

Pels Roar Past Baker For 37-23 Tournney Win



Tall Story About Casey at the Bat

Every time I get into a baseball bull session I have the urge to tell the story of the longest home run I ever saw, but every telling results in my being called a truth-stretcher or in most of the bull-sessioners having either seen or hit one a nautical mile farther.

Anyhow, it's a good story. This was back about the summer of '36 or '37 when a pickup team from Reform, Ala., was playing a ditto from Carrollton, Ala., on a vacant lot at Carrollton. Seems that I played something, don't remember what, on the Carrollton team.

A high school boy named Sunny Curry was doing the chucking for Carrollton this particular afternoon, and the guy at the plate for Reform was a big, pot-bellied fellow called Little Doc Wimberley, on account of his father was a physician and was known as Big Doc. Little Doc wasn't little.



So Sunny let a fast ball go down the groove and Little Doc whaled it out toward left field, being a right-handed batter. As I remember it a fellow named Albert Ezell was playing left field, deep. The ball was 50 feet in the air when it went over Albert's head and still going up.

The field, which was actually just a vacant city block, didn't have a fence, of course. The ball went clear out of the lot, over the road and over a two-story frame house on the other side of the street. Where it landed we never knew, because we couldn't find the ball.

Out of curiosity we stepped off the distance from the plate to the house and figured that the ball had already traveled 500 feet when it passed the house and was still going strong.

I don't know if there is any actual record for home run distances, but the World Almanac says that the center field fence in the Polo Grounds is 490 feet out and there have been balls put over it.

Copco Dam Fishway Has Good Chance

One of the big doings on the agenda of the local Isak Walton league for the coming year is to make further strides toward having fishways built around Copco dam on Klamath river, to enable salmon and steelhead to come on up the river to spawn.

Just about all the parties concerned are in accord now, and there is a good chance that a fish ladder will be constructed around the dam. It's a sort of four-pronged problem, concerning the federal government through its Indian service, California, Oregon and Copco.

This country would receive a tremendous boost in its drawing card as a recreation spot if the runs could be restored to the river, and although almost everyone will agree that it's a desirable aim, it takes organized sportsmen's groups to give it a push.

Boyd Jackson and Wade Crawford, Klamath Indian tribal delegates, have received instructions to help along the cause when they go back to Washington in January.

Reunion on Pelican Gym Floor

Up at the Klamath Union high school gym these afternoons several members of former Pelican basketball teams are working out with the present-day Klamath squads while down here for Christmas vacation from college. Yesterday Wilbur Welch, Jim Conroy, Dick Cada, Don Bigger, Rex Young, Jim Palmer and others were scrimmaging. Several of the boys were members of Klamath's last state championship team.

Draft And Swap Of Trippi Sets Off Battle Of Dollars

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—Charlie Trippi, Georgia's all-America halfback, was chosen by the defunct Miami club in the all-America conference's first draft early today and immediately was swapped to the New York Yankees to touch off a battle of dollars that likely will be without a parallel in sports.

Trippi, regarded as one of the greatest of modern natural athletes, was drafted a week ago by the Chicago Cardinals of the National football league and was selected by Hampton Poole, coach of the Seahawks, on the first draw here.

The draft in the two leagues gives those two club owners the right to deal for Trippi's signature on a player's contract and the bonus the Dixie dynamiter will get for that bit of penmanship is expected to erase the record of \$30,000 offered to Whizzer White of Colorado, by Pittsburgh in pre-war days.

Glenn Davis and Felix (Doc) Blanchard, army's touchdown twins of the past three years, also were drafted in the session that started late last night and continued right through until early today. Davis was selected by the San Francisco 49ers and Blanchard by Brooklyn but because both are likely to remain in the army, the bidding for them is not expected to reach the Trippi proportions.

Davis was chosen by the Detroit Lions in the National league meeting at New York a week ago while Blanchard, who had a year of football at North Carolina before coming to Army, was tapped by the Pittsburgh Steelers of the senior league a year ago.

Other players selected early today, before the clubowners adjourned until noon, are Dick Hoerner of the University of Iowa, first selection of the Cleveland Browns; and Frank Barzilaukas, Yale lineman, and Gene Roberts, Chattanooga's little all-America back, by Brooklyn.

