



FAMILY HUDDLE — Dale (left) and Ray Searcy, Henley's brother combination, hold a dressing-room session as the Hornets taper off drills for the invasion of Crater High Thursday night and a cage clash with Eagle Point, the opening game in Dist. 4-A2 tournament that winds up Saturday night, with the winner scheduled to meet Grants Pass, A-1 champ, for the Dist. 4 berth in the state tournament. — Photo by Don Kettler

District Mat Meet On Tap

The favored Klamath Falls Pelicans are hosts Friday and Saturday in the Dist. 7 high school wrestling meet at Oregon Tech.

Out of the six-team wrestling tournament will come two qualifiers in each weight for the March 5-6 state mat meet in Corvallis.

Sending wrestlers here for the muscle extravaganza are Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Sutherlin and Illinois Valley.

It's one of eight district meets in the state in which 16 wrestlers in each division will earn berths in the big show.

Sessions are scheduled for 1 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Tournament director is Bob Smith, wrestling coach at Oregon Tech.

WEIGH-IN

Weight-in time for the 12 divisions is scheduled from 8 to noon Friday with Saturday's time yet to be arranged.

It's a double elimination tournament in which the winner of the consolation bracket will face the loser of the finals to determine the second-place state tournament berth.

The wrestling meet will see one state champion in the field and seven district champions.

The state kingpin is 141-pound Jay Dearing of Klamath Falls.

Returning district champions are Klamath's Ronnie Conner, Larry Dearing, Elvis Mitchell and Benny Lawver; Grants Pass' Jayno; Roseburg's Kennedy; and Medford's Eckles.

ENTRIES

Coach Dutch Simons will enter the following Pelicans:

98 Pounds—Kent Plug and Don Tilman.

105 — Gary Roberts and Darold Wise or loser in 98-pound elimination.

115 — Ronnie Conner and Richard Berg.

123 — Gary Price and George Olson or Bill Steiner.

130 — Larry Dearing and Ed Keady.

136 — Bob Baggett and Dan Hitchcock.

141 — Jay Dearing and Dave Leeling.

148 — Don Biehn and Dick Lolina.

157 — Don Dexter and Jerry Williams.

163 — Julio Gonzales and Elvis Mitchell.

178 — Larry Mathews and Roy Ropp.

Heavyweight — Jack Himecwright and Ben Lawver or Vince Reese.

WOODS DECKS, WHIPS TRIGO

SPOKANE (AP) — Bobby Woods of Spokane floored Mario Trigo for an eight count in the first round and went on to take a unanimous decision over the Mexican battler in their 10-round lightweight boxing match here Tuesday night.

TIME OUT

A black and white photograph showing a basketball game. A player is in the air, shooting the ball. The crowd is visible in the background.

Three NAIA Teams Named

PORTLAND (AP) — Pacific University, University of Portland and Eastern Oregon College of Education were named Tuesday night to compete in the District 2 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) basketball tournament.

Jim "Mush" Torson, NAIA chairman and Portland U. coach, said all three schools had accepted invitations to play in the four-team tournament here next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Torson said the fourth team, to be announced within the next few days, will probably be either Southern Oregon College of Education or Linfield College.

The winner of the district play-off will qualify for the national NAIA tournament at Kansas City beginning March 8.

"I understand it's getting harder and harder for them to dig up fighters to fill all the television commitments."

Owls, Pels in Weekend Closers

Techs Face Red Raiders

Klamaths Host Cavemen

Nothing At Stake For KF

The Pels will try to salvage at least some consolation from a dreary basketball season Friday and Saturday nights on Pelican Court when they host the Dist. 4 champion Grants Pass Cavemen.

The Cavemen are already sitting on the Southern Oregon Big Four throne and the weekend series will do nothing to dislodge them.

But, after losing six straight (four in league play), the Pelicans are aiming for at least the satisfaction of dumping the champs, two-straight winners over the Pels in a late-January series in Grants Pass.

OUT

Grants Pass will play without two regulars, Bob Woods and Jerry Yosten, discharged from the squad recently for "indifference towards basketball."

But the loss of Woods and Yosten didn't deter the Cavemen from the winning road, as evidenced by two wins over Ashland and a pair of triumphs over Medford that wrapped up the title for them.

Grants Pass' five starters are all listed among the conference's top ten scorers.

