

Malin, Talent Await Tipoff Pels Send 13 to Mat Meet

Winner Of Series In State Try

Malin's Mustangs and Talent's Bulldogs quarrel for the Dist. 5-B basketball title in a two-of-three series that opens Friday night in Ashland's Southern Oregon College gym with a berth in the Class B state tournament wrapped in the same prize package.

The first two games are booked for the SOC cage pavilion. In the event there's a split of the two games, the third and rubber contest switches to Henley High School Monday night.

Talent reached the title clash by losing just one of fifteen games in the Jackson County 'B' league, edging out Rogue River.

TOP TEAM
Malin, top-seeded in the Klamath-Lake County tournament with a perfect 8-0 record in league play, won three straight in the tourney, capping it with a 50-49 storybook win over Chiloquin, last year's state tourney entry, in the final game.

Malin will pit its height against a team that majors in hustle and speed.

Top scorers for the Bulldogs are forwards Jack Barrett and Jim McCabe. Clyde Gelf, the only center on the starting five topping six feet, starts at center for Talent. The guards are Allan Hoffman and J. Lloyd Wood. Hoffman is a sophomore, a long set-shot artist.

Down for major reserve duty is Bob Seymour, a 6-3 utility man who works at either forward or center for the Bulldogs.

OTHERS
Others who may see some duty for Coach George Bray are George Zickelose, brothers Mel and Jim Wallace, Harold Bartel and Bill Dalley.

Malin Coach Jim Conroy will take 10 players with him and plans to start Virgil Rick and Glen Steyskal at the forward positions, Rod Lyon at center, Ray Johnson and Lavon Travis at guards.

Stan Miller, a regular at guard before he injured his ankle in the tournament, is still on the mend and Conroy said he "should be ready" for Talent.

Others making the trip for Malin are Norm Oliva, Roger Dokken, Allen Myers and Don Rajnus.

Winner of the series is scheduled to meet the Dist. 8 winner in Far Eastern Oregon in the third game of the opening state tourney round March 11 at Salem.

The three-day tourney names a state champion Saturday night, March 13.

A's Stretch KBI Lead

The Malin Athletics, one-time loser to just Tulelake in the Klamath Basin Independent League, romped over the Dorris Lions last night, 60-50, to add to their lead.

The Dorris Townies gave the California town a split with a 58-31 win over the Malin Townies.

The A's Jim Conroy and Peterson each potted 19 points for the league-leaders, while Barnett collected 16 for the Lions.

Hoskins of the Dorris Townies was high, also with 19 in the breeze over the Malin Townies.

Scoring:
MALIN TOWNS (C) (38) DORRIS LIONS
Lindsay 3 10 Hoskins
Dillon 2 3 Williams
Santusky 6 2 Porterfield
Fallah 2 0 Hammond
Rodgers 2 0 Miller
Malin subs—Link 3, Stevenson 5, Dorris subs—Rigo 12, Luksey 10, Owen 2.

ATHLETICS (88)
Woodley 15 11 Branham
Avedon 3 11 Fine
Conroy 18 9 Miller
Anderson 10 6 Barnett
Peterson 18 16 Barnett
Coeleland 2
Athletics subs—Duncan, Kenyon 3
Lions subs—Long 1, Cleland 2.

Pilots, EOC Win Openers

PORTLAND (AP)—Portland University rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Pacific 70-63 in the opening round of the district 3 NAIA basketball tournament here Tuesday night.

Eastern Oregon College of Education took a lead in the second period and never relinquished it in defeating Southern Oregon 71-62.

Nick Trutnitch, rugged forward, paced Portland, seeking its sixth consecutive district title, with 25 points. Norm Hubert of Pacific scored 24 and Dick Bartel of Portland 22.

Ted Schadewitz, Eastern Oregon guard, was high scorer of the night with 26 points. Guard Ken Kimura registered 16 for Southern Oregon.

Portland and Eastern Oregon meet Wednesday night for the title and a trip to the national tournament at Kansas City. Southern Oregon and Pacific play for consolation honors.

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THE SUBJECT MUST BE "beat Talent" judging by the smiles worn by these three Malin players now tapering off for the Dist. 5-B series with the Bulldogs. In the middle is center Rod Lyon, flanked (l to r) by forwards Glen Steyskal and Virgil Rick. Malin and Talent mix Friday and Saturday nights in Ashland, switch to Henley Monday if a third game is necessary to pick the Dist. 5 representative for the Class B state tournament in Salem, March 11-13.



