

Washington Edges Klamath Falls 35-33

By HALE SCARBROUGH

MacARTHUR COURT, Eugene, March 18—A photo finish failed the Pelicans here last night and when the smoke from the small-bore cannon used as the closing gun for these state tournament basketball games cleared away the scoreboard read Washington 35, Klamath Falls 33. And so the Pels glided into the consolation bracket which promises just as much work as the championship division and none of the glory.

The Pelicans got off one of their poorest games of the season—any fan can testify to that, and the Washington Colonials didn't stack up as a team that is going places. However, Washington is still in the title running and Klamath Falls wasn't the only pre-tournament favorite that left by the board in the first round of play. Newberg and Jefferson tumbled right into the consolations also. Marshfield, the defending titlist, is definitely the outfit to watch.

Last night's Pelican-Washington encounter was about as dismal as the Willamette weather for a while, but brightened up along-towards the end.

It was one of those nights when nothing seemed to break right for the Pels, and the Colonials weren't having much better luck. Klamath Falls got the early lead, 1-0 on a foul shot by Jack Lust. But a moment later Ralph Krafke, Colonial forward, broke through for a lay-in and from that moment on the Pels were never in the lead.

Don Zarosinski tied the score at 2-2 with a free throw that rolled around the hoop, and Don Schuberg put Washington ahead again with another free one.

Later on in the first quarter Zarosinski knotted the count at 5-5 by looping in a long shot from outside the key circle, but Virgil Webb put the Colonials in front 6-5 at the quarter-mark with a foul shot.

Judging from the first quarter, the game was played mostly on foul tosses, and it was Washington made 15 out of 20 and Klamath Falls got seven of 14.

That's the answer. Klamath out-basketed the Colonials, 13 to 10.

Half-time score was 17-12 for the Portland standard-bearers. The Pels this season have won lots of games on a third-period spree, but couldn't get one boiling this time. Jack Kennett started out the period with a long cast that seemed to be just what the Pels needed—a shot in the arm—but the expected revival didn't come. The Pels would get up to three points behind, then drop back to five or six. That three-point margin was like a nail in a sliding board. They caught on it every time.

In Arrears
The fourth period opened with Klamath seven points back and by the time of the three-minute time out the situation had grown worse—they were eight points in arrears.

Then came the rally. Bob Barnes sneaked in for a crumple. Don Koepke and Don Zarosinski exchanged foul shot completions and Jack Kennett broke away for the only solo score of the game. That put the Pels four points back, 31-35, and made Washington call time out to think it over.

It was the Colonials' sixth pause and consequently the Pels got a technical foul award. Zarosinski, the captain, was short on the free throws.

A moment later Barnes crashed through the center for a short ringer and put the score at 35-33 when the ball went back into play the Pels drew a foul and took possession out of bounds. There were 25 seconds left to go.

Fifteen of them were spent in trying to work the ball in and when Zarosinski finally cast off from the right of the basket his shot sailed over and Washington recovered. The Colonials started down the floor and Klamath got the ball on steps with time running out.

The gun sounded with Barnes in the air trying for the basket which would have tied the score. It was no good.

No player in the game stood out but if a palm had to be awarded probably would go to Virgil Webb, Colonial forward. He drew four fouls but had the faculty of breaking up good Klamath plays. Webb scored nine points himself.

EUGENE, Ore., March 18 (AP)—The race for the state Class A-high school basketball championship was narrowed today to eight Western Oregon schools.

All entries from Eastern Oregon districts—along with Jefferson of Portland and the Pelicans from Klamath Falls—were shunted to the consolation series which opened this morning.

Lined up for the second round title play starting this afternoon were Tigard vs. St. Helens at 3 p. m. and Astoria against Salem at 4:15 p. m. The defending champions of Coos Bay's Marshfield high lead off the night play with Gresham at 7:30 p. m. Portland's Washington Colonials clash with the Corvallis Spartans at 8:45 p. m.

