

County High Schools Prepare For 55-56 Non-League Basketball Slate

County B-league basketball moves into the first weekend of non-league action Friday and Saturday nights on several fronts throughout the Basin as the small school preppers push the cage season into motion.

Malin, defending county and district champion, and winnerup in the Class B Tournament last March in Salem, is again regarded as the team to beat by coaches throughout the B league circles. Merrill and Chiloquin are also said to be printing tough opposition. Sacred Heart, Bonanza, Bly and Gilchrist are still slated to take on the rolls of "dormants," but all four should be stronger than last season.

Chiloquin, Sacred Heart and Bly are the schools with new coaches this year, with Jim Conroy back at the Malin helm. Ray Rader, again directing the Merrill cagers, Bob Wilson remains at Gilchrist and Bob Johnson is in another season at Bonanza. Gordon Kulet takes on his first basketball assignment at Chiloquin. Dino Olsky heads the Sacred Heart hoopers this season and C. A. Samples is undertaking the same position for the Bly Bobcats.

Tomorrow evening, Chiloquin travels to Sacred Heart and Bonanza invades Merrill. Saturday night finds Bly playing host to Malin. Gilchrist remains idle this weekend, while Sacred Heart will make it two in as many nights when they meet Butte Valley of Dorris Saturday evening at the academy.

Last weekend, the four lower Basin schools, Bonanza, Merrill, Malin and Henley, an A-2 competitor, opened the season with a jamboree at Henley and Gilchrist has already tangled with two opponents in warmup activities, but this marks the first scheduled play for the B-leaguers.

Henley is also idle this week after last weekend's jamboree play. Coach Al Fairchild is again working the Hornet hoopers, with five returning lettermen scattered through a turnout of 40 prospective cagers. The returning letter winners from last season include Joe Arant, Dale Searcy, Randy Montgomery, Lee Roberts and Ted Blofsky.

The next competitive play for the A-2 Hornets, the "unwanted cousin" of the county B league, will be next Tuesday, December 13, when they journey to Bly to do battle with the Bobcats. On the following Friday, Henley and Malin tangle at Henley.

For Conroy's Mustangs, who rolled to two consecutive victories in the jamboree last Thursday and Friday at Henley, seven letter-

men, including three all-stars, give Malin a solid nucleus from which to build this year's bid for another Klamath County B-league title. All-Stars Norm Oliva, Roger Dokken and Ray Johnson, are all back as are letter winners Glenn Steyskal, Roy Ingram, Allan Meyers and Grady Saunders.

Conroy has been giving his cagers plenty of rest since most of them were members of the team that won the 1955 B football crown just a short while back. Before last week's four-team jam, Malin had one and one-half days of practice, this week has been about the same the Malin coach replies. But lack of practice didn't seem to hurt the Malin club last week as they whipped Bonanza and then crushed Merrill 62-35. Ray Johnson didn't see action in the jamboree because of a knee injury suffered in the semi-final football clash with Union. He is expected to be at top condition by the time "countdown" league play starts early next month.

Chiloquin and Kulet have seven lettermen on hand as they prepare for the season's opener. Dick Siemens, Gary Hegland and Vic Eison head the list of letter winners, with experience also being added by the presence of Sid Rid-

enour, Ivan Joe, Mannie Ochoa and Jim Hoback.

The Panthers have a turnout of 30, but the lack of height may prove to be a big problem in the Chiloquin cage plans. Hoback and Jerry Collins, a non-letterman, both stand 6-2, while Siemens and Hegland are 6-1. These are the only Chiloquin hoopers over the six foot level.

Rader's Merrill Huskies have a total of six lettermen back including Herb Schlecht and Terry Sherrill, both of whom have lettered two seasons. George Hodges, Jack Barry, John Reed and Bill Moore join Schlecht and Sherrill as the monogram winners back for the Huskies.

Merrill, like Chiloquin, is lacking in height. Reed's 6-1 is the peak of the Merrill backboard strength, while Schlecht and Sherrill both stretch to six feet even. Non-lettermen Tom O'Neil, John Hinnicutt, Bob Loper and Perry Lane will be counted on to help the Husky program this year.

Bly, Sacred Heart and Bonanza were all hit hard by graduation last spring. The Bobcats have only four returnees, as is the number of veterans counted by Olsky and Johnson for the Trojans and Ant-

Dick Burnett, Dave Thomas, Harry Janssen and Ronald Roberts are the only vets with Bonanza this year while Dean Michels, Jerry Dupuy, Dick Wickline and Dick Durrell carry the experience load for the Trojans. Bly's only letter winners are Larry Robison, Stan Tecumseh, Merlin Joneschiet and Walter Lee.

