

Owls Home to Wolves Pels Travel To Grants Pass

OCC Set Tips Off Tonight

If Oregon Tech is to keep alive its slim mathematical chance in the Oregon Collegiate Conference, the Owls will have to win two from Oregon College, a series that opens tonight on Hilltop Court and winds up Saturday night. Tip-off time both nights is 8 o'clock.

But grand-slaming the Wolves of Monmouth is a job that will take a lot of doing. Oregon Tech's junior varsity faces Lassen JC's varsity in the 6:15 preliminary both nights.

A week ago the Wolves short-pointed the Owls twice in Monmouth to take the lead in the OCC and shove the Techs down to third place, behind Eastern Oregon and ahead of Portland State.

Oretech Coach Skeet O'Connell, watching his team lose four straight, hinted this week there would be some shuffling. But it's likely his starting lineup will be a shrouded secret until gametime.

The Owls' headman did intimate that Gary Dorn's speed would be utilized at the start to help combat OCE's zip. The Wolves are shy on height but long on swift.

But Dorn's services are not certain. The ex-Echo lad injured his ankle in the first OCE tilt and missed the second game of the series, plus two king's-X games against Southern Oregon Monday and Tuesday.

It's a good guess Don Sutphin will team with Dorn at the guard spots and Jerry Wyatt will get a call at forward. The rest is conjecture. Wyatt's running mate could be Jerry Overen, Don Hubble or Bob Edgren.

Either Keith Thompson or Edgren could open at the center position. If Dorn isn't ready, Alan Cunningham will probably get the guard vote.

The Owls hope to use the home-court advantage to reverse the pair of decisions registered by the Wolves.

Despite the two setbacks in Monmouth, the Owls go into the series with a better overall record—6-7 to OCE's 3-9.

Bob Livingston, OCE coach, told the Herald and News recently he would start with freshmen Fred Stanley and Frank Grove at the forward spots, center Bobby Francis and guards Charles Pinion and Larry Chamberlain.

But it's highly possible he'll stick with the unit that twice clipped the Owls. That team switches Chamberlain to forward to run with Grove and puts Darrell Davis at a guard position.

Grove, in the shooting and rebound departments, was the top handyman in the Wolves' sweep a week ago.

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BOB EDGREN, Oregon Tech's gift from Dallas High via Linfield College, is booked for action tonight and tomorrow night on Hilltop Court against the Oregon College Wolves of Monmouth. Edgren works either at forward or center.

Simons Tells Mat Starters

Coach Dutch Simons today named the Pelican wrestling lineup for tonight's clash with Roseburg on Pelican Court. The teams clash at 7:30 and return Saturday, 10 a.m., for a rematch. The Pels, undefeated in four meets this season and 53 in seven seasons, complete a busy schedule Monday night here in a mix with the Oregon State Rooks.

Starters against Roseburg tonight will be Kent Plug in the 97-pound class, Gary Roberts 105, Carl Stewart 114, Gary Price or Richard Berg 122, Larry Dearing 128, Bob Baggett 135, David Leeling 140, Jay Dearing 147, Don Blehn 156, Jerry Williams or Dick LeComa 167, Larry Mathews 177 and heavy-weight Jack Himeitwright.

Split Of Series Expected

One of three things can happen when the Klamath Falls basketball Pelicans fill a double date in Grants Pass with the Cavemen tonight and tomorrow night.

The Pels, one game up in the Southern Oregon cage race, can stay that way; they can return home with a plushy three-game cushion; or they can be one game down after the twin bill.

Most of the sideline observers look for a split of the series, which would leave the Klamath club with a one-game advantage when the Big Four heads into the second and last round of play Feb. 12 and 13.

Two wins for the Pelicans would give them an almost insurmountable three-game lead, while they could be down a game if the Cavemen turn in a grand-slam performance.

On the records, it's a defensive vs. offensive battle. The Pels lead in the stop department, allowing just 149 points in four games, a 37.25 average.

