

Beavers' Title Series With UCLA Kept Quiet

State Seen As Favorite

By MATT R. KRAMER
CORVALLIS, Ore., March 6 (AP)—Oregon State and UCLA will meet here tomorrow night in the opening game of the Pacific coast's annual basketball classic—the winner to go on to the western NCAA finals at Kansas City—but there is a strange public calm about it. Normally enthusiastic, the public may not be whooping it up because only 700 of them will get into the game—Oregon State's other 1800 seats are reserved for students—or it may be that no one wants to get out on a partisan limb.

Statistics are that evenly matched, and the teams have not met before. They haven't even played common opponents. Oregon State won the title in the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference—for the fifth time since Amory T. "Slick" Gill became coach 18 years ago—and UCLA won the southern division—for the first time in the school's history.

Oregon State has perhaps a slight edge on paper, but Beaver fans are scared silly of what big Don Barksdale, UCLA center, may do to their team.

Barksdale, a rugged negro backboard worker at 215 pounds and 6 feet 6 inches, has averaged 16.5 points a game. Occasionally he runs up to 30 points in a contest.

UCLA Coach Wilbur Johns credits him with an unstoppable play. "He jumps and throws the ball down through the hoop," Johns says.

Oregon State has its own scoring expert, Ephraim "Red" Rocha, who stands 6 feet 3 inches, but whose 180 pounds can't match Barksdale's weight, an important factor under the backboards.

Rocha has managed, however, to average 13.5 points a game against fairly rugged opponents in the northern division. Like Barksdale he is capable of a terrific single-game performance. One night against Idaho, he ran up 38 points, a division record.

Other team members match evenly on height and scoring ability.

If Oregon State has an edge in remaining statistics—63.3 points a game to UCLA's 58 while allowing opponents an average 40.7 to UCLA's 48—the California fans can point to their team's late-season rush in which it won the southern title, averaging 66 points in each of the last eight games.

UCLA is scheduled to arrive today in time to work out before the game tomorrow. A second contest will be played Saturday night and a third, if necessary, next Monday.

700-Point Mark Tied

NEW YORK, March 6 (AP)—Cliff McNeely, of Texas Wesleyan, has surpassed Bob Kurland's 643 points that won the Oklahoma Aggie last year's national collegiate individual high scoring basketball crown.

McNeely now boasts 679 points and goes after the 700-point mark in the NAIB tourney that opens on Monday in Kansas City.

Jim Lacy, of Baltimore Loloia, who several weeks ago was only 29 points behind the south-west star, now is far in the rear with 578 points and apparently had little chance of catching up, although he will participate in the Mason-Dixon tourney opening tonight at Washington, D. C.

Darrel Brown, of Humboldt (Calif.) State, currently holds third place at 569 points, but since Humboldt's season is over, Brown may yield to McNeely's teammate, E. F. Parkham, now fourth at 533. These are the only four players reported with 600 or more points.

Train March 25

SPOKANE, March 6 (AP)—The Spokane Indians of the Western International league open spring training March 25 at San Bernardino, Calif., Business Manager Denny Spellacy said today.

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Final returns from the Moose bowling tourney held recently in Eugene indicate that the local men keglers did very well by themselves. Women of the Moose returns, already in, gave the ladies from Klamath a first in team event and several other money places.

Four men's squads entered the competition and out of 22 places they finished second (2884), seventh (2884), 18th (2612), and 19th (2602). That second place was worth \$25.

Ted Arrives At Red Sox Train Camp

SARASOTA, Fla., March 6 (AP)—Ted Williams pulled his new car to a screaming stop and stepped into the bright sunshine. The Boston Red Sox officially had opened spring training.

Lean and tan after two months fishing in the Everglades, slim Teddy held court in a sidewalk interview. Twisting and turning his head and craning his neck like a schoolboy, the slugger answered the queries of newsmen who had been awaiting his arrival.

In keeping with a quaint Williams custom, Teddy arrived late yesterday afternoon, hours after the regular workout and three days after the rest of the team reported. He mumbled something about being caught in the heavy traffic and visiting a reptile farm but nobody paid much attention. The team had arrived.

"Are you going to try hitting to left field this year?" a reporter asked.

"I'm not going to change my style," the splendid splinter replied as he eased into a pair of knee length woolen socks. "It all depends on what they do to me. If they pile to many men into right field, I'll have to do something."

'B' Playoff Games Start

ARLINGTON, March 6 — The class of the B leagues—eight of the best small school basketball teams in Oregon—started to work this afternoon, and fans are predicting that the eventual state B champ will come from the Chiloquin-Pleasant Hill game today or the Dayton-Union tussle tonight.

