

Owls Hand Kirkland Gay Debut



Linfield Humbled, 67 to 54

By RED HURD
Oregon Tech's Owls greeted their new skipper, Art Kirkland, with by far their best cage performance of the current season last night to out-gun a good Linfield team by a 67-54 count.

Don Sutphin found the scoring punch that made him a well-known name last year to lead the Owls with a 23-point onslaught. That included nine field goals, four of them in a big second-quarter binge that saw the Owls pass the Wildcats for the first time and keep the lead the rest of the way.

Impressive as the Owls were in the sharpshooting department, the marked improvement was shown on defense.

FIVE SCORE
Homer Duncan scored 16 behind Sutphin. In fact, only five of the Owls shared the 67 total. Len Genslein, graduate Jayvee, potting 10, Jack Pinkley and substitute Jerry Wyatt nine each.

The Cats made noises at the outset of the game like they'd make Kirkland's varsity debut a dismal one.

In less time than it takes to put it in print, the visitors had three field goals and a 6-0 lead on set shots by Bill Anderson, Ad Rutschman and Grant Schieve in that order.

But then the Owls got their floating zone defense working order and the rest of the game saw Linfield taking hurried long shots to stay in the game.

WHITTLING
But if you took a lot of whittling before the Owls finally found a lead they kept with just five minutes left in the second frame. Genslein, a watchdog on defense and a cucumber on long shots, tied the count at 18-18 with a toss from the charity line.

The Sutphin, whose four from the floor and one from the gift line led the Oretsch second-quarter rally, dumped one from outside the key to give the Hilltop lads a 20-18 lead.

That seemed to light a fuse under the OTI quilt. They built a seven-point 28-21 edge at the half and only once, early in the fourth quarter, did the Wildcats close the gap as close as seven points at 41-48.

HIG LEADS
Twice in the third quarter the Owls held 10-point leads with Sutphin and Genslein connecting from far out.

Without Linfield forwards Jack Leonard and Grant Schieve, Oregon Tech would have wrapped the game up for delivery in the third round. The two Wildcats pierced the stingy Owl defense for five field goals. Three boys—Oretsch, Marshall, and Dick Miller and Ted McKee adding one each for good measure.

But McKee had big second and fourth quarters to finish with 18 points and high Linfield honors.

Bill Anderson, highly-rated ex-Marshall player, should have come equipped with his press raves. Anderson is famous for his nook shots out of the weave. But the Owls kept on their heels and the weave became a broken-down merry-go-round that Linfield scrapped in the second frame.

LAST ONE
After Anderson scored in the first few seconds to draw first blood, he never again found the range and finished with that one field goal.

It was a rough game but not out of control and designed to make too few persons glad they braved the storm. Three boys—Oretsch, Pinkley and Tom Schubert and Linfield's Schieve—went the way of five personal fouls.

The Owls had the backboard most of the time with Pinkley and Duncan spearheading the rebounds particularly in the second half.

The Owls travel to Arcata, Calif., for a king's-X pair with Humboldt State January 4-5 before opening league play January 11 against Oregon College, a club that divided two games with Linfield.



BACKBOARD WATCHMAN Homer Duncan (9) seems to have this rebound wrapped up. Helping the big Oregon Tech cager is Jerry Wyatt (13) to haul the ball away from the eager grasp of Linfield center Ted McKee (33). Watching proceedings are Jack Pinkley (11), OTI, and Jack Leonard (28), Linfield. The Owls won 67-54 in their best performance of the current season.

Pels, Millers Scrap Tonight

Visitors Hold 3-2 Record

The Pels open a two-game basketball series tonight on Pelican court against a strong contender in the tough Dist. 6 cage race, the Springfield Millers.

Tip-off time is approximately 8 o'clock, preceded by a junior varsity-Main preliminary.

The Millers are loaded with lettermen, including their entire last season's starting five — forwards Bill Pakulak (6-2) and Floyd Burright (5-9), center Jack Heacock (6-5), and guards Jack Cozad (5-6) and George Biberback (5-10).

SPARKPLUG
Biberback is the team's sparkplug but may not see action in the Klamath series. He suffered a shoulder separation in a recent game with Salem.

Doug Leavitt (5-9) would replace him.

Springfield has scoring balance, ranging from Biberback's 41 in five games to Pakulak's 56.

The Millers go into the Klamath series with a 3-2 record as against the Pelicans 2-1-1 mark (the tie game was with Redding last Friday night).

