

# Wayne Scott Is Resigning As Pel Coach

The final game the Pelicans play at the state basketball tournament in Eugene next week will be the last Klamath Union high school basketball contest Wayne Scott will coach. Scott announced today that he will finish out this basketball season and the school year, then resign as coach and physical education instructor at KUHS.

In a statement prepared for publication, Scott said: "Under conditions now existing at Klamath Union high school, I feel I am no longer interested in remaining as either a teacher or basketball coach. I am making this public statement now so I can go ahead next week at the state tournament looking for another job. It is very possible that I will return to college next fall for an advanced degree before accepting another position. The community has been wonderful to me and I sincerely hope the community feels I have done a good job."

There is very little chance that the community will feel otherwise about Scott's basketball coaching, since he has been at the helm of the Klamath Falls Pelicans three seasons and put the Pels into the state tournament three times.

## State Champion First Year Out

Scott came to Klamath Falls in 1941 and was Wildcat basketball coach for the 1941-42 season. Next fall he was made Pelican coach for the 1942-43 season and his team that year won the state high school championship. After the 1943 season Scott went into the service and returned in time to take over the Pelicans for the 1946-47 basketball play. His team finished second in the state, losing out to Coos Bay in the state tournament finals.

This year the Pelicans swept undefeated through the Southern Oregon district and next week will be one of the outfits to watch at Eugene.

Last season Scott came back to an almost ready-made team of excellent players and consequently his coaching ability was minimized. But this year he started from scratch with a green crew and molded the Pels into a winning combination, possibly a state champion.

## No Comment Of Causes For Move

He is now considered one of the most capable high school basketball coaches in Oregon and undoubtedly will not have to look for a post with not only more prestige but more pay.

Scott is originally from Silverton, Ore., where he played high school ball and was twice chosen on all-state basketball teams. His collegiate playing was done under Howard Hobson, first at Southern Oregon college and later at the University of Oregon.

In announcing his forthcoming resignation from the KUHS staff, Scott did not comment on what "existing conditions" at the high school prompted his move, except to say he was "not happy here as things now stand."

It is believed here that Scott can hook on with a collegiate coaching staff at better pay than he receives at KUHS and that aside from personal finances he disagrees with the school over expense money allotted for the Pelicans on road trips such as the Eugene tournament and other matters of policy.

## HOCKEY LEAGUE'S BID FOR PRO RATING EYED

PITTSBURGH, March 13 (AP)—The three pro hockey leagues operating in the United States and Canada have reserved decision on admitting the Pacific coast loop to full professional league status.

Application of the Coast League—comprised of 10 teams—was made to the National, American and U. S. Hockey leagues. The Pacific circuit has eight teams in the U. S. and two in British Columbia.

Yesterday's closed meeting "was merely an exploratory session," said Jim Hendy, president of the U. S. Hockey league.

"The professional leagues would like to work as much as possible with the Pacific Coast Hockey league but there are certain ramifications involving territorial rights that have to be worked out," Hendy said.

Hendy said yesterday's meeting was very satisfactory and the Pacific Coast league representatives seemed to be well pleased.

A report of the meeting will be submitted to the boards of the three pro leagues, Hendy said, and a decision will be announced as soon as possible.

He added that in all probability President Clarence Campbell of the National league would announce a verdict by June 1.

Member cities of the Coast league are New Westminster and Vancouver, British Columbia; San Diego, Los Angeles, Fresno, Oakland, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle.

## Riverside Is Grade Champ

Riverside school won the class "A" grade school basketball championship yesterday afternoon, defeating Fairview 26 to 8 at Mills gym.

The Fairview bunch just couldn't find the range in the last game, trailing 14-2 at halftime. Doug Pence was high for Riverside at 11 points, Wayne Delger for Fairview at five.

Lineups and scoring:

Riverside	Fairview
French (6)	Pleser
Pence (11)	(1) McGlone
Summers (5)	(5) Delger
Pratt (2)	(2) Tipping
Worthington	Fosdick
Riverside reserves—Lain, Swearingin, Finnigan, Frederickson (2), Fairview reserves—Scoggins, Wright and Coleman.	

TACOMA, March 13 (AP)—Pacific Lutheran college has signed with Southern Oregon College of Education for home-and-home football games during the next two seasons, Athletic Director Clifford Olson announced today. The first game will be in Tacoma November 13, 1948 and the second in Medford November 12, 1949.

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## Leaving



Coach Wayne Scott of the KU Pelicans says he will not be with the Klamath Falls basketball team after this season.

## NEW YORK RING PUT IN SWEAT

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP)—Marcel Cerdan's convincing rout of young Lavern Roach puts the New York state athletic commission on the hot seat. Now the middleweight situation screams for action.

Rocky Graziano, 160-pound king in many states, is rated undesirable on his home grounds. His license was revoked for concealing an alleged bribe offer.

With the champ unrecognized, the title has been declared "in abeyance" by Chairman Eddie Egan of the commission. The place is swarming with would-be contenders.

