

# Oregon State Brings First One In, 69-52

## Strikes 'n Spares

Although all eyes are focused on the men's city championship journey coming up Monday, regular league play went on this week and the Automotive circuit finished off its 21-week schedule with the Lombard squad coming out ahead at 53 points.

That's based on the system of one point for each team game won and one for high series total.

The rest of the league finished in this order: Ashley Chevrolet (49), Jack's Shell (41), Dick B. Miller (39), Anderson Motors (38), Bulck (37), Black and White (37), Balsiger (34).

In clinching the circuit title, the Lombard quintet this week compiled a series total of 3034 pins to vanquish Balsiger four points. Second place Ashley team took a whole series from Jack's Shell.

Henry Dillstrom of the Bulck squad took individual honors during the Automotive season with a 254 game and a 817 series. The Ashley team had a 3122 three-game total for high in that sector, while the Balsiger outfit compiled a team game total of 1118 for the season's best.

Ernest MacBeth and Frank Hall turned in the best three-game scores in the Classic league this week, each a 205. MacBeth had a sparkling 235 and Hall's best was a 217. MacBeth's effort came while the Landry team was taking a forfeit series from Bonanza, while Hall's juggling helped the Palmerton boys take two of three from Medical-Dental Barber. Kermit Sheets had 599, including a 221 line, for the Barbers, and Cliff Baxter struck 218 for Palmerton.

Louie's Food earned a 951 to 950 line from Edwards Richfield to gain a split in points on that series. Bill Davis Associated took two of three lines and series total from Watters Insurance.

A 517 series rolled by Vivian Ulrich of the Coca-Cola team spotted this week's Lady Bug play. Mary Bothwell and Pauline Suty each had 507's. Martha McCollum's 189 line was best. Coca-Cola took a series from Rogers Jewell and Oregon Equipment beat Pacific Fruit Express a series. Fluhrers divided with Houston's Beauty and Pine Street Market split with Griggs Food.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights of next week will find Recreation all-week occupied by the city tournament, so no leagues will roll during the week. The two ladies leagues, Lady Bugs and Termites, have the floor Thursday night.

In a recent match between two Klamath ladies' teams and a pair of Medford girl squads, the locals copped every series in scratch bowling, generally by a pretty good margin.

The squad, composed of Flo Ann Eaton, Vivian Ulrich, Dorothy Adams, Mary Bothwell and Pearl Poppy ranked up a 2456 three-game total in one series.

## OSC NEEDS NEW PLANT

CORVALLIS, March 8 (AP)—Possibility that Oregon State college may get a new football field and stadium and a new basketball pavilion is voiced in the current issue of the Oregon Stater, alumni magazine.

The Stater quoted President A. L. Strand as telling an alumni group recently that it is possible both jobs can be done at once because of the prospect of strong public support of athletics for several years plus large enrollment which will increase the student building fund.

The Stater adds that construction might require shifting "home" football games to another location for one season but says this would be favored by the coaching staff.

## Santa Anita Track Fast

ARCADIA, Calif., March 8 (AP)—Santa Anita park winds up its tenth extravaganza staged turf meeting today with an event that may boast more color than class—the \$100,000 derby.

Thirteen 3-year-olds—eight of them California bred—were named for the mile and one-quarter race. They were Stepfather, W. L. Sickle, On Trust, Hubble Bubble, U Time, Hormone, Tropical Sea, Beau Nash, Grey Skies, Overslept, Sparky Cannon, Faucon and Full House.

Cloudy weather and a fast track were in prospect, with some threat of light showers which the weather bureau said might not arrive until nightfall.

The track predicted a record-breaking derby day throng of around 70,000, or some 15,000 more than the top crowd which watched Stagehand score in the 1938 derby.

Post-time was tentatively set for 5:03 o'clock (Pacific standard time).

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## UCLA Threat Bottled Up

CORVALLIS, Ore., March 8 (AP)—One up on UCLA with a 69-52 victory, Oregon State became the favorite to win the Pacific coast conference crown here tonight in the second game between the teams.

Sent out with orders from Coach Amory T. "Slats" Gill to "stop Barksdale," the Beavers did just that last night.

Putting two and sometimes three men on Center Don Barksdale, the high-scoring negro center for UCLA, they held him to five field goals and a total of 15 points. For the 6 foot 8-inch Barksdale that is a poor night.

The result was a convincing win for the Beavers. After overcoming jitters in the early minutes, they out-slickered the Uclan Bruins in floor play and at times the losers seemed dazed by the rapid ball-handling.

Early nervousness put the Beavers behind by a 6-0 count, but 5 foot 10-inch Lew Beck snapped them out of it. He set the pace on fast breaks into UCLA territory and within minutes they edged into the lead at 11-9.

Then 6 foot 9-inch Center Ephraim "Red" Rocha caught fire. He dumped in six field goals in the first half, and the Beavers held a 39-26 advantage at the intermission.

