

Panthers Up Against Hornets For Crown

Top-Seeded Teams Gain Place In County Basketball Finals; Championship Game Coming On KUHS Court At 9 Tonight

Coming right down the line of pre-tournament seedings, the Chiloquin Panthers and Henley Hornets will play it off tonight for the county basketball championship and a possible bid to go on farther toward the state bauble. The title game will begin at 9 o'clock on the KUHS court. Chiloquin won its finals status last night by decisively thumping a good Gilchrist team, 48 to 19. It was the 21st consecutive hoop win without a defeat for the Panthers this season. In that game Gillis Hannegan scored first and Gaylor Hatcher dropped in a pair of foul shots to put the Panthers ahead in the first minute, but the Grizzlies threatened to make it a

Strikes 'n Spares

El Ross' 598 series for the Bonanza pin team was the best three-game total performance on Recreation alleys this week, and to get that total he had to roll a 242 line after starting with 154 and 202. A 242 isn't quite perfect, but it'll do on most any occasion, an occasional spare in a whole flock of strikes.

All matches in the Classic loop went two games out of three. Bonanza beat the Barbers, Palmerton beat Landry, Watters took Louie's Food, and Bill Davis Associated beat Edwards Richfield.

Other star games rolled included Ernest MacBeth's 225, Frank Hall's 213 line and 580 series, O. D. Wilson's 576 series and Al Backes' series of 190-183-180-553.

John Foster was high man in the Booster loop with a 235 game, and the Rogers Jewelry squad posted one five-man line of 1067, helped by Russell's 213 game.

The Matt Finnigan quintet won all three games from Sportsmen, while the other matches went two out of three. Rogers beat Cal-Ore, Leach Service topped Nash and Moose overcame Southern Oregon Music.

In the Automotive league Buick compiled a 3083 three-game series, aided by a big handicap bonus, and took two games of that match with Jack's Shell. Black and White won three games from Ashley, Lombard took two from three from Anderson, and Dick B. Miller gained an even split on points from Bal-siger by winning one line and series total.

Top scorers in the Lady Bug circuit were Flo Ann Eaton (504), Beth Griggs (496), Susie Booth (484), and Belle Strauser (482).

Some single games were 192 for Susie Booth, 182 for Clover North, Edith Bray and Beth Griggs, and a 179 for Dorothea Koberg. Pacific Fruit Express swept a series from Houston's Beauty, Oregon Equipment defeated Fluhrer's, Griggs Food beat Coca-Cola and Pine Street market topped Rogers Jewelry.

17-Year-Old Denied Title

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15 (AP)—Although he compiled the most points with a brilliant free-skating exhibition, 17-year-old Richard Button, the U. S. figure-skating champion has been denied the world title.

After completion of the two-day competition yesterday, Button had 352.88 points against 350 for Hans Gerschwiler of Switzerland but three of the five referees gave their votes to Gerschwiler.

"According to American or Swedish rules, Button would have won the world championship as he attained the highest score," said Seth Ralsten, secretary of the Swedish Figure Skating association, "but according to international rules, the referees' vote determines the winner."

The Englewood, N. J., lad was greeted with a round of applause after the exhibition. He was behind Gerschwiler by about 34 points after yesterday's compulsory figure-cutting. Third was Arthur Apfel of Great Britain.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

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Cougars Chasing Beavers

SEATTLE, Feb. 15 (AP)—Washington State, boasting an eight-game winning streak after losing three of its first four northern division Pacific Coast conference games, drove on today in its efforts to overtake league-leading Oregon State.

The Cougars, whose second team was just as effective as the starting varsity five, easily trounced the injury-riddled Washington Huskies last night 54 to 38 for their third victory in three games this season with their old rivals.

On the other hand, the Grizzlies, who were racing to an 81 to 41 win over the luckless Idaho Vandals at Eugene setting a new scoring record for University of Oregon teams and giving Idaho its 12th straight conference defeat in 12 games this winter, Idaho is defending titleholder.

The bright spot for Washington was Center Jack Nichols' 13 points for scoring honors, but the game was never in doubt after midway in the first half. From a tie score of 10-10, Washington State moved out to a 21-10 lead and certain victory.

At Eugene, both coaches cleared their benches and the pace of play stayed at high speed throughout. Twenty-four players took part.

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How They Stand

Team	District 4	W.	L.
Klamath	8	1	0
Medford	8	2	0
Grants Pass	6	0	0
Ashland	3	0	0
Central Point	2	10	0
Northern Division			
Oregon State	10	1	0
Washington State	9	3	0
Washington	6	3	0
Oregon	4	7	0
Idaho	0	12	0
City Division			
Ashley	5	0	0
Rick's	5	1	0
Son's of Italy	3	2	0
Hal's Sports	3	2	0
Merchants	1	4	0
Woolens	1	4	0
Legion	0	5	0
County Division			
Tule Flyers	6	0	0
Henley	6	2	0
Merrill Town	5	3	0
Merrill Ind.	5	3	0
Malin	4	3	0
Chiloquin	4	4	0
Bonanza	4	4	0
Tule Flyers	1	6	0
Beavers	1	6	0
Tule Merchants	1	6	0

