

MALIN JOLTS SACRED HEART

Mustangs Surprise Entry With Chiloquin in Tonight's Final

Hornets, Bobcats in Consolation Scrap

By RED HURD

The Malin Mustangs aimed a swift kick at the prophets last night to win an unexpected berth in tonight's Klamath County cage tournament finals against the Chiloquin Panthers.

The highly-favored Sacred Heart Trojans were the victims of Malin's pattern-scrambling party in last night's opener in the championship semi-finals.

Malin won 34-27 in the first upset of a tournament that, unlike other years, was rolling along without a sign of a surprise.

Chiloquin blasted its way into the other finals berth with a 66-48 win over Merrill.

Henley and Bly open the show tonight in the all-finals program in the 7:30 consolation sign-off.

Bly whipped Bonanza 49-37, and Henley trimmed Gilchrist, 45-37, yesterday afternoon to reach the final game in the consolation bracket.

CLOSER

Malin and Chiloquin square off in the 9 o'clock apterpiece to bring to a close this annual hoop extravaganza.

Both the Mustangs and Panthers have already tucked away a ticket to the Dist. 5 playoffs March 5 and 7 on Henley's court against Paisley and the Jackson County winner, expected to be the Jacksonville Redskins.

But tonight's shindig will bring to the winner the tournament title, Chiloquin already owns the traveling trophy, finishing the season's run with a 7-0 record in league play.

Malin, barely edging into the top division with a 4-3 record, was expected to give the Trojans just a little less than a stiff workout in preparation for tonight's anticipated third meeting between the Academy five and the Chiloquin Panthers.

But Jim Conroy's lads didn't believe what they read and, as in last year's tournament, find themselves an unexpected principal in the final scrap.

LAST YEAR

And, as last year when the Mustangs gave the champion Bonanza Antlers a whole of a battle in the finals, Malin again is expected to push highly-favored Chiloquin to the limit.

But most cage observers doubt if there's two upsets in Malin's system and string with Chiloquin to win the top tournament prize.

Many of Sacred Heart's supporters will tell you Tom Mulvey, the Trojan scoring ace, was weak from the flu last night; he missed the

opening game for that reason—and they'll be right.

But it's doubtful if a strong Tom Mulvey would have been able to steer the Trojans to victory over an inspired, sky-high Malin team that came to life in the second half to hand an overflow crowd the tourney's only shock in the eight games thus far.

DIDN'T START

Tom Mulvey didn't start last night, but he went in shortly before the first quarter ended with Sacred Heart on the long end of a 9-3 count.

Rather than cash in their chips with Mulvey's appearance, the Mustangs greeted him with two quick buckets by Gary Mauney and Stan Miller to close the count to 7-9 heading into the second frame.

The Mustangs kept an alert sentry around Mulvey. As a result, the Trojan hook-shot artist found just one field goal all evening, late in the fourth quarter to close the count to 31-34—but it was too late.

The Mustangs were just slightly

with a steal for a lay-in. But when his last basket brought Sacred Heart within three points at 35-38 there was just three seconds left.

The Trojans led 19-13 at the half, 26-21 at the end of three.

Neubert ended with 12, high for the Trojans. Lyon with 11 and Mauney with 10 were Malin's top scorers.

But for Malin's upset, Merrill's gritty battle against Chiloquin would have been the big tournament news today.

STRONG BID

The Huskies were making a strong bid to sweep the evening with upsets for three quarters but ran out of gas in the fourth frame as Chiloquin added 19 points to its 47 at the end of three chapters.

Merrill trailed just 41-47 going into the fourth but found the hoop for just seven points in the last eight-minute stanza.

Merrill led most of the first quarter but the Panthers closed strongly to answer the second bell with a 17-14 lead.

But Jack Hendrickson scored and Dan Barry followed suit at the second going and the Huskies had an 18-17 lead. Hendrickson found the range again and it was 20-17. Chiloquin didn't regain the lead until four and a half minutes were gone in the second period on a field goal by Jo Jo George and a free throw by Gene Gentry. Dale McCulloch handed the lead back to Merrill at 23-22, then Ron Leggett again for Chiloquin and the Panthers were in front to stay, although Merrill kept things boiling through the third.