SCORING

Forwards Gene Barber and Gary Sulphur are first and third in league scoring, guards Bill Hansen and Jim Held fifth and ninth and center Sam Dean tenth.

The loss of Woods and Yosten has hurt Grants Pass' bench strength, with only Don James left as a reliable reserve.

Klamath Coach Paul McCall is still quiet about his starters but at least a close guess would put Ed Barron and Don Mills at the forward positions, Dave D'Olive at center, Larry Yarnell and Jimmy Bevans at guards.

CAGE SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuesday's Results

Washington State 56, Idaho 44
Idaho State 84, Rocky Mountain 55

Western Montana 95, Northern Montana 55
Santa Clara 89, College of the Pacific 54

Southern Oregon 73, Eastern Oregon 64
San Jose State 59, St. Mary's (Calif.) 54

Whitworth 62, Eastern Wash 51
Puget Sound 70, Central Wash 63

EAST

New Britain (Conn.) 74, Fairfield 46

Williams 77, Hamilton 64
St. Francis (Bkn.) 82, Brooklyn College 49

Colby 78, Rhode Island 67
Massachusetts 64, MIT 47

MIDWEST

Platteville 89, Dubuque 75
Illinois Tech 75, Chicago Univ. 53

Hanover 76, Franklin 72
Butler 73, Ball State 75

Dayton 67, Toledo 63
Oklahoma City 56, Oklahoma Baptist 43

Rio Grande 121, Ashland 81

SOUTH

Kentucky Wesleyan 115, Union (Ky.) 73
Georgetown (Ky.) 76, Bellarmine 59

Miss. Southern 66, Spring Hill 54
Washington & Lee 84, The Citadel 46

Furman 117, Wofford 73
George Washington 70, Maryland 57

Duke 89, South Carolina 55

SOUTHWEST

Southern Methodist 90, Texas 63
Baylor 76, Rice 73 (overtime)

Arizona 78, Hardin-Simmons 72

PRO BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuesday's Results

Milwaukee 70, Syracuse 68
Rochester 93, Boston 77

Minneapolis 100, New York 82

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Portland League

Roosevelt 60, Lincoln 53
Benson 63, Franklin 54

Jefferson 64, Cleveland 60
Grant 76, Washington 65

District 9 Tourney

Beaverton 45, Hillsboro 29
Forest Grove 46, Sherwood 40

Other scores:

Milwaukee 65, Salem 49
Corvallis 57, Albany 47

Eugene 86, Springfield 70
Cascadia 66, Silverton 46

North Marion 50, Dayton 45
St. Helens 75, Warrenton 45

Vernonia 72, Seaside 65
Wy-East 72, The Dalles 62

Columbia Prep (Portland) 47, Hood River 40

Lebanon 62, Newport 38
Sweet Home 40, Toledo 38

Estacada 66, Silverton 46
Clatskanie 80, Scappoose 65

Siuslaw 54, Waldport 25
Knappa 65, Jewell 35

St. Paul 65, Scio 45
Lake Oswego 56, Park Rose 48

Monroe 51, Philomath 45
Sandy 48, Mt. Angel 44

Mollis 57, Dallas 39
Gervais 83, Oregon Deal School 42

Oakridge 68, St. Francis (Eugene) 48

Williamette (Eugene) 71, Pleasant Hill 58

Junction City 60, Elmira 47
Rogue River 64, Jacksonville 33

Hermiston 67, Pendleton 57
Mounpin 50, St. Mary's (The Dalles) 48 (double overtime)

SPORTS

Cards May Be Threat With Pitcher Raschi

By BEN OLAN
Associated Press Sports Writer

The St. Louis Cardinals, who have been given only a slim chance of winning this season's National League pennant, may have to be reckoned with now that they've strengthened the department by the purchase of right-hander Vic Raschi from the New York Yankees.

The mound problem was taken care of quite adequately yesterday by the purchase of right-hander Vic Raschi from the New York Yankees.

Raschi, who helped pitch the Yankees to six American League

flags, only won 13 games last year. But he is expected to take up the slack caused by the loss of Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell to the Army.

The Redbirds, of course, are hoping that lightning will strike twice. For in 1945, the Chicago Cubs purchased another big right-hander—Hank Borey—from the Yankees and he was no mean factor in their pennant victory.

Manager Eddie Stanky was thrilled by the news.