It almost became a rout in the second period, the Beavers moving first to a 15-point lead and later to a 20-point margin that was cut only after Gill removed his regulars to let them rest for tonight's effort.

Rocha, in between moments of guarding the ever-dangerous Barksdale, found time to run his total to 20 points before going to the bench with five minutes remaining.

Despite the gang effort on Barksdale, the 220-pound Bruin was impressive. Several times he reached over three men to score with a flick of the wrist. Given any lack of alertness by Beaver defenders, he could reverse the score tonight.

In scoring, Forward Cliff Crandall of the Beavers duplicated Barksdale's 15 points. He was followed by Erland Anderson and Lew Beck of Oregon State with 12 each. Dick West was second high for the Uclans with 10.

## Indoor Mark In 440 Set

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 8 (AP)—The University of Illinois' powerful bid tonight for a second straight Big Nine indoor track title yielded the spotlight to the Illinois' own Jamaican-born Herb McKenley, who now has streaked to the fastest indoor and outdoor quarter mile times in the record books.

McKenley last night blurred around the Illinois armory for a new American indoor 440 mark of 48 seconds flat in preliminary competition of the Big Nine meet.

There is no world record for the quarter mile indoors, but McKenley, who probably will represent Britain in the 1948 Olympic games, last spring galloped to a new world outdoor mark of 48.2 in the Big Nine championships.

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# From Midfield

By HALE SCARBROUGH

## Cage Sport Doesn't Make Good Writing

Now that basketball is virtually over and the cage sport had a particularly gratifying season in Klamath Falls and the county, I'd like to comment here for what it's worth, that I, for one, am glad that it's just about finished for this year.

Basketball is a great sport to play and a great one to watch even for the casual spectator. It's a lot of fun to pick out a team like the Pelicans or Chiloquin or Henley or Ashley Chevrolets, see every game the team plays and just generally follow the thing right down to the end.

But of all the major organized sports, basketball probably lends itself less to good news writing and action coverage than any other. There just isn't a dominant incident in the game from which to hang a news story and make it really colorful and good reading.

## No One Spectacular Crowning Punch

Instead, basketball is a rapid-fire succession of incidents and the only two concrete points a sports reporter can glean onto are the score and the play which turned the tide for the eventual winner.

In football there is usually a long broken-field run or a sensational pass completion that a sports writer can go into a dither over.

In baseball the crowning blow is when a hitter clouts one over a distant fence.

In boxing the stickout point is a knockdown, in wrestling it's the fall, in almost every spectator sport there's that one thrill-packed incident that the fans remember for weeks to come and the sports writer uses as the feature interest of his coverage.

## Every Sports Writer Has Same Worry

But basketball is so fast that it just doesn't break out in sensation like the other sports. That's not only true from my own personal observation while trying to write up innumerable basketball games this season, if you'd care to compare with basketball coverage in other newspapers you'll find that every sports writer who does the hoop sport is faced with the same problem.

When he sits down to his typewriter he can't possibly put a picture of the breaking, checking, guarding, passing and shooting down on paper. It can't be done. He just starts out by telling which team won and that's that.

Another angle that most sports writers will agree on is that there is too much basketball. A reporter covering the sport will see probably five games to even the most rabid fan's one, and along about the first of March he's pretty well fed up with it and wishes football season would hurry and roll around.

## Klamath Can Be Proud Of Them

Now that that's off my mind, and it's not to be considered a slam on the sport of basketball, let me say that up here at the high school we have one of the best all-around hoop teams ever to grace this part of the country, and the Pelicans should go places in the playoff at Eugene. You won't find boys with more ability and a better sportsmanship attitude than the fellows on Wayne Scott's team this year.

Out at Chiloquin Sandy Miller had a wonderful team and a gang of fine boys. For a small school their record was the best in the state and certainly a credit to the basketball-loving town of Chiloquin. It was unfortunate that the Panthers got bumped the first day in Arlington, but in this book they're still champions.

## SNAPP LOOKING SHARP AT TRAINING SESSION

Ursal Snapp, the Merrill leather-pusher now in training for his next boy in the local squared circle, looked plenty sharp as he mauled four sparring mates with the 16-ounce pillows at the Salvation Army gym last night.

Snapp went eight rounds, two with each spar boy, in keeping with his training policy of being prepared to go 10 rounds. The popular lightweight fights Sonny Kelly Jackson, the tough Portland colored boy, Tuesday night.

About a month ago Jackson was decisoned by Snapp, but the fight went 10 rounds, and the first time Snapp had ever been required to take it and dish it out for that length of time. He was a weary boy when it was over.

High spot of the remainder of the card for Tuesday will be the semi-windup between the fast-improving Monte Montgomery and speedball Bobby Morris of Bend, welterweights. Morris has fought here only once, that on last May 21 when he pounded out a TKO over Rudy Carlson in one round.

Montgomery, who is probably the best ring prospect of all the boys fighting here, given proper guidance and training, has appeared in the local ring eight times, won six, lost one and drew one. In his latest outing he knocked out Rudy Carlson in the first round.

