

Cage Tourney Spots Filling Fast---Pendleton Latest In



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Far West League May Decide To Furnish Own Electrical Power

Decision of club owners in the Far West Baseball league to look into the matter of providing their own electrical power may develop a way to beat the ballyhooed California drought and power shortage and may also disclose a shortcut to cheaper operations for night baseball.

None of the Far West circuit clubs are filthy rich—and that goes for the Klamath Gems, too—although they all expect to make ends meet. But they'll jump at a chance to save a thousand bucks.

Down in Marysville, one of the towns of the league hardest hit by the power shortage, an automotive equipment dealer has offered to supply built-up Chrysler motors which he says can generate enough juice to light not only a ball park but a small city. He has the motors ready for delivery and says they can be hooked up to a lighting system by a skilled electrician in 20 minutes.

The cost of the equipment will be \$2000 or less and the cost of operation about 45 cents a night for gasoline.

Each club in the league was figuring on spending \$20 to \$40 a night on electrical power, bought from commercial lines, and over a 63-game night schedule that will cost \$1500 to \$1800. And the lights are used only a couple of hours each night. A \$2000 private power plant, if it is as good as the Marysville dealer says, will almost pay for itself the first year and the electrical bill the second year would be gravy.

Some Nice Ball Parks In Circuit

This snow on the ground doesn't make good background for talking about baseball or playing it either, but the various clubs in the Far West circuit are going ahead with work on their respective parks. There'll be some nice layouts in the league.

Jack Evans, handyman for Palmerton Lumber company who is doubling as trouble-shooter for Klamath Baseball, Inc., looked at several of the league's parks over last week-end and each time came up with the comment:

"Ours is gonna be better."

Work On Gems' Home Progressing

Even with the contrary weather, work on the home of the Gems out South Sixth street way is going along. The fence is about ready to be knocked together and Sign Painter Ben Pernigotti can follow the carpenters right on around the job.

Most of the ads on the fence have already been sold.

The temperature goes too low, concrete-pouring for the foundation of the stands will start this week. Opening game here is May 6 and everything points to completion by that date.

Quigley Reports To Yankee Camp

Jay Quigley, the young right-hander who was signed to a New York Yankee system contract here last summer, has reported to the Yankees at Boyes Springs, Calif., for workouts and probably will be farmed out to one of the Yankees' minor clubs on the coast in April.

The Yankees do not have a finger in the Far West league. They were dealing with Chico for a team but couldn't come to any terms on a ball park. However, Chico would be a natural in the Far West and is a good bet to be in the circuit next year. Willows is going to be the weak link.

Fences Are Distant At Marysville

The park at Marysville, known as Bryant field, is a commodious structure built by WPA. Home run hitters will have to be good down there. Left field fence along the foul line is 353, centerfield fence is 370. A jog in the boards in right-center makes the right field wall just short of a country mile.

Mitchell field at Oreville will be a little easier. The right and left field fences at the foul line are 323 feet distant from the home plate, while centerfield curves out to 390.

ARNE ULLAND SNARES NATIONAL SKI TITLE

HYAK, Wash., March 9 (AP)—Arne Ulland, the nimble Norwegian, added the national class A ski jumping championship to his growing list of trophies today.

The Kongsberg, Norway, birdman vaulted off the Olympian hill run here yesterday for jumps of 251 and 280 feet.

His 226.10 point score was nearly 8 points better than that of the runnerup, Walter Bietila of Iron Mountain, Mich. Bietila sacrificed distance for form and gathered 218.59 points in jumps of 242 and 246 feet.

Joe Perrault, Ishpeming, Mich., was third with a pair of 250-footers and 217.84 points.

Hawkins Secured

PORTLAND, March 9 (AP)—Joe Kahut, claimant of the Pacific coast heavyweight championship, will fight Roy Hawkins, another Northwest promoter, in Portland, April 6, Promoter Tex Salkeld announced today.

Kahut had been paired with Pat Comiskey of New York for the April date, but discloses that his latest fight with Bobby Zander—which was supposed to show whether Kahut could pick up his gloves after a long lay-off—was something less than a serious affair apparently forced postponement of the Comiskey bout.

Zander clowned through several rounds before being knocked out and it was later revealed he held no license to fight because of bad eyes.

