

Pelicans Top Salem 34-29 On KUHS Floor

Last-Minute Rally Pulls Rough Game Away From Vikings

The Klamath high Pelicans, gaining stature in state high school basketball circles all the time, pulled another one out of the hat last night when they snared a last-minute five point lead to dunk the Salem Vikings. Final score on the KUHS gym floor was 34-29.

Since Salem was rated as one of the upstate basketball powerhouses, the Pelicans victory last night gave local hopes for a championship team another boost upward. The stock will zoom some more if the Pels can take Salem again tonight in the series finale. Tonight's game will start promptly at 8 o'clock, to allow the Vikings to catch a train home immediately after the play.

In last night's tilt the Pels had to wait until the second quarter to get into the lead. Wilbur Elliott did it by tipping in a shot to tie the count at 6-6, then throwing a ringer on a free throw to boost the Pels ahead. Halftime score was 18-14 for Klamath, and a slim margin was maintained through the rough-and-tumble third period.

TWO QUICK ONES

Hugh Bellinger opened the final period for the Vikings with two quick long shots and it took a good portion of the quarter for the Pels to regain their balance. Bob Barnes came through to start the winning rally and set the score at 26-25, Salem ahead.

Bellinger sank a free throw and Ed Whitney rang up a field goal to tie the count at 27-27.

Randy Keith Farnum of the Viks came back with a flip-in under the basket and Barnes tied it up again for the Pels with a keyhole shot. The score was 29-29. Salem didn't score anymore, and Whitney's net free throw completion was the actual winner.

But Jack Lust and Gary Dawes added baskets to clinch the victory. HIGH WITH 14

Bellinger was the game's top scorer with 14 points, while Dawes and Elliott each had eight for Klamath. Elliott made most of his in the second quarter when he pulled the Pels out of a hole with some real sharpshooting.

In the preliminary game last night the Pelicans junior varsity overran the Wildcats 41-20. Ship Johnson high-pointed with 14.

Late Cage Scores

High School
Klamath Falls 34, Salem 29.
Benson 38, Vancouver, Wash., 36.
Jefferson 48, Milwaukie 41.
Junction City 32, Cottage Grove 30.
Washington 52, Hill Military 15.
Marshfield 65, Hood River 26.
Grants Pass 57, Bend 25.
Lebanon 41, Roseburg 28.
Grant 49, Gresham 37.
Albany 51, Springfield 47.
Eugene 40, University 23.
Monmouth 41, Falls City 20.
Commerce 32, Camas, Wash., 30.
Franklin 25, Battle Ground, Wash., 24.

College
Oregon State 73, Oakland Bitters 65.
College of Puget Sound 53, Pacific University 33.
Lewis & Clark 50, University of Ecuador 45.
Western Washington 55, Seattle Pacific 40.
Longview Lions 56, Eastern Washington 51.
San Jose State 52, Seattle College 33.
Willamette 72, Whitman 45.
Vanport 52, Clark Junior College 47.
Minnesota 47, Washington 37.
North Idaho College 43, Farragut 33.
Idaho State 49, Colorado State 39.
Montana 58, Idaho 51.
Whitworth 68, Portland 56.
Central Washington 55, Pacific Lutheran 45.

Lombardi To Sacs
OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 20 (AP)—Ernie (The Schnoz) Lombardi signed yesterday as a coach with the Sacramento Senators of the Pacific Coast baseball league. He also may do a little catching and pinch hitting.

Lombardi was given his release recently by the New York Giants after 17 years in the majors.

Mallards Raise Hob With Texas Peanut Harvest

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 20 (AP)—Mallards by the thousands are plucking the valuable peanut crop in Northwest Grayson county today.

With some peanuts bringing \$3 a bushel, farmers in the area are more than worried. They've invited hunters to come in and open fire on the ducks.

The ducks descended on the peanut crops yesterday, coming here from the Lake Texoma region in Oklahoma, where 19 hunters were deputized to cope with the invasion.

The U. S. fish and wildlife service estimated 65,000 mallards are in the area.

Robinson Protects Laurels

DETROIT, Dec. 20 (AP)—Welterweight King Ray Robinson's second challenger—Chunky Chick Taylor—rested in a hospital today, a sixth-round victim of Sugar Ray's still very lethal blows.

Robinson's technical knockout of the cocky Coalport, Pa., aspirant before 16,975 fans here last night cleared away any fears that he might be slipping.

From the outset the result seemed obvious and every time the champion moved in on Taylor the crowd expected the "kill."

But Taylor, always on the aggressive, cut short every Robinson rally through three rounds. In the fourth Sugar Ray connected with a barrage of rights and lefts to the head and body that left Taylor groggy.

