

RIDIN' HERD

IT'S TOO EARLY to try to name an all-state basketball team. Particularly when you're not sure whether the team on which your nominee is playing will get into the Big Show in Eugene.

But it makes for lively speculation to glance over last season's all-star team and then, just for the fun of it, assume certain teams reach the final hoop-playoffs.

THERE WERE so many outstanding boys last March that 13 players were given all-state rating—the first team and eight on the second team.

Five of these 13 are still playing high school ball. Cage coaches burdened down with the blues may try to glance over these five—and then dream sweet dreams about being able to field such a team.

This mythical quintet would have Bob Altenhofen, Central Catholic, and Max Anderson, Jefferson, at the forward posts.

Wade Halbrook, seven-foot Lincoln, would be at center. Guards would be dipsey-doodle Jerry Crimmins of McLaughlin high and Tom Crabtree of Marshfield.

Incidentally, Crabtree is just a junior. He stands a chance of being an all-stater three years. That's if Marshfield gets in the tournament and it's been a habit with the Pirates in the past. Losing Coach Bill Borchert to the University of Oregon may make some difference, but that's open to debate.

JUST TO JOG your memory somewhat, here are the other eight, most of them now playing college ball.

Two of them, incidentally, are now working for Skeet O'Connell up Oregon Tech way.

They're our own Tom Schubert of KUHS and Wayne Hofhuss of Lebanon.

Ron Robins of Marshfield and Klamath's Bill Toole, first-teamers along with Altenhofen, Anderson and Halbrook, are at Oregon State.

Reggie Halligan of Bend is at Oregon. Dean Parsons of Eugene enrolled at the University of Washington, Bill West at Washington State.

I don't know where Jefferson's Bill Zapp is.

BUT AGAIN for speculation—if Central Catholic, Jeff, Lincoln, Mac-Hi and Marshfield qualify for the state tournament it will be tough for a newcomer to break up this Altenhofen-Anderson-Halbrook-Crimmins-Crabtree combine.

SPORTSWRITERS from Medford to Portland and back again have written their opinions of the Grant-Grants Pass state championship football game that ended in a 14-14 tie.

All have more or less fallen into the same pattern, that of petitioning the OSA fathers to do something about this first downs business to decide who wears the crown.

It'll join the choir with my own personal suggestion.

During the playoffs—that is, up to the championship game—I'd give the nod to the team holding the most yardage inasmuch as this seems to me to be more decisive than a flock of first downs that may have come between the 35 yard lines.

Raiders Here for Series Opener

Owls Host In Cage Twin Bill

By RED HURD Skeet O'Connell is certain he'll put a team on the floor against Southern Oregon tonight and tomorrow night on Oretech's mile-high court—but the cage headman isn't sure who will get the starting positions.

After two losses to the Raiders at Ashland, followed by two far-from-easy wins over Shasta college of Redding, the OTI hoop mentor has been doing a lot of juggling but probably won't come up with the five certain answers until game time tonight, 8 o'clock.

Art Kirkland's Owls are in the opposite position of the varsity. They whipped the SOC junior varsity twice and will try to do it twice more in 6:30 preliminary games.

NOT EASY But the chore won't be easy with the loss of Jerry Wya to the varsity club. The North Bend lad has shown enough talent in pumping the net for the jayvees. O'Connell has moved him up to the varsity.

O'Connell will probably end up with Deszeye Don Sutphin and Jim McGregor at the guard spots but from there the chore of naming the starters gets tough.

Tom Schubert, ex-KUHS sharpshooter, worked at center against Shasta, teaming well with Sutphin in the scoring department. So Schubert may be tonight's opening center and he may get a forward spot, along with either Jack Pinkley, Homer Duncan or Tom Humphreys.

CENTERS Wayne Hofhuss and John Koch are both strong center candidates too. Jim Paterson and Larry Terlisner complete the 10-man squad. All will probably see action when the Owls gun for revenge victories over the Raiders.