Chiloquin, from Klamath county, is drawing a lot of interest because of the Panther string of 24 wins without a defeat.

But this tourney is known for upsets, and the other seven squads in the meet also have enviable season records at which to point. All squads arrived in Arlington yesterday.

Today's opening round: Myrtle Creek vs. Parkdale, 2:30 p. m. Chiloquin vs. Pleasant Hill, 3:45.

Star of Sea (Astoria) vs. John Day, 7:30 p. m. Dayton vs. Union, 8:45 p. m.

Wyoming Hires Ex-Volunteer

LARAMIE, Wyo., March 6 (AP) Bowden Wyatt, Mississippi State end coach, accepted the post of head football coach at the University of Wyoming last night, President G. D. Humphrey announced.

The former University of Tennessee wing star replaces Bernard F. (Bunny) Oakes who resigned, and will arrive here in time to direct spring training.

On Title Squad

Bob Everett, former Riverside student and son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Everett of 223 Grant street now living in Coos Bay, is a member of the Coos county junior high hoop championship team.

The Marshfield junior high team emerged winner of the Coos county grade basketball league. Bob played on the Riverside string here.

IN THE CHIPS

BERWICK, Pa., March 6 (AP) Mrs. Hensyl Garrison accidentally dropped her diamond engagement ring in a 25-cent bag of potato chips she was packaging.

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Pelicans Again Tip Medford

Klamath's Pelicans wound up their district basketball schedule on KUHS court last night by beating the Medford Tigers 50 to 36, and Coach Wayne Scott has outlined a moderately stiff slate of practice for the Pels before they take off for Eugene and the state tourney next week.

Last night's game was an anticlimax, but it was a better contest from a spectator point of view than the one Tuesday evening when the Pels clinched district 4 laurels and the state playoff berth.

In fact, the Pelicans never began to get a bulge on the Toronado until the third quarter. Halftime score was 21-21. The count was either tied or changed hands 17 times before intermission.

Bill Singler fouled Gene Hoover to give Klamath the first score of the game, but Freddie Chex dumped in a basket to take the lead away in the first minute of play. Joe Zarosinski bounced one around on the rim to put the Pelicans ahead 3-2, then Bill Waters potted a foul shot for Medford to even the score.

The game went on that way with both teams being deadly accurate on foul tosses and very few baskets being made, and Klamath was ahead 10-8 at the close of the first quarter.

In the second quarter Tom Mottern tied the count again but the Pels built up a three-point lead before the Tigers came up to tie the halftime count.

But Joe Chex fouled LeRoy Coleman right at the start of the third period, and Coleman's perfect one-point delivery put the Pelicans ahead for the remainder of the game. It was close for a while but Medford never fully caught up although there was a long dry spell late in the third period when the Tigers drew six straight foul shots and made four.

Joe Zarosinski and LeRoy Coleman sank 12 points each to head the scoring, and Clarence Bussman, although he played only the second half of the game, accounted for nine. Bill Waters scored nine points for the Tigers.

The opening game last night between Altamont and Fremont junior highs was a thriller, with Altamont emerging victorious by 30-28 in an overtime period. Score at the end of the regular time was 24-24.

Lineups and scoring:

Klamath: F. Medford, Rod Key (4), F. (3) Singler, Hoover (6), F. (3) J. Chex, Thorn (1), C. (8) Mottern, Coleman (12), G. (9) Werner, J. Zarosinski (12), G. (6) F. Chex. Klamath reserves — Bussman (9), Cessnun, D. Zarosinski (2), Heilbronner, Craig (2), Kennett (2). Medford reserves—Coghill (4), Riggs, Nedermeyer, Arnold, Fasel (1) and Shangle.

Mauer Is Next Cadet Mentor

WEST POINT, N. Y., March 6 (AP)—Johnny Mauer, whose won-lost average for eight years as a Tennessee basketball coach was .750, is Army's new cage mentor, succeeding Stuart K. Holcomb, who next week will assume his new job as head football coach at Purdue.

Mauer's appointment was announced yesterday by Col. Lawrence M.C.C. (Biff) Jones, graduate manager of athletics at the Military academy.

Like Holcomb, Mauer will also be a member of Earl Blaik's football staff.

Watson Awarded OSC Ring Title

Jerry Watson, son of Mrs. Estelle Watson, 1519 Worden and a KUHS graduate, recently copped the Oregon State college middleweight boxing crown. He beat Dalton Clark, runnerup for the coast AAU championship, in the title bout.