Texas Tech in Field; NIT Short

By ED CORRIGAN
NEW YORK (AP)—The NCAA post-season tournament filled one more of its berths today with Texas Tech, the champion of the Border Conference—but the National In-

vasion Tournament still was scrambling for the last club to fill its 12-team field.

Texas Tech wrapped up the Border crown last night by taking care of West Texas 84-71. It was

the final game of the season for both schools and it gave Tech an 11-1 league record against 9-3 for West Texas.

The Southwest Conference race ended in a deadlock last night with Rice and Texas holding 9-4 records.

The Longhorns closed out operations by whipping Texas Christian 68-39, while Rice scored an equally emphatic triumph over Southern Methodist 90-64. The two clubs will have a three-game playoff starting at Houston Friday night.

DIDN'T WANT
The tie in the Southwest loop was just what the promoters of the National Invitation didn't want.

They were hoping either Texas or Rice would get beaten—and they probably didn't care which—because they wanted the second-place team.

Now with their tournament starting Saturday night in Madison Square Garden, they'll have to find another team. Cincinnati probably will draw the open berth on the strength of having polished off Duquesne for the Ducks' first defeat of the campaign last week.

CLOSER
Oklahoma A&M moved a step closer to the Missouri Valley title by crushing Tulsa 77-46 and here again the NIT has a definite interest in the proceedings. The Aggies have one more game to play—against the pesky St. Louis Billikens Saturday night—and if they win it, they're in. Wichita, which

already has finished its season with an 8-2 mark, has accepted a bid to the NIT with the provision that another team wins the conference championship. Should St. Louis defeat the Aggies, there would be a tie.

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In other top games, Niagara halted Colgate 65-37 by pointing 12 straight points through the hoop in the last two minutes, and Yale edged Rhode Island 89-83.

Salem's 16 High For State Mix

Even with 13 entries, the Klamath Falls Pelicans, Dist. 7 champs, will be outnumbered when they aim for the Oregon high school wrestling title Friday and Saturday at Oregon State College, Corvallis.

Salem, Dist. 6 champion, will enter 16 in the state meet. Newberg, defending champion and Dist. 3 kingpin, has the same number as the Pelicans.

Others with a flock of manpower are Lebanon with 12, Canby with 11, Molalla and Parkrose with 9. Newberg's 13 includes Ray Green, 123-pound defending champion.

CHAMPION
Klamath Falls will have a state champion in the field but he won't defend his title. Jay Dearing, last year's 136-pound champ, is now in the 141-pound division, where he won the Dist. 7 title last weekend.

Six other district champions with the Pelicans are Don Tillman in the 98-pound class, Ron Conner 115, Larry Dearing 130, Don Blehn 148, Elvis Mitchell 168 and heavyweight Jack Himmelwright.

RUNNERS-UP
The six runners-up who also earn state positions are Kent Flug 98, Richard Berg 115, Dave Leeling 141, Don Dexter 157, Julio Gonzales 168 and Ben Lawver, heavyweight.

The Pelicans will attempt to win the state title that got away from them after a four-straight skein.

Last year they finished second to Newberg, fourth the year before after four straight championships.

Wreckers Win Tenth

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Peace Memorial	4	7	.364
DeMolay Golds	1	11	.083

Wreckers 70 Herman's 40
DeMolay Memorial 34 Golds 30

The Sixth St. Wreckers, class of the Victory League, proved it last night with a 70-40 win over second-place Herman's, the league-leaders' tenth straight win without a setback.

Peace Memorial nipped the DeMolay Golds, 34-30, in the other game on the Fairview doubleheader.

Four of the Wreckers scored in two figures, led by Greg Schube with 16. The Wreckers held a squeaky 38-36 lead at halftime but wrapped it up in the third period with 20 points while the Hermans were scoring just 7 points.

Peace Memorial's Larry Dearing and the Golds' Tom Humble scored 10 each.

Shuff Stuff

Last night's City Shuffleboard League results:
Summers Lane 4 Eagles 0
Bill's Place 4 VW 0
Mecca 3 Waus 1
Tiny's 3 Roundup 1

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A COUPLE OF SOPHOMORES step on the scales under the watchful eye of Dutch Simons, Klamath Falls wrestling coach. The sophs, 168-pound Julio Gonzales (left) and Dave Leeling, 141-pound division, qualified for the state mat meet in Corvallis Friday and Saturday with runner-spots in the Dist. 7 tourney.