Cerdan, who stopped Roach in 2:31 of the eighth round last night in Madison Square Garden, has a strong case. Unbeaten in five North American starts, the Frenchman with the smiling eyes has a string of 33 victories. At the age of 32 he, like Gas Lesnevich, seems to be improving.

Although Roach easily took the first round last night he was over-matched. His brilliant amateur career and 24 wins in 25 pro fights were not enough to cope with a veteran puncher like Cerdan.

## Last Round Of NAIB Is Due Tonight

KANSAS CITY, March 13 (AP)—The fiery Sycamores of Indiana State college, Terre Haute, and the deliberate play-makers of the University of Louisville (Ky.) meet tonight for the national intercollegiate basketball title and a spot in the Olympic play-offs.

Indiana State whipped favored Hamline university of St. Paul, Minn., 86-65, last night. Center Duane Klueh's desperate one-handed shot swished through the net a split-second before the final gun ended an overtime period.

The Louisville Cardinals, playing their usual methodical game, rallied in the last five minutes to beat Xavier university of Cincinnati, 56-49.

Tonight's winner will play in the eight-team Olympic playoff at New York, March 29 and 31, to determine the United States' representative in next summer's world games in London.

## Jeffs Lose First

PORTLAND, March 13 (AP)—Jefferson, city high school basketball champion of Portland, lost its first game of the season last night—a 48-44 defeat at the hands of the University of Portland freshmen.

The team, entered in the state tournament at Eugene next week, previously had won 24 consecutive games.

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## Ten Players Eligible For Eugene Task

Four Other Boys Will Make Jaunt To Watch Tourney

Ten playing members of the Klamath Falls Pelican basketball team, four players who will not see action and two managers will make up Coach Wayne Scott's delegation to Eugene next week. The Pels will go up Tuesday in private cars.

Scott listed the following boys as eligible for tournament play: Capt. Don Zarosinski, Gary Dawes, Jack Lust, Bob Barnes and Jack Kennett on the probable starting five; Tom Edwards, Wilber Elliott, Whitey Dorman, Ed Whitney and Jerry Schubert on the reserve string.

Junior varsity members who will go along for the ride and for whatever experience they can gain as onlookers will be Bud Stringham, Charles Brightman, Roy Larson and Skip Johnson.

Managers will be Vance Vaupel and Bill Harper.

**WEIGHT ADDED**

Big Jerry Schubert, who got in both Pelican and Jayvee games this past season, was included in the varsity string for the tournament because Scott feels Jerry's height and bulk may come in handy against the backboards. Elliott, a classy ball-handler, also performed with the Jayvees frequently for more experience.

Stringham and Brightman often worked with the varsity.

The listing of the 10 eligibles might be a tip-off that Scott plans to use team-substitution, playing one five then the other, and in that manner not work undue strain on either.

If the Pels go the distance, it will mean four games in four nights and that pace can wear a team thread-bare.

**COLONIALS FIRST**

First game for the Pels will be Wednesday night against the Washington high Colonials, second-best team in the Portland city circuit. Washington represents district 18.

That game is called for 7:30 p.m. and will be broadcast over KFLW.

In Eugene the Pels will be quartered at the Osborne hotel.

## Rough Pair Take Armory Team Match

Might triumphed over right at last night's grapple fiesta in the armory where the team of Joe Dorsett and Bob Cummings took two out of three falls away from Joe Lynam and Frankie Hart.

The fight followed the same pattern of many other tag-team matches, the dirty boys (Dorsett-Cummings) staying in their corner and the cleanies taking a beating in the squared circle.

Hart took fall number one by bodysmashing Dorsett into submission. Cummings took fall two away from Lynam with a stomping armlock. Dorsett took the counter from Hart with a jumping armlock. The fight lasted 45 minutes.

Georges Dusette, the Canadian strong boy, changed the term Tough Tony Ross to Tender Tony Ross in the five-round opener when he clamped a full nelson on the ripple-backed Eugene man that left him unable to answer the bell for the fifth frame.

Ross grabbed initial honors in the scrap when he slugged Dusette around enough in the third round to get him into a back breaker that ended in the full count.

## Honor Slats Move Opens

PORTLAND, March 13 (AP)—A move was under way here today to name the new Oregon State college basketball pavilion for Coach Amory T. "Slats" Gill.

Herbert J. Darby, Portland businessman and University of Oregon graduate, started it.

He wrote "Slats Gill has contributed so much not only to Oregon State, but to the State of Oregon that the board of higher education should name Oregon State's new basketball pavilion 'Gill court' or 'Amory T. Gill pavilion.'"

L. H. Gregory, Oregonian sports editor, publicized the suggestion, and recommended its adoption.

"We can't think of a more appropriate name... Amory T. Slats Gill basketball pavilion" should be just the thing," he said.