Watson had also taken a win over Frank Ossiander, another Klamath Falls student at OSC. He is an automotive engineering major in his freshman year at college.

Riverside Tops Teddies, 29-12

Riverside defeated Roosevelt 29 to 12 yesterday afternoon to knock the Teddies out of the grade school B basketball runnng. Douglas Pence led the scoring with 12 points for the winners.

This afternoon on Fairview court Riverside meets once-beaten Fremont in a semi-final tilt, and the winner of that contest will play Fairview in the championship game tomorrow.

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A Definition of Our Town

Somebody defined our town just the other day as "A place where the people talk about you behind your back, and come to wait on you when you're sick."

I've got to admit there's something to it. A lot of our folks are inclined to be pretty outspoken and quick to criticize... even about little things, like a woman's hat, or a man's preference for a glass of beer, or the color of Cy Hartman's new barn.

But when anyone's in trouble, those differences and points of criticism are forgotten... and folks become neighborly and helpful, like they really are.

From where I sit, criticism never did much harm to anybody, so long as folks don't let it guide their actions... so long as they respect our individual preferences, whether they apply to hate or beer. That's the way it is in our town, anyway, and I hope that it's the same in yours.

Joe Marsh

Well, Who's Next?



Registered Trap Event Is Planned By Local Gun Club

The Klamath Gun club will hold a registered shoot next Sunday, March 9, at the Wocus shooting grounds, and all trapshooters are welcome to come out and take a hand.

In last week's firing the scores were low. Clyde Fox's 46 from 16 yards and 43 handicap mark was the best of the event, although Shirley Congdon hit 46 targets in the regular shoot and Martin Adams cracked 43 in the handicap.

Rough Going Match Made

Rough and tough will probably be the word for the going tonight when Pete Belcastro, the Weed Assassin, and Georges Dusette crawl into the armory ring to continue a fight which started way last fall down in Yreka.

Dusette, the mighty Canuck, has been on the shelf since that fight last September, result of Belcastro's mauling, and is just now getting back to the job of earning a living as a rasserler. This is the first time he has had a chance to try to even things up with Belcastro since he came back on the circuit a couple of weeks ago.

The two bruisers are paired in the top half of tonight's double main event of five rounds.

In the other portion of the twin bill popular Billy Weidner will go into a struggle with equally popular Frankie Hart in what should be a clean and gentlemanly set of five rounds.

Opening the card at 8:30 will be a three-rounder between Herb Parks of Canada and Ruben Gracia of Sonora, Mexico.

Keene Joins OSC Athletic Staff

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 6 (AP)—Roy S. Keene, former Willamette university athletic head for 15 years, has been named director of athletics at Oregon State college.

Keene, an Oregon State graduate, baseball star and OSC coach, was named head coach of all major Willamette sports in 1926. He directed the navy's physical fitness program at St. Mary's during World War II and on returning resigned the Willamette position to open a sporting goods store.

He succeeds Percy P. Lacey, who resigned at OSC, and takes over March 15.

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Santa Anita Derby... Three-Horse Affair Shaping In Rich Run

ARCADIA, Calif., March 6 (AP)—The Santa Anita derby Saturday may turn out to be the richest horse race of the winter season, with a \$135,300 pot for the three-year-olds if 21 enter and run.

The field may be large but the race shapes up as a three-horse affair, at least on the cold figures. The W-L ranch, owned by Movie Man Harry L. Warner, will send a powerful duo post-ward, Stepfather and W. L. Sickle, and the horse they probably have to beat is E. O. Slick on Trust.

Stepfather, purchased by Warner in the recent dispersal sale of the Louis B. Mayer stable, beat a picked field of three-year-olds in the \$50,000 San Vicente handicap, On Trust and W. L. Sickle included, but was disqualified for interference and placed last. On Trust had to give away weight in that race, however, and W. L. Sickle was in light Saturday, each horse will carry 118 pounds over the mile and one-quarter route.

Stepfather has shown an inclination to drift out in the stretch, but will have aboard the Warner contract rider, Jack Westrope. Eddie Arcaro will ride W. L. Sickle.

On Trust seems the most consistent three-year-old on the grounds, but the Warner stable is strong on Stepfather, who commanded a \$200,000 price, and plans to take him east in quest of the triple crown this summer.

C. S. Howard's Tropical Sea, a likely-looking son of the great Seabiscuit, may go in the derby. He has been improving fast and last week won a seven-furlong prep in 1:23 3-5.

The derby will wind up racing for the season at Santa Anita. Attendance and betting held up surprisingly well, and the \$5,500 turnout and 44 million handle for last week's handicap broke all previous records.

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