

By Hale Scarborough

Pelicans Should Reach State Basketball Meet At Eugene This Season

If all the seams hold, the Klamath Pelicans will get into the state high school basketball tournament this March for the second time in two years. But the struggle isn't over. Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass—the other district 4 contestants—don't have it in their physiology to hold still while Klamath wins anything. Particularly a high school athletic championship.

But at the present writing the Pels are far enough ahead where they can quit panting for a while. Twelve games constitute the league's play for each team, and four are down already. Klamath has won all four of its trials, while Ashland and Grants Pass have two each and Medford has lost four. The Pels take on Ashland this coming week-end, while Grants Pass and Medford have a two-game series on the pan.

Table with columns: Team, W., L., Pts., PF, OP. Rows: Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Ashland, Medford.

That table shows the Pels as the best defensive team and second high scorer, while Grants Pass is potent offensively but has a lapse in defense. Ashland and Medford also have very leaky defenses, and right there is where the district title will be won.

Twenty-Game Average Is 42.5

It's interesting to note that the Pelicans now have tucked 20 games, conference and otherwise, into history this season, with a mark of 15 wins and five defeats. The losses have been to Redding, Klamath Alumni, Albany, Oregon Frosh and Southern Oregon Jayvees. In their 20 games, the Pels have amassed 850 points, for a 42.5 per-game average, and the combined opponents have been limited to 687 total, or 34.35 average. Not bad at all.

Chiloquin Boy Would Be Sleuth

Gillis Hannigan, who could easily be classed as an all-state basketball forward in class B, wants to be a criminologist, no less, when he grows up. A criminologist, my police force friends tell me, is a cop with an education. Hannigan is thinking of enrolling in such a course at St. Martin's college in Lacey, Wash. He is currently an ace on the Chiloquin high school cage outfit.

From Great Slave Lake To Here

Fish from Great Slave lake way up in the Northwest territory of Canada are now being sold in a local store. Fishermen in a camp at the lake, 300 miles south of the Arctic circle, chop big holes in the ice and seine. They pull their catches up to the surface and dress them on the ice. The temperature, down to 40 below, freezes the fish right on the spot. They're boxed and shipped by sled 400 miles to a railroad and eventually find their way to a Seattle distributor. One of the types caught at the lake is the inconnu, a creature that gets to weigh 10 or 12 pounds and looks like a Williamson river mullet.

COAST CAGE LOOP HAS 18-TEAM CIRCUIT PLAN

By the Associated Press Bellingham rode in the driver's seat of the Pacific Coast Professional Basketball league today, a half game leader over the Seattle Athletics with each team meeting two identical foes before the first half championship is determined this Saturday. The Pircesters slipped back into the lead last night after a one-day absence by trouncing Seattle 81-67. Gale Bishop was the big gun of the victors' attack with 27 points, but the strong backing of Allen Maul's 23 counters didn't hurt. Boody Gilbertson led Seattle with 21.

Pasquel In U.S. Looking For Talent

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (AP)—Hoist up the storm warnings and tighten up the reserve clause. Jorge Pasquel, the mottled Mexican magnate, wants more players. Price is no object. In an interview today, Pasquel said that's what he is in the United States for. Admittedly the power behind the throne in the hot tamale circuit, Jorge was most emphatic: "Not a leaf or a twig falls from a tree in Mexico, but Jorge Pasquel knows about it," he said, presumably referring to baseball only. "Jorge Pasquel is the head man. When he runs a business, he runs it."

That seems to clear up the position of one Alejandro Aguilar Reyes, who has been named commissioner of Mexican baseball. Pasquel said his Mexican league will have eight teams next season, rather than the six of last year when the circuit lost a million pesos (\$250,000, more or less.)

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Briefs

Just Trio Of Clear Tabs Left

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (AP)—That select list of the nation's undefeated major college basketball teams finds itself today, of all things, just a big and happy neighborhood party in Father Knickerbocker's backyard—a nickel subway ride would hit all three.

Three New York teams, Columbia, New York University and Fordham, rule the intercollegiate cage roost supreme, for the present at least, after Duquesne bowed out of the undefeated ranks last night amid a near riot in Pittsburgh.

The touring Texas Wesleyan courtiers gave the Dukes the business, 57-53, in a No. 13 jinx after Duquesne had won 12 straight games, and to top it off, some unidentified fan tried to give John Barry, Duquesne guard, the business in a fracas after the game. "You threw the game, the spectator is said to have yelled, and Barry dived into the crowd swinging. Other players followed, and it took police 10 minutes to restore order.

Nine-Game Slate

MOSCOW, Ida., Jan. 27 (AP)—A nine-game schedule, including five Pacific Coast conference contests, was announced today for the 1948 Idaho football season.

The schedule, as announced by Graduate Manager Gale Mix: September 18, Oregon State at Corvallis; Sept. 25, Utah at Salt Lake City; October 1, Willamette here; October 9, Oregon here (homecoming); October 23, Montana here; October 30, Washington State at Pullman; November 6, Montana State at Boise; November 13, Portland here; November 20, Washington at Seattle.

