

Klamath In Medford

Pelicans Face SOC King-Pins

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE

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Medford	8	0	1.000
Klamath	6	3	.625
Grants Pass	2	6	.250
Ashtland	1	7	.125

Klamath Union's basketball Pelicans go into another big weekend of Southern Oregon Conference cage action tonight at Medford as both teams eye added dividends from the week's play. Medford needs only one more win to clinch their second straight conference title, and Klamath needs two and possibly only one win to share a state tournament berth that eluded them last week.

Tip-off time for both games is 8:15 at Hedrick Junior High, not the senior high gymnasium, but the new junior high floor on Jackson Street. The two junior varsity clubs will battle it out in the preliminary games both nights, starting at 6:45.

Tonight the Pels can clinch a spot in the 1956 state basketball tournament, but they will not only need to rise to the occasion themselves, but Ashtland must also be counted upon. While the Pels and Tornados are trading blows, Ashtland and Grants Pass will stage a home-and-home weekend series, and should the Pels win one and Ashtland capture a single one, then coach Don Peterson's Pelicans are in. Any combination of one Klamath victory and one Grants Pass loss would give the Pels the invitation.

Although the number two spot plotted to this district can be sewed up tonight or Saturday evening, the biggest probability is that the Pelicans, or Cavemen for that matter, will not gain the tourney spot until next week's final conference action, when Klamath goes to Ashtland and Grants Pass tangles with Medford.

Another pair of red-hot scoring duels are expected to spark the Klamath-Medford series, where rivalry is there for the asking. Earlier in the season, Medford whitewashed two late game drives by the Whitebirds to capture 73-64 and 56-48 wins from the KUHS quintet.

The Tornados, ranked number three in both of the prep polls that serve the state, boast one of the sharpest shooting clubs in Oregon prep circles this year, and the Pelicans will again be faced with the tough assignment of stopping a red-hot offense that will be tossed at them by the Tornados.

Leading the way for the Medford scoring machine will be guard Bob Tisdell, and forwards Dick Coppel and Dick McLaughlin. Tisdell has scored 206 points in the 18 games played by Medford, while Coppel and McLaughlin have chipped in 192 and 182 points respectively.

Tisdell will probably team with Lloyd Gearley at the two Medford guard posts, while Coppel and McLaughlin are expected to garner the opening forward assignments.

The fifth starter will probably be John Foust at center, although 6-4 Neil Plumley may also draw an opening spot against the Pels. Plumley suffered a sprained ankle two weeks ago and did not see action against Ashtland last week, but is reportedly back and ready to go again. Two other cagers who are expected to aid the Tornados are guard Larry Perkins and forward Ed Reinke.

For the Pelicans, Peterson said he may again juggle his starting lineup, but hadn't decided at the time the team departed this morning. Klamath uses the same starting lineup as they did last Saturday against Grants Pass, Glenn Moore and Cliff Sutherland will probably be at the post positions, while the three "outside" slots will be filled by Jerry Burke, Orin Perkins and Don Taucher. Peterson expressed the belief he may start Butch Kimpton in place of Burke tonight and quite possibly the starting unit will include Earle Tichenor instead of Sutherland. Kimpton didn't start last Saturday because of a sprained ankle.



SCHEDULED FOR starting assignments this weekend at Medford is Butch Kimpton, Klamath Union High School junior guard. The Pelicans face the Black Tornados in a Southern Oregon Conference series at Hedrick Junior High. Kimpton will team with Donn Taucher in the backcourt for the Pels.

Top Diamond Talent Meets For Golf Play

By GAYLE TALBOT

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Some of the most expensive baseball flies in the land are performing for free, starting Friday, in the annual golf championship of the diamond clan at the Miami Springs Club, a gentle layout which does not unduly tax the talents of our heroes and permits nearly all of them to continue in the fond illusion that they can break 80.

There was to be a qualifying round Friday, with the low 16 battling it out in match play Saturday and Sunday for the coveted title won a year ago by Al Dark, the Giants shortstop and captain, in a homeric 23-hole final against Al Lopez, the manager of the Cleveland Indians.

