

Pelicans Defeat Lebanon 63-57

Eugene Next Hurdle For Local Team

By HALE SCARBROUGH

McARTHUR COURT, Eugene, March 13—The Klamath Pelicans and Lebanon Warriors virtually stole the show in the opening round of the state basketball tourney here last night, and it was the Pelicans who finally came out on top of a ding-dong last-ditch battle, 63 to 57.

By that win Klamath earned the right to meet the Eugene Axemen tonight at 8:45. Eugene was not particularly impressive in a 44 to 36 win over La Grande.

The Pelican game wasn't in the bag until just a bare two minutes remained to be played in the final quarter. At that juncture Klamath was ahead, 57-56, and trying desperately to fend off a rising Lebanon rally.

Joe Zarosinsky had a couple of free throws coming and missed them both, but Gene Hoover, lurking under the basket, pushed the last one in for two points, and a moment later Gene rammed in a crumpled ball for two more and broke up the game.

Roy Craig added a push shot to finish the Pelican scoring, and Lebanon managed a couple of marks on free throws before the final gun, but didn't threaten again.

No more than six or seven points ever separated the two teams during the game. Although the Pels started out to make it a runaway—they scored five times their first five shots, but then tightened up and couldn't hit for a nickel until Lebanon had tied the score at 14-14. Quarter count was 16-15 for Klamath.

The Warriors almost ran away with the game in the second quarter and Coach Wayne Scott, mass-substituting, had to wave in his first-string stalwarts to plug the gaps. Even at that Lebanon was in the lead most of the way, but had dropped off to 35-31 deficit at halftime.

In that hectic first half the lead had changed hands seven times, and Lebanon was keeping on even terms with the Pels with unerring foul line work—10 ringers in 12 tries.

Big Jerry Thorn was the big gun for the Pels during that half, controlling most of the rebounds off both backboards.

Lebanon never quite grabbed the lead in the second half, although they managed to knot the count at 35-35 and again at 37-37. A one to three-point lead was all the Pels could ever see on the scoreboard, though, and it was a struggle to keep that.

After the four-minute time out in the last period, the Warriors started pounding up for one last try. Tall Paul Alley hooked in a pair of long shots to set the stage for Hoover's game-breaking tip-in and follow-up score.

Alley, playing center, was the scoring star of the game, rolling up a total of 19, and speedy Jack Evans hit 16. For the Pels Hoover counted 16 times and Thorn 11, although he fouled out early in the third quarter at a time when his absence made things look pretty black for Klamath. Ray Craig, who replaced Thorn, scored six.

Joe Zarosinsky 10, LeRoy Coleman, eight, and Clarence Bussman, eight.

Apparent strong boy of the tourney thus far is Salem, in the same bracket with Klamath. The Vikings, who hold one short decision over the Pels this season, stormed to a 63-35 win over Roosevelt high of Portland.

If the Pels get by Eugene tonight and Salem beats Newberg, then Klamath and Salem will meet Friday night. Looks like a rocky road ahead for the Pelicans.

Klamath Falls (63)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Bussman, f	2	4	1	8
J. Zarosinsky, f	4	2	3	10
Redkey, f	1	0	0	2
Thorn, c	5	1	5	11
Coleman, g	4	0	1	8
Hoover, g	6	6	5	18
Craig, g	3	0	3	6
Totals	25	13	18	63

Lebanon (57)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Alley, f	7	5	3	19
Evans, f	6	1	1	13
Patterson, c	2	2	5	6
Gray, c	0	1	2	1
Fields, g	2	1	3	5
Tanner, g	4	5	0	13
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Klamath Falls, in fact, will give the acid test to the defending champions tonight. The high-geared Pelicans ran into a stubborn Lebanon team last night, but pulled out with three quick baskets in the closing minutes for a 63-57 win.

The point total was just one short of the record 121 scored by Springfield and Oregon City in 1944. Klamath's winning baskets were made by Gene Hoover, Bob Redkey and Ray Craig. Hoover was high for the Pelicans with 18 points. Paul Alley of Lebanon had 19. Salem, winner of the Big Six league, and victor over Eugene in an earlier meeting, walloped Roosevelt of Portland, 63-35, and qualified for a game against Newberg tonight. Roosevelt, a highly regarded team, gave Salem scarcely any trouble. Center Bill Hill led the victors with 16 points.

Newberg came from behind an 11-9 first quarter score to defeat Hillsboro, 48-29. John Hoy led the Newberg scoring with 19 points.

Eugene's win was a 44-36 affair over a strong La Grande team. La Grande was within striking distance throughout the contest, but Eugene's slick ball-handling was not to be matched.

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