

Pels Open 'Comeback'



OPTIMISM SEEMS to be the rule in the Pelican camp if this picture is any criterion. Calvin Gilmore (center) and Kenny Young seem to agree with a bit of information Coach Paul McCall is passing on. Gilmore and Young get starting assignments at the guard spots against Grants Pass tonight in the first of two games here.

Cavemen Here For 2 Games

The Pelicans are barely into Dist. 4 basketball play but the two-game series against Grants Pass that tips off tonight on Pelican Court is a crucial one for the Klamath team.

To stay in strong contention for the Dist. 4 prize, the Pels should capture both games—at least split. A double setback would virtually eliminate the Pelicans from title contention, although it would be too early to count them out mathematically.

Coach Paul McCall's team already holds a split with Ashland, while this is Grants Pass' first district venture.

McCall, at the first of the season, felt if the Pels could sweep four games with Ashland, a split with Medford and Grants pass may give Klamath the title.

Ashland's dividing with the local five scrambled the script and it's definitely uphill for the Pels now.

The Pels get one break—actually two—with the news that Dick Pepper, and probably Sam Dean, won't play for the Cavemen. Dean, 6-4 center, is decked with the mumps. Pepper is definitely out. He broke his wrist in a recent game against Marshfield.

Ray Davis, Cavemen coach, will probably use Gary Sutphin in Dean's place. Forwards will likely be Don Reese and Bill Hansen, while Gary Mark and Norm Hedgepeth are down for starting assignments at the guard positions.

QUESTION The only question in the Pelican camp is at the forward positions. Starters will come from Ed Barron, Doug Perce, Larry Yarnell and Jim Dougherty.

Cal Gilmore and Ken Young are the starting guards with Jack Horton at center.

The Klamath junior varsity opens the show at 6:30 against Payless Drugs of the City League.

TIME OUT! Falcons Whip Owls, 65-54; Split Series



"I know nothing about racing, but a chap told me onto this beetle in the Sixth at Hialeah, so I thought I'd get a note down on the nose!"

WATROUS FAVORED

The Seattle Pacific Falcons knew their way around last night after losing Wednesday to Oregon Tech to split the kind-X series with the Owls with a 65-54 victory more convincing than the score indicates.

Tom Schubert, who seldom fails to hit two figures in the 2000 column, was hot to three last night in the pivot position where he isn't at home.

He fouled out in the third quarter. Jerry Wyatt, coming off the bench he occupied Wednesday night, scored 21 for the Owls but he got little scoring help until big Chuck Jepsen took Schubert's place and capped 11 points the rest of the way on three field goals and a five-for-five performance from the free throw line.

COLD TO HOT It was a combination of the Owls turning in their shoddiest performance of the season and the Falcons turning from cold to hot on successive nights.

Eimer Bradley, Seattle's 6-4 center who looked clumsy and ineffective Wednesday night, found the range last night to lead the Falcons to a first-half 35-24 lead with 30 points. Bradley finished with 20 because he fouled out early in the third quarter.

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Owl Jayvees Face Lassen

Oregon Tech's junior varsity makes its second third starts off the season tonight and tomorrow night on its mile-high court against Lassen Junior College of Susanville, Calif.

The Jayvees—actually the varsity reserves—lost a 58-70 decision last Saturday to the University of Oregon frosh.

The Lassen series, originally billed for the Owl varsity, was given to the Jayvees who need more playing time on a slim schedule.

Last year the varsity clubbed Lassen 99-22 and 80-8 in a series here.

Coach Art Kirkland said he would open with John Henslee and either Don Graham or Jack Sausser at forwards, Chuck Jepsen at center, and Frank Jackson and Larry Willis at guards.

Tip-off time both nights is 8 p.m.

7-6 on Len Genetin's long shot early in the game—but managed to tie the score for the fourth time in a close first half after Bradley gave the visitors a lead they never lost at 6-7.

Larry Willis gave Oretch its last tie at 25-all just past the midway point in the second quarter.

Bradley untied the knot with a free throw and side shot and the Falcons were out in front to stay.

Seattle Pacific held the Owls to just nine points in the third frame while scoring 18 and answered the fourth-quarter bell with a 53-37 lead.

Oregon Tech managed to close the gap to 49-59 but Jim Robeck took care of that with two quick field goals with some three minutes to go.

That was the ball game.

It was the thirteenth pre-league game for the Owls—they won six and lost seven—before they drive into Oregon Collegiate Conference play Monday and Tuesday here against Eastern Oregon College.

The Mountaineers currently lead the league with two wins over Portland State.

Box score: SEATTLE PAC. FG FT PF PP R. Robeck, f 4 0 2 4 10 S. Schubert, f 1 0 0 0 2 B. Bradley, c 8 4 3 20 G. Wiggins, g 2 3 1 4 G. Clancy, g 1 0 0 0 2 Reserves: J. Henslee, g 1 0 1 3 D. Graham, g 0 0 1 0 D. Sausser, g 0 0 1 0 P. Jackson, g 1 1 2 7 L. Willis, g 1 1 2 7 Totals 27 11 20 65 OREGON TECH FG FT PF PP R. Wyatt, f 1 0 0 0 2 H. Henslee, f 1 0 0 0 2 S. Schubert, c 1 1 2 7 G. Wiggins, g 2 3 1 4 G. Clancy, g 1 0 0 0 2 Reserves: J. Henslee, g 1 0 1 3 D. Graham, g 0 0 1 0 D. Sausser, g 0 0 1 0 P. Jackson, g 1 1 2 7 L. Willis, g 1 1 2 7 Totals 15 24 19 54 Halftime score: Seattle Pacific 35 Oregon Tech 24

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County in Third Run

Favorites Look Safe Tonight

It's a better than good guess that, after tonight's shooting in the Klamath County prep cage league, just Chiloquin and Sacred Heart will boast unbeaten records in games that count.

