeed the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis.
4. Increase in the draft price, which now is \$7500 for a class AA player.

Merrill Wins "B" Tourney

By JOHN LARSON
KUHS Kraler
By defeating Gilchrist, 40-33, Merrill became the county champion in the finals of the "B" tourney played Saturday night at Altamont gym.

Playing before a capacity crowd, the Huskies outplayed a game Gilchrist five all the way. Merrill quieted led, 12-11, at the end of the first quarter, and really turned on the heat in the second canto to outscore their opponents, 13-6. The second-half saw both teams swap baskets on fairly even terms. Kandra sparked the Merrill drive with 21 markers as Van Tassel made 9 for Gilchrist.

This victory entitles Merrill to play the winner of the Central Point-Rogue River game for the Southern Oregon "B" district championship.

The consolation tilt saw Keno trounce Malin, 29-20. After starting slowly, the Keno squad led 15-12 at the first half, and held Malin to 8 points during the final half. Johnston paced the Keno five with 12 tallies, closely followed by Zarosinski with 11. Victorine led Malin with 9 counters.

In games played Saturday morning, Gilchrist edged Chiloquin, 35-33, and Keno topped the Academy, 28-15.

The closest clash of the tourney saw Gilchrist drop a fighting Chiloquin five in a thriller. The lead changed hands many times, as both teams connected often. Wampler made 13 and Ferguson swished 22 for high-scoring honors of Chiloquin and Gilchrist, respectively.

The Academy showed none of the accuracy of the preceding day, as Keno trampled them for a consolation game berth. Johnston led Keno with 12 counters while Garner chalked up 5 for the Academy. Both games were extremely rough, as a total of 73 personal fouls were called.

In a poll among the coaches, the following 10 boys were chosen as the best performers during the tournament:

Kandra, Sowell, Haskins, Merrill; Ferguson, Jessup, Van Tassel, Gilchrist; Zarosinski, Keno; Hannigan, Chiloquin; Spolek, Malin and Cole, Henley.

The following are the five high-scoring for the tourney: Kandra, Merrill, 40; Ferguson, Gilchrist, 38; McCheaney, Academy, 31; Hannigan, Chiloquin, 25; Johnston, Keno, 25.

BOSTON — Braves purchased Outfielder Garden Gillenwater from Brooklyn Dodgers.

Ironmen Lead Hockey League By Two Games

By The Associated Press
Two full games separated the leading Seattle Ironmen from the Portland Eagles today in the northern division, Pacific Coast Hockey league, standings as a result of Seattle's 9-4 win over their hometown rivals, the Portland Eagles, in the hands of the cellar-dwellers last night.

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Belcastro is a mauler of the rough-and-ready school and will probably be favored to flop his tenacious opponent when they meet Friday.

Gust is a grappler more on the scientific side, but he can get tough too when the occasion warrants. Last week Johnson came within a hair's breadth of downing the savage "Grey Mask" and anyone who can even come close to tossing the hooded hoodlum is certainly no lily-of-the-field.

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