FOR GENTRY

Gentry scored 25 for the Panthers, while Hendrickson potted 20 for Merrill. Cliff Honeycutt backed up Hendrickson with 14, while George passed 11 onto Gentry's 25.

But it was Don Anderson, a Chiloquin sub, who spear-headed Chiloquin's last-quarter burst with seven points. He finished with nine.

Bly led all the way in its 48-36 win over Bonanza, although the Bobcats didn't put the game on ice until the last quarter when they pulled away to a comfortable lead. It was 20-18 at the half.

Oedil Lybrand scored 14 for Bly, Danny Cavan and Sherman Seastrong each chipped in with 10.

Charles Koertje with 10 and Joe Hoefler with nine paced the Antlers in their losing cause.

GRID GAME

The Gilchrist-Henley contest was a football game without headgear and was also a case of the winning Henley team (45-37) out in front all the way but not getting a cushion until the fourth quarter.

The Hornets started to roll then from a 29-25 lead at the three-quarter point. Henley led 21-15 at the half.

Francis Roberts scored 13 for Henley, Virgil Yaden 11. Jerry Bliss was the top man for Gilchrist with 11, Jim Childre scored 10, all in the second half.

Scoreboard

Consolation Semis
Bly 49 Bonanza 37
Henley 45 Gilchrist 37

Championship Semis
Malin 38 Sacred Heart 35
Chiloquin 66 Merrill 48

more than a minute away from victory and wouldn't cool off.

Rod Lyon, not much more than just the fifth man on the floor in the first half, perked up after intermission time and it was his basket with 4:10 left in the fourth quarter that gave Malin a 27-all tie. Mauney gave the Mustangs the first lead of the game — except for Glen Steyskal's opening basket — when he threw in a free throw to put the Mustangs ahead 28-27.

STAYED AHEAD

They stayed ahead the rest of the way, running the count to 34-28 on two more two-pointers by Mauney.

Two minutes were left when Mauney hooked one in to pull the Trojans up to 31-34. But Jerry Macken, then Lyon, broke the Trojans' backs with two quick field goals to give the Mustangs a seven-point lead at 38-31. Jack Heiderer scored on two free throws to close it to 33-38 but there was just a minute left then.

Wayne Neubert, who paced the Trojan attack in the first half, but cooled off after the rest period, brought some glimmer of hope

ONE BIG REASON Malin upset Sacred Heart last night was the way the Mustangs parked on Tom Mulvey's doorstep. The high-scoring Trojan center here is surrounded by three Malin players — Glen Steyskal (12), Andy Travis (10) and Rod Lyon at left with his head cut off by the cameraman. Malin earned a finals berth against Chiloquin in its 38-35 upset of the Sacred Heart team.

Late Spurt Gives Pels 48-43 Win Over Ashland Grizzlies

By RICHARD SCOTT

Trailing the Ashland Grizzlies through a good share of Friday night's ball game, the Klamath Pelicans whipped together a last minute recipe of hustle and old fashioned sharp shooting to pull out a 48-43 triumph.

The victory, posted on the Pelicans court, hoisted Paul McCall's gang to a 4-5 record in the tight, if luster-lacking battle for second place in the Southern Oregon conference.

Against the visitors from Ashland, the Pelicans failed to hold the lead from the start of the second quarter until the last three minutes of the fracas.

FULLED OUT

It was steady Cal Gilmore and Kenny Young who pulled things out of the fire. With the score 42-39 for Ashland, Cal calmly swished a shot from the right side at a difficult angle. Seconds later, Young pushed one through from the left of the key and the Pelicans were out in front to stay 43-42.

Walt East, 83-48, for its 19th consecutive victory. The Indians are heavy favorites to retain their District 2 title.

Marshfield, which will play Reedsport or Roseburg for the District 5 crown, overwhelmed Myrtle Point, 78-38. It was the 21st win in 23 games for Marshfield, ranked No. 2 in the poll.

