

PELICANS WIN STAB AT TITLE

Klamath Downs Newberg With 60-57 Score; To Face Coos Bay Tonight

By HALE SCARBROUGH

McARTHUR COURT, Eugene, March 15—For the third night in a row the Klamath Pelicans had a rough time of it. But if the pressure was bad those three nights it'll be terrific when the Klamath boys meet the Marshfield Pirates for the state basketball diadem tonight. Marshfield, a dark-horse outfit coached by Bill Borchers, has come up with a well-balanced, smooth-working attack for the biggest surprise of the tournament.

Last night the Pelicans were pushed to the limit to beat Newberg—another surprise package—60 to 57. The Klamath boys were calling themselves lucky when that one was over. Newberg was primed by a couple of forwards, Elmer Spiegel and Don Hoy, who scored 19 and 22 points, respectively, and were still trying to ram home some more baskets when the game ended.

The Tigers jumped off to an early lead in the first quarter, putting the Pels seven notches down, 4-11, before Capt. LeRoy Coleman and the rest of the Klamathites really got into the game, but Coleman, Joe Zarosinski and Clarence Bussman pulled out to trail by just two points, 12-14, by the end of the quarter.

Along in the second quarter, when the Pels were still looking at the game from the short end, Coach Wayne Scott sent in his second string shock troops and Bob Redkey lopped in a long range shot to give the Pelicans a brief lead for the first time in the game.

In a battle of free throws that bulge came and went several times before Don Cessnau was fouled by Howard Newton and his two foul shot ringers put Klamath into the lead for the half, 25-23.

Don Hoy evened the count at 25-all to open the third period, but Harley Gras, center for the Tigers, went haywire and committed four straight fouls which resulted in three Klamath points. The Pelican lead was never topped again, although the Newberg marksmen, Speidel and Hoy, staged a two-man rally in the fourth period, pushing in four consecutive buckets from just outside the key circle. All in all, the Pels scored 23 points that session, and were outclassing Newberg in every department of the game.

The anxious moments for the Pelicans came midway of the fourth when Hoy got a basket and two free throws to make the score read 56 for Klamath, 50 for Newberg. Speidel counted next, Joe Zarosinski rammed in a foul shot for Klamath, then Speidel again and then a long bulleye by Hoy.

That sliced the Klamath lead to just two points, 57-55, and the Newberg assault faded. With a little over a minute to play, Klamath got a tipoff and went into a whirl that eventually netted three points. Charles Ferrell sank a long heave for the Tigers just at the final gun and the score was Klamath 60, Newberg 57.

The win put the Pels in the finals, to meet the Marshfield Pirates tonight at 8:45. Marshfield dumped Hood River 45 to 43 in another spine-tingling to make the finals, but almost any of the 6000 spectators who saw last night's game on McArthur court will agree that is not the spunky outfit Newberg was. The Pirates, although balanced, do not boast of a specific scoring star to compare with Speidel and Hoy of Newberg or Coleman of Klamath.

By last night's 60 points, the Pelicans are almost assured of breaking two state tourney records. They have 184 points in three games. And the mark is 198 in four, set by North Bend in 1942. North Bend's average that year of 49.5 per game will go by the board as soon as the Pels ring up 15 points tonight. It should be done in the first quarter.

EUGENE, March 15 (AP)—Marshfield had to resort to late stalling tactics to gain its victory over Hood River. The Coos Bay entry trailed 7-6 at the end of the first quarter, was ahead 24-21 at the half and wound up the third period all even, 32-32. From then on it was close, until Don Brown of Marshfield converted a foul toss with 1:03 minutes to go that gave Marshfield a 45-41 lead.

They went into the stall then, but big Lloyd Buettgenbach, Hood River center who was a standout through the game, scored again to cut the margin to two points with 35 seconds remaining. Marshfield kept the ball the rest of the way.

The 6 foot 3 Buettgenbach who weighs 190 pounds, tallied 2 points. Bill O'Neal sparked Marshfield in the early minutes and Bruce provided the punch in the last half. Bruce scored 14 points.

Both teams showed nervousness at the foul line, where the game was won. Each had 18 field goals, and Marshfield made 9 free throws to Hood River's 7. Marshfield, however, missed 14 other tries and Hood River, 12.

