

Prep Cage Favorites Advance

Tie Seen In City League

The National Guards are back in the lead in the City Basketball League—but probably for only five days.

The Guards ended their regular season last night with a 51-30 win over Hilltop Cafe to finish with a 12-2 record to go ahead of Idle Eldorado Lumber.

But the Lumbermen's last game Monday night is against the winless Southern Pacific five, 47-41 losers last night to Metters. An Eldorado win is practically a foregone conclusion and would put it in a tie with the Guards for the top spot, necessitating a one-game decider for seedings in the upcoming four-team playoffs.

Ron Owings paced the Guards last night with 21 points as the league-leaders piled up 23 points in the first frame and coasted in.

Ken Young added 14 to Owings' 21 while Dan Mahoney led Hilltop with 11.

Southern Pacific's Bob Flora was high with 17 points in a losing cause; Dick Flanagan led Metters with 13 counters.

The other game on Monday night's season-ending program at Altamont sends Hilltop against Beatty.

Scoring:
Hilltop (41):
Doherty 11
Allen 5
Bower 3
Flora 17
Bibb 12
HP subs — Holland, Frazer, Anderson, Metters subs — Sloan 10, Tipton 1, Flanagan 12.

GUARDS (41):
Lundsten 4
Piochinski 4
Lewell 3
Young 24
Owings 21
GP subs — McKinn, Kline, Miller, top subs — Mahoney 11, Milligan, Dosselt 2, Schie, Chavez.

NECCIAI
FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP)—Rookie Ron Necciai, the stringbean pitcher who is the only hurler in the history of organized baseball to strike out all 27 men in nine innings, has left the Pittsburgh Pirates training camp.

Ron, a 21-year-old, 6-5 right-hander, is down on his luck again. He's asked to be placed on the voluntary retired list.

Disgusted, discouraged and — his mates indicated — just about heart-broken, Necciai (pronounced "nech-eye") came up with a sore arm.

HOME
When the Pirate brass ordered him to accompany some other players to their minor league camp at Huntsville, Texas, for assignment, Ronnie said he was going home.

And that's the last Pirates saw of him — a big gangling youth, walking downcast. He said he was flying to his Monongahela (Pa.) home, near Pittsburgh.

Ronnie started out in great fashion, clinching his minor league career with an amazing performance on May 13, 1952, while hurling for Bristol (Va.) against Welch (W.Va.) in the Appalachian league. He struck out all 27 men the first and only time the feat has officially been recorded in organized baseball. He sat out most of the 1953 season after a short hitch in the Army.

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Eastside Electric	54 54
Ashley Chevrolet	50 58
Bend-Portland	49 59
Basin Motors	48 60
Balsager Motors	45 63
Lorenz Company	45 63
Parker-Pontiac	41 67
J. W. Kerns	40 67 1/2

Scores Last Night	
Hauger 3 Parker-Pontiac 1	
Ashley 4 Specialized 9	
Eastside 3 Kerns 1	
Motor Invest 2 Bend-Portland 2	
Basin Motors 4 Lorenz 0	
Miller 4 Balsager 0	

Two bowlers went over the 600 mark last night in the Automotive Bowling League.

Bud Rodgers of the Dick Miller team added up a 607 on lines of

Lillard Seeks Foe For Byrne

Big Jimmy Byrne, who stopped Vallejo's Al Winn in two rounds here March 6, will headline an April 3 boxing card if Matchmaker Mack Lillard can find "a worthy opponent" for the Portland heavyweight.

Byrne looked good in his short knockout stint over the California Negro and Lillard is attempting to find a foe for the big swarthy Harry (Kid) Matthews is reported to be ducking.

SEMI-WINDUP
Lillard would like to put Ralph Weiser, the Beatty Bomber, in the semi-windup spot against Little Papa Brown, outstanding Seattle Negro lightweight veteran.

Weiser had Vallejo's Don Border down four times on the March 8 card before Referee Wally Moss stopped the slaughter.

If the promoter can't find an opponent for Byrne, he's considering bringing Indian Dick Wolfe in against Bill Bullock, Oakland Negro who gave Weiser a boxing lesson in a bout here last year.

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Bullock has since graduated to the middleweight ranks.