CINCH TITLE

Medford, rated third, cinched the Southern Oregon conference championship by crushing Grants Pass, 57-39. Medford, with a 17-2 record, will play Crater of Central Point for the District 4 title.

Hillsboro, No. 4 in the poll and favorite in the coming District 9 play-off, shaded Tigard, 46-44, for its 13th consecutive victory and its 18th in 22 games.

Fifth-rated Eugene, the District 4 favorite, was idle. But Onkridge, which will be one of its chief play-off rivals, won its 19th in 21 games, downing St. Francis of Eugene, 74-62.

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PORTLAND

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in one of two free throws to let the Klamath fans breathe easier on a 46-42 bulge.

That was with one minute to play and the Pelicans went into a semi-stall. Ashland got the ball enough for Jim Jeffries to hit a free throw but Yarnell came back on a fast break lay-in with Gilmore getting the passing honors.

SPURGE

It was a second quarter spurge by the Grizzlies that almost spelled defeat for Klamath. With the score knotted at 12-12 at the end of the first frame, Ashland racked up eight points before Pelican Doug Pence hit a straight away shot from the tip of the key. The top boy in the Ashland spree was little Bob Myrick, who hit four of the eight points.

Coach McCall used two platoons through the rest of the half but the best these ten players could do was to close the gap to 27-23 at the intermission.

Ashland clung tenaciously to the lead through the third quarter, despite the fact that big six foot, five inch Greg Linniger went cold

after a sizzling first half. The score was 36-34 for the Grizzlies at the end of the third frame.

TWO TIES (P)

The fourth in the early minutes of the second quarter the Pelicans gained a tie. Once was at 35-38 when Jim Bevens hit a follow through shot and again it was at 39-39 when Gilmore hit from the foul line.

Ashland moved ahead on Linniger's free throw and Myrick's lay-in. That made it 43-39 and set the stage for the red-hot final three minute performance by Klamath.

The Pelicans lost Jack Horton and Jack Dougherty via the five foul routine while Ashland's Harvey Woods received the same type of invitation from the same type of reserves.

The same two clubs tangled here tonight at 8 o'clock. The Jayvees from the two schools will open the evening with a preliminary to start at 6:30.

The Klamath junior varsity beat Palmerton of the City League, 35-38, in the preliminary.

Medford Tops Covers To Win Championship

By JIM COUR

Associated Press Sports Writer

The top four Oregon high school teams in this week's Associated Press poll added to their impressive records and continued their march toward state tournament berths Friday night.

The Dailies, the state's only major undefeated team, swamped Wyeast, 83-48, for its 19th consecutive victory. The Indians are heavy favorites to retain their District 2 title.

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edged Grant, 52-50.

Milwaukie, No. 9, defeated Astoria, the District 10 favorite, 53-49. West Linn, tied for tenth spot in the poll with Redmond, was upset by Oregon City, 63-61. Lake Oswego, rated on even terms with Milwaukie and West Linn in the coming District 12 tournament, was another upset victim, losing to Hood River, 56-44.

FIRST ENTRY

Clatskanie, which became the first state tourney entry earlier this week, bashed Scappoose, 60-41, in a District 14 game.

McMinnville, one of the District 8 favorites, was mauled by Forest Grove, 64-48. Dayton defeated North Marion, 52-34.

Corvallis, a District 7 contender, dropped Bend, a District 3 power, 52-42. Prineville walloped Lakeview, 68-45, while Madras dropped Burns, 49-43.

Shedd and Harrisburg will be finalists Saturday night in the Linn County Class B tournament. Shedd defeated Halsey, 53-45. Friday night Harrisburg bounced Scio, 52-47. The Linn winner will be in the District 3 play-off.

