

Pels One Step Nearer State Cage Tourney

Craters Tumble 58 to 42

By RED HURD
The free-wheeling Pelicans brushed a peaky Crater quint out of its hair after the first quarter last night to roll to an easy 58-42 victory, one game nearer the state tourney in Eugene March 18-22.

A win for the Klamath five on the Crater court tonight would clinch the Dist. 4 berth for the Pelicans for the second straight year.

The Comets of Crater floored a team with two dippy-goodle guards, Gordon Carrigan and Larry Bigham, who made things somewhat uncomfortable for the elongated Pels in the first quarter.

But Klamath's height started to tell after a 10-7 first-quarter squeak and the Pels whizzed to a 31-15 intermission lead on Ralph Carroll's tip-ins and Jerry Johnson's set shots.

SUBS IN
Pelicans Coach Paul McCall used his regulars less than half of the third frame and whittled his shock troops on the floor when Klamath ran up a flashy 44-17 lead.

The Pels were cold in the first quarter but managed to go three points ahead on a tip by Carroll and a long shot by Ray Bell at the whistle.

Crater held a lead briefly in the first on a hook shot by Freshman Center Bill Boye.

But Carroll and Bell erased this 7-6 lead and warmed up to the chore in the second quarter.

FIZZLES
Highly-rated Punky Monroe did not show much except a penchant for fouling. He left the game in the second with four personals and sat it out for more than a quarter.

When he re-entered the game in third, he lasted long enough for just one scrape under the basket before his fifth personal foul.

Carrigan and Bigham sparked the Craters and piled up 23 of their points with 13 and 12.

Carroll finished in his familiar role as high-point man—with six field goals and five free throws for 17 points.

Horton had nine, while Bell, Johnson and Gilmore all contributed eight.

CRATER
Carrigan, Bigham, Spencer, Monroe, f. 0 2 5 2
Boye, c. 2 2 0 0
Carrigan, g. 5 2 1 12
Bigham, g. 5 2 1 12
Reserves: 1 0 0 2
King, f. 1 0 1 1
Crawford, g. 0 0 0 0

PELICANS
Carroll, f. 6 3 1 17
Bell, f. 3 3 1 9
Johnson, f. 6 3 1 17
Gilmore, g. 3 2 5 8
Reserves: 0 0 1 0
Pence, g. 0 2 1 0
Barron, c. 0 0 3 0
Horton, f. 1 0 0 2
Frenchy, f. 1 0 0 2
Daugherty, f. 0 0 0 0

Totals
Klamath 58
Crater 42
Half-time score: Klamath 31, Crater 15.
Free throws missed: Crater—Weber, 2; Carrigan, Bigham, Spencer, 4; Klamath—Bell, Horton, Carroll, 3; Johnson, Gilmore, Pence, Barron, Summers, Officials: Swanson and Flink.



TWO-POINTER—Ralph Carroll tips in two of his 17 points last night as the Pelicans whipped Crater, 58-42, in the first of a three-game series for the Dist. 4 title. Bill Boye (4), Crater Center, tries to stop the shot. Watching the action are Calvin Gilmore (44), far left, Herb Weber (12) and Rocky Spence (25).



Milwaukie In; Bend Upended by Redmond

By JIM COUR
Associated Press Sports Writer
Milwaukie became the fifth team to clinch a spot in Oregon Class A High School Basketball Tournament in Eugene March 18-22 by dropping Oregon City, 44-39, Friday night.

The favorites came through in all other district play-offs except two, and at least two other tourney berths will be won Saturday night.

Jerry Zimmerman, a talented center, registered 13 points to lead Milwaukie to the District 12 championship. Milwaukie will meet the District 11 titlist in the opening round of the tourney.

FINAL
Albany and Corvallis entered the District 7 final, to be played Saturday night. Albany, which will be the favorite, defeated Newport, 52-43, while Corvallis swamped Toledo, 65-33.

McMinnville, rated No. 5 in the final Associated Press weekly prep poll, handed Dayton its first defeat of the season in high school competition, 66-54. McMinnville, which has won 20 of its 24 games, will play for the District 7 title with Taft, which beat Willamina, 41-37.

Pendleton, Klamath Falls, Astoria and Marshfield are favored to win their way into the tournament Saturday.

