

County Hoop Tourney Under Way Tomorrow

Eight Squads Matched to Determine B League Champ; Championship Game Will Come Up Late Saturday Night

Bright and early tomorrow morning the eight basketball outfits of the county high school B league will begin a 10-game tournament from which will come the county 1947 champion and candidate for action on a statewide basis. Klamath county this athletic season has already produced one state B champion—the Henley Hornets in football—and the No. 1 seeded team in the cosoba tourney, Chiloquin's Panthers, is rapidly gaining favor to bring a second crown into this section of the state.

But there are a lot of hurdles for Chiloquin or any other of the county hoop teams to cross before thinking about the state basketball meet at Arlington. One of them is a playoff between the eventual winner of the tourney starting tomorrow and the champion of the Jackson-Josephine county B circuit.



Grants Pass Football Series Broken

Some schedule troubles are popping up for the Klamath football Pelicans of next fall, and Joe Peak, athletic director, is on the prowl for at least one more game, maybe two.

The gridiron series with Grants Pass, which has been carrying on every year for a long time, is having to be scrapped for the present year at least, and that leaves another hole in the Pel 1947 slate. Previously there was one noticeably vacant date.

Klamath Falls had slated its regular tilt with the Cavemen, to be played October 10. But in the revamping of the state prep districts Klamath was placed in one league and Grants Pass in another.

The Pelicans will be in district 2 with Medford, Ashland, Bend, Lakeview, Burns, Prineville and Redmond, while the Cavemen are segregated with Roseburg and the other towns on the coast.

To get in enough games in their district, the Cavemen had to call off the Klamath date. The Pels already had an open spot on October 31, so the situation now stands with only six football contests and an opening jamboree on the hook for sure.

Lakeview, Prineville and the Pels will play in the three-way jamboree, and the other tilts are with Medford, Ashland, Bend, Salem, Grant and The Dalles, a skimpy slate.

So Joe Peak is looking for another game or two. He has put out feelers to Roseburg, Hood River, Reno, Sacramento, Longview and to some teams in the California bay area, but with no visible success yet.

But he still has hopes of filling at least one of the dates, preferably October 31, for a home game.

P. S.—Anyone having a high school football team desiring to play the Pelicans October 10 or 31, please wire Joe Peak, director of athletics, Klamath Union high school, Klamath Falls, Ore., collect.

Department Of Inconsequential Dope

The Rogue River, Ore., Chinooks, an independent basketball team, defeated Sams Valley, independent ditto, 104 to 36, over at Gold Hill Monday night. A lad named Junior Dimick scored 44 points for the Chinooks during the course of the evening.

Looking through the World Almanac (an indispensable article of literature in a newspaper office), we find that a guy by name of Joe Walcott was one of three recognized titleholders in the welterweight boxing division back in 1904-06. . . . so if that's Jersey Joe Walcott, he's older than even his most violent detractors would guess.

The fellow who expects to fight Joe Louis under the name of Jersey Joe Walcott is actually named Arnold Cream, and he was barred from the New York ring several years ago because of advanced age.

But back in this other Joe Walcott's time, the other two pugns who were also recognized as welterweight champs were called Dixie Kid and Honey Melody.

Speaking of boxing, Larry McLane, the local trainer and matchmaker, had better insert in his school a short course in how to get off the deck before the referee counts 10. . . . The idea is to have both hands and knees off the canvas at the count of 10. . . . but we've had several instances of a resting combatant resting a second too long, as Darrell Harrington did Tuesday night.

Four Hoop Teams Slated For AAU District Action

According to latest word from across the hill, only four teams will participate in the Southern Oregon AAU district basketball tourney, now tentatively slated for February 24-25 at the Medford gym.

Jean Eberhart of the Ashland Elks, who is handling the AAU arrangements, said that since only two dates at the gym are available, just four quintets rather than eight will be in the tourney, and the winner will represent this district at the AAU hoop meet in March.

The Ashley Chevrolet squad is expected to get the call from Klamath, while other teams will be drawn from the Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland areas.

Jim Maguire, president of the Klamath Basin league, said that he expects the Ashley team to uphold its commitment to finish the Basin league season and take part in the playoffs, whether it goes into AAU competition or not. Playoff dates here are February 26 and March 1, so there

would be no conflict with the proposed AAU dates at Medford. The Ashley quint is in first place in the city division, and has only one more game to play.