The term coveted is not used loosely, you can assure you, for there hasn't been a baseball player in a couple of decades who didn't yearn, if secretly, to be pointed out as the big he-beat on the links.

So great a hold does golf have on the average ball player today that he talks the game about as much in his off-duty hours as he does the one which pays for his groceries.

Nearly every auto which heads for training camp within the next week or two will have a set of clubs in the back end. Where many managers of the old school despised golf and forgoed their hired hands to play it during the season, there isn't one who knows of today who tries to enforce such a rule.

Several of today's pilots, such as Freddie Hutchinson of the St. Louis Cardinals and Paul Richards of Baltimore, are known as tough men to bet a dollar against on the fairways.

One learns in casual conversations in smoking compartments and hotel rooms that many a pitcher or infielder believes that, but for the turn of the cards, he could have given Ben Hogan and the others a hard time on the links.

Where he wouldn't dream of bragging of himself as a batter, he'll put you to sleep with his exploits around the greens, some of them quite true.

It has been some years since this correspondent watched the ball players scratch and claw one another in their annual tournament. We are told that it is a fairly tame event these days, well organized and tightly officiated and in general bearing the marks of civilization. The closing stages on Sunday are to be televised on a national hookup, with Leo Durocher saying honeyed words into the microphone.

THURSDAY'S FIGHTS

LOS ANGELES — Billy Peacock, 123, Philadelphia, outpointed Joey Benson, 122½, Los Angeles, 10. Julian Velasquez, 133, LaHabra, Calif., outpointed Billy Frazier, 133, San Diego, 10.

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McElhenny Says Pay At UW Above Board

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Hurray! Hugh McElhenny, who swivel bipped his way to football fame with the University of Washington and then the San Francisco 49ers, said Friday he and his wife had a combined income of \$800 a month on the Seattle campus.

But McElhenny, one of the great open field runners in the National Football League, declared the jobs and the income were known to Victor Schmidt, Pacific Coast Conference commissioner, and federal income tax authorities.

"There was nothing undercover about it," he told The Associated Press. "It was all on the up and up. We worked for it."

He said Schmidt checked out both the income and the jobs and interviewed him twice to be certain there were no violations of the PCC code.

Schmidt was not available for comment.

TAKES CUT — Soon after McElhenny joined the 49ers his teammates jokingly said he was the only college star who ever had to take a cut in salary when he turned pro.

McElhenny said he accepted it as a joke, and so didn't bother to deny it.

He gave this breakdown of his income: \$75 a month on a campus job at the university, \$300 a month earned by his wife working full-time for the King County Medical Service, and the balance doing public relations work for the Rainier Malling & Brewing Co.

"I worked at it," he said of the latter job.

McElhenny said a story that he had a penthouse atop the Camlin Hotel in Seattle was exaggerated. He said he was married shortly before he left California to enroll at Washington and he and his wife stayed for a "week or so" at the Camlin but not in a penthouse.

"As far as I know the Camlin hasn't got a penthouse," he said. "At least, I never was in it."

McElhenny said it was true he bought two automobiles while he was at the university but he added:

"I paid for them by the month, just like everyone else. Mr. Schmidt checked that, too."

McElhenny said he hadn't commented before but was speaking up now to "take some of the heat" off the university.

"I think Briggs will get it set down," he added, referring to George C. Briggs Jr., who Wednesday was named athletic director at the university to replace Harvey Cassill, who resigned last week.

The University of Washington has been the scene of violent internal strife since a player, revolted against football coach John Cherberg, who was fired by Cassill.

The turmoil brought about the revelation of a "slush fund" used to lure football players to the Seattle campus and keep them happy while there. The fund was administered by persons who had no direct connection with the university, and was reported to be one of the causes of friction on the Husky grid squad.

Y.M.C.A. Church League

Church of the Brethren topped First Christian, 27-22, and LDS 1st. Ward beat back Stewart Lemoor, 33-39, in two Senior Division Y.M.C.A. Church League basketball games played last night at Alamo Junior High. Hill scored 15 to lead the Brethren win, while LDS was led by the nine points of Hunsaker.