Pendleton walloped The Dalles, 61-46, in the District 2 playoff opener Friday night. Klamath Falls, ranked No. 6 in the state, beat Central Point, 56-42, in the first District 4 playoff contest, and Marshfield, rated No. 4, crushed Redmond, 87-53, in the District 5 opener.

CONTINUE
These best-of-three play-offs continue Saturday night.

City Leaguers Bump Basiners in Playoff

The City League handed the Klamath Basin League a grand slam last night at Merrill in the City-Basin basketball playoffs.

City Champion Rickys, despite the absence of two of its ace, Paul McCall and Don Peterson, beat Tulelake, 80-66.

The Basin Champion Chiloquin team dropped a 70-76 decision to Hilltop Cafe.

Ricky's and Hilltop mix in the main event tonight for the independent championship of the Klamath area.

Ricky's won despite a 30-point performance by Wilbur Welch, Tulelake Inn scoring star.

Larry Willis and Cal Bonney paced Ricky's with 21 and 20 points. Tulelake jumped into a slim 24-22 first-quarter lead. But Ricky's bounced back to lead 37-33 at half-time.

A 21-point scoring spree in the third quarter gave the City champions a 58-46 bulge going into the final frame.

But Gil Martinez managed 30 for Hilltop. Paul Heins added 17 and Jack Waybrant and Howie Roberts contributed 12 each.

BONANZANS SEEK SPOT IN SALEM

Tonight's Dist. 5-B rubber game tips off on the Grants Pass high school gym floor tonight at 8.

Bonanza Coach Merton Whipple left this morning with a ten-man squad. The Antlers arrived in Grants Pass in time for a workout on the game floor. It will be the first time the Bonanza players have used glass humpboards and Whipple wanted them to get the feel of the boards.

The winner of tonight's Bonanza-Rogue River game earns a berth in the Class B state tournament in Salem, Mar. 18-19.

The two teams split in the first two games on Henley's floor. The Chiefs won the first game, 48-47, in overtime. Bonanza evened the count Thursday night by a 55-50 count.

CAGE SCORES

College Basketball
By The Associated Press
Pacific Coast Conference Tourney
UCLA 65 Washington 53
Southern Conference Tourney (Semi-finals)
Duke 90 West Virginia 88
North Carolina State 76 George Washington 64

Mason-Dixon Conference Tourney (Semi-finals)
Baltimore 31 American 30
Roanoke 60 Baltimore Loyola 52
CIAA Tourney (Semi-finals)
Virginia Union 80 North Carolina State 70

Other games
Johnston C. Smith 101 West Virginia 83

FAR WEST
Wyoming 61 Denver 54
Utah State 72 Montana 60
Honolulu Univ Motors 60 Washington State 47

MIDWEST
Kansas 78 Kansas State 61
Case 79 Western Reserve 66
Detroit 61 Western Ontario 44

SOUTHWEST
New Mexico A&M 62 West Texas 51
Brooklyn College 59 Iowa 57

HIGH SCHOOL Class A Tournaments
District 1
La Grande 60 Vale 47 (First game)

District 2
Pendleton 61 The Dalles 46 (First game)

District 3
Prineville 57 Lakeview 56 (overtime) (Lakeview eliminated)
Redmond 59 Bend 52

District 4
Klamath Falls 58 Central Point 42 (first game)

District 5
Marshfield 87 Redmond 53 (first game)

District 6 (First Round)
Junction City 49 Eugene 48
University (Eugene) 51 Oakridge 50

District 7 (Semi-Finals)
McMinnville 66 Dayton 54
Taft 41 Willamina 37

District 10
Seaside 55 Tillamook 45

District 11
Salem 58 Stayton 23
Mt. Angel 55 Woodburn 38 (Woodburn eliminated)

District 12
Milwaukie 44 Oregon City 39 (championship)

West Linn 59 Lake Oswego 50 (third place)

District 13 (Semi-Finals)
Central Catholic 81 Concordia 39 (Both Portland)

Gresham 68 Park Rose 43
Class B Tournaments
District 1
Garibaldi 51 Nestucca 40 (Nestucca eliminated)

Knappa 41 Westport 38
District 2 (Semi-Finals)
Vale 50 Falls City 39
Sublimity 63 Mill City 46

District 3
Mapleton 65 Coburg 43 (Championship)

Harrisburg 48 Monroe 43 (Third place)

District 4 (First Round)
Powers 44 Drain 40
Elkton 50 Brookings 32

District 7
Echo 57 Spray 25 (Championship)

BRUINS UPSET HUSKIES

LOS ANGELES (AP)—UCLA's surprising Bruins were one up with one to go Saturday for the Pacific Coast Conference basketball title.

