

BONANZA AWAITS DISTRICT CAGE FOE

Antlers Defeat Mustangs

By RED HIRD

Bonanza, a basketball king of the Klamath County Class B domain for the second straight year—and the king today is looking toward conquering more territory.

The Antlers' 49-43 victory over a surprising Malin team Saturday night on Pelican Court in the Klamath County tournament had earned Coach Merton Whipple's eaglets a fling at district honors.

Sacred Heart, a pre-season favorite, won consolation honors with a 52-40 win over Merrill.

A Dist. 5 title would hand the Antlers a ticket to the Class B state tournament in Salem, March 13-15.

But today the picture was somewhat muddled. The district includes Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake counties. Paisley, the only Class B representative in Lake County, may challenge Bonanza in a playoff series for the right to meet Rogue River, Jackson County champion, in the showdown, Josephine County has no Class B school.



SPECIAL GRINS — that of champions — are shown here by the six seniors on Bonanza's championship cage team when Antler Coach Merton Whipple (second from left) was presented with the title trophy Saturday night by County Schools Supt. Carroll Howe after Bonanza beat Malin for the title and earned the right to district play. The players (l to r) are Irwin Crume, Don Hubble, Maurice Chandler, Marlin Wilson (partially hidden), Vernon Haley and Wayne Dye.

WAVED RIGHT

Many times in the past Paisley has waived its right, feeling its brand of basketball wasn't adequate. It was hoped the same thing would happen this year inasmuch as Paisley has been beaten twice this season by Klamath County's Bly, by some 20 points each time.

If Paisley passes up its right, then Bonanza would go directly against Rogue River in a two-out-of-three series to decide the Dist. 5 representative in Salem's state tournament.

The gritty Malin team, hopelessly trailing Bonanza for more than two quarters Saturday night, brewed up a rally that came close to catching the Antlers.

The Antlers led 25-13 at the half and stretched it to 35-16 midway in the third when the Mustangs kicked off a scoring binge paced by Center Bob Stevenson that closed the count to 31-36 when the fourth frame opened.

ALL-STARS

Bonanza, the Klamath County basketball champion, and Sacred Heart, consolation winner, each placed three players on the all-Klamath County team picked Saturday night after the title tournament.

Bonanza placed Don Hubble, Vernon Crume and Maurice Chandler. The eight coaches in the league voted in Sacred Heart's Jim Mahoney, Bob Howard and Ray Beards.

The other five getting all-star nods were Wayne Hie and Bob Stevenson, members of the Malin runner-up team; Franklin Hutchinson and John Jaquysh of Bly and Gene Gentry of Clifton.

Tenth-place tie necessitated choosing of 11 players.

Rick and Hubble were unanimous choices.

Webfoots, Idaho Mix For 2nd

Northern Division

W	L	Pct.
Washington	12	2 857
Idaho	8	6 571
Oregon	6	6 500
Washington State	6	6 429
Oregon State	3	12 143

Saturday's Results
Washington State 67 Oregon 55

Southern Division

W	L	Pct.
UCLA	6	4 600
California	5	5 500
Stanford	5	5 500
USC	4	6 400

By The Associated Press

The Northern Division closes its half of the Pacific Coast Conference basketball scramble this week with the Idaho Vandals and the Oregon Ducks slugging it out for second place honors.

Washington nailed down the division title a week ago, leaving the Huskies only a pair of wrap-up games with Washington State before tackling the winner of the red-hot Southern Division race in a battle for the coast crown and a NCAA regional play-off berth. The Huskies won the championship last year and are favored again in 1952.

Idaho, idle over the week-end while Oregon was splitting 71-61 and 55-67 with Washington State, will have the edge over the Ducks in the struggle for second-place in the final standings. A split in the Monday-Tuesday series at Moscow would give Idaho a tie, and a sweep would assure the Vandals the runner-up slot.

Oregon closes its season against tall-order UCLA State Friday and Saturday, while Washington is host to Washington State for the last games of the schedule.

Wyoming turned in a classy performance in the two-game series with Washington at Laramie. Washington won Friday 52-50 with a clinching basket in the last nine seconds. Wyoming won with ease 55-45 on Saturday.

All-Stars

Bruins SD Favorites

By The Associated Press

UCLA's Bruins look good to retain the Pacific Coast Southern Division Conference title although the Bruins are only a game ahead as play goes into the final week.

The Bruins, with a 6-4 record, play in their own hall this week-end where they have lost only three straight games in the past four years. Angling for their fourth straight Southern Division crown, they hope to tangle with the Washington Huskies in the PCC final.

