

TIME OUT!



"Come to think of it, I thought I detected a slight snicker when we concluded that big trade deal with him last fall!"

RIDIN' HERO

POST MORTEMs from the recent Klamath County Class B basketball tournament: Leading scorer was Jumpin' Jimmy Mahoney...

THE HERALD AND NEWS no longer votes in the all-county selections the last night of the tourney.

FRANKLIN HUTCHISON, Bly's sharp-shooter, is just a sophomore and can develop into one of the Basin's brightest high school basketball stars with two years to go.

But right now he is, from where I sit, the most over-rated player in the league.

The kid can shoot with the best of them. His hook shot from side-court is uncanny.

But he's got a lot to learn about teamwork. Invariably he'll dribble the length of the court, then fire when he's stopped.

Hutchinson will have to learn to pass off more. Right now he's a shooting star who forgets there's four other boys on the team.

Several times, particularly noticeable in the Bonanza game, Hutchinson went it all alone the length of the court. He got away with it several times—but it still wasn't good basketball.

On several occasions there was a teammate near the basket in a better position to shoot. A pass could have meant two points.

He's young yet, just a sophomore. He'll no doubt learn the value of passing and moving the ball. When he does he'll be twice the player he is now.

THE TOP TEN scorers in the tournament were Mahoney, Mallin's Bob Stevenson with 40, Mallin's Rick and Bonanza's Irwin Crane each with 39, Hutchinson with 35, Bonanza's Vernon Haley with 34, Bonanza's Hubble with 31, Merrill's Dick Reeves with 30, Bonanza's Wilson with 29 and Sacred Heart's Howard with 28.

Hutchinson played in just two games, the rest in three. ARGUMENTS of tournament vs. double round-robin play waged hot and heavy during the tourney. I've gone into some detail on where I stand on the issue and there'll probably be a good deal more in the future.

The tournaments are interesting and good case shows. But the champion should be picked on its won and lost record in 14 games, playing around twice.

Those opposed to the idea have no really logical reasons. In the final analysis, the reason for keeping the tournament as a tilting-decider is a monetary one.

The tournament gate—and it's always a money-maker—is split evenly among the eight teams in the league after expenses are taken out.

It helps the athletic programs at the various schools. Even if the tourney were kept as an extra attraction with a special trophy as a prize, it would lose its drawing value.

The bulk of interest in the tourney is centered in the fact that there's a title riding in the balance.

MIAMI (AP)—Eight stables which have won Hialeah's Flamingo Stakes will be striving for another victory in the same race this season. Two of them—Greentree Stable and Woodford Farm—will be gunning for their third win. The other stables with previous winners are Fred W. Hooper, Mrs. W. M. Jeffords, Brookmeade Stable, King Ranch, G. D. Widener and B. F. Whitaker.

Pels Root for Valley Split

KF Eyes Help From Cavemen

It's unusual for Klamath Falls to cheer Grants Pass athletically. But that's what the basketballing Pelicans are doing as they drill for the invasion of Ashland in a Friday-Saturday season-closer on Pelican Court.

Because the Pelicans need the Cavemen's help in an arithmetic problem. With just this weekend's stint left, Medford leads Klamath Falls by a full game.

The Pelicans are highly favored to hold up their end of the problem by whipping Ashland twice. THE POSSIBLE

Grants Pass could give Klamath Falls a tie with Medford by splitting its two-game set with the Black Tornado. If Grants Pass can upset Medford twice, the title would go to Klamath Falls providing the Pels beat Ashland twice.

But even the most optimistic and loyal fans are expecting no more than a split in the Medford-Grants Pass series.

Ashland was hurt recently when Bill Hollingsworth, one of the league's leading scorers, chipped an ankle bone and was benched for the season.

Mel Taylor may also be lost to the Grizzlies for the Pel series with a sprained ankle.

STARTERS Ashland Coach Chuck Jandreau will likely start with Ted Tenney and Bill Miles and Center Gregg Linniger. Harvey Woods will get one starting guard call along with either Vern Tenney or Bob Myrick.

Pelican Coach Paul McCall will probably stay with his five regulars—Forsythe Ray Bell and Jack Horton, Center Ralph Carroll and Guards Jerry Johnson and Calvin Gilmore.

Carroll scored 57 points in last weekend's two-game split with Medford.

In the event Grants Pass manages a split with Medford, throwing the Big Four of Dist. 4 into a tie, Medford and Klamath Falls would probably settle the issue in a single-game playoff on a neutral court.

CAGE SCORES

College Basketball By The Associated Press

FAR WEST Idaho 68 Oregon 60 Montana State 79 Utah State 60 St. Mary's (Calif.) 63 College of Pacific 58 (overtime)

REGIONS Oregon Tech 73 Humboldt 51 San Diego State 68 Whitier 64 Eastern Oregon 74 Northwest Nazarene 72

EAST Penn 67 Notre Dame 66 Villanova 57 Siena 49 St. Bonaventure 62 Niagara 41 Harvard 54 Boston University 48

SOUTHWEST Texas 54 Rice 48 Texas A&M 46 Oklahoma City 42 New Mexico A&M 57 Arizona State (Tempe) 44

MIDWEST Western Michigan 70 Toledo 59 Cincinnati 98 Western Reserve 52 Hamline 73 St. Inf 52