Coach Johnny Wooden's boys soundly trounced the powerful University of Washington Huskies Friday night 65-53. If they can do it again they're in.

They outclassed the Northern Division champions in the opener. They excelled in speed, in play-making and in shooting. Washington excelled only in height. The Huskies towered over the smaller but faster Bruins.

STOPPED
UCLA stopped Frank Guiness, the Washington all-around star, and in doing that took much of the zip from the Huskies' attack. Guiness was able to score only two points. Washington's center, Bob Houbregs, high scorer in the Northern Division, corralled 18 points, and Guard Mike McCutchen contributed 12.

The Bruins' brilliant freshman forward, Don Bragg, not only was high man for the game, but it was his guarding of Guiness that threw the monkey-wrench into the invaders' attack. Bragg scored 19 points and his fellow forward, Jerry Norman, got 14.

The surprise performance of the night, however, was by the little Bruin guard, Ron Livingston, the best dribbler on the floor. He collected 16 points and never had the ball stolen or a pass intercepted.

LEAD
UCLA jumped into an early lead. Washington came fast to tie the score at 19-19 just before the first quarter ended, and four quick Washington baskets just before the half ended gave the Huskies a 35-34 margin.

UCLA scored 19 points to Washington's nine in the third period, then went into a freeze in the last period to protect its lead.

Washington suffered heavily in fouls, the officials calling 27 against them to only 14 on UCLA. But there was little to choose in points scored from the free throw ring. UCLA getting 15 to Washington's 13.

The UCLA win atoned in part for the twin victories Washington scored against the Bruins early in the season at Seattle. The Huskies entered the title series heavily favored to win, but based on Friday night's play they will be the underdogs Saturday night.

NIT On Tonight

NEW YORK (AP)—Individual battles between sky-scraper centers put special zest in a triple-header Saturday night that opens the National Invitation Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden.

The program gets under way at 6 p.m. with this lineup of games: 6 p.m.—Western Kentucky (25-4) vs. Louisville (20-5).

6:45 p.m.—Seton Hall (25-2) vs. LaSalle (20-5).

9:30 p.m.—Dayton (24-3) vs. New York University (17-6).

The Louisville-Western winner will meet St. Bonaventure in the first game of another triple-header Saturday night while the Seton Hall-LaSalle victor goes against St. John's.

The last game on the Monday program will be a first round joust between Seattle and Holy Cross, with the winner taking on Duquesne.

All-Stars Dump Metlers

Metlers, winner of the Victory League play, fell to the Victory League All-Stars 42 to 32 in the preliminary to the Klamath-Crater game last night.

The game was close most of the first half with the All-Stars gaining a half time lead.

Tex Robinson, Metler center, was high with 13. Ron Oheyne, Metlers, and Orland Dixon, All-Star, each had 11 points.

Matt Jackson Cools Tittman

BELLINGHAM (AP)—Light heavyweight Matt Jackson of Tacoma knocked out Dave Tittman of Spokane Friday night in the fourth round of a scheduled eight round main event. Jackson weighed 168; Tittman, 172.