The Kahut camp requested the change from Comiskey to Hawkins. Salkeld said, and he added that if Roy wins he will get the fight with Comiskey.

Hawkins is a former Klamath Falls boy who has been doing his fighting in the larger cities of the Northwest the past two and a half years. He and Kahut have never fought.

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Champions Of Three Areas Not Decided

Pendleton's Buckaroos swung into the state high school basketball tourney's eligible list today after upsetting The Dalles Indians 44 to 39 for the district 2 championship. Thirteen of the 16 places in the Eugene classic have been filled, and the other three will come along by Friday.

Corvallis Spartans last night set the stage for the capture of district 7 by plugging Newport 47-36 in the first game of a two-in-three playoff. They meet again tomorrow night and if Corvallis wins it's all over. But if Newport gets this one a rubber game has to wait until Friday.

In district 11 Silverton last night shaded Mt. Angel 24-23 and that puts the Silverton quintet up against Salem in what may be the final tilt of that playoff.

The Salem Vikings have been favored all along but had to go through the formality of running off the tourney. Salem gets the bunting with one more win over Silverton, while the latter would have to win two to get anywhere.

DECIDED TONIGHT
Baker and Vale clash tonight in the rubber game of their drawn-out playoff tonight and the winner goes to Eugene from district 1.

Here is a list of the entrants to date:

- 1—Undecided.
- 2—Pendleton.
- 3—Prineville.
- 4—Klamath Falls.
- 5—Marshfield.
- 6—Springfield.
- 7—Undecided.
- 8—Newberg.
- 9—Tigard.
- 10—Astoria.
- 11—Undecided.
- 12—West Linn.
- 13—Gresham.
- 14—St. Helens.
- 15—Jefferson.
- 16—Washington.

COLONIALS FIRST

The Klamath Union high school Pelicans who have been marking time for the better part of a month with their district 4 pennant already folded neatly away, come up against the Washington Colonials in their first tourney game at McArthur court March 17—Wednesday—at 7:30 p. m.

Coach Wayne Scott and Paul McCall have scouted the Colonials in a Portland city league game, but the Washingtonians went Scott one better in the jockeying-for-positions department. The entire Colonial team was down at Eugene last Saturday to watch the Pels play the U of O Frosh.

But the Pelicans weren't fooled and played it close to the shirtfront, even at the expense of losing to the Ducklings 51 to 35.

Dusette In Opening Tiff

Powerful Georges Dusette, who is considered by ardent fans of the wrestling game to be as good a man as has ever appeared here, will be back Friday night for a row with Tough Tony Ross of Salem.

Dusette and Ross have the opening bout which will be scheduled for five rounds instead of the usual four. Dusette has never quite regained the prowess he had in 1945-46 up until the time Pete Belcastro inflicted some lasting injuries on the Canadian strongman during a county fair match.

Main event of this week's card will be a tag match featuring Bob Cummings and Joe Dorsett in one corner and Frankie Hart and Joe Lynam in the other. The tag struggle is slated for one-hour time limit.

Panthers Rate Third In Meet

CHILQUIN, March 9.—The Chilquinn Panthers, only Klamath area team to take part in the class "B" invitational basketball tourney at Ashland last week-end, finished with consolation honors. Phoenix won the tourney.

The Panthers lost to Valseltz 30-27 in the first game, then beat Unipine, Kirby and Butte Falls. Gillis Hannigan and Allen Hatcher were voted on the tournament all-star team and Hannigan was chosen as the most valuable player of the tourney.

Tulelake and Chilquinn are playing off for third place in the league. That game will start at 7:30 p. m. and the finale will follow at about 8:45.

A large trophy given for the league championship is now in the hands of the Jewellers and if Rickys team wins again tomorrow it goes into permanent possession of that outfit.

NOTICE TO ALL

AF of L MEMBERS

All members are requested to attend a special meeting in the Labor Temple Thursday, March 11, 8:00 p. m. Hear the report of the political committee. General organizational speakers. Kelly Lee, state federation of labor, will answer your questions. Dutch lunch following the meeting.

His Racquet



Eric, mascot at an Arrowhead Springs, Calif., resort, spends a lot of time on the courts, but guests say he is not so hot—hasn't won a single major tournament to date.