The fifth round was much the same but the plucky challenger weathered it. Taylor came out fast for the sixth and was met with another flurry of left and right jabs and uppercuts. One looping left sent Taylor sprawling to the canvas.

He got to his feet at the count of nine but he might as well have stayed down.

Robinson, lightning-fast and hitting hard, floored Taylor again a few seconds later. Taylor's manager, Jack Laken, threw in the towel as the count continued, and Referee Johnny Weber stopped the fight as the 10-count was sounded. Only 53 seconds remained in the round.

Taylor was taken in a police ambulance to a hospital, where a physician said he was suffering a possible contusion of the left kidney. He was ordered to spend the night there pending an X-ray examination.

This morning a hospital attendant said he had slept comfortably and described his condition as "fair."

Robinson's first challenger, Jimmy Doyle of Los Angeles, died after an eighth-round TKO in Cleveland last June.

Sugar Ray's height and reach gave him a distinct advantage, and he met every Taylor offensive with a devastating and versatile counter-offensive. At 146½ he also held a pound and a half edge in weight.

Tacoma Cue Handler In

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP)—Al King, Tacoma cue artist, will be one of four finalists in tonight's competition to determine the Pacific coast sectional three cushion billiard championship.

In tournament play last night King defeated Corliss Fairbanks, Portland, 49-36 in 80 innings, to share the northern division crown with Joe Hall, San Francisco, who retained his half of the title despite a 34-40 loss to Fairbanks in 70 innings.

King and Hall will compete in the finals against Ray Kilgore and Cliff Jones, Los Angeles, first and second place winners in the southern division.

Howard Jones, Seattle, defeated Merle Gross, Oakland, 40-39 in 95 innings in a runner-up match last night.

Blue-Gray Workout

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 20 (AP)—Practice sessions were scheduled to get under way today for the ninth annual blue-gray football game as selected all-stars from the North and South and the Blue-Gray coaches began arriving. Both 24-man squads have scheduled two workouts daily from now until the grid contest next Saturday.

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National Pro Grid League Holds Draft

New York Giants, Given First Pick, Take Skip Minisi

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20 (AP)—The National Football league came out of an eight-hour draft session in the wee small hours today with the New York Giants, Boston Yanks, Washington Redskins, Philadelphia Eagles and the Chicago Bears claiming the chief prizes among the intercollegiate gridiron stars.

The Giants, given first pick because of their lowly status in the eastern division, lost no time calling out the name of Tony (Skip) Minisi, the University of Pennsylvania's great runner and kicker.

The Yanks stepped in at the first roll call and grabbed Vaughn Mancha, great Alabama center whom the Eagles would have liked very much to have in their fold.

GILMER A PRIZE

The Redskins put the tab on another of the Crimson Tide in selecting Lowell Tew, 20-year-old 190-pound fullback. They got their great prize earlier in the day, however, when Richard McCann, general manager, confirmed the Skins had used a right gained in a special draw to pick Harry Gilmer of Alabama as a possible replacement for Slimmy Sammy Baugh.

While the Eagles, who'll meet the Steelers for the eastern division title Sunday at Forbes field, didn't announce their first choice, it was believed to have been Clyde (Smack-over) Scott, former Navy back, who has another year of eligibility left at the University of Arkansas.

A three-way unannounced switch in the draw landed Bobby La, ne of Texas on the Chicago Bears' list with Owner-Coach George Halas apparently having in mind that he'll replace Sid Luckman as general of the Bears' T formation.

SOME SECRET

For the most part the selections were from name schools but several of the clubs went into the minor leagues for little known players as they each picked approximately 30 men. Several of the club owners and coaches declined to name their complete lists while the Steelers and Los Angeles Rams refused to divulge even a single name.

Western players chosen include: Detroit Lions—Don Doll, USC, Dean Dill, USC, and George Quist, USC, tackle; Paul Cleary, USC, and Bernie Hafen, Utah, ends; Joe Saurez, St. Mary's, guard. Washington Redskins—Robert Anderson, Stanford, back; Ed Watkins, Idaho, tackle; Victor Paulson, Santa Barbara, end. Philadelphia Eagles—Jack Swann, California, and Jack Myers, UCLA, backs; Don Stanton, Oregon, tackle; Scott Basely, Nevada, end.

Keller Hopes To Come Back

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 20 (AP)—Charley Keller, slugging New York Yankee outfielder, listed himself as a "probable" starter next season, although he was equally optimistic with medical reports that he would fully recover from a spinal operation which cut short his playing last year.