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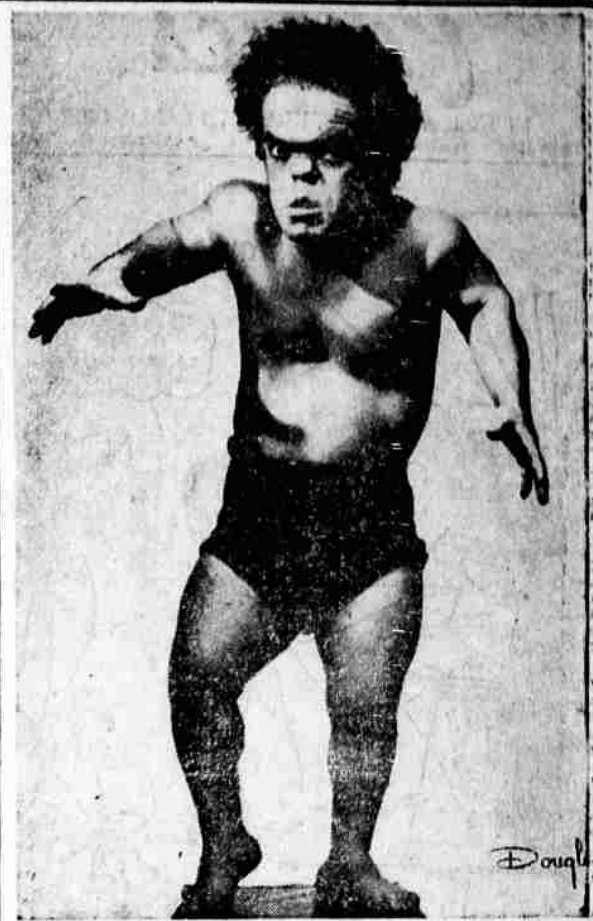
Panther Wins

WALLA WALLA (AP)—Garth Panther, 168, Dayton, Idaho, kayoed Billy Carter, 178, Vancouver, B. C. in the fifth round of a light card main event Friday night.

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WILLING
Four wrestling midgets appear at the armory Wednesday night in a special tag team event—three of them known here and one, a newcomer, hailed as the most vicious of the midget matmen.

He is Fuzzy Cupid, whose name is misleading. An ex-sword swallower and fire-eater in carnival circles, Fuzzy has picked up the dubious honor of being the most hated under-sized grappler in the business.

He is 40 inches high, weighs 88 pounds.

Fuzzy Cupid will team with Irish Jackie against Sallie Hatanai and Little Beaver, the agile Indian who caught on with the fans in his only appearance here several months ago.

SPECIAL
The special midget event, a one-half feature, is sandwiched between two outstanding bouts.

The big one, of course, shows in the main event spot, putting Georges Dusette against Kurt Von Poppenheim, the Proud Prussian.

Dusette is responsible for Von Pop and Yorg Cretorian losing to the Gorky brothers in a tag team match Wednesday night.

The French-Canadian Strongman, Ired at Yorg's tactics, wrapped the Rumanian in a full nelson while Ivan Soldat leveled Cretorian with a dropkick.

PROMOTER
Promoter Mack Lillard couldn't get Cretorian for Dusette, but Von Poppenheim is more than willing to get even for his partner.

But "getting even" with Dusette is a task that isn't done with a promise.

Jack Britton, who appeared here last season, and Eric (The Great) Pedersen, Scandinavian wrestling star, open the show.

It will be Pedersen's first appearance in Klamath Falls.

Both are one-hour bouts, or the best two of three falls.

Reserved tickets are on sale at Castleberry Drugs.

Honkers Beat Yreka

TULELAKE—The high school Honkers here out-scored Yreka, 89-67, in a Siskiyou County league game last night.

The game settled down to a scoring duel between Tulelake's Rex Olsen with 36 points and Yreka's R. Winghamam with 33.

But the Honkers led all the way in the free-scoring tilt.

Yreka won the B preliminary, 62-42.

YREKA (67)
Bignins 8 F 21 AYRES
Barry 12 F 8 KING
Weldon 8 C 36 E. OLSEN
H. Winghamam 33 G 2 Short
Creblinn 6 G 3 Goldblatt

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Carroll's 223 Tops Cage Loop

The Top Ten scorers in the Southern Oregon Conference's Big Four includes three Pelicans, with Center Ralph Carroll snaring top honors with 223 points in the 12-game campaign.

Ray Bell was fifth with 118, Jack Horton tenth with 75.

Managers up to Carroll was Dick James, Grants Pass, with 155; Dennis Conner, Medford, and Harvey Woods, Ashland, were third and fourth with 137 and 130.

Carroll's average per game is 18.7.

The statistics were compiled by Jerry Acklen of the Grants Pass Daily Courier.

