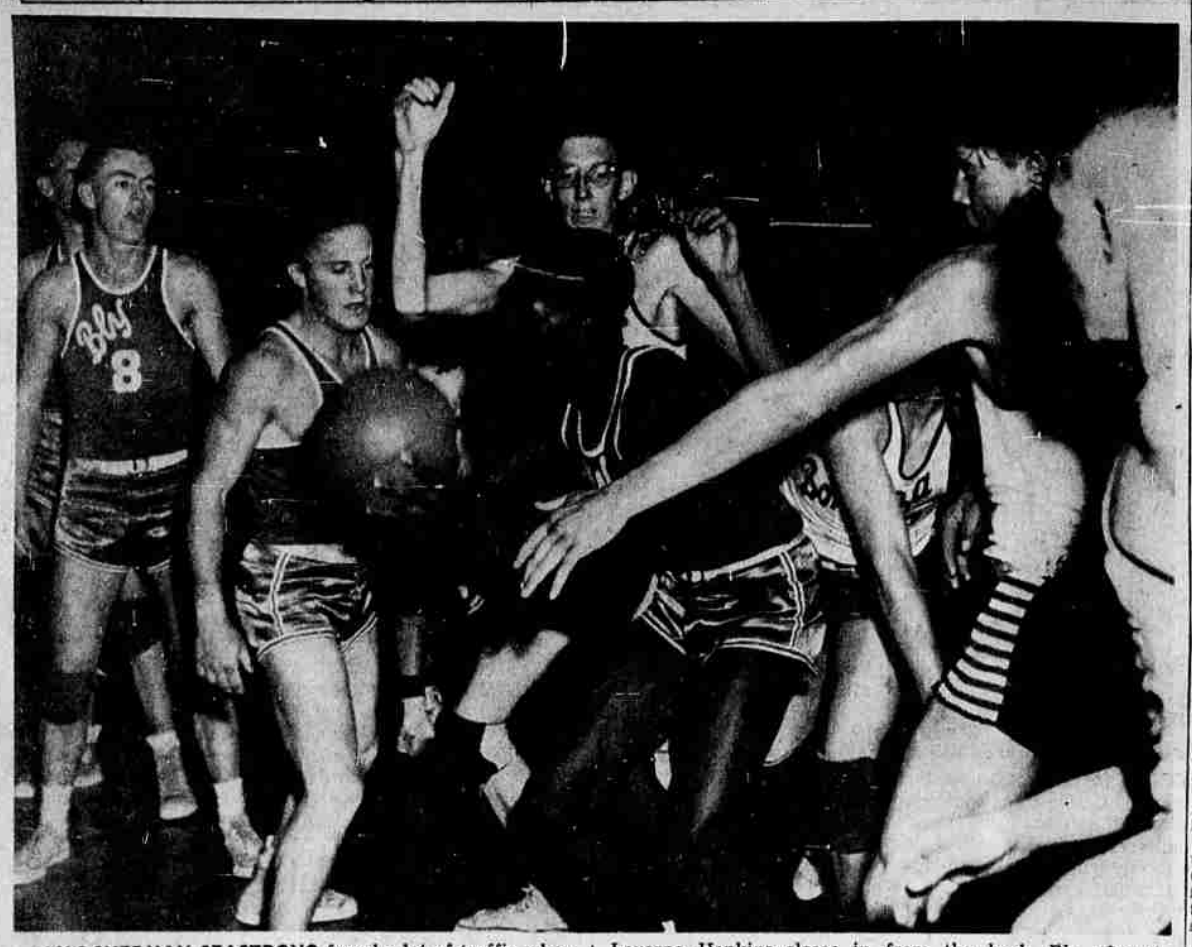

BLY'S SHERMAN SEASTRONG found a lot of traffic when he tried to get a shot away from the key in last night's opener against Bonanza on Pelican Court in the Klamath County Class B basketball tournament. Bonanza's Cornelius Janssen sticks out his left arm to stop Seastrong while Laverne Hankins closes in from the back. Bly players identified (l to r) are Danny Cavan (8) and Rod Hadley (in front of Seastrong). Other players in the traffic jam are not identified. Bly won 49-28 to advance into the championship semifinals. — Photo by Don Kettler

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Merrill Scares Mustangs

Paisley, Chiloquin, Bly, Malin Advance in Meet

By RED HURD

The anticipated Malin-Chiloquin showdown for the Klamath County Class B tournament basketball crown and a Dist. 5 nomination is still in the hopper today — but the season champion Malin club isn't asking for any more scares like it ran into last night against a spunky Merrill team.