WIN AND LOST
Springfield victories are over St. Francis (44-21), Bend (64-60 in overtime) and Albany (50-43). Losses are to Salem (42-51) and Bend (67-70).

It should be a running doubleheader with the Millers using a fast break as do the Pels.

The defensive edge would probably go to Klamath Falls.

Pakulak is the team's best rebounder with 49 in four games to date with 49 and 42 points respectively. Johnson has 34, Gilmore 24 and Horton 22.

Saturday night's curtain-raiser will put the Jayvees against Palmerion of the City league.



JERRY JOHNSON, speed-boy of the Klamath Pelicans, will be among the starters tonight at 8 o'clock when the Springfield Millers invade Klamath Falls for a two-game series with the local quint.

Sedgman Keeps Davis Cup for Australians

By GAYLE TALBOT
SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—In one of the most magnificent exhibitions of tennis ever seen in any country, Frank Sedgman completed his job of crushing America's Davis Cup team Friday.

With issue still in balance in the fifth and deciding match of the challenge round, the young blond Aussie ace Robert Vic Seixas into ribbons, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, to retain the coveted cup for his country three matches to two.

Ted Schroeder had kept the challengers in the running by handing Mervyn Rose, his second straight defeat, 6-4, 13-11, 7-5.

Sedgman nearly knocked Seixas' racket from his hand with his unreturnable service for final point. A crowd of 15,300 remained standing for 20 minutes while Prime Minister Robert Menzies presented the trophy to the winners in a mid-court ceremony.

In defeating Schroeder on opening day, then joining Ken McGregor in the vital doubles victory over Schroeder and Tony Trabert Thursday and ending Seixas Friday, Sedgman lost only one set. That was to Schroeder after he led, two sets to none.

In contrast to the fine closing exhibition, the Schroeder-Rose match was lackluster and had the crowd yawning through 10 of its stretches. It was strictly a contest of service and volley and the majority of the points were decided on errors.

WHAT WITH all the high school Oretsch and county prep basketball activity in the basin, the city and Klamath Basin leagues are given just passing notice by the cage public.

But it would probably take just a smaller small dose of heat to melt off a first-class rhabarb between these two cage families.

Actually, the new started brewing many years ago—boiling out of the annual custom of putting the city's top teams against the basin's best for the independent championship of the whole area.

IN BRIEF, the major complaint being lodged by the city boys is regards holding the playoffs in outside gyms—such as Chiloquin, Tulelake, Dorris, et al.

The Basin Boys naturally want to keep the playoffs in the smaller Klamath Falls—because the attendance is admittedly better in these spots.

Players and managers in the far-flung Basin loop are getting so fed up with the custom of putting the city's top teams against the basin's best for the independent championship of the whole area.

In a recent meeting of the Basin circuit, the league heads threatened to pull out of the playoffs. Some wanted to keep the playoffs mainly for goodwill purposes. Right now it's hanging fire and none of the city boys have been sounded out on the subject.

INASMUCH as the outlying towns to Klamath Falls have little to offer—compared to Klamath Falls—in the line of sports entertainment, the basketball pavilions are jam-packed.

Seems there was quite a lot of discussion during last season's city-county playoffs, leading many this season to suggest calling the whole thing off.

But it seems to me the playoffs in Klamath Falls are outlying towns closer together and should continue.

All are grown men playing in the leagues and certainly any trouble that arises can be taken care of.

I can go along with the Basin leagues in insisting the playoffs stay in gyms outside of Klamath Falls. Because there's no doubt that's where the interest is. Not to split the melon as is done in many other sports—the bigger chunk to the winner and the smaller percent to the loser?

Beside a title, there would then be a slight monetary bonus for the winner.

But to quit the city-county playoffs altogether would be scrapping an annual feature that's gaining in interest.

Gunners Hold Sunday Shoot

The December 16 turkey shoot was so successful, Klamath Gun Club Pres. Vern Moore is calling another merchandise shoot Sunday at the club's Wocus traps.

Moore said the last shoot, first of the season, drew more feds and shooters than any shoot in the club's history.

All three traps will be open Sunday, Moore said. Coffee and lunch will be served at the clubhouse.

Twelve, 16 and 20 gauge shells will be on hand.

Instruction by experts will be available for novices. Wind, rain or snow won't cancel the shoot, Moore added, in urging the public to attend.

Engineers, Bears Ready

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Fun-loving Georgia Tech and hard-working Baylor settled down in their luxury hotels Friday, only a few blocks apart, to await their Orange Bowl meeting next Tuesday.