14 Million Fish Freed In Year

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—A total of 14,608,644 fish were liberated in Oregon lakes and streams this year despite a fish food scarcity which hampered hatcheries, the state game commission said today.

The fish turned loose weighed 139,890.3 pounds. Included were 12,158,416 rainbow trout, 468,714 cutthroat, 463,576 eastern brook, 628,273 steelhead, 105,986 Loch Leven, 248,440 silverside, 529,789 chinook and 5450 chum salmon.

L&C Triumphs

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—Lewis and Clark college thumped the Oregon College of Education basketball team last night, 63-35, despite a 21-point effort by Center Abrahamson of the losers.

GIDDYAP TEAM

MORRISON, Ill., Dec. 21 (AP)—Morrison high school students have decided on new nicknames for their athletic teams.

For several years the teams were the Morrison "Mallets," but students became irked at having their athletes called Wooden Heads, Block Heads and Hammer Heads.

From now on, the names are "Mustangs" for the varsity and "Ponies" for the reserve.

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The Klamath Pelicans trailed the Baker Bulldogs 21 to 17 at halftime last night, then throttled the visitors with only one lonesome bucket in the second half to win their second game of the 20-30 club's invitational tourney 37 to 23 and going away.

In the first game on the KU maple last night, Longview took care of the Oregon City Pioneers, 55 to 34.

Baker's defense held the Pelican fast break slowed to a trot during the first half of the game, but the second half was an entirely different story as the scrappy Pels got into the groove and ran the Baker boys ragged.

In the first quarter the Bulldogs once were ahead 10-2, but the Pels had pulled to 14-9 by the end of the period. Baker's Jim Calderwood was shooting with deadly accuracy, but the Pelican second string made it shot for shot until the half.

Push Shot Ties

Then in the third quarter Jerry Thorn got a bucket to put the Pels just two points behind and Ray Craig left-handed a push shot on a pass under the basket from Clarence Bussman to knot the score at 21-11.

A moment later Bussman made one of two free throws and the Klamathites were out ahead to stay. Baker didn't score in the third period, and by the time it ended Klamath was ahead, 29-21.

Klamath rang up eight more points in the fourth period, and Ralph Calloway pitched the Bulldogs' only ringer.

The scoring was scattered through the Pelican lineup, with Jerry Thorn's eight high. Joe Zarosinski had seven and Gene Fowler six. For the Bulldogs Calderwood accounted for 10 points and Calloway eight.

In the Longview-Oregon City tilt the Lumberjacks jumped off to an early start and led all the way of the rough, wild-passing scrimmage. The score was 21-11 at the quarter and 28-20 at intermission.

Buckled Down

The big Lumberjacks buckled down defensively in the third stanza, holding the Pioneers to a single basket in that period, and a free-swinging last quarter saw the score pushed to 55-34.

In the tourney to date Klamath is undefeated in two games, Baker and Longview have one win and a loss, while the Pioneers have been unsuccessful in two times out.

Tonight Baker and Oregon City tangled at 7:30 and Klamath and Longview got it at 8:30.

Dele Throckmorton and Ernie Bishop did the officiating last night, and a near-capacity crowd saw the games. The 20-30 club, sponsoring the tourney, presented the Klamath County Public Health association with an iron lung between games.

Amateur Cagers Given Warning

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Portland Basketball association yesterday warned players they would be barred from Portland leagues if they performed with professional teams.

Formerly the association allowed professional players to perform if they played for "recreation" purposes.

Spokesmen said the action was taken to protect teams "worried over whether they have players on hand from game to game or whether they will see them in professional lineups."

At least four players formerly with amateur leagues here have joined quintets in the new Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league.

Fish Talks Jan. 11

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—The annual hearing on angling regulations will be held by the state game commission here January 11.

Seasons, bag limits, and other rules affecting game fish during 1947 will be set.

Phone Santa Claus! Kids, just telephone 8117 and you can talk to Santa himself. Tell him what you want for Christmas. Call between noon and 8 p.m. today or Sunday.

