

# Pelicans Win Tourney Final

K-Men Rap Longview, 47-33; Oregon City Breaks Into Plus Column By Topping Baker

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Klamath high's Pelican hoop squad came through with its 1946-47 cage record still unblemished last Saturday night by downing Longview 47-33 on the KUHS maple in the final game of the 20-30 club's invitational basketball jamboree. This win, the sixth straight victory for the K-men, also boosted the Pels to the top of the list in the tournament, over the Oregon City Pioneers, Baker's Bulldogs and the Lumberjacks.

Saturday night's preliminary tilt between Baker and Oregon City saw the Bulldogs go down before a fast-moving OC squad, 44-31, the first tournament game the Pioneers have won.

After spotting Longview a charity toss and one basket for three minutes of the first period, Jerry Thorn, lanky KUHS center, and Ray Craig each scored, giving Klamath a lead which they maintained throughout the remainder of the game.

Although rough and fast from the start, the Pelicans stopped all further Lumberjack scoring in the first quarter, and boosted their own lead to 11-3.

The Pelican second stringers took over at the beginning of the second period, and immediately knocked over two more baskets, both made by Don Cessnau. Halftime score, 22-11.

In the third stanza, Longview opened the scoring but three baskets in rapid succession by Clarence Bussman, Gene Hover and Craig put the Pelicans out in front on the scoreboard. Langview's defense showed signs of wearing down during the third period, enabling the Pels to jack up the score to 34 to 21.

The final period saw wild spurts of playing and ball-hawking by both sides. In the last minutes of play, Pelican Coach Scott sent in his third string, who accounted for the final Pelican basket.

Joe Zarosinski led the Pels

with nine counters, followed by Bussman and Cessnau with five each, but Don Stewart, for Longview, scored more than half the visitors' total points, with 18. KF completed five of their eight foul shot chances, Longview sank 12 for 12.

Oregon City played nearly the best game of the tournament against Baker's Bulldogs in the early contest, lowering the boom on their opponents 9 to 3 at the end of the first quarter and 24-19 at the intermission. Oregon City led all the way, although threatened several times before the half.

The Pioneers displayed a surprising defense and excellent ball-handling in the third quarter of the ball game, and left the scoreboard at 27-36 when the period ended. Oregon City's defense allowed Baker only two baskets in the final eight minutes, while pushing its own score eight more points. Dick Eardly of Baker was high scorer in the game with 12, followed by Oregon City's Jack Kennebeck with 11 and Don Hoffman with eight.

## Browns Capture First A-A Grid Conference Pennant

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—A team as well-rounded as a country haircut—the Cleveland Browns—possess the championship of the infant All-America Football conference today.

On the frozen, snow-swept turf of the huge lakefront municipal stadium, the surprising proteges of youthful Paul E. Brown battled from behind yesterday to take the title in the east-west playoff with the New

York Yankees by a 14-9 score before 40,469 fans.

On the short end of a 9-7 count with about four minutes to go, automatic Otto Graham, former Northwestern All-America, fired a 16-yard touchdown pass through the semi-darkness to Dante Lavelli, former Ohio State end, for the clinching counter.

The Browns didn't have an individual capable of winning a berth on the all-pro honorary team, but as a batch of rough and ready point-producing precisionists they were something new in the play-for-pay field.

Launching the season with seven straight wins, the Browns sagged for two losses in mid-season and then roared through six more victories to annex the western laurels, scoring 423 points to 137. Seven home games of the regular season attracted more than 400,000 fans, and just to illustrate their versatility the boys ran over Brooklyn in the final tilt by 66 to 14, with nine different men sharing the nine-touchdown avalanche.

## Hornets Measure Gilchrist, 26-12

HENLEY, Dec. 23—Henley's Hornets Friday night beat a visiting Gilchrist high school hoop team 26 to 12 in a county league game, but the B game went to Gilchrist, 30-21.

Fred Hess led the scoring with nine points. The low ceiling of the Henley court appeared to have the boys from the far end of the county stymied for a time. Darrel Potter and Joe LaClair were the officials.

## How They Finished

NEW ORLEANS—Southern California defeated Tulane 20-13 in post-season "Consolation Bowl" game before 25,000.