Bob Wilson's Gilchrist Grizzlies, with 10 returning lettermen, may very well develop into the league's surprise team. Leading the list of letter winners at Gilchrist is all-county Tom Larson, a 5-7 scrappier with a decade for the hoop. Other letter winners that greeted Wilson this year were Art Warren, Ron Devine, Ben James, Russ Cole, Dave Fogelquist, Ken Faris, Coy Crowe, Bob Garner and Pat Toomey.

Warren and Toomey are both six foot-two inches, while added height will come from non-lettermen Ray Steele and Jack Findland, 6-3 and 6-2 respectively.

In Brief

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOOTBALL
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — President Tom Popejoy of the University of New Mexico announced that Bob Tichenor has been removed as head coach.

AUSTIN, Tex. — Ed Price announced that he would continue as Texas coach for remainder of his contract, which has 2 years to run, thus quieting rumors he planned to resign.

RACING
MIAMI — Parlo was voted the champion filly and mare and High Gun the handicap champion of the 1955 season by the TRA.

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — Blaze Face (\$5.60) took the feature at Tamaran.

Pacific '5' Beaten

TACOMA (AP) — Two high-scoring freshmen led Pacific Lutheran to an 84-66 victory over Pacific University in a non-conference basketball game here Wednesday night.

Chuck Curtis, of Richland, Wash., a former all-state center, scored 23 points and Roger Iverson, a guard, 22, for the Lutes.

The Lutes led 37-29 at the half.

Grade Average Established For PCC Transfer Athletes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Pacific Coast Conference has established a rigid C average requirement for transfer athletes.

Previously, three PCC schools which have special admission boards — Washington, Washington State and Oregon State — could okay transfer of an athlete with less than a C average and he was immediately eligible for varsity competition.

Prof. H. P. Everest of the University of Washington, the PCC spokesman, said Wednesday night that with the start of the next academic period all transfer athletes "must have a C average or lose a full season of varsity athletic competition."

Everest explained: "Anyone admitted with a lower scholastic average will not be eligible for a year, during which he must establish a cumulative C average including his previous grades."

Under the new rules Credell

(Incredible) Green, his own school's star fullback, would not have been eligible this year. Green transferred from West Contra Costa Junior College at Richmond, Calif., and was admitted with less than a C average. However, Green has brought his grades up to the equivalent of B-plus.

The PCC faculty representatives and athletic directors in the third day of their annual winter meeting also set up a four-member committee to "investigate the advisability of establishing a 'letter of intent' rule."

Such a rule would mean that when a student athlete writes a letter to a school saying he intends to enter it he could not then be solicited by another school or pirated without loss of eligibility.

In other action the conference: Set May 18-23 for the spring PCC meeting at Vancouver, B.C. Changed basketball dates for the 1956-57 season. Oregon-Oregon State on March 8 at Corvallis,

March 9 at Eugene, Washington State-Idaho on Jan. 15 at Pullman, Jan. 27 at Moscow.

Rejected live television of practice football and basketball. Set June 1-2 for the conference baseball playoff at the site of the Northern Division winner.

Continued its study on cost of living earnings allowances for athletes.

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Christmas Gifts
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Marquette Heads For Showdown With USF

By JOHN GRIFFIN

United Press Sports Writer

The Marquette Warriors, who started the college basketball world with a 22-game winning streak last season, are flying high again today as they head for a quick showdown with national champion San Francisco.

Powered by six-foot, eight-inch Terry Rand, who filled the cords for 31 points, the Warriors looked impressive Wednesday night as they racked up their second win of this season, 89-75, over Valparaiso.

The triumph was a grim warning to San Francisco, which is slated to meet Marquette in the opening round of the DePaul tournament in the Chicago Stadium on Dec. 16. The national champs are idle until this clash, which opens their big national tour, but Marquette has two more games that figure to be victories.

Marquette found itself held to a 38-38 halftime tie by Valparaiso, but exploded in the second half as Rand and soph Jay Schauer inspired the Warrior attack. Valparaiso, suffering its first loss, was led by Bob Madrick's 18 points. Marquette is the surprise package club that lost its opening game then won 22 straight before losing its last regular-season game. The Warriors moved into the NCAA tournament and won two games before being ousted in an 86-81 thriller by Iowa and since then they've been hoping for a chance to show their stuff against San Francisco.

Marquette, ranked No. 15 nationally by the United Press Board of Coaches, was one of four high-ranked teams to score victories

Wednesday night. Dayton (No. 8) again displayed its power in a 73-50 victory over Miami of Ohio, and St. Louis (No. 13) easily defeated Centenary, 95-84, but Kansas (No. 17) barely squeaked to a 56-55 win over Wichita in a tense battle on the losers' court.

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Chakler Motors	27	23
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Commercial Shell	26	24
Exalted Electric	23	27
Pacific Fruit	22	30
Specialized Service	19	33
Carlson Mattress	11	41

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