

Pelican Win Over Medford, 57-37, Puts Klamath Quintet Into State Hoop Tourney

Solid 20-Point Victory Cinches District Pennant

By HALE SCARBROUGH
The district 4 basketball title went to the Klamath Pelicans last night and along with it a ticket to Eugene and the state prep school cage tournament. The Pelicans handed Medford's Tigers a solid 20-point defeat, 57 to 37, in the game that clinched the southern Oregon championship.

Playing before a full house at KUHS gym, Klamath was behind in the ball game only for a matter of seconds, and after three minutes of the first quarter had slipped by took a lead to hold and expand.

To start everything off Bill Werner fouled big Jerry Thorn and the Pelican center laid in his one foul shot. Seconds later Clarence Bussman fouled Werner in the act of shooting. Bill missed one try and sank the next to tie the game, 1-1.

That was the only time the score was deadlocked. Thorn then fouled Doug Coghill and Coghill proceeded to put the Tigers in the lead, but Jerry whirled through with a fast basket, first of the game, and the Pelicans led, 3-2. Werner's time was next and he drove in a two-pointer from the right side of the Medford bucket to make it 4-3 for Medford.

At that juncture Clarence Bussman dropped back at an angle and swished in the basket which put the Pels out front for good. Medford took time out to think it over, but as soon as the clock started rolling again LeRoy Coleman dumped in a couple of his favorites from in front of the key circle.

Score at the quarter was 15-6 but before that period ended the Pelicans pulled one bit of frenzied rebound-taking when they had eight shots at the hoop in a continuous mix before Coleman finally found the rim.

A margin of 10 points, more or less, was held by the Pelicans through the second quarter and most of the third, and Medford took its fifth and final time out midway of the third period, just after the Pelicans had splurged on a couple of buckets and two foul shots.

Count at the close of the third period was 39 to 23. Opening the fourth canto the Tigers suddenly caught fire for one of the few times during the game. Joe Ches landed a two-pointer. Bill Singler followed up with one and Joe Ches caught the Pelican defense napping for another, six points in less than a minute.

The Pelicans took time out to let their rivals cool off and it apparently was an effective move. From then on out it was a matter of padding Klamath's lead up to the final 20-point bulge.

Bill Singler fouled out just before the game ended, the only player to leave the floor via the thumb rule.

One big factor in the Pelican win was dead foul tossing shooting. Klamath completed 15 out of 22 in that department, and the Tigers didn't do badly, 10 of 19. Klamath was charged with 16 fouls, Medford with 18.

Fred Ches, stocky captain of the Medford quintet, was way off on his marksmanship, but at that he led the Medford scoring with 11 points. Tom Mottern, center, who starred under the backboard for the Tigers, scored 10.

On the Klamath side Coleman had 13 points. Thorn had 12 and Bussman nine.

The two teams meet again tonight at 8:15 in an anti-climatic contest. In last night's preliminary the Klamath Jayvees beat their Medford counterparts 46 to 20.

Lineups and scoring:
Klamath Pos. Medford
Bussman (9) F (3) Coghill
Hoyer (4) F (4) J. Ches
Thorn (12) C (11) F. Ches
Coleman (13) G (11) F. Ches
Zarosinski (7) G (4) Werner
Pelican reserves—Cessnun (1), Don Zarosinski (4), Craig (7), Redkey and Hellbrunner. Medford reserves—Riggs, Nedermeyer, Singler (3), Fasel and Shangle (2).

Well, Where Is He?
SARASOTA, Fla.—Boston Red Sox officials indicated that they expect Slugger Ted Williams to arrive today, but merely shrugged to the question, "where's Rudy York?"

Pels Average 54.6 Points Over Season

One more game remains to be played before the Klamath Pelicans are done with district 4 basketball competition for the year, that with Medford tonight, but the pressure is off. Last night's win was all the Pels needed.