Ski Race Date Set

CASCADE SUMMIT, March 9.—The all Oregon Class C and junior cross-country amateur championship races for Obeldians, Inc., will take place on Sunday, March 14, at Willamette pass and through Cascade Summit. According to George Korn, chairman of the race committee, the event is sanctioned by the PNBA and will be governed by the cross-country racing rules as published by the National Ski Association.

The course is laid out through the Odell lake area, beginning at the Willamette ski area and through Cascade Summit via the Skyline trail of the Cascade mountains with the altitude kept at approximately 5000 feet. Heavily timbered terrain interspersed with open benches, snowbound forest roads and trails of the Deschutes and Willamette national forest will make up the course, giving the competing skiers a chance at variations of uphill, level and downhill running.

Bro J. Nashom is chief course setter. Jack Meissner of the 300-mile ski trek fame will be course runner and George Korn, Oregon Winter Sports association head is race chairman. First six places in each division will receive awards as follows: 1-2-3 cup trophies—5-6-7 medals, which will be presented at the banquet at McCredie springs in the evening.

Harold West Blasts Par

PORTLAND, March 9 (AP)—Harold West held medalist honors today with a three-under-par 69 after qualifying play in the Oregon Professional Golfers' association tournament.

West stroked his home Tualatin country club course in 35-33-69 against the par 37-35-72 to edge out Bob McKendrick of Oswego by one stroke.

Quarter finals will be played next Monday over the Alderwood course. Other scores of qualifying players yesterday included:

Jim Russell, Coos Bay 37-38-75.
Joe Stieger, Salem, 40-36-76.
Wendell Wood, Eugene, 37-39-76.
Fred Bolton, Pendleton, 41-38-79.

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Cubs Take Front In Home Runs

By The Associated Press
The Chicago Cubs, who finished next to last in the National league home run derby in 1947, are leading the major leagues in this specialty in the Grapefruit league.

In three games, all against the Chicago White Sox, the Cubs have slugged six homers. Rookies Clarence Maddern and Earl York socked two apiece and recruits Rubie Valke and Henry Schena the others.

The White Sox are next in this department with four. Dave Philley and Rookies Gus Zernial, Gordon Goldsberry and Vincent Plumbo have contributed one apiece.

All told, 17 homers have been hit so far with rookies contributing 11 of the blows and veterans the remaining six. Only Maddern and York have collected as many as two.

Rookie Manager

ORLANDO, Fla., March 9 (AP)—The Washington Senators have a rookie second base candidate who was a manager last year.

He's Calvin Coolidge Ermer, who was named boss of the class B Charlotte club—a Washington farm team—in the middle of the 1947 season. Ermer, who was 21 at the time, batted .297, socked eight triples and seven home runs, and led the Tri-state league in doubles with 27.

Leonard Called

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 9 (AP) Emil (Dutch) Leonard, the Philadelphia Phillies' veteran knuckle ball expert, will pitch the opening game of the National league season against the Boston Braves at Philadelphia April 20, Manager Ben Chapman announced today.

Leonard won 17 and lost 12 last year and had an earned run average of 2.68.

McQuinn Goes In

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 9 (AP)—With First Sacker George McQuinn in the fold, only Pitcher Charley Wensloff remains on the New York Yankees' holdout list.

McQuinn came to terms yesterday after a brief confab with General Manager George Weiss. Wensloff is believed to be at his California home but apparently the Yanks aren't worrying about him.

Minor Ailments

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R., March 9 (AP)—Various minor ailments are disrupting the activities of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Pitcher Ralph Branca has a pulled muscle in his left thigh and won't work for a few days. Hurter Rex Barney has a touch of grippe. Outfielder Duke Snider has an intestinal disturbance while flycatcher Al Gianfriddo is recovering from being beamed.

Out Of Hospital

BRADENTON, Fla., March 9 (AP)—Eddie Stanky, newly purchased Boston Braves' second baseman who has been confined to a hospital in the Dominican Republic, will be discharged today and join his new club Saturday.

Brooklyn officials have informed the Braves that the fiery second sacker suffered a virus infection but that penicillin had returned his temperature to normal overnight.