Giant Killer

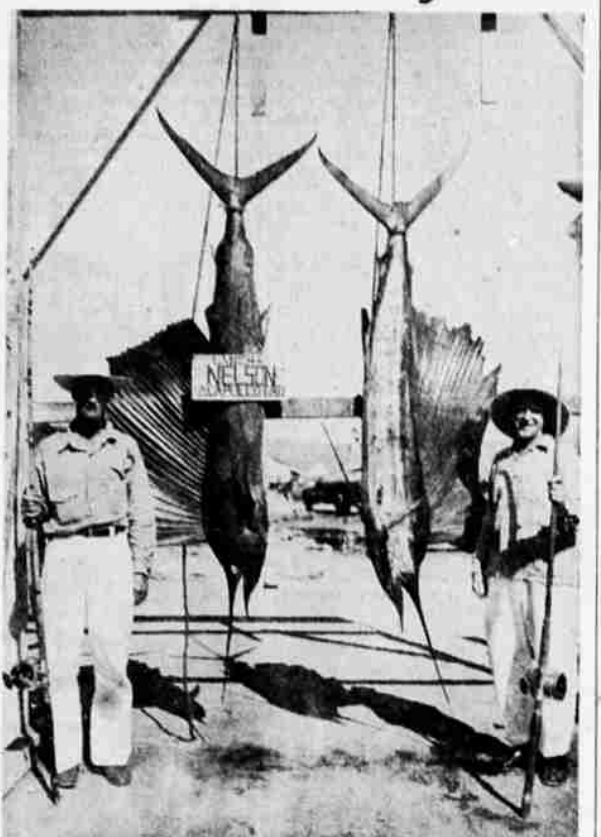
Astoria was the "giant killer" in the first round completed last night. The Fishermen eliminated Portland's Jefferson, 44 to 35. The Washington Colonials, Portland, squeezed past the stubborn Klamath Pelicans, 35 to 33, and Corvallis defeated West Linn, 44 to 35. Marshfield had to break away from a tie twice to overcome Springfield, 60 to 52. In the other first round games yesterday, Salem beat Baker, 54 to 36, and Gresham downed Prineville, 46 to 31.

Favored Corvallis from District 7 had trouble only in the opening

SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Klamath Farmers Snag Sailfish



A couple of Klamath farmers went to Acapulco, Mexico, to snag these big sailfish which they were proudly displaying on the dock down there when this picture was taken. They are L. B. Schreiner, Mallin, left, and Henry Semon, Henley, right. Mrs. Schreiner also got a sailfish, and Schreiner got a tarpon in Mexican waters.

The box score:

Washington (Portland) (35)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Krafke, F	3	0	2	6
Webb, F	2	5	3	9
Schuberg, C	2	2	1	6
White, G	2	3	3	7
Koepke, G	1	3	3	7
Godsey, G	0	0	1	0
Murray, F	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	15	13	35

Klamath Falls (33)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Kennett, F	4	1	3	9
Barnes, F	4	1	3	9
Lust, C	0	1	3	1
Zarosinski, G	2	1	2	5
Dawes, G	2	1	2	5
Whitney, F	1	0	0	2
Dorman, F	0	1	2	1
Elliot, G	0	0	0	0
Edwards, G	0	1	3	1
Totals	13	7	18	33

Halftime: Washington 17, Klamath Falls 12.

quarter with West Linn of District 12. The Spartans were trailing by two points, 8-6, at the end of the first quarter, but Bud Edwards tied the count just as the second session opened and a moment later fired another goal to put his team in front, 10-8. From there the Spartans piled up a 22-12 halftime margin.

West Linn cut the margin to seven points, 29-22 before the third quarter was over, but faltered as the final quarter got under way. Mid-way in the final session Corvallis had moved ahead 33-26 and Forward John Reardon then collected three quick field goals to boost Corvallis to a 39-26 margin. The victors were never threatened from there to the 44-35 finish. Bob Edwards, Corvallis center, scored 21 points; Reardon had 15.

General Manager Earl Sheely said the Caps would receive First Baseman Bob Goldstein and Pitcher Bob White under option.

Nine others will go to the Canadian club under direct contract: First Baseman Patrick O'Keefe and Orrin Snyder; Catchers Charles Hanson, Gus Mueller and Dan Linton; Pitchers Alex Klubiukin and Everett Pearson; Infielder Joe Kaney and Outfielder Harold Roberts.

Caps Get 11 Rainier Men

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., March 18 (AP)—Eleven players, pruned from the roster of the Seattle Rainiers, will play this summer with the Vancouver Caplans of the Western International League.