So far this season Coach Wayne Scott's boys have played 27 games, both league and extra, winning 23 and losing four.

In those 27 contests the Pels have amassed a total of 1474 points, for an average of 54.6 per game, while their collective opponents have been rationed down to an 822 total or a 30.4 average.

Those figures speak good for both the Klamath offense and defense. It shows that on the average the Pels have been a full 24 points better than their opponents, just as they were 20 points better than the Tigers last night.

On a comparative basis, the other Klamath county team which is seeking state honors, Chiloquin has played 24 games, won them all and run up 1085 points to 364 for the Panthers' combined opponents.

That makes an average of 45 per game for Chiloquin, 23.5 for the opposition, and Chiloquin has been almost 22 points per contest better than the opponents.

So Klamath county has two teams to watch next week—the Pelicans at Eugene, the Panthers at Arlington. If figures mean anything, both of them should go a long way in their respective tourneys.

Walcott Eyes Heavy Crown
MIAMI, Fla., March 5 (AP)—New Jersey's Joe Walcott had an eye cocked today toward Joe Louis and the world heavyweight boxing crown.

The veteran Jersey puncher scored a 10-round decision over Elmer (Violent) Ray last night in the first all-negro fight card ever held in the Orange bowl.

A crowd of 8077 saw the Jersey jolter knocked Ray down in the first, third and fourth rounds and successfully shouldered aside a last-round flurry by the Hastings, Fla., slugger.

Ray, winner by knockouts in 50 of his last 51 fights, bounced to his feet before the count began each time he was floored, but was unable to weather the storm of hard wallops tossed at him by the Camden, N. J., puncher.

Yankees Swarm Over Brooklyn
CARACAS, Venezuela, March 5 (AP)—The New York Yankees spotted the Brooklyn Dodgers four runs in three innings last night and then swarmed all over the Brooks to chalk up a 17-6 triumph in an exhibition baseball game.

Playing before 10,000 fans, the Yanks staged their heaviest offensive of the spring training season with Pitchers Rex. Barney, John Van Cuyk and Erving Palica of the Brooks taking the pounding.

Junior Hi Prelim
The town-county junior high rivals—Altamont and Fremont—will hook up tonight in the preliminary game to the Klamath-Medford engagement on the KUHS hardwood. The prelim will start at 7 p. m. and the main event at 8:15.

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Downcast View Of Situation



Pete Belcastro, shown here on the bottom of a leg strangle applied by powerful Billy Weidner, apparently is getting the wrong slant of things from this angle. Thursday night Pete grapples Georges Dusette and Weidner tangles with Frankie Hart in a twin main event.

Strikes 'n Spares

Now that the men's city bowling tournament is settled—all but playing it off, that is—the women are making plans for their tourney which will be held at Recreation alleys March 20-21. The men's series starts March 15.

There are 14 league teams from which to draw entries to the kegling, eight in the Lady Bugs and six among the Termites, and every girl, regardless of age, has an equal chance of walking off with a prize.

The tourney functions on a handicap basis and any woman bowler who has paid her WIBC dues is eligible. Fifteen league games establishes a handicap. Team events will be rolled on regular handicaps; in the doubles event low-average keglers will draw partners from the high average group; singles will be in three classes—A (140 and up), B (130-139), and C (129 and down).

Awards will be made for every event and for all-events, a trophy for the girl with the highest total pins.

Erle Hamilton is preparing to pass out gleaming little bowling pins for each 200 or better game in league bowling.

Entries for the tourney are due in March 6, tomorrow night, at \$2 for each event entered. Women will sign up with their team captains.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT
By The Associated Press
MIAMI, Fla.—Jersey Joe Walcott, 192½, Camden, N. J., outpointed Elmer (Violent) Ray, 194½, Hastings, Fla., 10.
FRESNO, Calif.—Don Lee, 151, Los Angeles, outpointed Al Robinson, 146, Fresno, 10.
LOS ANGELES—Fitz Fitzpatrick, 181, Los Angeles, outpointed Jack Porter, 175, Oakland, Calif., 10.