"Vic gives me another starter along with Gerry Staley and Harvey Haddix," he said. "He's a great competitor and I'll be counting on him to win some of our more important games."

The addition of Raschi plus those of first baseman Tom Alston and shortstop Alex Grammas appears to give the Cardinals a solid outfit, one which could well give the Brooklyn Dodgers and Milwaukee Braves a heap of trouble.

Alston, a 2-3 Negro, drove out 23 homers for San Diego last season and Grammas, who hit .307 at Kansas City, was tabbed one of the best minor league prospects in 1953. Although he injured his throwing arm in practice last Monday, he is expected to succeed Solly Hemus as the regular shortstop.

Although the Raschi purchase price was not disclosed, it was believed to be about \$75,000 and two minor league players.

Looking at the deal objectively, the Yankees did extremely well financially. Besides the sale money they received, they got rid of Raschi's \$40,000 salary (Vic signed with St. Louis almost immediately). This plus the two minor leaguers and the Yankees came out of it almost \$150,000 to the good.

National Grid Loop Proposed

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.

NEW YORK (AP) — A group of important independent colleges may band together to form a new football league or conference, national in scope, to give big-time college football top billing on the sports program, The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

Prospective members include Army, Navy, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh, plus four others. Some now are members of other conferences. But the ringiders who paid \$5 for seats thought he could have given them more action for the money.

The crowd of 4,655 booed Gavilan several times in the early rounds and in the fifth Referee Eddie Cochman warned the fighters to mix it up.

When Coachman called for action in the fifth, Cunningham began forcing the fight and he drew the first cheers from the crowd when he rocked Gavilan with a slashing attack in the seventh.

The champion took the initiative in the eighth and pressed the fight the rest of the way. Gavilan weighed 156½, Cunningham 152.

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TEN PINETTA

Griggs Three 61 33
Sears-Robuck 57 38
Singer Sewing Mach 37 39
Seltman Drive In 53 40 1/2
Richfield Oil 54 34 1/2
Troy Cook Co 18 80

Griggs Three Last Night

Griggs 3 Sears 1
Pelican 3 Richfield 1
Singer 2 Troy Cook 2

The last-place Troy Cook team in the Ten Pinetta Bowling League captured all the individual scoring honors last night.

Elaire Pickertall rolled the high line, 220, followed by Audrey Thomas with 171. Millie Suehry was high for three games with a 467 on lines of 152, 158 and 157; Pickertall ended with a 449 series.

The team's 887 was the high game; Pelican Drive In was next with 825. Singer Sewing Machine added up a 2377 series; Troy Cook had a 2321.

Rooks Win Mat Decision

CORVALLIS (AP) — The Oregon State Rook wrestling team defeated the University of Oregon Frosh 27-6 here Tuesday.

Ken Kesey of the Frosh lost on a decision to Vern Ellison of the Rooks in the feature heavyweight match.

BASERBALL

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The New York Yankees' sold pitcher Vic Raschi to the St. Louis Cardinals for \$75,000 and two minor league players.

FOR TIRES SEE JUCKELAND!

OTI-SOC Series In Ashland

Oregon Tech closes its basketball season this weekend in Ashland against the Southern Oregon Red Raiders.

It's a king-of-X season-ending series for the Techs Friday and Saturday nights after a 6-6 record in Oregon Collegiate Conference play that is almost certain to stand up for second place.

The recent ruling against Oregon College in its protest of a loss to Portland State, plus two setbacks in La Grande against Eastern Oregon, erases any chances the Wolves have to overtake the Owls for the second position.

UNLIKELY

Portland State, with a 3-6 record, could catch up with a win over Oregon College and two wins over the champion Eastern Oregon team, but such a circumstance is unlikely.

The Owls will aim for two wins over the Raiders after finishing on the short end of the score twice here Jan. 18-19, but a split with the Ashland five, with center Leon Keefe back in the lineup, would go down as a real accomplishment.

Keefe was injured in the first of a two-game series here over a month ago but he's ready to go now.

START

Lloyd Hoffine and Dale Newton will probably start at the forward positions, while the two guards will come from Bob (Tiger) Smith, Dick Price and Ken Kimura.

The latter missed the series here; the Hawaiian eager is ready on long set shots.