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Calgary Rodeo Director Dies

CALGARY, Alta., March 18 (AP)—Jack Dillon, former director of the Calgary Stampede and prominent Alberta oil man, died Monday night after a long illness.

Long associated in activities of the International Rodeo association, Dillon acquired his interest in traditional "Western" life during his childhood near the Chicago stockyards.

OVERSEAS

OLYMPIA, March 18 (AP)—St. Martin's high school may go "overseas" for a September football game. Coach Van Meighem said today the preppers had been invited to meet Ketchikan, Alaska, high school there.

Eastern NCAA Scramble Slated To Start Tonight With Kentucky In Top Favor

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—Two more gusts in basketball's whirlwind of post-season tournaments begin tonight with opening of the eastern NCAA and the national YMCA eliminations.

The East's National Collegiate Athletic association event snatches the big spotlight at Madison Square Garden with games involving defending champion Holy Cross and three conference champions.

Training Camp Briefs

By The Associated Press
ORLANDO, Fla., March 18 (AP)—Opposing outfielders are making life miserable for the Philadelphia Phils.

On Tuesday, Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox whipped the Phils by driving in four runs. Yesterday, Gil Coan of the Washington Senators clouted a homer with the bases loaded, singled and stole a base in the Senators' 11-7 win.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 18 (AP)—George Munger and Al Brazle are Manager Eddie Dyer's mound choices today as his St. Louis Cardinals meet the Cincinnati Reds.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 18 (AP)—Connie Mack insists batting practice is the important thing in training camp, and he's giving the Philadelphia A's two hours of it every day.

"Batting practice serves to loosen up the swinging muscles," Connie said. "But its principal purpose, and chief benefit, is in getting the hitters to focus their eyes on the ball."

LOS ANGELES, March 18 (AP)—Rain is playing havoc with the Cleveland Indians' exhibition schedule. The Indians have been able to squeeze in only three of their eight scheduled games so far.

They'll try tomorrow night again, playing the Pittsburgh Pirates in a night game at the Hollywood park. Bob Feller, Bob Lemon and Steve Gromek are scheduled to pitch.

LOS ANGELES, March 18 (AP)—Eaten in eight of 10 games this spring with professional clubs, the Chicago White Sox hoped today for their first 1948 victory over the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs expect to have Bill Nicholson back in the lineup. He has been out ten days with a pulled tendon.

Kentucky, Kingpin of the South-eastern, will play Columbia Ivy league titleholder, at 8 p. m. (EST) and Michigan, the Big Nine ruler, will meet Holy Cross in the after-piece of the all-star doubleheader.

The winners tangle Saturday and the smart boys contend Kentucky is the one to go all the way.

YMCA Tourney

Across the river, meanwhile, in Brooklyn's Manual High gymnasium eleven teams from six states launch play in the three-day national YMCA tournament. Entries include Walla Walla, Wash., Pacific Northwest champion.

The two tourneys—as is the popular pattern this year—point in the same direction. The survivors will qualify for a chance in the Olympic tryouts, opening in the Garden March 27.

Two of the East Olympic spots are already filled—one of them last night by a fast, smart St. Louis university team which whipped New York university in the finals of the national invitation at the Garden, 65-52.

Louisville, a representative of the "small college" crowd, earned a place previously by winning the National Association of Intercollegiate Football (NAIF) marathon at Kansas City.

Three of the remaining four positions in the field will be filled by independent teams now scrambling for honors in the national AAU tournament at Denver and the other will come out of the western NCAA playoffs, opening Friday at Kansas City.

Washington Up
The western NCAA lineup sends Kansas State, the Big Seven conference king, against Wyoming, a runner-up in the mountain states, and Washington, the Pacific Coast titlist, against Baylor, the best of the Southwest.

The eastern and western NCAA titlists will tangle in New York next Tuesday.

The NCAA last night rejected an appeal of Brigham Young, the mountain states champion, to gain representation in the Kansas City meet. The team had been counted out because it used a five-year man—an infraction of the NCAA regulations.

Husky Gridders To Help Coach

SEATTLE, March 18 (AP)—Three former Washington gridders will help Coach John Cherbeg with his University of Washington freshman football drills.

They are Jelly Anderson, an end; John Zezer, guard, and Gerry Austin, a quarterback. Austin, from Kelo, and Zezer will help with spring practice. Coach Howie Odell said, and all three will work with the squad next fall.

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