Grants Pass' go-minded club has poured in 229 points in four games, 57.25 per.

Making the pre-series picture even more interesting, the Pels are second in offense, while the Cavemen hold the runner-up spot in defense.

COLLEGE GO HIGH
If both clubs cut loose, the games could run into top figures—air ball control strategy could hold the scores ridiculously low.

Grants Pass' Gene Barber and Klamath's David D'Olivo are running neck and neck for the conference scoring crown, each with 44 points. In third place is Klamath's Larry Yarnell with 43, while the Cavemen's Sam Dean and Bill Hansen share the fourth spot with Medford's Willard Lilly, all with 37.

However, Barber may not get a starting nomination if Grants Pass Coach Ray Davis sticks with his usual opening five—Gary Sutphin and Bob Woods (of football fame) forwards, Dean at center, Hansen and Jerry Vosten at guards.

ALMOST CERTAIN
Center D'Olivo and guard Yarnell are almost certain of starting assignments to give the Pels a one-two scoring punch. The other three are anybody's guess with Coach Paul McCall using at least 10 cagers occasionally during the season.

Jimmy Bevans is a good bet to team with Yarnell at guard, while the forwards will come from Ed Barron, Guy Munsell, Jim Dougherty and Don Mills.

Wichita Threat In MVC

By BEN OLAN
NEW YORK (AP)—This was the year they said the University of Wichita would have to make the big splash in the Missouri Valley Conference. And Wichita's cagers are doing just that.

True, last night's 102-50 wallop of little Fort Hays State didn't add much stature to Wichita's No. 11 ranking in the latest Associated Press poll. But it underlined the threat the Shockers are making to the Oklahoma Aggies and St. Louis, the conference big wigs.

Up to this season, it was a case of the Aggies winning the conference crown most of the time and the Billikens the rest.

THREAT
But boasting a 4-0 record in league play and an over-all 16-1 mark, the surprising Shockers are making a run for national recognition. A victory over St. Louis Saturday would put them right up there.

Last night's victory was Wichita's 14th straight. Its only loss came at the hands of Seattle Dec. 4, after having defeated the West Coast club the previous evening.

George Washington's 10th-ranked Colonials ran into unexpected trouble last night before finally subduing eight-times-beaten Virginia 73-71.

The Colonials, playing without star guard Elliott Karver, won their 12th game against one loss (to Maryland) on the contributions of the Holtup brothers, Joe and John. Joe had 25 points and John chipped in with 19.

Even Bevo Francis had his troubles. The much-heralded high scorer tallied 32 points as Rio Grande edged Findlay 74-71. But the big man relinquished high-scoring honors for a change. Ronnie Marquette, a Findlay guard, had 36.

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KLAMATH'S RADARMEN in four conference games to date are Larry Yarnell (left) and Gene Barber. Yarnell is tied with Grants Pass' Gene Barber in the sharpshooting stakes with each. Yarnell is a squeak back at 43. Both will have a chance to add to their totals in a two-game series against the Cavemen, opening in Grants Pass tonight. — Photo by Ken...

County Cage Tilts On Tap

Games in the Klamath County high school league tonight send Sacred Heart to Gilchrist, Bonanza to Malin, Merrill to Bly and Chiloquin to Henley.

The Chiloquin-Henley game is non-league; all others go in the standings.

The Mustangs of Malin have a chance to tie Chiloquin, defending champion, for the lead with a win over the Antlers of Bonanza. Both are undefeated in league play. Chiloquin with three wins, Malin with two.

Junior varsity preliminary tip-off time is 7:30 on all four fronts.

Gleason Screams For Title Fight For Nino

By MURRAY ROSE
(For Gayle Talbot)

NEW YORK (AP)—Jack Dempsey's suggestion that an elimination tournament be held to uncover a "real" challenger for Rocky Marciano is a worthy idea but Bobby Gleason thinks he has something better to offer.