Portland Loses Second Baseman

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—The Portland Beavers had one more pitcher on their roster today but appeared to have lost a second baseman.

James Bucher, a keystone man, returned an unsigned contract and said he would devote full time to his 16,000 chickens on a Palmyra, Pa., ranch.

The signed hurler was Jake Mooty, veteran right-hander.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press
JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Pat Comiskey, 220, Paterson, N. J., knocked out Lee Oma, 193, Detroit, 7.

OSC Goes Another Notch Up

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—Winding up their home season, league leading Oregon State moved well ahead of challenging Washington State in northern division Pacific coast conference basketball last night with another trimming for luckless Idaho.

The Beavers, winning their 10th conference game to one defeat by Washington, easily defeated last year's titleholders 71 to 37 although big Red Rocha, center, who scored 38 points for a new northern division mark Tuesday night, tallied only 18 points. It was Idaho's 11th conference loss to no victories.

The win made second place Washington State's task in their remaining games all the harder. Washington State, with an eight win, three loss record, plays Washington at Seattle Friday and Saturday nights and must repeat their early-season double victory over the Huskies, scored on their home floor, to remain in the race. The Cougars will fly to Seattle to conserve their energy for the crucial series.

The game was never in doubt last night. Oregon State took an early 11 to 5 lead and moved out in front 41 to 16 at halftime.

In the other week-end series, Idaho moves over to Eugene for games with Oregon Friday and Saturday nights.

Ashland Trip Faces Pels

Way out front of the district 4 high school basketball pack, the Klamath Pelicans have two dates across the mountain with the Ashland Grizzlies Friday and Saturday nights.

The Pels, with seven wins and a single defeat in loop play, are pointing for a berth in the state hoop tourney at Eugene, but have a number of hurdles to jump before time for the playoff.

Medford's Tornado is a step back of the Pels, with eight wins and two losses, and the eventual representative of district 4 is not expected to be apparent until the final game of the Pelicans with Medford early in March.

In two previous tilts with Ashland, on the home court, the Pelicans took easy victories by scores of 51-32 and 54-22.

Ashland is in fourth place in the circuit standings.

Zale Watching Graziano Case

WICHITA, Kas., Feb. 13 (AP)—Tony Zale, middleweight boxing champion from Gary, Ind., today awaited the final outcome of Rocky Graziano's difficulties with the New York state athletic commission and the National Boxing association before scheduling any more opponents.

Zale convincingly disposed of Len Wadsworth, Toronto, Canada, here last night, knocking out Wadsworth in the third of a 10-round non-title bout. The Canadian fighter had been floored in the second and again in the third round before the knockout blow.

Town, County Divide Pair

In a sparkling non-conference doubleheader at Altamont gym last night, town teams of the Basin basketball league earned a split with visitors from the county division.

In the first tilt Hal's Sports beat the Merrill Townies, 46 to 40, and in the afterpiece Chiloquin topped Oregon Woolen, 53 to 50.

Wayne Hatcher was hot and scored 28 points for Chiloquin, but he was just a step ahead of Andy Anderson, who had 26 for the Wools.

Trippi Signs For Crackers

ATLANTA, Feb. 13 (AP)—The Atlanta Crackers, Southern Association baseball team, have Charlie Trippi's name on a 1947 contract and Club President Earl Mann said today the University of Georgia athlete would play center field "until it is proven he definitely isn't ready for AA league competition."

Trippi, all-America football halfback and a hard-hitting diamond star at Georgia, signed the agreement here yesterday. He is under contract to the Chicago Cardinals of the National Football league.

Terms of the contract with Atlanta were not made public but reliable sources have indicated it provided a \$10,000 bonus for signing and a \$400 a month salary.

The Pittston, Pa., army veteran will graduate March 20.

Sportsmen Will Choose Officers

At the Willard hotel tonight the Klamath Sportsmen's association will hold election of officers for 1947. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock, and a Dutch lunch will be prepared after the session.

Over KFLW tonight Frank McCormack, official of the association, will interview John McKeas, state game commission biologist, on the topic of big game.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Chevs Thump Oiler Quint

MEDFORD, Feb. 13.—The Klamath Falls Ashley Chevrolet basketball team last night defeated the Mobil Oil squad of Medford 46-36 on a small grade school gym here, and eliminated the Oilers from a proposed AAU district playoff.