Game Tonight

MERRILL, Dec. 21—The Merrill high school cagers have slated a game with McArthur high school of McArthur, Calif., for tonight at 7:30. The Californians are on a basketball tour and played last night at Dorris.

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Illini Heads For Pasadena

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The squad of 43 players—Dwight Eddleman will join the group on its arrival in Pasadena Monday after playing with the Illinois basketball team at Berkeley, Calif.—will arrive in New Orleans today and take in a sightseeing trip through the city before shoving off for the coast.

Coach Ray Elliot ordered a heavy scrimmage Monday afternoon, four hours after arriving in Pasadena.

BOWLING

Eli Ross, who does a little farming in the Bonanza area and a little bowling on the Bonanza Classic league quintet, rolled a series of 691 to help his team take two games of a series from Edwards Richfield this week.

Ross' mark was 256-200-335 in three games. He's one of the best bowlers in the state and several times has entered the charmed '700' circle.

Also in the Classic loop Waters Insurance beat Palmetto, Bill Davis Associated topped Medical-Dental Barbers and Landry Insurance clipped Louie's Food, all by two games out of three. Al Hackenworth had a 216 line for Landry.

In the Boster league Southern Oregon Music and Leach Service tied at 959 for the first team game, but SOM copped the next two and the series. Mat Finnigan's quintet edged Rogers Jewels and Nash beat out the Sportsmen, two games of three, although the latter had a middle team game of 1003.

Don Ferguson rolled 208-202-184 for 595 for Cal-Ore but that squad won only one game of a series with Moose.

In the Automotive circuit Ashley beat Dick B. Miller three times a and Black and White got three on a forfeit from Balsiger. Anderson won three from Jack's Shell and Lombard took Buick by the same score in a trio of very close matches.

Susie Booth of the Lady Bugs' Oregon Equipment team was high scorer for a single line this week, topping 202 pins in the middle game of her series, but on each side of that game she had 129 and 134, making a series total of 485.

Oregon Equipment won two games of three from Coca Cola, but Janis Long and Clover North had lines of 190 and 188 for the losers.

Pacific Fruit Express swept three from the last-place Rogers Jewelry squad; Clara Gates had a game of 193 to help Houston's Beauty win over Pine Street Market, and Griggs Food beat out Fluhrer's.

Houston's lead the Lady Bug league with 26 wins and 13 losses, followed by PFE's 24 and 15. Oregon Equipment's 23-16 Coca-Cola's 22-17. Griggs, Fluhrer's, Pine Street Market, and Rogers trail in that order.

In Termitte league play the ladies are proud of team single games of 800 turned in by Frank's Service, 807 by Moose No. 2, and 821 by Pioneer Tobacco.

Moose No. 2 took two of three from Moose No. 1, Pioneer Tobacco won from Jack's Shell by the same count and Frank's Service drubbed Yellow Cab three straight.

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Observers at the gym here said that Kessler was a cinch to win his division and that Parkhurst was almost a cinch to take state honors in his bracket. Parkhurst is scheduled to enter a Mr. Pacific Coast contest tonight at Benson Tech to determine the best-built athlete on the coast, and his chances are said to be good for that honor.

The weight-lifting trials were to have been in three styles of lifts—two-arm military press, two-arm snatch and two-arm clean and jerk. Kessler, in the three lifts, can hoist about 600 pounds and Parkhurst about 750.

A-A Circuit Belt Staked

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Cleveland Browns, winners of the western division title, and the New York Yankees, eastern title winners, meet tomorrow in the first championship game of the young All-America circuit.

Despite snow and sleet early today, Sunday's weather is expected to be cold, clear and sunny with the mercury in Cleveland's huge Lakeside stadium shivering somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 degrees.

If the weatherman shows the least bit of cooperation it is expected that the crowd will be near 30,000 as contrasted with the 38,000 who froze in the National league final a year ago when the temperature skidded to three below zero.

Coach Paul Brown of the Clevelanders who remain a 13-point favorites although all their right halfbacks are ailing, has equipped his Browns with canvas shoes, special Arctic-style headgears, gloves and chemical pads that may be palmed and which serve as miniature stoves when dampened by a few drops of moisture.

Only the betting gentry and the more rabid fans speak of a 1 1/2 point difference in Sunday's game.

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