UCLA bumped California out of the lead over the week-end with two impressive wins, 67-54 Friday and 68-42 Saturday. Stanford, employing stalling tactics that drew loud howls of protest from the Trojans, won both its games against Southern California, 51-41 and 73-65.

Jayvees Win

By HAROLD MCKAY

Klamath's JVs used a three-minute, 51-second stall to take a slim 42-39 decision from the Medford Junior Varsity in the preliminary to the second Pelican-Black Tournament game Saturday night.

The Klamath's JVs took a 14-6 lead at the finish of the first quarter of play, then widened their lead to 25 to 13 at the half.

The Medford Junior Varsity came back in the third quarter to narrow the Klamath lead to 37 to 29.

The KU JV's started stalling in the fourth period while leading 40 to 37 with less than four minutes remaining to play.

Don Mills, KU forward, made 11 points to capture high point honors, and gained high scoring honors of 130 points for 16 games.

LONG TIME COACH

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Ray Oostling, Trinity College's Director of Athletics now in his 29th year as a faculty member, has been its basketball coach for 25 years. Together with Dean Joseph Clarke, swimming coach, and Dan Jessee, football and baseball coach, this trio has a combined coaching tenure of three quarters of a century.

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SPORTS

O'Brien Cracks Record

SEATTLE (AP)—Johnny O'Brien jumping-jack Seattle University guard, owned a new national collegiate season basketball scoring record of 970 points Monday.

The 5 foot 9 youngster with springs in his legs broke the old mark of 967 Saturday night against Portland University with a 37 point performance. George King of Morris-Harvey was the record-holder he overtook.

But despite O'Brien's 71 points in two nights at Portland, his club lost both games, 83-82 and 93-80, in two games left against Portland here Thursday and Friday to become the first player in collegiate history to score 1,000 or more points in a single season.

O'Brien earlier broke the free throw record of 291 and now has 322 points from the gift line.

Cretorian, Kurt Face Russians

The Gorky brothers have accepted Yorg Cretorian's challenge Wednesday night when the two Russians met in a tag team match which they won't soon forget.

Soldat and Ivan Gorky, winner over the Parks brothers last week, will meet Cretorian and Kurt Von Poppennheim in a tag brawl expected to set an all-time record for thrills.

Both teams claim the team wrestling title on the Pacific Coast.

It's a battle that will take a rused referee to handle. Promoter Mack Lillard is trying to get Earl Yockley, huge Medford arbiter, to be the third man in the ring.

This is the match promoters up and down the coast have been trying to land. Klamath Falls' mat customers get the first chance to see it.

Gino Nicolini, good-looking Italian wrestling star, faces tough Buck Weaver in the opener.

Reserved tickets are on sale at Castleberry Drugs.

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HOCKEY

Pacific Coast Hockey

By The Associated Press

Seattle 4 New Westminster 3

Saturday results
Calgary 1 Saskatoon 1
Tacoma 7 Vancouver 4
New Westminster 5 Victoria 2

'Cats Lose

By HAROLD MCKAY

Medford's Sophomore team beat the Klamath Wildcats, 43 to 37, at Medford Saturday afternoon.

Leo Davis, 6-3 center from Klamath, was high in the game with 16.

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Pels' Title Hopes Fade

Owls Face Humboldt Tonight

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Medford In Slim 53-52 Win

OTI Nips Vanport Saturday

By HALE SCARBROUGH

Oregon Tech's Owls closed out their Oregon Collegiate Conference schedule in bright and somewhat unexpected fashion Saturday night, beating the Vanport Vikings 70 to 66. It was the only occasion in four tries this season the Owls had beaten the Vanport Vikings.

Despite the loss, Vanport is practically assured of the conference crown. The Owls finished third.

Oregon Tech winds up its basketball season now with a two-game series here with the Humboldt State Lumberjacks, tonight and Tuesday night. Game time is 8 p. m.

AKS

Merv Hammack and Homer Duncan were the aces backed up in Saturday night's game. Duncan scored 24 points, high for the evening, and Hammack had 20, including the two baskets that broke a 66-66 tie in the final minutes of play and won the game for the Owls.

Vanport built up an early lead, though the game was never the rout the one Friday night was, when the Vikings won 70-49. The Portland visitors were ahead 16-13 at the quarter and 35-26 at half-time, coasting along.

The Owls got busy as the third period opened, dumping in seven points in what seemed like a matter of seconds to force Vanport to call time out. From then on it was a matter of closing the gap.

The Owls had the offensive.

They tied the score three times in the early stages of that quarter, only to have the Vikings creep up again, but finally Hammack and Jack Pinkley canned a couple of free throws to make it 66-66 and Hammack came back with two quick baskets—one on a length-of-court football pass from Al Foreman that caught the Viks napping—and put the game away.