SOUTH Duke 58 Davidson 50 North Carolina State 65 Wake Forest 51

MISSISSIPPI Mississippi State 61 Georgia Washington 80 Washington and Lee 62

HIGH SCHOOL Portland League Lincoln 70 Grant 55 Cleveland 69 Jefferson 56 Franklin 48 Benson 34 Roosevelt 67 Washington 43

District 12 Single-elimination Tournament (First Round) West Linn 57, Canby 46 Milwaukie 52, Molalla 47

District 9 Double-elimination Tournament (Second Round) Banks 38, Sherwood 34 (Sherwood Grove eliminated)

Tiger 50, Forest Grove 46 (Forest Grove eliminated) Hillsboro 64, Beaverton 46

Lane County B Tournament Coburg 37, Lowell 36 Pleasant Hill 59, Lorane 22

Douglas County B League Tournament (First Round) Drain 41, Canyonville 27 Oakland 34, Riddle 28

Yoncalla 65, Glendale 21 Elkton 55, Days Creek 38

District 4 Coos County Division (Final Round) Powers 58, Bandon 42

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THURSDAY - 8 p.m. - Malin vs. Chiloquin Tulalo vs. Joy Hawks

SATURDAY - 8 p.m. - Consolation Game 9:15 - Championship Game

ADULTS 1.00 - STUDENTS 25c

SPORTS

Soviets Charge Ice Fix

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviets have accused the American and Canadian Olympic hockey teams of a "behind scenes deal" by which the Canadian team "threw" its last game with the Americans, thereby permitting the Americans to win second place in the winter games.

Canada and the U.S. played a 3-3 tie in their last game in the Olympic competition at Oslo. The deal gave the Canadians the hockey championship and jumped the Americans from 4th to 2nd place in the tournament. The tie also clinched second place for the Americans in team honors with 89 1/2 points.

The Soviet Press stated Wednesday that the "behind scenes deal" was aimed at keeping Czechoslovakia out of second place in the hockey competition.

There was no immediate comment from Canadian and U.S. sources.

Wolves In NAIB Meet

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Martin, Adams Tie In Shoot

C. J. Martin won the Klamath Gun Club's regular Sunday shoot at Wocus in the handicap division and tied with J. M. Adams in the 16-yard event.

Martin and Adams posted 40x50 scores in the 16-yard shoot. Martin's 48 led the handicap field.

The field was trimmed to just 10 shooters with many KGC members in Medford for a registered shoot.

Results: 16 Yards Martin 48 Adams 48

Carl Olney 47 J. H. Martin 46 G. M. Grant 45 Bud Cloke 45 Helen Olney 44 C. C. Coulson 44 H. D. Branaman 42 Tom Carlant 39

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4 Basin Fives In Playoff

The top four teams in the 12-team Klamath Basin league opens its playoff tournament tomorrow, 8 p.m., in the Merrill gym.

Second-seeded Malin faces Chiloquin (4) in the opener. First-seeded Tulalo squares off against Jayhawks (3) in the afterpiece.

Saturday night the two winners square off for the championship. Saturday night's finalists—the winner and runner-up—will keep basketball gear for a similar playoff against the city league's two top teams March 7 and 8.

The city league winds up its season tomorrow night and has scheduled its playoffs for March 3 and 5.

Tulalo and Malin ended in a tie for first place with identical 10-1 records. The Inners beat Malin in a one-game decider.

Jayhawks and Chiloquin also finished in a dead heat, both with 9-2 season records. A coin-flip determined third and fourth positions in the playoffs.

HOCKEY

Pacific Coast Hockey By The Associated Press Edmonton 4 Victoria 3

Box score: LAUNDRY (34) 4 Lund 1 Godard 4 Thompson 15 Gonzales 2 Powell 4 DeMOLAY 7 (33) DeMOLAY 7 Kirtvede 4 Kennard 4 Mason 16 Larson 5 Sweek 4 Foltz 2 DeMOLAY subs—Hayden, Porter, Ward

DeMOLAY 1 (31) Pickett 11 Smith 10 McLaughery 4 Vlahos 12 Hanzman 3 DeMOLAY subs—Hilton 2, Gun Store sub—Henry, Wood.

GUN STORE (33) 6 Keane 8 Plummer 10 Mullens 8 Bigby 23 DeMOLAY subs—Hilton 2, Gun Store sub—Henry, Wood.

McCall Gets Pelican Assistant Grid Post

Paul McCall was named this week to succeed Dutch French as assistant football coach at Klamath Union high school.

French, veteran local coach, recently resigned the post to direct more attention to his duties as dean at the school.

A spokesman for the school board, in making the announcement, said the varsity and junior varsity would operate as one unit, and would comprise no more than 35 players.

The grid squad will be handled by Coach Bob Heidershot and two assistants.

McCall will fill one assistant post and will probably concentrate on backfield work.

The other assistant has not been named.

McCall is head basketball coach.



PAUL McCALL ... accepts grid post

Owlbabes Finish 13-2

The Oregon Tech Junior varsity closed its season with a 13-2 record last night.

Rex Hunsaker's lads beat the Humboldt State Jayvees for the second straight night by a 64-41 count. John Henslee scored 12 for the Owlbabes, Don Flewelling 13 for the Lumberjacks.

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