Box score:

ASHLAND	FG	FT	PP	TP
Tanner, f	2	8	2	12
Garrett, c	1	1	2	13
Linniger, c	1	1	2	13
Woods, f	2	1	5	5
Myrick, f	3	3	3	9
Reserves:				
Ward, f	0	0	0	0
Blair, f	0	0	0	0
Mickle, f	0	0	0	0
Deleman, f	0	0	0	0
Welch, f	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	19	18	43

KLAMATH FALLS	FG	FT	PP	TP
Yarnell, f	0	1	1	1
Horton, c	0	1	1	1
Young, f	3	1	3	7
Gilmore, f	4	2	4	10
Reserves:				
Bevens, f	1	0	1	2
Pence, f	1	1	2	3
Mumell, f	0	0	0	0
Dougherty, f	0	0	0	0
C. Mills, f	0	0	0	0
D. Mills, f	0	0	0	0
Davis, f	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	10	29	48

Halftime score: Ashland 27, Klamath Falls 21. Free throws missed: Ashland, 27; Tenney 5, Jerns 3, Linniger 8, Woods 5, Baker 2, Welch 11; Klamath Falls 17 (Yarnell 4, Horton 2, Horton 3, Young 1, Gilmore 3, Bevens 3, Dougherty 1, D. Mills 2, Davis 1; Swanson and Plink.

SPORTS

Huskies Cinch Crown In Win Over Ducks

By The Associated Press

Washington's Huskies sewed up their third straight Conference Northern Division basketball championship Friday night against Oregon, 84-67, but only after a nip-and-tuck fight for three quarters of the way.

The Huskies, third ranked nationally, will meet the winner of the Southern Division in a best-of-three series in Seattle March 6-7, and if needed, for the conference crown and a berth in the NCAA Western Regionals at Corvallis, March 13-14.

Right on the heels of the conference title series, the Seattle University Chieftains go up against Idaho State in Seattle March 10 for the right to enter the NCAA regionals as one of the at-large teams.

GOAL

While pointing for the conference playoffs, Washington still has another goal — that of becoming the first team in Northern Division history to go through a 16-game season undefeated. The Huskies now have won 13 out of 14.

They'll try to make it 14 on their home floor Saturday night while across the state at Pullman the Washington State Cougars will gun for their third league win in the close-out of their two-game series with Oregon State.

The Cougars kept their faint hopes of climbing out of the cellar alive Friday night with a 56-50 victory over the Beavers.

Second place Oregon found Friday night there was nothing to the rumor that "hold down" Bob Houbraga and you whip the Huskies."

POOR NIGHT

Big Bobby, 6-foot-7 center who has broken nearly every division scoring record in the books, had one of his poorest nights of the season as Oregon's Chet Noe put on a tight clamp.

Houbraga was held to eight points until Noe fouled out in the fourth quarter, and then broke loose for eight more to finish with 16 — his second lowest output of the campaign. Noe also took the scoring play away from the Washington ace, bucketing 19 points before he was fouled.

Charlie Koon led the Washington scoring with 17 points most of them on long range shots. Three

other Huskies were in double figures — Doug McClary with 15, Slippery Joe Cipriano with 13 and Dean Parsons with 12.

Cap, Pete Mullins provided the spark that carried WSG to victory over Oregon. Stung as he turned in an outstanding floor game and was high man with 20 points. Ron Bennink was next with 11.

SCORES 13

Big Tony Vlastelica, the Beavers' hook shot artist, canned 12 of his team's 24 points in the first half but the second half to wind up with 13. That was tops for his team.

Washington State forged ahead to stay in the second quarter, led at the half, 27-24, and at the end of the third quarter, 42-37.

Southern California beat California, 68-66, to tighten the Southern Division scramble in the PCC. California still leads with six league victories against three defeats, but USC and UCLA are right behind, each with 5-4 records. UCLA whipped Stanford, 75-50.

Tule, Malin Meet Sunday

The Tulelake Inners and Malin Townies meet Sunday, 8 p.m. in the Merrill High School gym, to decide which team gets top-seeding in the Klamath Basin Independent League playoffs that open Tuesday on the same floor.

Tule and Malin finished with identical 10-1 records in the league. A traveling trophy will go to the Sunday winner, in addition to the Number 1 spot in the two-day, single-elimination tournament.