"It isn't a sure thing I can play next year," reported Keller from his home near here. "But I am about 90 per cent hopeful. I really feel fine."

Keller's uncertainty cast a shadow on optimism generating from the New York office after Dr. Thomas Hoem reported favorably on the outfielder's progress. Keller was operated on June 28 for removal of a spinal disc and sat out the rest of the season and the world series.

Ortiz Keeps Bantam Belt

MANILA, Dec. 20 (AP)—Manuel Ortiz, tough El Centro, Calif., let-tuce farmer, retained his world bantamweight championship tonight with a decision over Tiro del Rosario, Manila university student, in a 15 round fight.

Ortiz weighed 118½ and Del Rosario 117½.

Referee Willie Whittle gave Ortiz 12 rounds with three even.

The champion, who had entered the ring a little better than even money in the betting—the shortest odds of his five-year reign as champion, led throughout.

He scored a knockdown in the third round and had the challenger down for a nine-count in the fourth.

Classified Ads Bring Results

Like This---That's Right



Pirouetting on one foot, Jockey Mike Gallagher appears to be pulling his mount over the hurdle after he was thrown during a handicap race at Middlesex, England. Actually the jockey had just piled out the saddle when the horse hesitated at the barrier, and was desperately trying to keep his balance when this photo was snapped.

Dusette Wins Challenge Fracas

Right triumphed over might in the armory ring last night and Prince Whitley Whittier went down to ignominious defeat at the hands of Georges Dusette in the long-awaited forfeited match. The hold, naturally a full nelson, came after 40 minutes of struggling with no time called.

The two strong men of the local wrestling circuit climbed into the ring to top off a season of banging each other around and settle the question of who was the strongest at the insistence of Whittier, who was the challenger in the match.

Whittier had to take two falls in succession from his opponent to win, but Dusette needed only one fall.

Less dirty work than usual was shown by the hulking Whittier, he indulging only in a few offhand kidney punches off the ropes and eye banging in headlocks. The winning, and only, fall of the evening was hotly protested by Whittier, who claimed Referee Wally Moss was too hasty in tossing the match to Dusette and that he, Whittier, could have broken the nelson with a little more time. The decision of the referee stayed, however, and the boys

Earlier Chiloquin had beaten the team from up north 40-30 in a non-conference battle. The Grizzlies were decked out in new green and white uniforms bought for this season.

In a game at Altamont gym, the strong Sacred Heart Trojans took the measure of the Malin Mustangs 41-30, and at Ely the Merrill Huskies came out with a rush, 58-21.

Manager Says Illegal Blow Hurt Taylor

DETROIT, Dec. 20 (AP)—Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson's second challenger—Chunky Chick Taylor—was released from a hospital today and his manager charged that "absolutely illegal punching" caused a kidney injury that led to Taylor's downfall.

Manager Jack Laken said he would protest Sugar Ray's convincing sixth-round technical knockout award last night to the Michigan state boxing commission.

Taylor was discharged from the hospital "against his doctor's advice," he added, so he could leave tonight for his Coalport, Pa., home and his wife and three children.

The injury will not be permanent, Laken said, but will force the cocky but outclassed challenger to spend three or four days in bed. Despite Laken's protests, most of the 16,975 fans who saw the title bout brushed aside any fears that Robinson, like his hero Joe Louis—might be slipping.

Eagles Given Slight Edge

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Philadelphia Eagles were installed today as three-point favorites over the Pittsburgh Steelers in tomorrow's playoff for the eastern title of the National Football league.

A capacity crowd of approximately 40,000 is assured for the contest. Weather forecasters say the game will be played in temperatures just above freezing and add there's some possibility of light rain or snow.

Whoever wins the crown—and the right to play the Chicago Cardinals, winners of the western title, for the league championship December 28 at Chicago—will make history. Neither Pittsburgh nor Philadelphia has won a divisional title.

COUNTY HOOP SEASON OFF TO SPEEDY START

The Klamath county basketball league got off to a running start last night with Sacred Heart, Gilchrist and Merrill posting wins in the season's opener.

Chiloquin's Panthers, last year's B school winner, went down before the Gilchrist Grizzlies 40 to 38 in a hot game at Gilchrist, a game which saw David Anderson count 17 points for the Grizzlies.

Henley was inactive last night but plays the Pelican junior varsity tonight as a preliminary to the Klamath Falls-Salem game, and Bonanza was playing a non-conference engagement with Talent.

Coast Confab Date Settled

SEATTLE, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Pacific Coast Baseball league's winter meeting will be held in Seattle January 8-10, with the adoption of next season's schedule expected to be the main order of business. The schedule tentatively has been drawn for 186 games, followed by the Governors' cup playoffs.