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First Exhibition
MIAMI, Fla., March 5 (AP)—Pittsburgh's two home run belt-ers, Hank Greenberg, "Big Boy," and Ralph Kiner, "Little Boy," are slated to play in the outfield today when the Pirates hook up with the Browns in their first exhibition game of the season.

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Three More State Prep Tickets Out

By The Associated Press
Three more district champions claimed berths in the state high school basketball tournament today and two Portland teams were tied and faced a playoff as the result of games yesterday.

Rainier won the district 14 title by defeating St. Helens, 54 to 43, with Bob Hill scoring 26 points to star. Coos Bay easily elbowed Myrtle Point, 57 to 35, in a five-minute meeting to finish a previous contest and then cleaned up a second full length game, 55 to 44, to clinch the district 5 title. Klamath Falls swamped Medford, 57 to 37, to sew up district 4.

In the Portland race for district 16 berth and runner-up in the city ranks, Jefferson and Roosevelt stand 12 wins and 4 losses each and will meet Friday for the district berth. Washington high earlier clinched district 15.

Others undecided are district 11 where Salem is favored for the Friday game ending the playoff, and district 12 where Milwaukie and Molalla are due to close the race tomorrow.

Honkers Face League Games
TULELAKE, March 5—A and B squads of the Tulelake Honkers played unspectacular ball over the week-end, dropping two games to Weed on the local court Friday night. The visitors took the preliminary B round 40-31 and the main go 41-22.

The maple pounders made a slightly better showing Saturday night when they took the A round from the Klamath Wildcats at Klamath by a 4-point margin to win 36-32. The B game played with the Klamath Freshmen was lost 33-27.

Next week-end the Honkers travel to Elms Friday night and to Fort Jones Saturday. Both are conference games.

Card Infield Set
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Mar. 5—With Stan Musial in uniform, the St. Louis Cardinals' regular infield of Musial, Al Schoendienst, Marty Marion and George Kuzrowski is now intact and ready for a rigorous training grind.

Hartung Slaps One
PHOENIX, Ariz., March 5 (AP)—Clint Hartung, New York Giant rookie, in his initial appearance in competition, smashed the first pitch offered him over a 30-foot fence at the 370 foot mark in the Giants' opening intra-squad game yesterday.

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Pat Valentino, 186, San Francisco, outpointed St. Ernie Rios, 183, Los Angeles, 10.
SEATTLE—Milo Savage, 156, Seattle, outpointed Irish Billy Walker, 161, Seattle, 10.

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Panthers Hold Favor In Arlington Scrap

ARLINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The class of the B leagues—eight teams from scattered sections of Oregon—began arriving here today for the annual class B high school basketball tournament.

Play gets under way in four games tomorrow—and fans are predicting the eventual champion will come either from the Chiloquin-Pleasant Hill contest in the afternoon or the Dayton-Union tussle at night.

The afternoon tilt is drawing the greater interest. Chiloquin, the district 5 winner, has 24 consecutive victories. Pleasant Hill from district 3 has a potent, high-scoring record.

Dayton from district 2 and Union from district 8 also have stand-out records.

Cast in separate brackets, winners of these games would not meet until the Saturday night final.

But the tourney is known for its upsets, and one of the other opening games may produce the crown winner. These will pit Myrtle Creek from district 6 against Parkdale from district 6 in the opening tilt and Star of the Sea (Astoria), district 1 representative, against John Day from district 1 in the first night game. Winners of the afternoon tussles will be paired for Friday night contests.

The opening round:
Myrtle Creek vs. Parkdale, 2:30 p. m.
Chiloquin vs. Pleasant Hill, 3:45 p. m.
Star of Sea (Astoria) vs. John Day, 7:30 p. m.
Dayton vs. Union, 8:45 p. m.

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