In two Unlimited Division games, the Assembly of God nudged First Baptist, 35-34, and Salvation Army rolled over Mt. Laki, 36-27. Fuller and McGhee scored 14 and 10 to aid the Assembly of God team. High for the winning Salvation Army Unlimiteds was Summers with 12.

TIME OUT



"The folks at home will recognize me okay . . . I told them I'd be the one who's not waving at the camera!"

Tonight's Ballfare

COUNTY B LEAGUE (League Games)

7:30 Chillicothe at Gilchrist
7:30 Bonanza at Bly
7:30 Sacred Heart at Henley (non-league)

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8:00 Klamath Falls at Medford
8:00 Grants Pass at Ashtland

COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL at Oregon Tech gym

8:00 OTI Jayvees vs. Lassen J.C.

EXHIBITION BASKETBALL at Malin High School

7:30 Harlem Chicks vs. Malin Townies

8:45 Iowa Colored Ghosts vs. Malin Athletics

Cards Move Fielder; Simmons Looks Good

By UNITED PRESS

Spring is that time of year when young men who fancy themselves outfielders often wind up with a first baseman's glove.

That was exactly what was happening to hard-hitting D. N. Lassiter today in the St. Louis Cardinals rookie camp at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Lassiter, a former University of Georgia quarterback who has been an outfielder in the minors, has been given a first baseman's

glove and placed under the guidance of Coach Johnny Hopp, a classy first sacker in his own right during his playing days.

The Cardinals were working on another conversion at the same time. It was decided that shortstop Bill Kunkle has an arm that will be put to better advantage at third base. So Kunkle has been shifted to third under the tutelage of Bill Jagers.

Over at Clearwater, Fla., the Phillies were heartened by the showing of southpaw Curt Simmons Thursday. Simmons, handicapped with a sore arm most of last year, threw about 15 minutes at three-quarter speed and reported his arm seemed sound again.

Farther north, the big league clubs continued to sign their players.

Shortstop Johnny Logan, whom Manager Charlie Grimm describes "as the most under-rated player in the league," signed his contract with the Milwaukee Braves. Logan batted .297 in 154 games last year, driving in 83 runs and hitting 13 homers.

Relief pitcher Bill Henry, who won two games and lost four for Boston last season, signed with the Red Sox, while the Giants signed their "new" pitching hope, right-hander Steve Ridzik.

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U.S. Skater Favored To Sweep Crown

GARMISCH - PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany (UP) — Hayes Alan Jenkins of Colorado Springs, Colo., was a heavy favorite to nail down his fourth straight men's figure skating world title today and Tenley Albright of Newton, Mass., was expected to jump out front in defense of her women's crown.

Jenkins, making his last appearance in a major international event, grabbed a big lead in the men's compulsory figures Thursday and seemed a shoo-in to complete the triumph in today's free skating phase of the competition.

But even before the 22-year-old Jenkins takes the ice, Miss Albright and 22 other ice ballerinas, including her No. 1 competitor, pretty Carol Heiss of Ozone Park, N.Y., will open the women's competition by skating the prescribed compulsory figures.

Tenley and Carol, who finished 1-2 in the Olympics at Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, both denied they are feuding and posed in friendly fashion for photographers Thursday.

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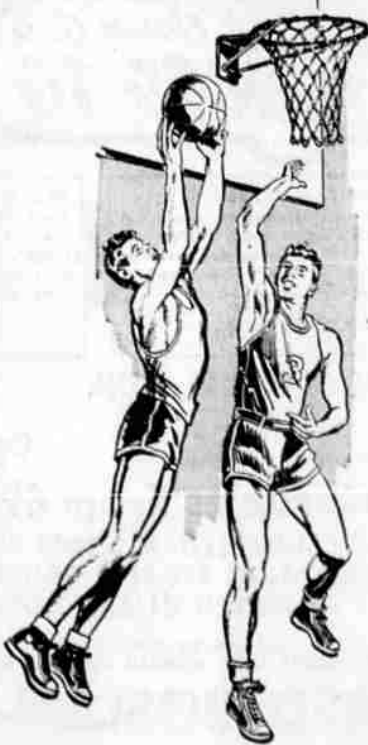
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