

Cavemen Here for Series

Hornets Lose in Last 30 Seconds

Henley In 43-41 Loss To Eagles

MEDFORD (Special) — Eagle Point turned back the Henley Hornets, 43-41, at Crater High last night with two field goals and a pair of free throws in the last 30 seconds of play as the Hornets flunked in their bid for their first A-2 title.

The win puts Eagle Point against Illinois Valley tonight, 99-40 winner over Brookings in the other first-round game of the Dist. 4-A2 tourney to pick an opponent for Grants Pass, 4-A1 kingly.

Crater and Phoenix, drawing first-round byes, mix in the other semi-final game tonight.

IDLE Henley is idle today, but plays Brookings for fifth place in one of three games Saturday. The losers in tonight's semi-final games play for third place Saturday while the winners tangle for the title and the right to meet the Cavemen for Dist. 4 representation in the Class A state tournament in Eugene March 16-20.

The Hornets, outplaying the Eagles on the boards and on the floor, held a 41-37 lead with just 30 seconds to play.

Frank Reich drew a foul and made good on both of his free throws, then intercepted a Henley pass, relayed the ball to Wayne Gillaspie whose layup tied the count at 41-all with 20 seconds still showing on the clock.

FIVE SECONDS Carl Christian's field goal with five seconds left gave the Eagles the slim storybook win.

Henley took a 9-7 lead late in the first quarter and stayed on top until Gillaspie's tying bucket late in the game.

The Hornets' margins were 14-7, 21-15 and 33-27 at the first three stops, puffing up a 32-22 lead in the third quarter and 36-28 once in the fourth quarter before Eagle Point opened a hectic rally.

Louie Zarosinski, who was great for Henley on rebounds, dumped in 10 points, the same number collected by Eagle Point's Harvey Nelson.

Scoring:
HENLEY (41): Bill 7, Henley 7, Zarosinski 14, R. Wright 8, D. Smith 3, Henley subs — Roberts 7, Parker 4, Point subs — Falkenhagen 4, Tuttle 1, Bitterling 2, Christian 5.
(41) EAGLE POINT: Nelson 10, Gillaspie 9, Caldwell 8, Eccleston 2, Reich 2, Henley subs — Roberts 7, Parker 4, Point subs — Falkenhagen 4, Tuttle 1, Bitterling 2, Christian 5.

A's Win As Conroy Pots 48

Both Malin teams and the Jayhawks won in the Klamath Basin Independent League last night. The league-leading Malin Athletics pounded out a 94-60 win over the Chiloquin Townies with Jim Conroy potting 48 points.

The Malin Townies squeaked by the Chiloquin Parks, 51-49.

The Jayhawks swamped Merrill, 86-22.

Ashland Site Of 'B' Clash

Malin's Dist. 5-B showdown series with Talent was scheduled for Southern Oregon College's gym in Ashland, March 5 and 6, after a meeting here yesterday of the district committee members.

The third game, if necessary, will be held at Henley high school Monday, March 8.

Malin won half share of the Dist. 5-B championship by capturing the Klamath-Lake County tournament here last week, shading Chiloquin 50-49 in the finals.

The Talent Bulldogs are Jackson County champions. Winner of the two-of-three series will represent Dist. 5 in the Class B state tournament scheduled for Salem's Willamette University gym March 11-13.

Griggs, OTI Win Games

Oregon Tech and Griggs won basketball decisions in the Women's League last night at Mills.

OTI whipped the Little Orphans, 51-39; Griggs outshot Malin, 43-28. Helen Quirk collected 42 of Tech's points for the top scoring performance of the evening. Beverly Lloyd had 18 for the Orphans.

Sherry Larson and Pat Barron pumped in 22 and 16 for most of Griggs' points, while Zona Lucas led Malin with just half of the team's points, 14.

GOLF MEXICO CITY — John Palmer of Charlotte, N.C., shot a four under par 68 to take the first round lead in the \$12,200 Mexican Open.

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ROOKIE GARY DORN (left) and veteran Keith Thompson hold a last-minute session with coach Skeet O'Connell as the Oregon Tech Owls await the tipoff tonight in Ashland against Southern Oregon in the first of a two-game series. — Photo by Don Kettler

Owls End Run In Ashland

Oregon Tech will have to win two from Southern Oregon College in Ashland tonight and tomorrow night to go over the .500 mark for the season.

The king's-X double date with the Red Raiders closes out the 1953-54 cage campaign for the Owls, still hoping for a second-place spot in Oregon Collegiate Conference play.

The Owls finished at 6-6 in OCC action but Portland State, on its 95-78 win over Oregon College in Monmouth Wednesday night when Don Porter pumped in 35 points, kept alive its chances to tie the Owls for the second position.

NEED TWO The Vikings will have to win two from the league champion Eastern Oregon team in Portland Friday and Saturday nights to finish in a tie for second with the Owls.

With both Ken Kimura and Leon Keefe back in the SOC lineup, the Raiders on their own floor will be favored.

Kimura missed the series here in mid-January when the Raiders won two games and Keefe sat out the series when he injured his knee early in the first game. But, despite the loss of the big point-happy center (Keefe) and the sparkplug guard, the Raiders registered a grand slam by 65-56 and 68-58 counts.

STARTERS Skeet O'Connell, Tech's bossman, said yesterday he would start with forward Jerry Wyatt and guard Don Sutphin, the Owls' high scorers, with Keith Thompson at center, Don Hubble at the other forward position and Gary Dorn with Sutphin at guard.