The Mustangs won, 51-42, in the last game of the first round of four but only after Ray Johnson led a scoring binge in the last two minutes of play to put them safely in.

In other first-round games yesterday, Paisley supplied just a mild surprise — and that because they entered the tourney an unknown quantity —with a 45-41 overtime victory over Sacred Heart, Chiloquin had the easiest time in a 66-30 waltz over Gilchrist, and Bly perked up after a slow start to roll over Bonanza, 49-28.

SEMIFINALS

That puts the Bronco of Paisley against Chiloquin in the 7:15 opener tonight on Pelican Court. Malin against Bly in the afterpiece of the championship semifinals.

This afternoon at Henley, Sacred Heart was booked to meet Gilchrist and Bonanza got the Merrill assignment in the semifinals of the consolation bracket.

Saturday night on Pelican Court, Friday afternoon's winners quarrel for the consolation prize, while tonight's winners square off for the tourney title and a two-of-three scramble with the Jackson County winner for the right to represent Dist. 5 in the Class B state tournament.

Malin didn't find the big side of the score against the Huskies last night until early in the third quarter when Virgil Rick jumped in a two-pointer to put the Mustangs up 24-22. Even then the Huskies, underdog by more than a handful of points, roared back as Johnny O'Neil tossed in a couple of free throws, added a field goal on a steal and court-length ramble for a layup to put Merrill back ahead 26-24. Stan Miller tied it for Malin with a two-pointer and added a free throw to push the Mustangs back in the lead 27-26 and Merrill never caught up although things didn't look cozy for the Mustangs until the waning minutes of the contest.

COLD

Malin couldn't beg, borrow or steal a shot in the first quarter, while Merrill, after Leroy Johnson and Herb Schlecht erased a 2-0 Malin lead, blew up the lead to 14-4 heading into the second frame.

Merrill turned cold then and Malin had a 14-all standoff midway in the period when Miller, Rod Lyon, Glen Steyskal, Rick and Steyskal again hit in that order.

But Schlecht put the Huskies back in front again and the Huskies were in the driver's seat by a slim 20-18 count at intermission time.

O'Neil made it 22-18 under the third-quarter bell but Ray Johnson, then Steyskal, found the range to tie the count and Rick's timely contribution put the Mustangs ahead for the first time.

END OF THREE

It was 29-28 Malin at the end of three quarters and the Mustangs widened the count to five and six points — at 34-29 and 37-31 — a couple of times but Merrill started to make upset noises again and closed it to 35-37 on shots by Schlecht and O'Neil.

The upset was still in the making at the two-minute mark with Malin clinging to a squeaky 38-37 lead after slowing the game down.

Roger Dokken made it 40-37 but Dale McCulloch hit from the charity line before Rick retaliated with two on the house to put Malin ahead 42-38 with less than two minutes left. O'Neil closed it to 40-42 to give the Merrill fans something to cheer about.

Then Johnson went to work. His first field goal put Malin ahead 44-40, but McCulloch banged right back with a hook shot and it was 44-42.

Johnson on two straight layups, plus a bucket and free throw by Miller gave the Mustangs a comfortable 9-point win.

EVEN TERMS

Bonanza played on even terms with Bly half way through the first quarter until Rod Hadley tied the count at 6-all and Nixon gave the Bobcats a permanent lead at 8-6. Bly started to pull its attack together then and it was 17-8 at the quarter, 25-13 at the half.