That is precisely what the dope sheet said before the shooting started with Chiloquin in the favored role and Sacred Heart down as a surprising contender.

Hensley is also unbeaten but travels to Chiloquin for a scrap with the point-happy Panthers.

Sacred Heart draws what looks like a breather with the Trojans home to the Gilchrist Grizzlies.

Main goes to Bonanza, Bly to Merrill in the rest of the full hoop menu. Malin and Merrill must be picked.

It's the third round of play-keeping in the eight-team cage family that winds up in a championship tourney Feb. 19-21, with single round-robin win-and-lose records merely determining tourney pairings.

Preliminary games, matching junior varsity teams, tip off at 7:30.

DeMolay Number 1 jumped into a tie for the Victory League basketball lead last night with a 63-36 win over Men's Hand Laundry.

DeMolay and Gun Store now hold 2-0 records, while Sixth Street Wreckers is also undefeated with one win.

In the other game last night, Metters walloped Dalton and Keefe, 49-27.

Don Dexter and Nichols scored 12 each for Metters. DeMolay's Cummings was high for the evening with 25 points.

The Rio Grande College freshman tallied 51 points Thursday night against Bliss College, two less than the whole Bliss team as it went down to a 102-53 defeat.

The 6 foot, 9 inch scoring machine broke the record of 1,051 set by the Seattle's Johnny O'Brien in the 1951-52 season.

Francis has averaged more than 80 points in the 21 games Rio Grande has played this year. In the grand total are his 116 points scored against Ashland College of Kentucky, another national record for individual scoring.

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Washingon Host To OSC, Ducks at Idaho

By The Associated Press The Northern Division basketball race grinds into high gear Friday and Saturday nights, with four conference games and one non-conference tilt on the menu.

At Seattle Friday and Saturday, the defending champion Washington Huskies, as potent as four kinds with an ace kicker, bump into the Oregon State Beavers, a 20-0 club tied for second place with a 1-1 record.

The Huskies' kicker, naturally, is Bob (Hook) Housh, who has clipped 136 counters through the net in four conference games thus far for a neat 34-point average per game.

At Moscow the same night, Idaho, resting in fourth place with a 1-2 record, hosts Oregon's Ducks, who share second spot with OSC. Oregon has a 2-2 mark.

The Vandals head into the game with sharpshooting Tommy Flynn a probable benchmarker instead of a point getter. Flynn lost an engagement with the flu bug Tuesday and his doctor said it was doubtful Flynn would be able to suit up.

The Washington State Cougars, mauling in 17 of the 22 games they have played this season, travel to Spokane Saturday night for a non-conference affair with Gonzaga. The Cougars trail in the conference race with a 1-4 record.

Trojans, Cal Scrap LOS ANGELES (AP) — A couple of teams considered also-rans in most pre-season ratings open a two-game series Friday night that will go far in determining the Pacific Coast Conference Southern Division title.

Southern California plays host to California for the pair at the Pan-Pacific Auditorium. Currently they're tied atop the division with three wins and a defeat.

California beat favored UCLA twice and USC divided a two-game series with the Bruins to change the cage picture.

The individual scoring battle in all probability will find sophomore center Bob McKeen pacing the Bears and senior forward Ken Flower showing the way for the Trojans. McKeen currently leads the division scorers with Flower in the number 2 spot. Big Bob has a 19.5 average in his four division games with a 78 total. Ken has 67 points and a 16.7 average.

Both Cal and USC go into this series leading UCLA and Stanford by two full games.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Australia's Frank Sedgman counted victory as well as money Friday for his change from outstanding amateur to pro tennis player.

He upset Jack Kramer Thursday night in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5 to move into a 4-3 lead in matches won during their current tour.

Pancho Segura easily disposed of Ken McGregor, Sedgman's touring partner, 6-2, 6-4 for the seventh straight time.

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Little Maureen Connolly of San Diego, Calif., the U. S. and Wimbledon champion, added to her tennis conquests Friday.

She and her partner, Julie Sampson of San Marino, Calif., won the Australian women's doubles championship.

The American girls brought the title back to the U. S. after a three-year interval by beating Mary Hawton and Beryl Penrose of Australia, 6-4, 6-2.

Ken Rosewall, who upset Vic Seixas of Philadelphia in the semifinals of the singles Thursday, teamed with Lewis Hoad to win the men's double title. They lost the first set but came back to beat their countrymen, Mervyn Rose and Don Candy, 9-11, 6-4, 10-8, 6-4.

NINE RUNNERS MORGANTOWN, West Va. (AP) — Nine backfield men shared West Virginia's ground-gaining duties in 1952. The leader, Jack Stone, gained 362 yards and the ninth man, Harry Sweeney, accounted for 125. Other ball carriers were Dick Nicholson, Danny Williams, Tommy Altman, Carl Norman, Boss Moss, Fred Wyant and Eddie Dugan.

COLUMBUS, O. (AP) — Bevo Francis Friday held the national collegiate basketball record for the single season, 1,072. And he has 18 more games to go.

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