Word that Seattle had been named as the host city was received Friday by Earl Shedy, general manager of the Seattle Rainiers, from League President Clarence Rowland. Shedy also announced yesterday that Dick Gyselman, veteran Rainiers' third baseman, had been named as playing manager of the Great Falls, Mont., team in the Pioneer league. The new Montana entry will be operated as a Seattle farm club.

Bell Bumped By Belloise

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Steve Belloise sent Tommy Bell back to the welterweights last night.

Slow about but still packing a powerful right hand punch, Belloise, a 29-year-old middleweight from the Bronx, dropped the 24-year-old Youngstown, O., welterweight contender three times and won a unanimous 10-round decision in Madison Square Garden.

Outweighed by 11 pounds, 148½ to 159½, Bell couldn't keep off the Bronx better. The Ohio negro went down twice from rights in the second round for no-count and one-count, was dropped again in the ninth for no-count.

A crowd of 9022 paid \$37,330 to scan the last Garden fight card of the year.

Tourney To Lincoln

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP)—The 1948 national junior championship golf tournament, won last year by 18-year-old Al Mengert of Spokane, Wash., will be held at Lincoln, Neb., August 3-7. The meet, sponsored by the U. S. Junior chamber of commerce, is open to youths under 19 years of age. Qualifiers will be selected in state junior tournaments.

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Huskies Take First Setback In Minnesota

Oregon State Gets Handy Win From Oakland Quint

By The Associated Press
Some of the sparkle was gone today from the pre-season showing of the northern division coast conference basketball quartets following Washington's 47-37 loss to Minnesota in the Huskies' first game of a barnstorming trip and Idaho's 58-51 defeat at the hands of Montana.

But the Northwest's big guns will have a chance to restore part of the shine tonight.

Washington will tackle the Gophers in a second tilt at Minneapolis, the unbeaten Washington State Cougars will swing into action again on their eastern invasion against Canisius at Buffalo, N. Y., and Oregon Ducks will open their road trip against Niagara, also at Buffalo.

ONE BRIGHT SPOT

The one bright spot in Friday night's cage picture was the 73-62 victory by Oregon State's defending coast conference champions against the Oakland Bitters in a game at Corvallis.

In other encounters the College of Puget Sound beat Pacific University, 53-33; Lewis and Clark nosed out the University of Ecuador, 50-48; Western Washington defeated Seattle Pacific, 55-49; Willamette crushed Whitman, 72-45; San Jose State rolled over Seattle College, 52-33. Vanport squeezed past Clark Junior College of Vancouver, 52-47; Eastern Washington lost to the Longview Lions, 56-51; North Idaho College defeated Farragut, 43-33, and Idaho State won from Colorado State, 49-39.

At Wenatchee, Whitworth handed Portland University a 68-56 defeat and Central Washington downed Pacific Lutheran, 55-45, in the first round of a four-team jamboree.

Now for the highlights: Washington appeared off form against Minnesota, with Center Jack Nichols the only one of the Huskies hitting the basket consistently.

Nichols took scoring honors with 19 points, five more than the Gophers' top man, Guard Edward Kernan.

The Gophers forged into a 29-21 halftime lead after the score had been knotted six times during the first half.

TEMPERS FLARE

Montana's win over Idaho was enlivened by a fist fight that resulted in the ejection of the Grizzlies' Bob Cope and the Vandals' Joe Grove. Jack Phoenix, Idaho center, was high man with 20 points, followed by Cope with 17.

Oregon State registered its eighth

win in nine starts by outpacing the Oakland AAU club. The Beavers were ahead at the half, 38-31, and never were in danger of the losing their lead. Les O'Gara of the Bitters led the point-making with 17. Cliff Grandall and Alex Petersen of OSG and Don Barkdale of Oakland were close behind, each with 16.

College of Puget Sound came from behind a 14-13 halftime deficit to win its Northwest conference season's opener from Pacific. Forward Don Hoff was high for the Longers with 15 points.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

DETROIT—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, 146½, New York. TKO Chuck Taylor, 144½, Coalport, Pa., (6) (title).

NEW YORK—Steve Belloise, 159½, New York, outpointed Tommy Bell, 148½, Youngstown, Ohio.

HOLLYWOOD—Freddie DeShore, 195, Los Angeles, outpointed Tommy Garland, 193, Ocean Park, 10.

SAN DIEGO—Irvin Steen, 140, San Diego, outpointed Eddie Marcus, 141½, San Diego, 10.

SEACANTON—Rocky Castellani, Wilkes-Barre, outpointed Lenny "Boom Boom" Mancini, 154, Youngstown, 10.

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