The Chev's led the game all the way, taking a 13-6 bulge at the end of the first quarter and were out front 24-11 at halftime.

Bob Erlanson counted a dozen points for Ashley and George Brosterhus had 10.

The AAU playoff is slated for February 24-25 and the Medford high school gym has been rented for that purpose. Four teams representing Grants Pass, Rogue River, Ashland and Klamath Falls are entered.

Wild Battle Re-Match Set

A re-match of the main event which put fans on their feet and left voices hoarse last Thursday night, is set to top the armory grappling card tonight.

Last week the Grey Mask came within just a few seconds of being throttled by big named Billy Weidner, after the latter had gashed his head and been knocked temporarily goofy in a spill out of the ring.

Police had to stop the fray because there was every indication that Weidner intended to finish off the Mask then and there.

The two boys have notified Promoter Mack Lillard by telegram that they are ready to go at it again, so they're paired for five rounds tonight. The Grey Mask held out for a shortened bout, rather than the normal six heats.

The Grey Mask currently happens to be the Pacific coast lightweight champ, having lifted the diadem from Billy Goetz at Portland, but the title is not on the counter tonight.

Remainder of the card also promises lively action. In the four-round semi-windup Tommy Nolan, champion Australian, clutches with Canadian Frankie Hart, and in the opener, also four heats, Buck Weaver gets together with Tough Tony Ross.

The matches start at 8:30.

Victory Loop Margins Held

In Victory league play last night the Murphy's Barbs went into the lead of the American division with three wins and no losses by defeating Lincoln Street Grocery 25-13. The tilt was played on Fairview court.

Tommy Edwards and John Paul Foster each made eight points for the winners.

Also at Fairview court the Hi-Y quintet kept its National division leadership in one piece by edging Trades and Industrial 31 to 29. A basket 10 seconds before the final whistle gave Hi-Y the win after the lead had changed hands three times in the last quarter.

Hi-Y has three wins and no losses. Milt Thompson scored 11 points for the winning side, but Fred Fuller was high with 17 for T and I.

Turner Looks Over Property

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—Jim Turner, the new Portland Beaver ball club manager, checked into town last night to look over the home of the club he is to handle this season.

He said he was through as a pitcher and that the players who stay on the Beaver roster this season will be hustlers.

"They won't stay on the payroll if they don't put out," Turner declared.

OSC Rooks Win

CORVALLIS, Feb. 13 (AP)—The Oregon State Rooks added up 10 victories in 11 starts on the basketball court today after knocking over the Alsea High school, 59 to 21, here yesterday.

Joe Louis Looks For Matches

PANAMA CITY, Feb. 13 (AP)—Joe Louis is looking forward to a summer time fight with British Empire Champion Bruce Woodcock, says his co-manager, John Roxborough.

The heavyweight champion's current Latin America tour is providing Louis with fine training, Roxborough added. The Bomber's handler said Louis liked the idea of meeting with Woodcock because of the international flavor it would give to boxing.

Louis made the third appearance of his swing through the Americas last night when he boxed two exhibition rounds each with his sparring partners, Walter Haefler and Art Ramsey. A crowd of 10,000, including ranking United States and Panama officials, witnessed the program.

Louis' next stop will be at Lima, Peru, where he is scheduled to box an exhibition Saturday.

And from Jersey City comes word that after a layoff of several years Pat Comiskey is back among the heavyweights hopeful of eventually landing a title bout with Champion Joe Louis.

The Paterson, N. J., 220-pounder slugged the favored Lee Oma, of Detroit, to the canvas in seven rounds last night for his second straight KO victory since being discharged from the service. He previously flattened Johnny Haynes in Los Angeles.

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BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 13 (AP)—H. O. "Fritz" Crisler has turned down a tempting offer to take over the head football coaching job at the University of California.

The Michigan athletic director's decision to stay on as head man at Ann Arbor was made known last night in a telephone talk with California's acting graduate manager, Brutus Hamilton.

In asking that his name—which headed the list of possible candidates for the vacant California post—be withdrawn from consideration, Crisler left

the west coast school about where it was a month ago in its efforts to find a man capable of restoring California's gridiron prestige.

Due to Hamilton's earnest scouting, California will not have to start from scratch again, Hamilton remarked that "we have other contacts in mind," and that there might be an announcement "perhaps within a week."

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