Klamath Falls goes into the final with a tourney record of 61 points a game, Marshfield, despite last night's comparatively low score, has averaged 56 in its three tilts. Marshfield holds the defensive, allowing opponents an average of 39 to Klamath Falls' 55.

In other games Salem came from behind in a rough contest to defeat Eugene, 41-36, and Washington downed Sandy, 44-35.

There were 54 fouls called, the most in any game to date, as Eugene led until the last 24 minutes. Eugene, last year's state champion, was ahead 32-28 at the end of the third quarter, but with 2:20 to go Hugh Bellinger scored a field goal to

From the CORRAL

By "Top-Wrangler"

Howdy folks: In the pozo capsule of hoss doins, if I talk too much... I still don't tell all I know. Lou Serruys is just 'bout ready to move into his big money location. That new barn of his'n has all the do-dads and gittin' a coat of paint while he's fixin' to toss a openin' up party on his new spread for the bronc stompers. Newt Nelson, the guy with a touch of taxes in his walk, spends his Sundays hardenin' up las' years calluses puttin' a break job on Ruth's fine colt. Heered Carroll Brunton sold his ropin' hoss to Vic Castro who's well known in Rodeo bizness and yuh better pit your money where your mouth is when this combination takes out after a calf. Our race minded citizens, Seth Waters and "Pat" Hogue import a jockey to work their thoroughbreds into shape for the comin' meets. He's Johnnie "Spider" Davis and 'bout as thick as a shoats nose, but he sure kin get the run outta a hoss like they'd been kicked by a yellerjacket. 'Nother race hoss man, Frank Campbell, who hails from Grants Pass wuz in town lookin' for a rider to gallop twice 'round 'em hosses. He's a aimin' to snag some wins with. Roy Ruge mite not be listed in the top-hand catalog, but he rates a mention for he kin do just 'bout anything a hoss kin do. Roy polishes silver buckles and bits so shiny they cud be mistook for a flash lite in the dark. Mildred and Guy Barton are a takin' a two weeks ride to the Richardson Springs where Guy is sheddin' his winter coat like a range critter with the mane. Nigh ever day now folks are gittin' home from California trips. Them to hit home this week, Clarice Moon and Alice Dale (usta be Peterson) fore she got hitched to Rusa Elledge a spell back. Elmer Balziger lit here list over, nite to change hosses and tuk off agin for Mexico. Silvers Emery wuz down from his 'hole-up' near Ft. Klamath and havin' snips and snacks with ol' friends. Gotta git and help the little woman churn. Bye now.

Pasco Meets Vancouver

SEATTLE, March 15 (AP)—The Pasco Bulldogs, a high-scoring quintet playing their first state tournament, and the Vancouver trappers, seeking their first title since 1938, battle it out tonight for Washington State's coveted class A basketball crown.

Pasco, a school which didn't even have a basketball team until about five years ago, will be after not only the state title but, with 171 points already scored in three games, a new state scoring record. They need only 30 points to smash the record of 200 set by Everett in 1940.

These were the scores of last night's semi-finals: Pasco 53, South Kitsap 49. Vancouver 51, Bremerton 45.

Thundering Herd To Meet Minnesota

KANSAS CITY, March 15 (AP)—The flashy, sharp-shooting thundering herd of Marshall college and the tall, methodical Minnesota State Teachers of Mankato will clash for the National Intercollegiate (NAIB) Basketball tournament title before an expected full house of 9000 tonight.

A record crowd for the tournament, 8000, watched the Huntington, W. Va., team storm from behind to nip the Emporia (Kas.) State college Hornets 56 to 55 in an overtime period last night, while Mankato followed with a 52 to 46 win over Arizona State of Flagstaff.

Chicago Cubs Edge Out Portland Nine

LOS ANGELES, March 15 (AP)—The Chicago Cubs, aided by three walks in the sixth, beat the Portland Beavers 9-6 yesterday in an exhibition baseball game.

The Beavers counted four times in the third but by the time Bill Woop stifled his wildness in the sixth inning, the count had been knotted at 5-5 and the Cubs went on to win.

San Francisco Seals Beat Hawaii

HONOLULU, Hawaii, March 15 (AP)—The San Francisco Seals complained today that competition can be too easy.