Two Huskies Sign

SEATTLE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Two Washington linemen inked one-year contracts with professional football teams today. Gail Bruce, Husky end who scored the west's only touchdown in the Shrine encounter, signed with the San Francisco 49'ers of the All-America conference, and Arnie Weinmeister, tackle and fullback, signed with the New York Yankees in the same circuit. Neither disclosed terms. Weinmeister said he was told he would be tried as a blocking back.

Black Gets Boost

CLEVELAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—Don Black, who fashioned one of the two no-hit games hurled in the American league last year, has signed his 1948 contract, the Cleveland Indians' front office announced today. Terms of the agreement were not announced, but a tribe spokesman said the 29-year-old right-hander received an increase over last season.

Powerful Hoop Teams In Benefit Joust

Two of the most powerful of the Klamath Basin league basketball circuit will tangle tonight on the Klamath Union high school casaba floor, giving their all in favor of the current "March of Dimes" campaign. One of the squads is the Oregon Woolen quintet, only outfit in the city division which can boast of not having been defeated in any way, shape or form this season, and the other is the title—one of them—of the county division, Glengier's store quintet of Chiloquin. Glengier's reached their high point Saturday night by grubbing the Rickys Jewelry five, 44 to 30. The champions, last year's Basin circuit champs and a power all the way through, haven't lost a league game but have dropped a contest to Southern Oregon college in addition to Saturday night's loss. In all fairness, it must be pointed out that neither Paul McCall, Lyle Kelstrom, Jack Kemmizer nor Wayne Scott were in the Jewel lineup for the Glengier's scrap. In early season practice play, the Woolens and Rickys played to a 23-23 tie and let it go at that.

SALENGER IS APPROVED AS SACRAMENTO OWNER

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27 (AP)—Oscar Salenger is the new boss of the Sacramento Solons—and apparently everything is going to be smoothed out among ruffled Pacific Coast league owners. Despite the objections of Oakland's brick laws and San Francisco's Charles Graham Sr., Salenger's purchase of 33 per cent of the Solons' stock was approved yesterday as the directors opened their annual winter meeting.

Odell Brings Line Mentor

SEATTLE, Jan. 27 (AP)—Two assistants to Howie Odell, University of Washington head football coach, were set today with signing of Reginald H. (Reggie) Root and Morris (Red) Badgro.

In announcing the appointments, Harvey Cassill, university athletic director, said that Root, Odell's top assistant during three years at Yale university, would be line coach and chief assistant. Badgro will continue as end coach, a position he has held at the Seattle institution since 1946.

Signing of Root was announced only after Odell conferred personally with the famed ex-Yale line-man in New Haven, Conn. Root was graduated from Yale in 1926, was head coach there in 1933, and coached the Yale frosh from 1934 to 1942. He is expected to return to Seattle with Odell early next month.

The appointments were the first made by Odell since he was given a contract earlier this month.

Chapman Goes In

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27 (AP)—Outfielder Sam Chapman added his name to the 1948 roster of the Philadelphia Athletics while Dale Jones, who pitched for Utica in the Eastern league last year, agreed to terms with the Phillies.

Tag Struggle Is Chief Go

A tag team match will be the principal item of action on Friday night's wrestling docket, a match pitting together combinations that should be spectacular. One squad will be composed of Frankie Hart, the popular Canadian boy, and Joe Lynam, Redmond's gift to the mat circuit. The two are capable enough in their line to be classed as more than a squad. Maybe a platoon. The other side of the ring will hold Joe Dorsett, the New Yorker, and Navy Al Williams of Chicago, a pair which probably will reach a horizon of rough stuff. That fight will be limited to one hour. Promoter Mack Lillard said, or two falls out of three in the armory ring.

Gill Works Out In Closed Room

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 27 (AP)—Effectively impressed by Washington's show of power in sweeping both games from Oregon last week-end, Oregon State college coach, Slat Gill, locked the door on his practice session last night for the first time in his long career at the Beaver institution.

OSC entertains Washington this Friday and Saturday in one of the season's most crucial series to date.

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Colorado Wins Team Honor At Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY, Ida., Jan. 27 (AP)—Colorado won team honors and the president's cup and Leon Goodman of Idaho took the combined men's championship yesterday as competition ended in the seventh annual western interstate ski meet. The Colorado slick alit artists won four of the five first places in yesterday's jumping events to nose out Idaho 824 to 804 in final team standings. Keith Wegeman of Colorado won the jumping event with 214.8 points and recorded the best leap of 132 feet. Utah trailed in third with 780 points followed by Oregon with 724. Teams from Wyoming, Washington, Nevada and California withdrew after high winds Sunday forced postponement of the jumps. However, none of the four were in the running for the team title. Final combined individual standings included: La Vern Hughes, Oregon, 232, 10th; Nap Rooque, Oregon, 230, 11th; Dick Erwin, Oregon, 221, 12th. Pinal standings in the jumps (first two figures are jumps and third is combined points) included: Dick Cochrane, Oregon, 120-113-1974, 3rd; La Vern Hughes, Oregon, 100-110-1829, 7th; Nap Rooque, Oregon, 108-97-1723, 11th; Dick

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