The prelim Saturday night was a thriller, too. The Oregon Tech Jayvees beat the downtown Payless Drug team of the City League 62 to 56.

Crimins Shatters Halbrook's Scoring Mark With 73 Points

By JIM COUR

Associated Press Sport Writer

Medford remained the favorite for the district 4 championship and two Portland teams clinched state tournament spots in a week-end of Oregon high school basketball play that saw the Northwest individual scoring record broken twice.

Wade Swedes Halbrook of Lincoln set a new mark of 71 Friday night. Jerry Crimins of Milton-Freewater cracked it Saturday night by scoring 73.

Dennis Conner's free throw in the last 25 seconds Saturday night gave Medford a 53-52 victory over Klamath Falls, evening the week-end series between the teams.

Thus Medford, rated No. 7 in last week's Associated Press poll, retained its one-game lead over sixth-ranked Klamath Falls in the Southern Oregon district's big four division. But Medford's remaining two division games are with tough Grants Pass, while Klamath Falls has a pair with last-place Ashland.

FAVORED

The division winner will be heavily favored to beat Crater High of Central Point for the district title and a place in the state tourney at the Eugene next month.

Cleveland and Lincoln, each with a 17-2 record and ranked No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, in the state, won Friday night games to become Portland league representatives in the tourney.

Seven-foot one-inch Halbrook posted 71 points in Lincoln's 90-53 victory over Roosevelt.

Twenty-four hours later, Crimins, who's only five-foot 11, registered 73 for a new record as Milton-Freewater set a new Oregon one-game team scoring mark in defeating Hermiston, 116-63. The old team record, 115, was set by Rufus High of Sherman County in 1939.

Crimins, who's also a star football quarterback, scored 41 of his points in the second half while he had four personal fouls against him.

Five new Oregon individual scoring records now have been set this season. First, Johnny Frederick Jr. of Tigard hit 52 points of 51, then came back with 66. Gerald Bloom of Crow wiped this out with 67 points in a Lane County B League game. That stood until the performances of Halbrook and Crimins last week-end.

Halbrook has three more Portland league games and the state tournament to shoot for a new record. He has scored 715 points in 19 games.

NO REPEAT

Halbrook and Crimins met in a 1951 state tournament game, Halbrook scoring 33 points and Crimins 31. The duel won't be repeated this year, because Milton-Freewater isn't going to the tourney.

Medford In Slim 53-52 Win

STANDINGS

W	L	Pct.
Medford	8	2 800
Klamath Falls	7	3 700
Grants Pass	4	6 400
Ashland	1	9 100

Saturday's Results
Medford 53 Klamath Falls 52
Grants Pass 60 Ashland 50

The Klamath Pelicans have a slim mathematical chance of overtaking Medford in the Big Four division of Dist. 4 after Saturday night's 52-53 loss to the Black Tornado, but Grants Pass will have to help the Pels with their arithmetic problem.

The weekend split with Medford—the Pels won 54-42 Friday—kept the Tornado's one-game lead over Klamath Falls. Each have two games to go. Klamath hosting Ashland here this weekend, Medford facing Grants Pass.

If the Pels can beat Ashland twice, Grants Pass can hand Klamath Falls the title by beating Medford twice. If the Cavenem split with Medford, the district will end in a tie and would necessitate a one-game play-off.

Dennis Conner was the hero of Medford's squeaky win Saturday night. His one-hander tied it 52-all with less than two minutes to play. His free shot with 25 seconds left was the margin of victory.

Medford jumped into a lead but the Pelicans rallied to cut it to 14-16 at the quarter mark and stretched to 30-25 at the half. Klamath held two nine-point leads—54-25 and 36-27—in the third but Medford closed gaps to 41-44 going into the fourth.

Jack Boardman hacked it to 43-44 but free throws by Jerry Johnson and Calvin Gilmore gave Klamath a 46-45 edge. Derold Wooten brought Medford up to 45-46. But a field goal and free throw by Ralph Carroll and a charity toss by Doug Pence gave Klamath a 50-46 lead. Conner and Pence traded field goals and Klamath Falls lead 52-48. Wooten threw in a field goal and Conner followed with his big one that tied the game, 52-all.

Ray Bell missed two free throws with the score tied but both were apparently deliberate misses to give Carroll tip-in chances.

Then with just 25 seconds left, Conner was successful on his free throw.

Medford ganged up on Carroll but Klamath's 6-7 center nonetheless dunked 25 points.

Conner's 17 led Medford.

Raiders Tie For Second

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