"Make the champion fight the No. 1 challenger within six months or take away his title," says the heavy little manager of Cuban heavyweight champion Nino Valdes. "That's the way they do it in Europe. If the European champion doesn't meet No. 1, he's tossed out on his ear by the European Boxing Federation."

"Otherwise, what good is it to rank fighters? Or have a No. 1 contender? You can't eat a ranking."

DECISION
Bobby, of course, is not entirely unselfish in advocating the adoption of the European system. Following a decision victory over Edward Charles and a four-round knockout over Heinz Neuhaus, the European king, Valdes was named the No. 1 contender by Ring magazine.

The National Boxing Assn. in its latest rankings a few weeks back listed no logical contenders for Marciano among the big boys. Edward Charles, the former champ,

headed the list of "contender boxers," followed by Valdes, Buccerotti and Roland LaShore. Dempsey suggested that Charles, Buccerotti and LaShore fight it out in an elimination tony.

WILLING
Gleason is willing to have a fight Charles but he wants a "day" this time. He's willing to give Ole Ex a return fight if Valdes wants \$30,000 if Valdes wants \$40,000 if Charles even the score. The heavyweights rather than his manager, in this case, will call the tune.

And of the moment, doesn't look too kindly at eliminations among the contenders. His reasoning is that he will take care of all the eliminations himself in due course. If the contenders knock each other out, the champion is liable to be scarce. And opponents scarce.

EVEN SEASON
CINCINNATI (AP)—Guss Neiterfelder for the Cincinnati Reds, went to bat 305 times home and 305 times on the road in 1953. He hit .305 at Crosley and .295 in the seven ballparks of the National League. His final average was an even .300.

Herald and News SPORTS

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MARTINEZ, CASILLO IN SCRAP TONIGHT

By JACK HAND
NEW YORK (AP)—Vince Martinez and Rocky Casillo, two ambitious young welterweights who hope Kid Gavilan graduates with honors into the middleweight class, try to crack the top 10 ratings tonight.

Their 10-round match at Madison Square Garden will be carried on network radio (ABC) and television (NBC) starting at 10 p.m. (EST). Martinez is a 12 to 5 favorite.

The prize for the winner is supposed to be a Feb. 19 or March 5 date with Billy Graham, who is sure to be involved in any eliminations if Gavilan is forced to vacate his title. The Cuban Keed will have to give up the welter crown if he whips Bobo Olson or the 160-pound title April 2 in Chicago.

PROSPECT
Martinez, 24-year-old prospect from Paterson, N. J., has fought more "name" fighters than Casillo, a newcomer to the Garden from Blue Island, Ill. Consequently Martinez was listed among the A division scrappers and Casillo in B class in the latest ring ratings. An

On his first hunting expedition 15-year-old Roger Wheeler of Newtonville, Mass., killed a 140-pound buck.

Jim Corbett was the first heavyweight champion who started his boxing career as an amateur.

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Scores Last Night
Gun Store 59 DeMolay Golds 40
YMCA 34 Peace Memorial 29

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Hal brings you the Sports Record

25 YEARS AGO
Although at one time it was trailing on the short end of a 23 to 9 score, Stanford's basketball team defeated Santa Clara 28 to 27 last night.

10 YEARS AGO
Sunday finished the team rolling in the annual city bowling tournaments with Southwell's accountants coming out on top; the Bonanza five, second; and Phil's Candyland, third.

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Shuff Stuff

Drumstick, Schuss and Suburban Taverns won in City Shuffleboard League play last night.

Drumstick blanked Eagles, 4-0; Schuss shut out Tat's, 4-0; and Suburban whipped Summers Lane Tavern, 3-1.

College of Idaho Whipped In Second

WALLA WALLA (AP)—R. C. Owens of College of Idaho captured 27 rebounds and scored 25 points Thursday night, but his team lost to Whitman for the second straight night 96-91 in a Northwest Conference basketball game. Dan Parker was high for the Missionaries with 23.

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