BASKETBALL Results

OREGON HIGH SCHOOL

Grants Pass 59, Central Point 54.
Pendleton 33, Hermiston 31.
The Dalles 56, Bend 53.
Newberg 38, Hillsboro 28.
Baker 37, La Grande 33.
Klamath Falls 63, Ashland 19.
Roosevelt 45, Franklin 35.
Washington 55, Benson 38.
Seaside 45, Scappoose 42.
McMinnville 51, Tigard 43.
Gresham 36, Central Catholic 33.
Milwaukie 70, Canby 35.
Newport 39, Toledo 34.
Willamina 48, Independence 28.
Junction City 32, Cottage Grove 29.
Rainier 63, St. Helens 48.
Taft 50, Waldport 26.
Dallas 31, Molalla 24.
Sandy 38, Stayton 26.
Lebanon 37, Albany 32.
Vernonia 66, Clatskanie 23.
Salem 53, Springfield 36.
Estacada 54, Woodburn 44.
Jefferson 47, Commerce 33.
Grant 36, Lincoln 32.
Kalama 28, Stevenson 15.
Union 35, La Center 27.
Deaf School 42, Washougal 43.
Vancouver 41, Chehalis 30.
Longview 51, Battleground 30.
Kelso 45, Camas 31.
Eugene 47, Corvallis 45.

Western College

UCLA 85, California 52.
Wyoming 38, Denver 32.
Montana U. 75, Gonzaga 53.
Utah 55, Utah State 41.
Washington State 54, Washington 38.
Oregon 81, Idaho 41.
British Columbia 57, Willemette 48.
San Francisco 47, Nevada 35.
Stanford 55, Southern California 50.
San Diego State 45, Fresno State 31.
Central Washington 95, St. Martins 53.
Santa Clara 57, College of Pacific 50.
Eastern Washington 66, Western Washington 44.
Montana State College 58, Idaho Southern Branch 44.
San Jose State 62, California Poly 36.

Two Referees

The rugged mat match between the Grey Mask and Billy Weidner has been matched for the third week in a row, according to Promoter Mack Lillard, and will top off Thursday's wrestling card. Lillard said that he would probably hire two referees to oversee the event.

Tornado Swamped

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 15 (AP)—The University of Oregon Freshman basketball team defeated Lowell high school 74-35 and Medford high 62-25 in a double-header here yesterday.

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Pelicans Trounce Ashland

The Klamath Pelicans turned on the heat in the second half at Ashland last night to trounce the Grizzlies 63 to 19, remaining atop the district 4 basketball circuit and gaining a few percentage points on the second-place Medford Tornado.

It was the eighth conference win for the Pelicans against one loss, while Medford—not engaging in league play this weekend—has a record of eight and two.

The first half of the game last night ended with Klamath ahead 26-10, but Clarence Bussman, who scored 15 points, and his teammates Gene Hoover and Jerry Thorn at 10 each, ran the count up in the final periods while holding Ashland to nine more points.

Grants Pass kept its grip on fourth place in the standings—out of the championship running—by dropping Central Point 59 to 54.

Elsewhere around the state prep basketball circuit the Hood River Dragons, leaders of district two, moved down Astoria, top team of district 10, 38 to 26. It was the 17th win in 18 starts for the Dragons.

Bend, winner of the Central Oregon league, fell before The Dalles 56-53 in non-conference play. Washington and Roosevelt scored wins to stay on top in the Portland city league. Eugene is still far in front of district 6. Salem is favored in district 11 and beat Springfield last night 53-36.

Fusari Rocks Tippy To Sleep

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—Charley Fusari didn't get up to help "Pop" on the milk route over in Jersey this morning because Charley had done his delivering in Madison Square Garden last night.

The 21-year-old Sicilian-born sweater from Irvington, N. J., had delivered so well that today he could boast 48 straight victories, and his nine-round job of flattening Tippy Larkin, the junior welterweight champion, moved him far up front and center among challengers for Sugar Ray Robinson's welterweight crown.

This was clouting Charley's 34th knockout in his never-beaten career, and with it he really "arrived" among the welterweight chamour boys.

Fesler Starts Ohio State Job

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 15 (AP)—Wesley Fesler started on his new job as Ohio State's head football coach today, although he still had no formal contract and had not yet resigned from the University of Pittsburgh.

Fesler said he intended to resign from Pittsburgh immediately since he had been approved last night by the Ohio State athletic board as the man to succeed Paul Bixler, who resigned last week to coach at Colgate.

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Sugar On Pan . . . Robinson Accused Of Not Reporting Bribe

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—The New York state athletic commission will announce its decision Monday in the case of Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson, charged with failing to report to the commission a purported \$25,000 bribe offer.

In its second hearing within a week, the commission yesterday took the testimony of Robinson and his manager, George Gainford, on an incident which while Robinson was in training for his scheduled title bout with Marty Servo, who was champion at that time.

The commission last week after a hearing revoked the license of middleweight Rocky Graziano for failing to report two \$100,000 bribe bids to throw fights.

Robinson testified a man, "stocky and well dressed," came to him after a training session and said "I'll bet you \$25,000, you don't make the weight."

"I jumped up from the rubbing table," Robinson testified, "and told him 'I've been waiting five years for this title shot—why shouldn't I make the weight? I'll make the weight if I have to go in on one leg.' Then I walked into the shower."

Gainford testified the man then said, "Don't get sore—it's simply a sporting proposition." Robinson first told boxing writers of the incident on December 16. The bout never came off because Servo abdicated the throne and retired from boxing with an injured nose. In December, Robinson succeeded to the title by outpointing Tommy Bell.

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