Coach Bobby Dodd planned a light workout for Georgia Tech, but no scrimmaging.

The Engineers from Atlanta had a brief session of running plays, passing and punting Thursday and Dodd said it was "our first good workout since the first of December."

SCOLARI IS VERSATILE
BALTIMORE (AP)—Fred Scolari, player-coach of the Baltimore Bullets in the NBA, was a versatile athlete at Galileo High School in San Francisco and at San Francisco U. Fred played soccer, basketball and football as well as basketball.

ON THE TARGET
EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—He's not playing cupid. That bow and arrow Hugh MacMaster, Michigan State's basketball center, carries around is part of his hobby. He's an ardent archer. Spartan coach Paul Newell credits MacMaster's strong basketball hands to his archery exercises.

Sports

Hurley Snubs Maxim Offer

SEATTLE (AP)—The man who has hollered loud enough to be heard in the halls of Congress with his demands for a Joey Maxim-heavyweight light-heavyweight boxing title bout has turned down such a fight.

He is Jack Hurley, cage manager of Seattle's pride and joy, 29-year old Harry Kid Matthews. Matthews has been knocking out or dusting off the nation's light-heavyweight boxers with monotonous regularity in 1950 and 1951. And with each triumph has come a new demand that Maxim, the champion, meet the lethal-listed kid.

The International Boxing Club of New York has been the target of most of the often-times acrimonious statements about why a title bout couldn't be arranged. The Department of Justice was even approached by some lawmakers with a demand the IBC be charged as a trust illegally controlling boxing. Little developed beyond the words, however, until last week.

INSULTING
Then the IBC's matchmaker, Al Weill, offered a title bout for Feb. 22. He originally offered Matthews 25 per cent of the gate and 15 per cent of television receipts. Hurley roared like an angered manager that the offer was "inadequate and insulting."

"Who does he think he is?" Hurley asked of Maxim. "Matthews? Maxim couldn't draw fights."

Weill countered with an increase to 20 per cent of gate and TV, but with an ultimatum that Hurley sign by the end of this week "or else."

REJECTED
"Date, terms and other dictates connected with Maxim offer rejected," Hurley telegraphically snorted in reply Friday. "Matthews will continue his independent campaign, your ultimatum notwithstanding."

Later he told the Associated Press, however, that he hadn't slammed the door all the way shut. "There probably will be a Maxim-Matthews fight, maybe. But we just won't fight on Maxim's terms," he said.

Sellout Seen For E-W Tilt

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Fifty of America's greatest college football stars, including eight All-Americans, do their bit for crippled children in the annual Shrine game Saturday.

Their efforts, before a sellout crowd of 60,000 in Kezar Stadium, will net the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital here more than \$100,000. Game time is 1:30 p.m. PST.

The East's All-Americans are Pullbacks Hugh McElhenry of Washington and Ollie Matson of San Francisco. Guard Les Richter of California and Tackle Jim Weatherall of Oklahoma.

West Head Coach Jess Neely of Rice indicated his offensive starting fullback will be McElhenry, ace coast gainer. Matson is nursing a game leg, but will play.

Wisconsin Nips Ducks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Wisconsin rallied in the fourth quarter Thursday night to nip Oregon 82-77 and spoil the Ducks' basketball debut in California.

The free-scoring intersectional game was played in the Cow Palace where the Ducks meet the Hawkeyes of Iowa Friday night.

Wisconsin and Oregon played on even terms until the closing minutes of the final period when Captain Al Nicholas connected with a hookshot to give the Badgers a 67-66 lead which Oregon never overcame.

Nicholas was high scorer with 25 points. Forward Bob Peterson and Center Chet Noe tied at 18 points for the losers.

Klamath, Langell Win Shoots

CAL-ORE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Klamath Falls	2	0	1.000
Ashland	2	0	1.000
Langell Valley	2	0	1.000
Medford No. 1	1	0	1.000
Yreka	1	1	.500
Medford No. 2	1	1	.500
Coos Bay	1	1	.500
Sylvia Point	1	1	.500
Grants Pass No. 1	1	1	.500
Scott Valley	0	2	.000
Butte Valley	0	2	.000
Roseburg	0	2	.000
Grants Pass No. 2	0	2	.000

Klamath Falls and Langell Valley rifers have gone to the post twice in Cal-Ore league competition and both are still unbeaten.