Tech Coach Skeet O'Connell has forwards Jerry Wyatt and Don Hubbard, center Keith Thompson and guards Gary Dorn and Don Sulphur down for starting assignments.

Gavilan Gets Boos, Decision

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Well-known champion Kid Gavilan reacted to the boos of the crowd and backed out a unanimous but dull decision over Johnny Cunningham of Baltimore last night in a 10-rounder at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

It was a tuneup for Gavilan's meeting with Bobo Olson for the middleweight title April 2 in Chicago and the Kid said he needed the exercise. But the ringiders who paid \$5 for seats thought he could have given them more action for the money.

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Shuff Stuff

Last night's City Shuffleboard League results:

VPW 4 Tiny's 0
Summers Lane 4 Jonesies 0
Wocus 4 Eagles 6
Mecca 3 Suburban 1

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JACK RUSH is shown wearing a typical snarl when victim of crowd-kibitzing. The bald-headed Oklahoman teams with Kurt Von Poppenheim tonight against Georges Dusette and John Paul Henning in a tag team match at the Armory. — Photo by Don Kettler

Mat Tag Foes Mix Tonight

Pulp-magazine sports story authors, with a flare for the dramatic, couldn't have dreamed up a better wrestling cast than is down for action in tonight's tag team main event at the Armory.

On one side is Georges Dusette, long-time favorite at the Armory, the French-Canadian Strongman whose full nelson puts mat foes out of commission; and John Paul Henning, a Miami, Fla., lad high on the popularity poll here after only two appearances. He's fast and clever and can dole out the knuckle treatment when necessary.

UNORTHODOX

Dusette and Henning will oppose two scoundrels who long ago threw away the wrestling book of hoyle.

One is Kurt Von Poppenheim, the Swastika Swatter whose nefarious tricks in the ring here are legendary. The Proud Prussian will join Jack Rush, the bald-headed Oklahoman, whose under-handed gimmicks in the ring here the past couple of weeks have shoved him high on the hate vote with customers.

The bout follows meetings last week between Rush and Dusette, Von Poppenheim and Henning, when the favorites both lost.

HURT

Dusette injured his back when Rush, snared in the full nelson, rushed to the ropes and somersaulted out of the ring with Dusette on his back. Dusette's fall crippled the Canadian and he was through for the evening.

Von Pop won over Henning with an illegal clutch on the Henning's trunks that supplied enough leverage to keep the Miami boy's shoulders on the mat for the deciding fall.

Bronco Lublich faces Roy Wolf, a newcomer here from Toronto, in the opener.

The Armory box-office opens at 7:30, one hour before the punch program starts.

Mexican Open Starts Thursday

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The tenth and largest Mexican Open golf tournament begins Thursday on the 6,879 yard par 72 Club Mexico course with about 125 series—roughly half North Americans—battling for a record \$12,200 in prize money.

Argentina's Roberto de Vicenzo, who won the event last year with a 21 under par 267 on the Chapultepec Golf Course, is defending his title.

Wreckers Whip Golds, 114-29

The Sixth Street Wreckers piled up 114 points last night to bury the Victory League fallenders, the DeMolay Golds, by a 114-29 count. It was the Wreckers' eighth straight win without a setback.

The DeMolay Blues whipped Herman's, 57-49, in the other game on the Fairview doubleheader.

Modesto Jimenez scored 28 points for the Wreckers; Don Dexter and Ken Martin added 15 each. Mike Hayden led the Blues with 15 points.

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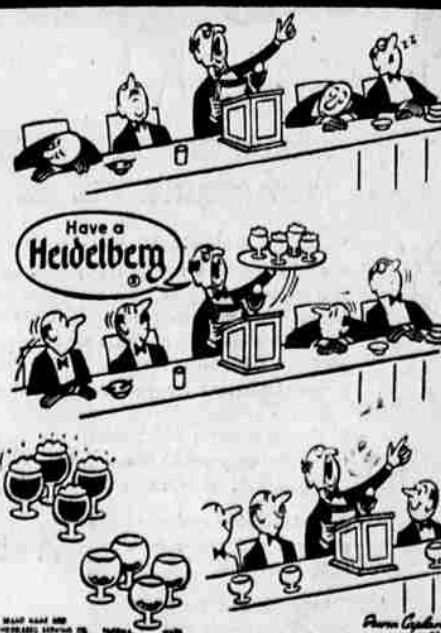
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