Chiloquin ran up a 23-9 first-quarter score on the Grizzlies and Coach Frank DiUlio rushed in five new men when it was 37-9 midway in the second.

Jo Jo George scored 20 points for the Panthers, the same number collected by Paisley's Joe Bonnarens in the Broncos' opening-game win over the Trojans that went into overtime.

Paisley never was on top during regulation playing time, although the Bronco tied it at 7 and 9 in the first quarter, cut a first-period 9-13 deficit to 22-23 at the half, tied it at 23 and 25 in the third and stayed a jump behind until Bonnarens palmed in a layup to tie the count at 38 with 45 seconds to go. With just 15 seconds left, Roger Seibert scored for the Trojans and it looked like the payoff basket. But Carl Sellon had others ideas. With just five seconds left, he hooked one in out of a rebound scramble and the game went into overtime tied at 40-all.

LONG SHOT

Don (Red) Kemery hit on a long shot to give Paisley its first lead of the evening barely into the three-minute overtime. Dick Wickline's free throw cut Paisley's margin to a single point, but Sellon wrapped it up with a field goal and free toss.

Others in two figures yesterday besides Bonnarens and George were Sellon with 14, Sacred Heart's Bill Snider and Dino Reginato with 12 and 10, Gilchrist's Jerry Bliss and Tommy Larson with 10 each, Dick Siemens and Ivan Joe of Chiloquin with 12 apiece, Rod Hadley with 13 for Bly, O'Neil's high-point performance for Merrill with 15, and 13, 11 and 10 for Malin's Rick, Miller and Steyskal.

FIRST ROUND

Paisley 45 Sacred Heart 41 (overtime)
Chiloquin 66 Gilchrist 30
Bly 49 Bonanza 28
Malin 51 Merrill 42

Scoring:

PAISLEY (45)		(41) S. HEART
Bonnarens 20	F	12 Snider
Kemery 8	F	7 A. Reginato
Sellon 14	C	5 Seibert
Hadley 1	G	10 D. Reginato
Pennington	G	4 Michaelis

Paisley subs — Blair 2, Pernoll, Morehoute. Sacred Heart subs — Reed, Depuy, Wickline 3, Collins, Durrell.

GILCHRIST (30)		(66) CHILOQUIN
Willingham	F	20 George
L. Larson 4	F	4 T. Siemens
Bliss 10	C	12 D. Siemens
Traw 1	G	6 V. Joe
Jordan 1	G	12 I. Joe

Gilchrist subs — Hosey 1, T. Larson 10, Aenis 1, Cory 2, Roland. Chiloquin subs — Barney 2, Nelson 2, Hegiund 2, Seuers 6, Sisson.

BONANZA (28)		(49) BLY
Hoefler 7	F	8 Nixon
Janssen 8	F	8 Cavan
Mitchell 1	C	7 Seastrong
Dye 2	G	13 Hadley
Thomas	G	4 S. Tecumseh

Bonanza subs — Hankins 3, Burnett 2, Roberts 2, Koertje, Cunningham 3. Bly subs — Harter 2, Martin 3, J. Tecumseh, Jonescheit 2, Miller.

MERRILL (42)		(51) MALIN
Schlecht 9	F	13 Rick
O'Neil 15	F	10 Steyskal
McCulloch 9	C	2 Lyon
G. Johnson 2	G	9 R. Johnson
L. Johnson 4	G	11 Miller

Merrill subs — Barry 1, Hodges 2, Loper, Palmeteer, Sherrill. Malin subs — Rajnus 2, Oliva 2, Dokken 2, Travis.

TOPEKA, Kan. — Dave Shade, 137 ½, Detroit, outpointed Bobby Bickle, 138 ½, Topekan, 10.

Owls in Arcata

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Pels in Ashland

Klamaths Eye Cage 'Miracle'

The Pelicans will still have a mathematical chance for the Southern Oregon Big Four cage crown when the weekend is over—if they win twice in Ashland and if Medford scores two wins over Grants Pass.