Lillard may use Jerry Edinger, Oregon Tech youngster who has looked good on several amateur smelter shows here, in a four-rounder.

Two other Klamath Basin amateurs now eyeing the professional ranks may be given preliminary spots on the card. They are Duane McDaniel, 130-pound Chiloquin boy, and Bob Barney, 145-pound Indian lad from Sprague River.

Shuff Stuff

Last night's City Shuffleboard League results:
Mecca 4 Eagles 0
Summers Lane 4 VFW 0
Schuss 4 Jonesies 0

CHICAGO — Harold Johnson, 176, Philadelphia, outpointed Paul Andrews, 179, Buffalo, N. Y., 10.

AKRON, Ohio — Rocky Castellani, 160, Cleveland, stopped Phil Rizzo, 157, Brooklyn, 6.

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Oregon Prep Tourney (Wednesday scores)
Madras 82, The Dalles 57
Benson (Portland) 52, Dallas 37
Corvallis 38, Astoria 28
Eugene 50, Beaverton 42
Gresham 51, Salem 47 (overtime)
Milwaukie 72, Marshfield 54

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
EUGENE — The top favorites escaped upset in the opening round of the Oregon Class A high school basketball tournament here Wednesday but at least two of them will be eliminated Thursday.

Corvallis and Eugene, ranked second and third in the Associated Press poll, collide at 8:45 p.m. in the final game of the second round.

Corvallis pushed aside Astoria, 38-28, and Eugene overcame stubborn Beaverton, 50-42, in Wednesday night games.

Corvallis and Eugene broke even in two regular season games as did Milwaukie, No. 1 in the poll, and Gresham, No. 6, which met at 4:15 p.m. Gresham handed Milwaukie its only loss of the season.

ADVANCE
Madras, the Central Oregon representative, advanced to the second round when it downed The Dalles, No. 10 in the poll, by the surprising score of 82-57. At 7:30 p.m. Madras will meet Benson of Portland, which outshot Dallas, 52-37.

In morning games Gresham had beaten Salem, 51-47, in overtime and Milwaukie had overwhelmed Marshfield, 72-54.

The three sessions Wednesday drew a record first day tournament attendance of 19,250. The old record, 16,650, was set in 1952 when Wade (Swede) Halbrook smashed all tournament scoring records while playing for Lincoln High of Portland.

GAMBEE HIGH
Dave Gambee, 6-foot 6-inch center, scored 22 points, all but 16 of the Corvallis total, in his team's win over Astoria. Corvallis led from the opening seconds and although Astoria whittled the margin to 18-14 at halftime the Fishermen never were really in the game.

The low score resulted from Corvallis' tight zone defense and slow, deliberate offensive tactics by both teams.

Eugene, 1953 tourney finalist, had

in BRIEF

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOLF
PINEHURST, N.C. — Joyce Ziske of Watford, Wis., fired a two-over-par 76 to win qualifying medal in North and South Women's Invitation Amateur Tournament.

TENNIS
PALM BEACH, Fla. — Sidney Schwartz of New York upset Kurt Nielsen of Denmark, 6-3, 6-3 in Everglades Invitational.

RACING
SAN MATEO, Calif. — Wild Glory (\$4.20) won the St. Patrick's Day purse at Bay Meadows.

a tougher time with Beaverton, an unranked entry from the Tualatin Valley. Although never far behind after the first two minutes, Eugene saw its lead—once nine points—cut to 24-21 at halftime and to one point twice in the second half.

MARGIN
But the veteran Eugene team, led by center Norm Willoughby, each time quickly rebuilt a safe margin and was in no trouble near the end.

Center Bill Machamer hit sensationally from the corners to lead unranked Madras to its one-sided win over The Dalles. His 24 points made him second in first-round scoring to Ted Miller of Milwaukie, who registered 30.

The Dalles grabbed an early lead but Machamer and his mates began finding the range late in the first quarter, and quickly turned the game into a rout.

HEIGHT
Benson had too much height for Dallas although the Willamette Valley team led through much of the first half. Benson was ahead only 19-15 at the intermission but the Techmen, paced by George Dailey, widened the gap in the third period and made it a runaway before the end. Daily scored 18 points. Dallas' Herb Brandt had 16.