The Klamath Falls rifle and pistol club beat Grants Pass Number 2 team in its last outing by a 1509-1464 count. Langell Valley, in walloping Scott Valley 1526-1486, established a high team score for the day. Perfect score is 1600.

High individual score went to Yreka's Oren Deter with a 391 of 400, as his team beat Coos Bay.

Box scores (Medford No. 1 drew a bye):

ASHLAND (1519)	MEDFORD 2 (1483)
Oppelt 383	Roberts 299
Deter 374	Hill 276
Taylor 376	Dyckert 276
Richardson 358	Johns 374
DeGensault 374	Egelme 354
Butler 374	Hemmerly 365

G. PASS 1 (1497) BUTTE VL. (1411)

Oppelt 383	Roberts 299
Deter 374	Hill 276
Taylor 376	Dyckert 276
Richardson 358	Johns 374
DeGensault 374	Egelme 354
Butler 374	Hemmerly 365

N. FALLS (1509) G. PASS 2 (1461)

Oppelt 383	Roberts 299
Deter 374	Hill 276
Taylor 376	Dyckert 276
Richardson 358	Johns 374
DeGensault 374	Egelme 354
Butler 374	Hemmerly 365

YREKA (1513) COOS BAY (1509)

Oppelt 383	Roberts 299
Deter 374	Hill 276
Taylor 376	Dyckert 276
Richardson 358	Johns 374
DeGensault 374	Egelme 354
Butler 374	Hemmerly 365

LANGELL VL (1576) SCOTT VL (1461)

Oppelt 383	Roberts 299
Deter 374	Hill 276
Taylor 376	Dyckert 276
Richardson 358	Johns 374
DeGensault 374	Egelme 354
Butler 374	Hemmerly 365

High team score—Langell Valley 1526-1486; high individual score—Oren Deter, Yreka, 391-400.

CAGE SCORES

COLLEGE

St. Johns (Ark.) 66	Utah 57
NYU 103	Arizona 76
Iowa 69	California 64
Wisconsin 82	Oregon 77
Bradley 81	Marquette 72
Denver 83	Santa Clara 59
Seattle 87	Pepperdine 79
Montana State 84	Eastern Wash 81
Montana 79	Contra Costa 56
San Francisco State 73	Camp Pendleton Marines 63

HIG T TOWNRY

Kansas State 87	Nebraska 67
Missouri 49	Wash. State 48
Idaho 48	Idaho 48
North Carolina 49	Southern Cal. 45
Colorado 52	Wash. Forest 51
N.C. State 71	Navy 51
Columbia 66	Duke 58

AT-CENTER TOWNRY

Tulsa 62	Alabama 32
Oklahoma City 52	Tulane 48
Oklahoma A&M 53	San Francisco 41
Florida State 62	Georgia Tech 50
Georgia Tech 50	Georgia Tech 50
Grants Pass 41	Roseburg 37
Salem 69	North Bend 47
Forest Grove 48	Vernonia 42
The Dalles 41	Dallas 33
Powers 37	Clatskanie 36

Lewis-Clark Beats SOC

PORTLAND (AP)—Southern Oregon ran out of steam after the intermission of a basketball game here Thursday night and bowed 65-57 to Lewis and Clark.

The teams played on even terms in the first half but Lewis and Clark held the Red Raiders to three points in the third quarter.

Lewis and Clark led 38-37 at halftime.

Peterson Top Rebound Man

NEW YORK (AP)—Rookie Bob Pettit of Louisiana State moved from sixth into second place in the college basketball point producing race with an average of 25.6 per game as against 28.2 for the leader, Clyde Lovellette of Kansas.

Bob Peterson of Oregon leads in rebounds with an average of 21 per game.

Hans Norland Auto Insurance, 627 Pine St.

Gunstore, T & I Drop

Gunstore and T & I (Trades and Industries) forfeited games in the Oregon league double elimination pre-season tournament yesterday to put both these teams on the sidelines along with Men's Hand Laundry, knocked out yesterday.

Games today put Klamath Pack against Meiler Bros., both unbeaten, at 1 p.m. Once-beaten Crater Lake and DeMolay mix at 2:15 p.m. Games are at Fairview gym.

KINER CLOUTED 'EM

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates is mighty proud of his title—Home Run King. By hitting 42 round trippers in the '51 season, Kiner maintained his crown for the sixth consecutive year. By doing this he tied a major league record held by Babe Ruth. Ralph is the only batter in baseball history to have led his league in homers during his first six years.



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