Prepping for next week's stiff contests with the touring New York Giants, the Pacific Coast league team has been finding island clubs easy pickings.

Thursday night they breezed by the Honolulu Wanderers 13-2 and Wednesday night larruped the Hawaiian Braves 20-9.

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AAU Boxing Tourney Choices To Be Held Up

PORTLAND, March 15 (AP)—Only one upstate boxer won through to a championship in the regional AAU boxing tournament here last night.

He was Curtis Stacona, Chemawa, who won in the finals of the 112-pound class with a decision over Carroll Gensaw, also from Chemawa.

The committee in charge announced that because two of the final fights were slow and the winners failed to show top-flight ability, the team to represent the Oregon AAU in the nationals at Boston next month would be named later. One representative in each weight division is eligible.

Other final results: 118 pounds — Wendell De Lorme, Portland, knocked out Albert Comedown, Chemawa (1). 147 pounds — Paul Kennedy, Longview, decided Richard Welden, Eugene. 126 pounds — James E. Gooding, Portland, decided Don Stringer, Portland. 135 pounds — Joey Ortega, Vanport college, decided Edward Tate, Portland. 160 pounds — Warren May, Portland, knocked out Larry Moyer, Portland (2). 175 pounds — Kenneth Nerison, Portland, decided Stoddard Malarkey, Portland.

World's Top Ranking Ski Men Battle Americans In Two-Day Harriman Event

SUN VALLEY, Ida., March 15 (AP)—Ski racing's waning season brought out some of the best snow riders in the world today on a spruce-lined speedway in the Sawtooths.

Switzerland, France, Norway and Canada sent top skiers to battle with many of America's best in the two-day Harriman cup races.

The down-mountain run on Baldy launched the carnival at noon, mountain standard time.

Kentucky Guard Rated Hoop High

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—The outstanding visiting basketball player to appear in New York this season, in the opinion of the Metropolitan Basketball writers association, was Ralph Beard, Kentucky's high scoring little guard.

Selected by the association today for its gold star award, Beard nosed out Don Barksdale of UCLA in a close race. He received 39 votes in the balloting on a 3-2-1 basis, compared with 35 for Barksdale.

Also figuring in the voting with three points was Popick of Oregon.

Major League Exhibition Baseball

Yesterday's Results: St. Louis (N) 4, Detroit (A) 3. (10 innings). New York (N) 4, Cleveland (A) 2. Brooklyn (N) 17, Service All-stars 0. (first game). Brooklyn (N) 4, Panama All-Stars 3. (second game). Cincinnati (N) 7, Philadelphia (N) 4. (12 innings). Pittsburgh (N) 5, Philadelphia (A) 4. St. Louis (A) 7, Toledo (AA) 2. Chicago (N) 9, Portland (PCL) 6. Hollywood (PCL) 5, Chicago (A) 4. Boston (A) 3, New York (A) 1.

Quinn May Have Fractured Jaw

PORTLAND, March 15 (AP)—Denny Quinn, Eugene Boxer, suffered a possible fractured jawbone in the AAU state boxing tournament last night.

Quinn was knocked out by Don Stringer, Portland, with a hard right to the jaw in a semi-final match. The Eugene fighter was being X-rayed today to determine the extent of injuries.

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Flashes Of Life

THANKFUL MOTHERS
BEND, Ore., March 15 (AP)—Mothers here are darn-happy that the basketball season is over. During the basketball season, high school students dance in the gym in their stocking feet. This protects the maple court—but wears hundreds of holes for mothers to darn.

DOUBLE DUTY
SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 15 (AP)—Vice Mayor Charles C. Dail, meeting an airliner to offer an official welcome to the winner of a Hollywood radio program (Queen for a Day), approached a pretty passenger and made his welcoming speech.

The lady appeared pleased but somewhat nonplussed. Then the actual winner, Mrs. Ann Hopper of Los Angeles, stepped from the plane. Dail extended the city's welcome again.

SURPRISE
OGDEN, Utah, March 15 (AP)—Police Sgt. Wilson A. Allen and A. M. Gardside parked their car outside a grocery store and went in to sell tickets to a policeman's ball. They sold two tickets and returned happily to their car—to find it tagged for parking near a fireplug.

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