It's almost certain SOC's coach, Ted Schopf, will name forwards Lloyd Hoffman and Dale Newton, Keefe and guards Kimura and either Bob Smith or Dick Price for starting chores.

The Owls go into the series with an 11-11 mark for the season.

NEWARK, N.J. — Harold Carter, 187, Linden, outpointed Joe Lindsay, 188, Brooklyn, 8.

FALL RIVER, Mass. — Orlando Zuehlsta, 137, Cuba, outpointed Al Duarte, 138, New Bedford, 10.



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Barron Captain For Big 4 Cage Windup

Ed (Bud) Barron, elected this week as honorary captain for the 1953-54 basketball season, leads Klamath Falls tonight and tomorrow night on Pelican Court in the Pelicans' season windup series against the Big Four champion Grants Pass Cavemen.

Too far back to catch the Cave-

men, the Pelicans have nothing at stake but pride and revenge.

Grants Pass started Klamath's downfall when the Pelicans were lying high on the fat end of a 4-0 conference record.

The Cavemen won twice in Grants Pass in late January — Medford and Ashland grand slams followed to knock the local five out of title contention.

Francis Lame But Still High

NEW YORK (AP) — Bevo Francis of Rio Grande, who probably won't play for several weeks because of an ankle injury, still is far out front in the small-college scoring race. But—surprise!—one of his rivals shows a better percentage for accuracy.

Paul Lauritzen of Augustana (Ill.), a 6-foot 3-inch senior, was hitting 63.5 per cent of his field-goal attempts through games of Feb. 20, according to statistics released Friday by the NCAA Service Bureau. Francis shows a 49.8 average.

At the rate he's going Lauritzen will set a record. The current mark on the book is 60.6 set last year by Bob Buis of Carleton.

Francis, of course, heads the scorers with 1,046 points. Bob Hopkins of Grambling is second with 670.

Rio Grande is the offensive leader, replacing Arkansas Tech, which led for the past three weeks. Rio has a 94.9 average compared to 89.0 for Tech.

Idaho State and Cortland (N.Y.) State both have 56.4 averages on the defense to lead the small colleges in that department.

PHILADELPHIA — Eddie Gioia, 149, Philadelphia, outpointed Jim Champagne, 150, Philadelphia, 8.

SAGINAW, Mich. — Ken Hammer, 190, Detroit, outpointed Howard Tate, 211, Canton, Ohio, 8.

Bruins Need One Victory

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Like Oregon State in the North, the Bruins of UCLA need to win but a single game to reach the championship round in the Pacific Coast Conference basketball race.

UCLA is favored to get at least the single as the Bruins start a two-game Southern Division series with the University of Southern California Friday night.

The Bruins, averaging 76.6 points in division play, thanks to the brilliant play of Ron Livingston and Jimmy Moore, need to add only 101 points to break the present division scoring record of 886 set by California last season.

UCLA has a 7-3 record; USC 6-4; California 5-5, and Stanford 2-8. Stanford and California play two games, Friday night at Berkeley, Saturday night at Palo Alto.

ATONEMENT But despite the absence of the crucial tag that was expected to be hung on this series earlier in the season, a touch-and-go pair of games is expected with Klamath Falls determined to somewhat atone for Grants Pass' bursting the Pelicans' football bubble and starting their hoop downfall.

Grants Pass Coach Ray Davis is expected to name forwards Gene Barber and Gary Sutphin, center Sam Dean and guards Bill Hansen and Jim Reid for starting assignments.

The Klamath junior varsity opens the show both nights at 6:45, against Eldorado Lumber of the City League tonight and against the Grants Pass Jayvees Saturday night.

Main event tipoff time is 8:15.

Shuff Stuff

Last night's City Shuffleboard League results:
Macdon 4 Tait's 0
Drumstick 4 Roundup 0
Summers Lane 4 Tiny's 0

Oregon State Needs One Win Over Ducks

Only Oregon stands between Oregon State and its first Northern Division, Pacific Coast Conference, basketball championship in five years, and the schedule gives the Beavers two shots at the Ducks.

The Beavers play Oregon at Eugene Friday night and on their home floor at Corvallis Saturday night.

A win in either game clinches the title for the Staters and sends them against the Southern Division champions in a battle for the conference crown and an NCAA berth.

Meanwhile, the Idaho Vandals, who made a three-way race of the title scramble until knocked out by Washington State this week, will be battling to hold third place in the standings while hoping for a second-place finish.

The Vandals play Washington at Moscow Friday night and Saturday night and a double loss would deadlock the two teams in the No. 3 slot. But double victories by OSC and Idaho would put the Vandals in second place.

The weekend games end the season for all but Washington and Washington State. They play for the last time at Seattle next week-end.

And Northern Division "listers."

Mat Tourney In Progress

The second session of the Dist. 7 high school wrestling meet is billed for 7:30 tonight at Oregon Tech.

The two-day mat meet in which wrestlers will qualify for next week's state meet opened this afternoon in a 1 o'clock shift and closes Saturday in 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. rounds.

Coach Dutch Simons' Pelicans are favored to capture their fifth straight district title and qualify for the majority of positions in the 12-weight state tourney.

Other schools in the tournament are Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Sutherlin and Illinois Valley.

The first two finishers in each weight earn state tourney positions. The state meet is booked for March 5-6 at Corvallis.

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