

Independent Hornet Hoop Team Preparing For Tilts

Al Fairchild sent his Henley High Hornets through their last few practice sessions this week as he made ready for Friday night's basketball jamboree to be held on the Hornets home court.

The new and spacious gymnasium will be the scene of a four team tourney for two nights this weekend, with Bonanza and Malin meeting in the first game Friday and Henley and Merrill playing the second. In Saturday night's tilts, the losers play the first game and the winners the second half of the program.

TRANSFERS
Henley, who lost a large share of their basketball experience via graduation, is seeking to rebuild this year with three lettermen and two transfers from other County League schools.

Included in the squad of 11 court hopefuls are Dale Searcy, Louie Zarosinski and Tom Wright, who will be carrying the bulk of the load for the Hornets this season and are the lone returning lettermen of the squad. Search is a junior and the other two are seniors.

Besides these three, Fairchild has two other seniors in Jim Robinson and Bob Axel, four juniors, Gerald Arant, Lee Roberts, Gary Cunningham and Bob Buckingham and two sophomores, Randy Montgomery and Ted Blofsky, all of whom are in the battle for a starting berth along with the lettermen.

Axel and Cunningham are the two transfers on the Henley club this season coming from Sacred Heart and Bonanza respectively. Cunningham won his letter in the court sport last season with the Antlers and would be a big boost to Fairchild in the coming season.

AVERAGE
Just an average height club is making for the Hornets this year as Blofsky, Montgomery and Zarosinski reach the 6 foot mark or a little bit over, while the others range from 5 foot 6 to 10 inches tall.

Last year the Hornets ran up a 22-6 win-loss record for the season including the regular season schedule and the A-2 tournament in the Rogue River Valley.

RECORD

In the 1952-53 campaign, the last season that Henley was a member of the County League, the Hornets placed fifth with a 4-3 record and were eliminated from the tournament in the first round. Another fifth place finish was taken by the Hornets in 1951-52 this time with a 2-4 record. In 1950-51 they captured seventh spot of the standings, and won the consolation bracket of the post-season tournament.

This is Fairchild's 14th year of coaching, after graduating from the University of Idaho. He is in the second season at Henley following 12 years in Idaho schools. While at Idaho he played football, basketball, track and took part in the Vandal boxing program.

Following the four-team jamboree this Friday and Saturday, the Hornets meet Sacred Heart December 10 at Henley and then travel to Bonanza on December 14, Tuesday.

Four Players Added To West

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Four more players were added Tuesday to the West squad for the Shrine East-West football game here Jan. 1. Two East players also were named.

The West selections: end, Chico (Calif.) State; Bernie Sinclair, end, Texas A&M; Carroll Hardy and Frank Bernardi, halfbacks, Colorado.

The East: John Allen, center, Purdue; Gene Lamone, guard, West Virginia.

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U.S. Netters Move Into Double Final

MELBOURNE (AP) — America's top Davis Cuppers—Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert—powered their way into the doubles final of the Victoria tennis championships Wednesday. They fought an uphill struggle to defeat Australia's Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall in five fierce sets, 10-12, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Seixas and Trabert now will meet Rex Hartwig and Mervyn Rose, Australia's Wimbledon champions, in the doubles final. Hartwig and Rose earlier had whipped Ham Richardson, another U.S. Davis Cupper paired with Aussie Neale Fraser, 6-1, 12-14, 6-2, 7-5.

In the junior competition Mike Green of Miami beat Roy Emerson, one of Australia's brightest young players, 12-10, 6-4, to enter the semi-finals.

Sacramento St. Tops Red Raiders

ASHLAND (AP) — The Sacramento State basketball team opened its tour of Oregon Tuesday by defeating Southern Oregon College of Education 74-65.

J. G. Masters was high scorer with 19 points. Southern Oregon's Keith Johnson led the losers with 17.

Sacramento State led 39-27 at the half and was 23 points ahead when only four minutes of the game remained. Then Southern Oregon rallied and closed the gap to nine points.

Dick Lillebo, a substitute guard, paced the rally, scoring 12 points before fouling out.

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Bonanza Faces Basketball Slate With Seven Veterans

A new basketball coach and seven returning lettermen carry the hopes of the Bonanza Antlers as they prepare for the opening of the County League basketball season.

Bob Johnson, a graduate of Willamette University in 1949, where he played basketball, track and golf, is the new head man at Bonanza and will be taking his first crack at county league hoop competition as the season opens Friday night in a four school jamboree at Henley High School, as the Antlers, Henley, Malin and Merrill enter into the two-night tourney.

Last year Bonanza finished the season with a 3-18 record and worked their way to the finals of the consolation round of the post-season tournament by taking a 44-37 win from Merrill in semi-finals, after a loss to Bly in the opening round.

In the 1952-53 season, Bonanza finished in seventh place of an eight team league and were dealt a first round defeat in the tournament by Sacred Heart. The Antlers had a better season in 1951-52 when they tied with Chiloquin for the league championship with a 6-1 record and won the post-season tournament by tipping Malin 49-43 in the final game. In 1950-51, Bonanza settled for the number two spot in league standings with their 4-3 record along with Bly and Chiloquin. In the tournament that year they won the championship again by topping Sacred Heart by a 44-37 score.

This year for Johnson and Bonanza, the story could be told by the playing of the seven returning letter winners, four of whom are seniors with three years of experience behind them.

The top man of the return veterans is Cornelius Janssen a three year monogram winner. The other senior lettermen are Laverne Hankins, Joe Hoffer and Charles

Keortje. Junior lettermen include Dave Thomas and Dick Burnett and the lone sophomore returnee is Warren Dye.

Other non-lettermen who are making a big bid for a starting berth for Johnson's squad this season include, Don Tuning, a transfer from Molalla, Dale Robertson, and Bill Nelson, all seniors, Harry Janssen, a junior and Ronald Roberts a freshman, giving the new mentor a 23 man squad to work with this season.

The Antlers have only one hoopster that goes over the six foot mark in height making the problem of blackboard strength a big one for the Bonanza quintet, but Hankins, who is 6 foot 3 inches tall, could be more than enough for Bonanza opponents to handle this coming winter season.

This is Johnson's second encounter with high school coaching after going from Willamette University under the coaching of the well-known Johnny Lewis to Helix High School in eastern Oregon, where he stayed for four seasons.

Bonanza officially opens their season Friday and Saturday in the Henley jamboree, and then they face Chiloquin December 10 at Chiloquin. Their first home encounter is slated for December 17

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