HOUSTON, Tex.—North Texas State edged out College of Pacific 14-13 in first annual Optimist Bowl game.

FLEET UNKNOWN MANHATTAN, Kas., Dec. 23 (AP)—Ray Adee, a Kansas State college two-mile track star, heard a prowler in his fraternity house kitchen and gave chase.

But Adee lost the race. The thief, despite the burden of a chicken, bowl of potatoes, quart of milk and two pounds of fish, outdistanced the trackman.

## Kentuck Out After Crown

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Having already brushed past a number of formidable foes in establishing their longest consecutive game winning streak, Kentucky's all-conquering Wildcats today appear well on their way in their quest for the mythical national college basketball championship.

Kentucky's latest win, a 70-50 triumph over St. John's of Brooklyn at New York's Madison Square Garden Saturday night, was its 24th straight over a two-season span and its ninth of the current campaign.

The Wildcats will be seeking to extend their streak to 26 this week meeting Baylor, Southwestern conference champion, and Wabash, on their home court in preparation for their important Sugar Bowl clash with the Oklahoma Aggies, last year's NCAA champions, December 30. Kentucky captured the National Invitational tournament but never did get to meet the Aggies to decide the mythical championship.

The Wildcats never looked better than in scalping the St. John's Redmen Saturday night before a record Garden crowd of 18,493. The apparent ease with which the southerners rolled over the formidable Indians prompted St. John's Coach Joe Lapchick to remark that Kentucky was the best college team he ever had seen.

## He Doesn't Know

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23 (AP)—Pete Williams, the Navy's No. 1 left halfback, said here today that he didn't know whether he was out of bounds on the last play of the thrilling Army-Navy football game and explained that any blame in those last confusing seconds should go to the crowd and not the officials.

## Webfoots Tip Niagara For 8th Straight

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—An undefeated University of Oregon basketball team meets New York university on the Madison Square Garden court tonight in the second game of the Ducks on their jaunt east.

Coach Harry Hobson's Oregon team played a sensational shooting overtime game at Buffalo Saturday night to defeat Niagara university 67 to 60 and chalk up the eighth straight win.

The Ducks held a 14-point advantage three times during the first half as they dropped long goals from almost everywhere on the court. They held a 38-27 edge at half-time.

Al Popick sank the first basket in the second half and then Niagara started drubbing the hoop for 10 straight points. With two minutes to go Niagara moved ahead to 57-56. In a whirlwind finish, it was tied again, with 30 seconds to go, at 58-58.

In the extra period Ed Dick tossed two free throws and Wiley tapped home one he missed. In the rough play, Wiley left the game on his fifth foul and Dick got another free shot that was good. Two Niagara players picked up penalty shots while Stan Williamson collected two free throws. Bob Wren halted the scoring with a fast breaking field goal.

## BASKETBALL Results

Rainier 44, Tigard 33.  
McMinnville 42, Astoria 35.  
Pendleton 51, The Dalles 44.  
Salem 46, Benson Tech 29.  
LaGrande 53, Hillsboro 30.  
Columbia Prep 31, Central Catholic 30.  
Ashland 32, Lebanon 28.  
Medford 34, Milton-Freewater 28.  
Klamath Falls 47, Longview 33.  
Oregon City 30, Baker 33.

## Beavers Prep For Trip East

PORTLAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Oregon State Beavers invade the University of Portland basketball court tonight for their last game before leaving for New York's Madison Square Garden.

Coach Slat's squad, with nine straight wins on the books and favored to carry the Pilots tonight, will leave for New York immediately after the Portland game for a Thursday contest with Long Island university.

Gill's quint bowled over the Portland Fee's 89 to 37 Saturday night for their eighth win, with Red Roach still at forward and pounding the hoop for a total 27 points and scoring honors.

## Hawaiians Push

HONOLULU, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Leilehua alumni pushed 78 yards to come from behind for a 19-14 win over the University of New Mexico Lobos last night.

## Single Wing Vs. T... West Will Be Tricky, Visitors Use Power

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (AP)—When East meets West on New Year's Day in Kezar stadium here it will be the single wing versus the T, it appeared to the practice kibitzers today.