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP
Carroll, R.	40	49	48	221
James, G.P.	56	73	44	183
Conner, M.	50	19	32	137
Woods, A.	42	17	20	130
Hall, R.F.	43	27	42	174
Bigham, M.	42	17	22	101
Harbour, G.P.	31	35	48	97
Spiga, M.	22	30	30	86
T. Turner, A.	24	30	28	84
Horton, K.	20	43	41	75
Asterburg, M.	31	10	23	72
Wootton, M.	22	27	22	71
Robertson, G.P.	27	16	32	70
S. Hollingworth, A.	20	27	19	61
Schmitt, G.P.	14	18	24	60
Johnson, R.	21	16	48	61
Barron, M.	12	16	22	60
Harrington, G.P.	22	15	23	58
Lindinger, A.	17	24	40	58
Gilmore, R.F.	15	30	28	58
Foster, A.	8	24	27	40
Narrick, G.P.	14	11	32	30
W. Turner, A.	13	20	22	33
Miles, A.	10	13	25	29
Myrick, A.	11	8	12	28
Young, R.F.	8	5	23	25
Dean, M.	6	7	11	22
Jeffrey, A.	5	17	11	22
Carroll, A.	3	4	0	18
W. Turner, A.	3	0	0	16
Little, G.P.	2	1	0	6
Hansen, G.P.	1	2	2	4
N. Landers, M.	1	2	2	4
Summers, R.F.	0	4	8	4
Miller, A.	1	1	2	3
Taylor, A.	1	0	2	3
Voston, G.P.	1	0	2	3
A. Beechler, R.F.	1	0	1	2
Fisher, R.F.	1	0	1	2
Stemple, A.	0	1	1	2

X-played just 6 games.

Awards Banquet Proposed

An awards banquet combining the City, Girls and Victory basketball leagues will be held next week if managers of the teams can get together on plans Monday, 7 p.m. in the city hall.

Managers of all clubs in the three leagues are asked to attend the meeting. Rickys (City), Metlers (Victory) and Oregon wood (Girls) have trophies coming for winning their respective cage loops.

And City Recreation Director Bob Bonney wants to do it over a banquet table.

An organizational meeting to discuss a girls softball league will follow Monday's City Hall session, Bonney said.

Charley Erb Dies

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—One of California's most widely loved sports figures, Charley Erb, was mourned Saturday by thousands who knew him personally or recall his exploits as quarterback on the University of California's "wonder teams" of the early '20's.

The 52-year old Erb succumbed to a heart attack Friday. He died in his sleep in his North Hollywood home. The day before he had played handball with friends.

Erb led the Golden Bears of Andy Smith to a 25-0 victory over Ohio State in the Rose Bowl game in 1921 at Pasadena, and the next year he was the quarterback of the Cal team that was tied by Washington & Jefferson in the bowl.

Matfest Winds Up Today

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—The two-day third annual Pacific Coast Intercollegiate wrestling tournament winds up Saturday with 11 schools fighting for the crown held jointly by Washington State and California.

Seventy-three wrestlers engaged in 68 matches in the double elimination meet Friday and only 21 grapplers were eliminated.

Schools competing are Oregon State, Washington State, Vanport, UCLA, Stanford, Santa Clara, San Jose State, California, San Diego State, Cal Poly and Cal Arroyo.

Jayhawks Need One For NCAA

By The Associated Press
Unless Colorado can pull the rabbit out of the hat twice in one game Saturday night, the University of Kansas Jayhawks will represent the Big Seven Conference in the Western NCAA playoffs at Kansas City March 21-22.

Kansas finished Kansas State, the defending champion and 1951 NCAA finalist, 78-61, at Lawrence Friday night, thereby assuring Albany's team of nothing worse than a tie for the league crown.

The Jayhawks, rated No. 8 in the nation, now have a 21-2 season record and can clinch both the undisputed conference flag and a Western NCAA berth by beating Colorado at Boulder Monday.

IMPOSSIBLE
Colorado, which did the impossible according to the dope ledger in beating Kansas State 67-57 at Boulder Feb. 23, could possibly pull another one against Kansas.

Duke and North Carolina State play Saturday night for the Southern Conference championship and a berth in the NCAA playoffs. Duke nipped West Virginia, 90-88, and State downed George Washington, 76-64, in the tourney semi-finals Friday night.

BERTH
New Mexico A&M landed the NCAA berth from the Border Conference by upsetting favored West Texas, 62-51.

UCL got the jump on Washington, defending champions, in the best-of-three game playoff for the Pacific Coast Conference title. The Uclans won, 63-53, and can gain an NCAA berth by winning again Saturday night.