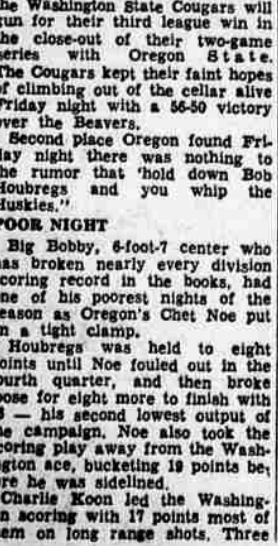
The loser gets Number 2 spot. Chiloquin finished third, Merrill fourth. Opening night Tuesday will pair the teams 1-3 and 2-4.

Wildcats Drub Lakeview Frosh

The Klamath Wildcats wrecked the Lakeview frosh team, 45-23, last night on the losers' court.

The 'Cats jumped into an early 14-1 lead and the reserves took over from there, running the count to 21-10 at the half. The victory closed out the Wildcats' cage season. George Thompson was high for the Klamath five with eight points.

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UCLA 75, Stanford 50
Southern California 68, California 66
Wyoming 49, Oklahoma City 46
Washington State 56, Oregon State 50
Montana State 72, Idaho State 69
Seattle 84, Seattle Pacific 87
Whitman 83, Lewis & Clark 82
Fresno State 79, Sacramento State 60
Colorado A&M 71, Regis 68
Southern Oregon 60, Cal Aggies 57
San Francisco State 70, College of Pacific 55
Western Washington 60, Puget Sound 68
Pacific U. 80, College of Idaho 78
Eastern Oregon 66, Oregon Education 62
San Diego State 55, Santa Barbara 49
Ricks 71, Westminster (Utah) 57
San Jose State 54, San Francisco 46
Los Angeles State 73, Pepperdine 62
Whittier 70, Pomona - Claremont 50
Los Angeles Loyola 67, Nevada 65
Pasadena Nazarene 60, Chapman 61
Redlands 78, Occidental 66
Humboldt State 66, Chico State 63
St. Mary's 59, Honolulu University 56
Pacific Lutheran 62, British Columbia 51
Washington Frosh 78, Tongue Point Naval Air Station 46
Seattle U., Pappoose 83, Seattle Pacific JV's 70

MIDWEST
Youngstown 69, Carnegie Tech 67
Rio Grande 100, Wilberforce 61

SOUTHWEST
Texas Tech 79, West Texas 63
Texas Western 75, Arizona State (Flagstaff) 62
Eastern New Mexico 74, Colorado College 58

SOUTH
West Virginia 84, Virginia Military 70
Richmond 83, Washington - Lee 79
Georgia Teachers 80, State 84
Alabama State 64, Flak 50

EAST
Colgate 62, Penn State 60 (over-time)
Boston U. 66, St. Michael's (Vt.) 69
Marshall 80, Morris Harvey 64

Oregon Prep Basketball
By The Associated Press
Portland League

Jefferson 47 Benson 46
Roosevelt 58 Cleveland 50
Washington 67 Franklin 47
Lincoln 52 Grant 50

Others
The Dalles 83 Wy'East 48
Marshfield 78 Myrtle Point 38
Medford 78 Grants Pass 28
Hillsboro 46 Tigard 44
Albany 66 Sweet Home 35
Gresham 60 Tillamook 46
Milwaukie 53 Astoria 46
Oregon City 63 West Linn 61
Central Catholic 58 Columbia Prep 51
Clatskanie 60 Scappoose 41
Corvallis 52 Bend 42
North Bend 54 Coquille 46
Forest Grove 64 McMinnville 48
Hood River 56 Lake Oswego 44
Toledo 41 Seaside 46
Dayton 38 North Marion 34
Newberg 52 Beaverton 50
Oakridge 74 St. Francis (Eugene) 62

Stayton 58 Central Union (Medford) 44
St. Helens 70 Warrenton 67
Star of the Sea (Astoria) 61 Wheeler 48
Junction City 56 University (Eugene) 51
Willamette (Eugene) 62 Cottage Grove 61
Prineville 69 Mt. Angel 38
Prineville 68 Lakeview 45
Madras 49 Burns 43
Salem Academy 51 Philomath 47
McKenzie 54 Mapleton 55
Dallas 62 Molalla 47
Arlington 55 Forest 33
Garibaldi 79 Bay City 27
Woodburn 53 Canby 38
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