Working out at the West's Menlo Junior college prepping grounds is a T-formation with Bill MacKrides of Nevada in the quarterback slot.

At Santa Clara university co-Coaches Andy Kerr and Bernie Blerman of the East have two powerhouse single wings brewing for the Shrine classic for the benefit of crippled youngsters.

Coaches Homer Norton, George Sauer and Lon Stiner of the West aren't putting all their eggs in the T basket, at that. They also have a single wing threat, with one backfield working out on that shift.

Arrival of Mickey McCardle and two USC teammates today from the Trojan's post-season victory over Tulane boosted the West's offense, for Quarterback McCardle master-minded the Trojans in the tricky formation all season.

Supporting MacKrides in the backfield were Jack Jensen of California at left half, Walter Heap of Texas at right half and Duke Iverson of Oregon at fullback.

In the West's single wing are Clyde Le Force of Tulsa at blocking quarterback, Fred Provo of Washington at left half, L. G. Carmody of Washington central at right half and Willie Zapalac of Texas A. and M. at full.

Sauer of Kansas coached the West's T yesterday, with Stiner tutoring the single wingers and Norton sharpening both teams in passing practice later.

Kerr of the East squad announced his two backfields, both single wing, as: Blues—Paul Weaver of Penn State at quarter, Nicholas Sacrinny of Wake Forest at left half, Joseph Watt of Syracuse at right half and Pete Pihos of Indiana at fullback; Whites—Robert Sandberg of Minnesota at quarter, Larry Bruno of Geneva college at left half, Tommy Dorsey of Brown at right half and Ed Cody of Purdue at fullback.

## Babe Again Stands Out

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Mrs. Mildred (Babe) Diridrickson Zaharias, amateur champion of the nation's feminine golfers, was named the outstanding woman athlete of 1946 today, becoming the first star in the 16-year history of the annual Associated Press poll to win the honor three times.

The all-around athlete from Denver shares the 1946 spotlight with Glenn Davis, Army's three-time All-America halfback, who was selected Saturday as the No. 1 male athlete of the year by a healthy margin over Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis.

Mrs. Zaharias, who has confined her athletic talents to the fairways in recent years, was first named sports queen in 1932 for her achievements in track and field. Her golfing prowess carried her to the top of the list again last year, 13 years later.

Among the 58 sports writers who voted for the women in the 1946 poll, 33 of them cast first place ballots for the Colorado sharpshooter, who won the All-America women's open tournament this year as well as the women's national amateur title.

## Suds Infield Almost Ready For Season

SEATTLE, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast Baseball league had their infield virtually set for the 1947 season today with the acquisition of Johnny O'Neil from the Philadelphia Phillies for an estimated \$15,000.

Along with O'Neil, who played for Portland in 1945, the Rainiers obtained Charles Ripple, southpaw hurler, and the right to obtain another player on option after the Phils finish spring training.

## Kahut Has Date

PORTLAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—Joe Kahut, Oregon's heavyweight title holder and listed by Ring Magazine as one of the top 10 heavyweights of the nation, will meet Joe Comiskey, 215-pound New Jersey boxer, at Los Angeles January 28 in a 10-round main event at the Olympic auditorium.

## Heavy Hitter



Stan Musial, outfielder and first baseman of the St. Louis Cards, almost made a clean sweep of the National league bat honors. He hit 365, batted 624 times, scored 124 runs, got 228 hits for 365 bases, led in singles with 142, doubles with 50 and triples with 20.

## Huskies Punch Buckeye Quint

SEATTLE, Dec. 23 (AP)—Washington's basketball stock zoomed sharply over the weekend after the Huskies' 49-45 Saturday night victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes, and will jump another peg this evening if Coach Hec Edmundson's "race-horse" crew can win the second game of their intersectional series.

The Huskies, untested previously in big-league competition, provided a mild upset in turning back the midwest invaders.

Edmundson had been reported developing one of the potentially finest quintets in his highly successful 27-year career at Washington, but the Buckeyes came west with virtually the same outfit ranked third nationally last season.

## FUNNY BUSINESS



"But frankly, I'm torn between hunger and art!"