Roosevelt of Portland, ranked No. 5 in the poll, and Clatskanie open championship round play at 3 p.m. Thursday with three other games to follow. Roosevelt beat Ontario and Clatskanie downed Grants Pass Tuesday night.

Consolation play started Thursday morning.

Bakers Bow in AAU
DENVER (AP) — The Buchan Bakers of Seattle bowed in and out of the National Amateur Athletic Union basketball tournament Wednesday.

The Bakers, a team of ex-collegians who won the Pacific Northwest championship, went up against Ft. Sill, Okla., in their first round game and were tripped 63-72 by the powerful Commanders.

Third-seeded Ohio Goodyear Wingfoots of Akron, O., also were eliminated in a Wednesday upset but other favorites advanced to Thursday's quarterfinals.

Akron was beaten 79-76 by Associated Food Stores of Ogden, Utah, while second-seeded Phillips users of Bartlesville, Okla., ousted Carmack Realtors of Cleveland, Ohio, 90-37. Dan Diego Grishalva Buicks dropped Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., 70-51, and fifth-rated Young Men's Institute of San Francisco, clipped the C. V. E. Travelers of New Mexico, 78-58.

Sharpshooters by Eastern and Midwest ex-college players on the Ft. Sill soldiers' team wrecked Seattle's chances for national honors. Forward Elmer Tolson, formerly of Eastern Kentucky, dropped in 20 points for the soldiers for scoring honors, and ex-Bradley University guard George Macuga added 19. Midway of the second quarter the Bakers trailed by 20 points but a rally led by former

Herald and News SPORTS

RED HURD, Sports Editor

Yanks' Spring Record Not Good

By RIP WATSON
Associated Press Sports Writer

Don't bother to shed a tear for the stumbling New York Yankees, who are having trouble winning baseball games these days.

Casey Stengel's young men lost their fourth straight exhibition yesterday. The surprising Philadelphia Athletics whipped the world champions 5-3 for their seventh win in 11 tries for the Yanks and leaves the New Yorkers seventh in the American League spring standings.

But before you start consigning the champs to a second division berth, it is worthwhile to note that only two of Stengel's October, or World Series, players were in the March starting lineup.

Oil McDougald opened at third base and belted two triples, the second three-bagger driving in the first Yankee run, and Gene Woodling started in left field. Shortstop Phil Rizzuto also came in the game in the late innings. The Scooter rapped a single in the Yanks' two-run rally in the ninth.

COMPARISON
For purposes of comparison, a look backwards shows that New York was fifth among American League teams at the conclusion of spring training a year ago.

Four players obtained from the Yanks in a trade last December

drove in runs in the Athletics' victory. Rookie Jim Finigan clouted a home run off Steve Kraly, who used to be his teammate at Birmingham in the Eastern League last year. Vic Power, Bill Rema and Don Bollweg also sent runs home.

The Brooklyn Dodgers, meanwhile, apparently are taking a directly opposite course in getting ready to try for their third consecutive pennant and still another go at the Yanks in the World Series.

SHUT OUT
Although they were shut out by Casey Stengel for five innings and managed only seven hits in Chicago's nine, the Brooks thumped the White Sox 5-1 yesterday and

now boast an eight-game winning streak. Six regulars started for the Dodgers. Don Hoak's home run and a two-run triple by fleet Junior Gilliam were the big blows backing up a good pitching job by veteran rookie Pete Wojcik, Don Bessent and Bob Milliken.

The Milwaukee Braves, looked upon in some quarters as the Dodgers' chief threats, got even better pitching as fastballer Bob Buhl and rookie Ray Crone limited the Philadelphia Phillies to five hits in a 2-0 victory. Joe Adcock, Braves first baseman, batted in both runs with singles in the first and eighth innings.

COMBO
The Cincinnati trio of Art Fowler, Jim Mellon and Jack Crimian almost combined for a shutout too in a 4-1 win over the Detroit Tigers. The losers' only run came in the ninth inning, and it was tainted by an error by the Redlegs' Johnny Temple.

One losing streak ended and another was continued as the Boston Red Sox took a 10-6 slugfest over the Washington Senators. A five-run seventh inning put the Sox over the top, with the key blow a two-run, pinch-hit single by rookie Harry Agganis.

The victory ended a five-game losing streak for Boston, while the Senators now have lost all of their eight spring training games.

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