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## Pels Date Lebanon In Opener

By The Associated Press  
The lineup for the annual class "A" state high school basketball tournament was complete today with Roosevelt of Portland and Salem High the final teams to qualify.

Roosevelt defeated Jefferson, 37-27, for second place in the Portland league and the right to represent district 16 at the tourney in Eugene, March 11-15.

Salem trounced Sacred Heart of Salem in the finals of the district 11 playoff, 48-18.

This completed the list of 16 entrants. The first round pairings follow (team and district represented):  
Washington (15) vs. Astoria (10) Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.  
Hood River (2) vs. Redmond (3) Tuesday, 8:45 p. m.  
Coos Bay (5) vs. Molalla (12) Wednesday, 1 p. m.  
Sandy (13) vs. Rainier (14) Wednesday, 2:15 p. m.  
Roosevelt (16) vs. Salem (11) Wednesday, 3:30 p. m.  
Hillsboro (9) vs. Newberg (8) Wednesday, 4:45 p. m.  
La Grande (1) vs. Eugene (6) Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.  
Lebanon (7) vs. Klamath Falls (4) Wednesday, 8:45 p. m.

Radio station KFLW and Sportscenter Don Neal will air the Klamath Pelican games play-by-play direct from MacArthur court as long as the Pelicans remain in the tournament.

## Pete Stakes Junior Title

Tickets went on sale this morning at Castleberry's Drug store and Klamath Billiards for the championship mat affair coming up between Pete Belcastro and Billy Weidner at the armory next Thursday night.

Promoter Mack Lillard has announced that the title match is made and will be a five-rounder. Belcastro is the current holder of the Pacific coast junior heavyweight belt, which is the diadem indicative of leadership in the northwest muscle circuit.

Weidner has posted \$500 as a reward to Belcastro for the championship match. Georges Dusette was the man in line for the title shot, but Belcastro, in order to pluck the \$500 plum, is passing the muscular French Canadian.

## Cruz Batters Casino In 3

PORTLAND, March 8 (AP)—A vicious head and body attack that sent Jimmy Casino, 185, Los Angeles, tumbling to the canvas seven times gave Costello Cruz, 175, Santa Barbara, a TKO win at the end of the third round of their scheduled 10-round main event here last night. Referee Packer McFarland awarded the bout to Cruz after Casino had difficulty answering the bell for the fourth canto.

In the scheduled six-round semi-windup, Dick Wagner, 158, Oregon City, scored a third round TKO over Steve Moran, 163, Seattle.

Preliminary results included: Rocky Sullivan, 139, Spokane, knocked out Duane Hoag, 136, Portland, (1); Dick Abney, 150, Salem, TKO over Pat Kelly, 153, Portland, (1); Frankie Rowe, 178, Fort Lewis, outpointed Souber Daniels, 177, Portland, (4).

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## Panthers Lose . . . Pleasant Hill, Union Finalists In B Loop

ARLINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The favored Pleasant Hill Hillbillies of Lane county meet Union of Union county here tonight at 8:45 p. m., for the state class B high school basketball championship.

The Hillbillies, fastest team in the tournament, blazed past Parkdale last night, 58-22, with Dick Casey leading the way with 14 points. It was Pleasant Hill's 19th straight win.

Union conquered the Star of the Seas (Astoria), 43-42, but only with difficulty. The victors trailed at half-time, 28-26, but spurted behind Guard Walt McBride's sensational shooting. He averaged 22 points, top for the tourney, and gave Union a 43-38 lead with 13 minutes to go.

It was enough.

Star of the Sea and Parkdale will meet at 7:30 p. m. for third place.

In the consolation finals it will be Myrtle Creek vs. Dayton this afternoon. Those two teams advanced to the consolation play-off by wins over Chiloquin and John Day yesterday.

The Chiloquin Panthers, eliminated from the championship bracket opening day of the tourney, was edged by Myrtle Creek, 25 to 24. Myrtle Creek had Friday's tussle in hand throughout, but little Chief Hatcher gave the fans a thrill when he caged a field goal with but 20 seconds to play.

That made the score 25-24 and Myrtle Creek froze the ball on out, not letting the Panthers have another shot.

Chiloquin netted 12 field goals to 10 for Myrtle Creek, but the winners capitalized on five free tosses for the margin. Myrtle Creek played an exceptionally clean game, committing a single personal foul. The Panthers had 16 errors called.

Lineup and scoring:  
Chiloquin (24) — (25) Myrtle Ck. G. Hatcher 4, F. 5, Shirliff Hannigan 12, F. 5, Hanna Seversen 4, C. 8, Bowen Jones 4, G. 1, Wilson Barker 1, G. 6 Weeks  
Reserves: Chiloquin—Souers 2, A. Hatcher 2.

## TRAIN DERAILED

MEDFORD, Ore., March 8 (AP)—A spread rail was blamed today for the derailing of eight logging cars at the Crater Lake highway crossing near Eagle Point. Five of the cars overturned.

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