## Robinson Sizes Up Mound Staff

PASADENA, Calif., March 13 (AP)—Chicago White Sox Catcher Aaron Robinson says pitchers are four distinct types:

1. Some need to be "babied" along with pats on the back before doing their best.
2. The ideal type knows his stuff and isn't upset by anything.
3. The third type must be "rid-don," hawled out, called names and kept mad.
4. The luckadastical type who has to be waked up with sizzling return throws to the mound.

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Welterweight Dick Weldon, also representing the Eugene Junior chamber of commerce, won another title, knocking out Royce Gish, Vancouver, Wash., in the first round of a scheduled three-round bout.

The Portland PAL club also won two titles to tie the Eugene Junior chamber.

Champions earned trips to the national AAU tourney at Boston next month.

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## The Chief Says 'Good Luck'



Dick Small of San Francisco will take with him the good wishes of his ex-boss when he moves to Lodi, Calif., to begin spring training with the Klamath Falls Gems. Small has been working for the Emeryville Westinghouse plant, and Robert A. Neal, his employer and an old-time baseball player, inscribed a ball "On to the Majors" as Dick's going-away gift. Small is 18, a first baseman and good semi-pro hitter.

## Bears Throttle Down Huskies In 64-51 Win

BERKELEY, Calif., March 13 (AP)—The University of Washington Huskies, who almost turned the Bears trick last night with their speed-ball strategy, get another whack at the California Bears tonight. This time they have to make good to stay in the Pacific Coast conference championship playoff.

A win tonight for the Huskies will call for a third and deciding game Monday. Otherwise the Bears journey to the NCAA playoffs at Kansas City next week-end on two straight triumphs.

The Bears kept pace with the hard-running, smooth-passing Huskies last night and then out-shone them in their own driving game in the last five minutes and won 64-51.

If Jack Nichols, the northern division's scoring record maker, gets away tonight the score may be in the Huskies' favor. California's Chuck Hanger held him to a measly nine points in the opener.

But the Bears weren't able to choke off the long shots of little Bobby Jorgenson and the click, driving shots of Sam White and Bill Vandenburg.

The Bears led 30-27 at the half after throttling down the Huskies' opening, terrific fast break. Washington pulled ahead 42-38 in the second half but wilted five minutes before the game's end.

Washington started with a zone defense but switched to a man-to-man as the Bears jumped to a 14-9 lead. The Huskies caught up at 19-all and the score was tied five times before Gordy Cuneo of the Bears broke a 26-all deadlock with a spectacular right-hand hook shot.

Guard Andy Wolfe of California was high scorer with 16 points. Vandenburg and White each had 11 for Washington.

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## Jax Gets Monmouth In State 'B' Final

ARLINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Tall Jacksonville and Giant-Killer Monmouth will clash here tonight for the championship of Oregon's Class B high school basketball teams.

Jacksonville gained the finals in the annual tournament for schools smaller than 150 enrollment by downing Umapine per schedule, 81-45.

Little Monmouth got there by pulling the tourney's biggest upset, a 34-33 victory over tall Union.

The score was tied nine times before Union's Bobcats, who lost in the finals by one point last year, grabbed a 33-32 lead three minutes from the end of the game on Frank Baum's free throw.

But with only 1:45 minutes left, Neal Sawtelle of Monmouth took a pass from out of bounds and dribbled the length of the floor for the winning score.

Sawtelle, who starred for Coach Bud Gronquist's team in the win over Drain the day before, tied for game scoring honors with nine points.

Guard Don Wood, Jacksonville six-footer, became the tourney's top scorer as he paced his team to the win over Umapine. He ran in 22 points to add to his previous day's total of 19.

Earlier, however, Bob Cellers of Drain had scored 23 points, the highest single-game effort of the tourney to date.

That came in a consolation bracket game in which Drain nosed out Garibaldi, 49-37. Oakridge gained the right to meet Drain in the consolation finals today by edging Madras, 39-36.

Oddly, both teams in the consolation finals are nick-named Warriors.

## Rose City Fans Like Al Hostak

PORTLAND, March 13 (AP)—Jack (Ginger) Snapp, on the verge of a brilliant boxing career, has impressed onlookers here in daily workouts for his fistie encounter at the Civic Auditorium next Tuesday night.

Snapp, the youthful clouter from Klamath Falls, gets his biggest opportunity when he takes over the main event spot in a 10-round slugfest with Al Hostak, the "Savage Slav" from Seattle.

Hostak, twice bearer of the world's middleweight crown will be highly favored over the Klamath fighter, but local fistie experts believe that if Snapp can last the first three rounds he will win the bout.

In so arguing they point to Snapp's youth and his amazing strength and endurance. Although Hostak is one of the hardest punchers in his division, the Merrill Marauder also packs a potent wallop, especially in his explosive right hand.

Both fighters will be in peak condition. Hostak has worked here daily all week and has also turned in daily road work stints. Snapp arrived Tuesday from San Francisco, where he did his preliminary work since the bout was signed.

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