—Photo by Don Kettler

Cubs Have Double Play Combo

By BEN OLAN
Associated Press Sports Writer

The Chicago Cubs' second base combinations cost Phil Cavarretta many sleepless nights last season.

Today, the 37-year-old manager thinks he has the situation well in hand, because of two Negro rookies—Ernie Banks and Gene Baker.

"Failure to make the double play and those many errors we had is what ruined us last year," Cavarretta said. "With these two kids I believe we may have the problem solved."

He is particularly impressed with the showing of Banks, the 22-year-old shortstop purchased from the Kansas City Monarchs last September. Banks batted .314 in 19 National League games, he beamed, "He has sure hands, a fine arm and looks like a hitter. He has great wrists."

"I got a good line on him last season when he slammed a home

run off Gerry Staley—a sidearm right-hander. That's always a pretty good trick for a right-handed batter."

20 HOMERS

Although he's not supposed to be quite as good a batter as Banks, the 28-year-old Baker hit .248 for Los Angeles in 1953, including 20 home runs and 99 runs batted in.

He played shortstop for the Pacific Coast league club, but Cavarretta is confident he can easily make the switch to second base.

"If he can hit as well as Eddie Miksis, he stands an excellent chance of running him off the bag," Cavarretta explained. Miksis batted .251 in '53.

In all, the seventh-place Cubs made 79 of their 193 errors around second base last season. Miksis, dividing his time between second and shortstop, made 35 miscues, and Roy Smalley, at shortstop, made 25. The club made 141 double plays. Only Pittsburgh had fewer.

While Cavarretta was 'oozing with optimism in the Cubs' camp, Manager Steve O'Neill was laying down the law in the quarters of the Philadelphia Phillies. The veteran skipper ruled there will be a midnight curfew during spring training.

"No slipshod play will be allowed this year," he warned.

The Phillies also were reported trying to trade first baseman Earl Torgerson to either the New York Giants or the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Elsewhere, the broken collarbone suffered by Ted Williams earlier this week appeared to have touched off a rash of injuries.

Eddie Mathews, Milwaukee's slugging third baseman, wrenched his back during batting practice and will be out for several days. Walt Linder, the Braves' reserve catcher, fractured his right thumb, and pitcher Bob Trice of the Philadelphia Athletics fell on his left shoulder, but was not seriously hurt.

CONFERENCE

Mickey Vernon, the American League's leading batter last year, was the center of a conference between Calvin Griffith, Washington's vice president, and Joe Cronin, general manager of the Boston Red Sox.

The Sox are said to be seeking Vernon as a replacement for Williams, who is feared lost for the early weeks of the season. Vernon has yet to sign his 1954 contract with the Nats.

On other fronts, outfielder Willie Mays drove out a pinch-hit home run as he rejoined the New York Giants after 21 months in the Army...

The New York Yankees disclosed that outfielder Mickey Mantle will not be able to run for two weeks because of his weak knee.

Pete Wojcie, a rookie right-hander, pitched two hitless innings in Brooklyn's intrasquad game.

In the contract signing department, the Cleveland Indians finally came up with the signature of Bob Lemon. The big right-hander reportedly agreed to a \$42,000 pact. Pitchers Ralph Branca and Steve Gromek signed with Detroit, and pitcher Don Larsen with Baltimore.

Warhoop Jake Trial Pick

ALBANY, Ga. (AP)—Warhoop Jake, white and liver pointer owned by Mrs. Gerald Livingston of Juitman, Ga., looked like the dog to beat as the last six braces started their runs in the Southern field trial's all-age stakes Wednesday.

Jake, a veteran campaigner, went out Tuesday under the handling of Ed Mack Farrior. The pointer made five finds, honored the point of his brace once, and stopped to flush once during the run.

Billy Hope, owned by Pineland Plantation Kennels of Newton, Ga., and handled by Farrior, also had a fine run.

Pineland Sue, from Pineland Plantation, and Ariel's Radar, owned by Raymond Hogland of Cartersville, Ga., also made good showings.

Winner of the \$1,000 stake was to be announced at the end of Wednesday's running unless judges called for a second series.

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