One win for Ashland or one for Grants Pass, though, in the Friday-Saturday sets would erase Klamath's last hope in the hoop chase that leads to district, and possibly state play.

Grants Pass leads the Big Four cage quarrel with a 7-1 mark. Medford is second at 5-3, Klamath Falls third at 4-4 and Ashland lags in last place with 0-8.

READY

The Pelicans are primed and ready to do their part against the Grizzlies, but can only hope Medford shuts out Grants Pass, a matter that would go down as an upset.

Klamath Coach Paul McCall will probably nominate Don Mills and either Ed Barron or Jim Dougherty for the forward positions, Leo Davis or Dave D'Olivo at center, and guards Larry Yarnell and Jim Bevans.

Ashland's Al Simpson will likely go with forwards Walt McCoy and Jim Watrus, center Ted Tenney and guards Jerry Mickle and Gene Parent.

TROUBLE

This is the quint that handed Grants Pass more than a little trouble last week, although the Cavemen won both games to run Ashland's loss skein to eight.

Next week the Pelicans will have the home court advantage against Grants Pass, but if this weekend's pattern isn't followed, the rangy Klamath five will have no chance to catch the Cavemen, even with two wins.

And, too, Ashland will have to upset Medford twice, a circumstance even the most optimistic crystal-ballers wouldn't call.

Klamath's hope is slim.
But it's still a hope.

Bill Brenner Stops Turner

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — Bill Brenner, 161, of Vancouver won a four-round technical knockout over Earl Turner, 161, of Richmond, Calif., here Thursday night when Turner was unable to answer the bell for the fourth.

The California battler was down near the end of the third round.

In preliminary bouts, Len Walters, 126, of Vancouver decisioned Jerry Strucz, 129, of Portland, over the six-round route; Earl McDonald, 149, of Vancouver, decisioned Don Rogers, 146, of Portland; Curtis Knox, 165, of Spokane, decisioned Bob Seigfried, 171, of Berlin; Mike Manix, 126, of Cork, Eire, knocked out Buddy Hall, 136, of Fairbanks, in the third. Hall was substituting for Danny Burns of Seattle.

LOS ANGELES — Art Aragon, 146, Los Angeles, outpointed Chuck Davey, 146 ¼, East Lansing, Mich. 10.

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Dick Finley, 159 ½, Los Angeles, knocked out Chebo Hernandez, 158 ½, Juarez, Mexico, 3.

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BOWLING SCORES

LADYBUG LEAGUE

	W	L
A&B Paint Store	61	23
Shoop-Schulze Wildcats	48	36
Beacon's Service Sta	47	37
Howard's Cleaners	44	40
Hilltop Cafe	43	41
Shoop-Schulze	43	41
Schmeck's	37	47
Griggs	37	47
Wong's Cafe	31	53
Milani's	29	55

Scores Last Night
Hilltop 4 Beacon's 0
Wildcats 3 Schmeck's 1
Shoop-Schulze 4 Milani's 0
Griggs 3 Howard's 1
A&B Paint 3 Wong's Cafe 1

A&B Paint Store now holds a 13-point lead in the Ladybug Bowling League now so the interest centers on high scoring in the league.

Last night Elora Bagley of Griggs rolled the best line, 205, and Dorothy Koberg of the Shoop-Schulze Wildcats led in series play with a 563 on lines of 191, 192 and 180.

Hilltop Cafe was the top team scorer with a 954 game and 2678 series.

Others with 500-series besides Koberg were Eldina Greenwood, Milani's, 525; Mary Bothwell, Schmeck's, 517; and Scotty Bray, Hilltop, 513.

Eight splits were picked up, the 5-10 by Martha Cassidy and Clara Beard, 5-7 by June Baxter, 5-6-10 by Jean Rogers, 4-7-10 by Bagley, 5-6 by Ruth Wilder, 6-7 by Jo Reginato and 3-7-10 by Dorothy Bowen.