Meanwhile, Manager Billy Southworth spiked rumors that he would trade Second Baseman Connie Ryan.

Slugging Start

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 9 (AP) Ed Stevens is off to a good start in his bid for a berth with the Pittsburgh Pirates. The first sacker, obtained from Brooklyn, hit a homer and two singles in four trips to the plate as the Pirates beat Hollywood, 7-4, yesterday.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

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Writers Pick 1948's Star Casaba Five

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP)—Players from Kentucky, St. Louis, Notre Dame, Iowa and Minnesota were named today to the 1948 Associated Press' first All-America collegiate basketball team.

The team, determined on a point basis by votes from 321 sports editors and writers in 40 states and the District of Columbia, is composed of:

Ralph Beard, 20-year-old Kentucky junior.
Ed Macauley, 19-year-old St. Louis junior.
Kevin O'Shea, 22-year-old Notre Dame sophomore.
Murray Wier, 21-year-old Iowa senior.

On the basis of five points for a first team vote and two for a second team spot, Beard polled 859 points, better than 83 per cent of a possible perfect total. He received 133 first team votes, 47 seconds.

Tony Lavelli, Yale junior; Alex Croza, Kentucky junior; Dwight Eastleman, Illinois junior; Arnold Perrin, Utah senior, and George Kaftan, Holy Cross junior, were named as a second team.

Sixty-one players, with 124 points down to 25, inclusive, received honorable mention. They included Jack Nichols, University of Washington center, with 108 points; Nate Deloria, River Falls, Wis., Teachers, 56; Cliff Crandall, Oregon State, 33. The polls closed with 321 ballots cast from 40 states. Thirty-nine ballots were cast from the far west.

NEW YORK—Buster Tyler, 144, Newark, outpointed Tommy Bell, 142, Youngstown, O. (10).
BOSTON—Ralph Zancilli, 148, Providence, R. I., outpointed Joey Falco, 136, Philadelphia (10).

Classified Ads Bring Real Results!

Battered Beavers In Title Game Tonight

EUGENE, March 9 (AP)—Oregon State's Beavers try for their second northern division Pacific Coast conference title tonight against the University of Washington Huskies.

But OSC is not the same team that battered its way to last year's coast championship. Nor are they the same Beavers who worked their way from behind this year to lead and then be tied for the division honors in the regular season.

Coach Slat Gill's boys must overcome two big handicaps, one the loss of regular forward Cliff Crandall and the second—sharpshooting Jack Nichols of the Huskies.

Crandall, the only holdover from last year's championship quint, is out of tonight's play on a knee injury from Saturday's OSC-Oregon clash. The ace forward has been OSC's floor leader as well as the Beaver high scorer.

The Beavers have found the solution to stopping big Jack Nichols better than other Washington opponents this year, but his scoring potential is impressive. Nichols rolled up 39 points against Idaho last week-end for a new division individual one game record. His 16-game 265 point total was also a new division record.

Tonight's winner of the northern division title will meet California for the conference crown in a two-of-three game series at Berkeley starting Friday night.

Crater Lake Ski Club Will Meet

A general meeting of the Crater Lake Ski club and prospective members is called for tonight at 8 o'clock at Klamath Union high school.

At that time Bud Case is to report on what a rope tow for the club would cost and plans are to be made to raise funds for purchase of a tow which would be for the use of club members only.

Several other matters of business are to be taken up at the meeting tonight.

SOCE Bows Out Of NAIB Early

KANSAS CITY, March 9 (AP)—Southern Oregon College of Education bowed in the first round of the National Intercollegiate Basketball association tournament, but it took the defending champions of 1940 to eliminate SOCE.

Southern Oregon led over Southern Illinois, Carbondale, Ill., 25-21 at the halftime last night, but couldn't hold on. Last year's champions rallied in the second half and won, 54-50.

Pelican School Five Eliminated

Mills school eliminated Pelican yesterday afternoon 21-16 in the 4-A school "A" basketball tournament being played at Mills gym.

George Hanson had eight points for the winners and Gaylor Snow had seven. Calvin Gilmore accounted for five of the Pelican takes.

Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 Fairview plays Mills in the once-defeated bracket, and an hour later Fremont and Riverside of the top bracket.

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