Bill McLean and Harley Weaver are the likely nominees as SOC's starting forwards. Both scored heavily against Oretech in the December 7 and 8 meetings.

The center nod from Coach Ted Schopf will probably go to Leon Keeffe, while Keith Johnson and Ken Kimura look like the boys to nail down the guard positions.



DON SUTPHIN is Oretech's main scoring threat as the Owls open a two-game series tonight against Southern Oregon. The Raiders hold two decisions over the OTI cagers this season.



JERRY OVEREN, who played on last season's Pelican state high school runner-up team, will no doubt see some action tonight as a member of the Southern Oregon College of Education Red Raiders.

Pelicans in Redding Tonight

Klamath, Shasta in Two Tilts

A squad of 10 Pelican cagers left early this morning for Redding and a Friday-Saturday double-header with the Shasta Wolves.

But Redding will be no push-over. The Wolves invaded Oregon last weekend to beat Medford and drop a two-point decision to Grants Pass in overtime.

STARTERS Pelican Coach Paul McCall will probably hang tough with his starting five—forwards Ray Bell and Jack Horton, center Ralph Carroll and guards Jerry Johnson and Calvin Gilmore.

But other than Jordan's advantage in height, the Pels will have the edge in height with 6-5 Bell, 6-4 Horton to go with Carroll.



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Sugar Fights For One Buck

SAN FRANCISCO, (P)—Sugar Ray Robinson will defend his middleweight title against Carl (Bobo) Olson of Honolulu for \$1 here January 24.

The 15-round bout, for the Damon Runyon cancer fund, was approved yesterday by the California state athletic commission.

Both Robinson and Promoter William P. Kyne will contribute all earnings except \$1 each to the fund.

The fight will be held in the 8000-seat Civic auditorium. Robinson stopped Olson in 11 rounds when they fought for the title in Philadelphia.

Mathias Sprains Ankle

PALO ALTO, Calif. (P)—Stanford fullback Bob Mathias sprained his ankle in scrimmage yesterday and will be forced to go easy until after Christmas in workouts for the January 1 Rose Bowl game.

But Coach Chuck Taylor said the Tulare, Calif., blaster will be running at full speed when the Indians resume practice at Arrowhead Springs December 26.

Halfback Eric Southwood of Los Angeles quit the squad after deciding his injured knee could not stand the punishment of contact work. He had been missing from the lineup since early in the season.

The warming up period for the Indians is all over, Taylor said. Today a full scrimmage with varsity banging into varsity will lead off two-day workouts.

SAN FRANCISCO, (P)—An offensive attack built around a man who wasn't there was formulated yesterday by the Eastern all stars' board of strategy as contact work began for the December 29 East-West Shrine charity football classic for crippled children.

Coaches Biggie Munn of Michigan State and Tuss McLaughry, Dartmouth, named a tentative attacking backfield and listed Vic Janowicz of Ohio State in the fullback spot. Janowicz, whose arrival has been delayed by Eastern storms, will be the spinning back, a role that won him All America acclaim and the Heisman trophy in 1950.

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KAHUT, EZ MIX TONITE PORTLAND, Ore. (P)—Ezzard Charles, former world heavyweight champion, will fight an Oregon farm boy in a scheduled 12-round boxing match here tonight.

Maxim Likes New York CLEVELAND, (P)—Joe Maxim says that if he defends his light heavyweight title against Harry Matthews, he would rather fight in New York than in San Francisco.

Roosevelt Wins Volley Crown Roosevelt won the class B grade school volleyball championship yesterday but had to come from behind to beat Riverside, 2-15, 15-11.

Memphis Five Finds Victory UMATILLA, Ore. (P)—The Memphis State college basketball team finally hit the victory column last night after four straight losses in the Pacific Northwest, defeating Eastern Oregon college 71-63.

Sports Mirror By The Associated Press Today A Year Ago—Lightweight boxer Al (Sonny) Liston died from brain injuries sustained the previous night in his fight with Percy Bassett at St. Nicholas arena, New York.

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