Shuff Stuff

STANDINGS

	W	L
Wocus Tavern	7	1
Mecca Tavern	7	1
Suburban Tavern	7	1
Bill's Place	6	2
Schuss Tavern	6	2
Drumstick Tavern	5	3
Jonesies Tavern	4	4
Tat's Tavern	3	5
Tiny's Tavern	3	5
VFW	2	6
Eagles	2	6
Summers Lane	0	8
Roundup Tavern	0	8

Mecca and Suburban Taverns open their playoff tonight for the first-round lead in the City Shuffleboard League and those two teams, plus Wocus Tavern, are in a three-way tie after two shifts in the second round.

Last night in the beer loop, Mecca banked Jonsies 4-0, Drumstick shut out Summers Lane and Eagles and Tiny's split four points.

HOCKEY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Thursday's Results
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Montreal 4, Detroit 2
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee 5, Louisville 3

Tech In Mix With Humboldt

The Oregon Tech Owls are in Arcata, Calif., tonight to face the Humboldt State Lumberjacks — but they won't have to contend with Joe Myers, the 'Jacks big scoreboy in an earlier series here.

Myers has checked out of school, along with Bob Pelleberg, another regular with the Arcatans.

But if Ray Mechals gives the Owls as much trouble in basketball as the fine quarterback did in football, the Techs are in for more than a little trouble.

Mechals, who engineered the Lumberjacks in a magnificent all-around grid performance when the Owls lost 0-22, has earned a starting berth at guard along with Jerry Smith.

DUNAWAY IN

Bob Dunaway takes Myers' place at center, while the forwards are George Ibaretta and Larry Taylor. Ed Larson, Bob Eggers, Irwin Pigg and Ed Smith are front-line reserves for the Californians.

Coach Skeet O'Connell's Owls opened the season over two months ago with two wins over Humboldt.

But O'Connell's starting lineup also will look different. Forward Jerry Wyatt, center Keith Thompson and guard Don Sutphin are still starters, but O'Connell will probably have Don Hubble to team with Wyatt, Gary Dorn with Sutphin.

6-6 IN LEAGUE

Oregon Tech wound up Oregon Collegiate Conference play last weekend with a 6-6 mark, a climb to second place, in two wins over Portland State here.

Tonight's series in Arcata is king's-X, of course, along with next week's visit to Ashland against the Red Raiders of Southern Oregon College, last games for the Owls.

The Owls go into tonight's two-game series (a Friday-Saturday set) with a 10-10 record.

AKRON, Ohio — Vince Martinez, 151, Paterson, N.J., outpointed Joey Bishop, 146 ½, Philadelphia, 10.

NEWARK, N.J. — Ralph Giordano, 143, Newark, outpointed Mel Brown, 142, Paterson, N.J., 8.

Peace Memorial, Gun Store Win

Gun Store and Peace Memorial won Victory League basketball contests last night at Fairview—but neither win did anything startling to the standings.

Gun Store handed the DeMolay Golds their ninth loss in as many outings, 46-24; Peace Memorial won 33-28 over YMCA.

It brought Gun Store's record to 4-4, good enough for a continued hold on fourth place in the seven-team league. Peace Memorial is now at 2-7, sixth place; YMCA keeps fifth place at 4-6 despite its loss.

Peace Memorial's Schatz scored 11 points, Bob Kelly 9 for the 'Y'.

Blevins scored 16 for the Gun Store, while Charles Guptil had 10 for the Golds.

Sports In Brief

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK — Niagara defeated NYU 72-54 and then accepted a bid to the NIT.

SKIING

FALUN, Sweden — The American relay team withdrew from the world championship 40 kilometer ski race.

GOLF

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Rudy Horvath of Canada shot a 10-under-par 61 to take the first round lead in the $12,500 Texas Open.

RACING

ARCADIA, Calif. — Sienna 2nd ($48.10) won $10,000 feature at Santa Anita by nose over Auntie.

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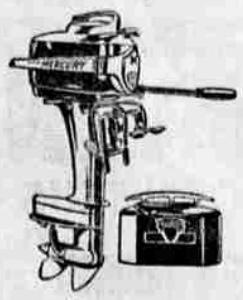
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