

# Pelicans Gain State Tourney Berth

## KUHS Divides Series; Grants Pass Tumbles

MEDFORD (Special) — Coach Don Peterson's Pelicans captured a berth in the 1956 Oregon State High School Basketball Tournament to be played next month, despite the fact that they lost a heart-breaking 56-53 decision to the Medford Black Tornadoes here Saturday night as the state's third-ranking team, Medford, had to pull out all stops to earn themselves a hard-fought split in their weekend series with their Southern Oregon Conference opponents from the East side of the mountains.

Klamath's bid to the big classic scheduled for March 13-17, came with able assistance from Ashland's Grizzlies, as they toppled Grants Pass Saturday night on the Cavemen's home floor, 53-38. Winning 65-57, last Friday night handed the Pels a split in their series on the Tornadoes' home soil, and guaranteed the local prepsters at least a tie for second place and the tourney invitation.

Saturday night's fracas between the Pels and Tornadoes ended in a near-riot with Klamath's assistant coach, Ray Coley, being jumped from behind by Medford backers, and Medford's wrestling coach "Tiv" Evanson getting floored by an unidentified person after Evanson disallowed a field goal in the last seconds of play by Klamath's Donn Taucher.

**DESPERATION**  
With very little time remaining on the clock, if any, Taucher cast off with a desperation heave that settled through the hoop, but Evanson, who was the official timekeeper for the game, said the gun had sounded, before Taucher let go of the ball. Then the arguments and altercations took place, but there were no reports of any bodily harm in any of the several scuffles.

Medford came storming back in the fourth quarter with some deadly free throw shooting on the part of McLaughlin to overtake the Pelicans, and assure themselves of their second straight conference championship. Medford earned a state tourney berth earlier in the year. With only 2:58 left to play, McLaughlin canned two gifters to tie the count at 53-53, and with 1:02 seconds remaining to play, McLaughlin was again fouled, and made both attempts from charity line to give Medford their first lead of the game, 55-53.

It was a bitter defeat for the Pelicans to swallow, after leading for thirty minutes and fifty seconds of the 32-minute contest. But thanks to some fine defensive work combined with the dead-eye free-throwing talents of McLaughlin, and some fantastic shooting on the part of Bob Tisdell, Medford saw their gains at least a split for their weekend's work.

**STRANDED**  
At the close of the first period, the Pels held a 21-16 lead, and at halftime the margin had grown to a 31-23 spread. The third period ended with the Whitebirds in front, 44-39.

Tisdell led the evening's scoring with 18 points, ten coming on five second-half field goals. McLaughlin added 12, eight for eight from the free throw line, for the Tornadoes, the same number as Tisdell.

**Owl Jayvees Skin Cougars For Two Wins**  
Lassen Junior College's weekend invasion of Oregon Technical Institute's maple for a two-game stand with the Owls' junior varsity basketball team proved futile, as next year's Tech varsity dropped the Cougars for a twin killing, which Friday night 44-43, and taking Saturday night's encounter, 67-64.

Wes Parrish and Bob Whitman led the OTI 38-point second half offensive to turn the tide in Saturday night's battle, which was more closely-contested than the Friday night game. Parrish was high for the evening with 16 points, and Whitman followed with 14. Bob Fiddle paced the losing Cougars with 14 tallies.

The Owls held a 20-22 edge at halftime.  
Friday's contest, which the OTI junior varsity won, 34-45, began with a display of ragged passing and mad gallops up and down the maple on the part of both teams. Lassen's quintet forged into an early lead which they maintained, until Bob Whitman's two gifters, with 8:03 remaining in the first half, showed Coach Jim McGowan's Mile High Campus crew ahead, 16-14.

From that point the Owl JV's were in command for the balance of the hassle with the invaders threatening only once, knotting the count at 22-22, with 3:35 left in the first half. Halftime favored Tech, 29-22.

Second half play witnessed both teams demonstrating precision shooting and a much-improved passing game. The visiting Cougars' offensive boomed, but a 14-point scoring outburst by Owl center Paul Hatcher, eclipsed their efforts. Hatcher, who scored all of his points in the final period, was high for the game.

**Shortscores:**  
LOS OTI (47) LASSEN JC (44)  
F Parrish (16) Judd (10)  
F Stumpage (6) Varley (4)  
C Roy (1) Fiddle (13)  
G Bailey (8) Snyder (6)  
G Finley (4) Robinson (12)  
Subs for OTI JV: Fischer (10)  
Smith (4) Whitman (4) Hatcher (2)  
Luberg (4)  
Subs for LASSEN JC: Calligari (10)  
Lowers (10) Wynn (2) Hoover (1)  
Officials: Lookard and Bailey.

led by Lloyd Cearley. Earle Tichenor hit for 14 to lead the losers, while Orin Perkins and Donn Taucher each tallied 12.

Klamath's Friday night win was the first Southern Oregon Conference loss for the Medford Black Tornadoes in 29 consecutive league cage encounters, and their first in nine games this year. Up to their Friday clash, Medford had rung up 28 straight wins before Klamath turned the tide, one of the Pels biggest victories of the year.

Trailing 50-48 as the fourth and final period opened, Peterson's Pelicans used a sterling offense and an invincible defense as they started the roundhouse right that kayoed the Tornadoes. In the first five minutes of play, the Pels had scored 11 points while holding Medford to one free throw. Lead in the Klamath scoring drive at this point was Donn Taucher with five counters as the Whitebirds were making the best of a pressing defense and a deliberate offensive pattern.

Lloyd Cearley hit from the field for Medford's first and only two-point shot of the period with a little more than two and one-half minutes left, but Glenn Moore took a mis-guided Taucher-shot, and while still in the air, dropped the ball through the twine to give the Pels a 61-53 lead in one of the finest pieces of maneuvering in the game. Moore then added a free throw to give the Pels a nine point lead with just 1:36 left to play.

**"SURE-THING"**  
With the Pels playing a "sure-thing" brand of ball, Medford's defenses were forced to press, and the tempers grew short with the time, as Medford's shin of hope was slowly sinking. While applying too much pressure and pressing on Klamath's Orin Perkins, Medford's Dick McLaughlin was banished from the game with 1:02 left for too much roughness. On the foul, Perkins added one free toss to push the Klamath lead to a 63-53 margin. Cearley then added four free throws to cut the margin at 63-53, and with 1:02 left to play, he was fouled, and intercepted a Medford pass and solo the full length of the floor for a lay-up basket. Medford brought the ball down floor again, but time had run out on the Tornadoes and their elongated victory string.

Bob Tisdell and Neil Plumley led the Medford cagers to a 36-30 halftime lead, after the Pels held a narrow one-point margin at the close of the first eight-minute period. At halftime Tisdell had 11 points, but was also charged with four fouls to six points. Plumley, who had scored four points through the second canto, and had to sit out most of the game from that point on, a factor that hindered Medford to some degree. Plumley's rebounding played a big part in Medford's first half drive.

As the second half opened, Frank Roseland's hoopers moved into a zone defense with their six point lead, Butch Kimpton pushed in a one-hander from far out on the side court after matching a long pusher by Perkins to cut the Medford lead to a 36-34 margin. Medford pulled back in front, but a close-in buck by Santee knotted the count at 46-46 with 55 seconds remaining in the period. Ed Reinking jumped in a two-point basket and Cliff Sutherland matched this field goal with one of his own on a jumper from the right of the key as the score stood 48-48. Just before the buzzer sounded, Plumley tallied two points from close-in to give the Tornadoes their last lead of the night.

**FREE TOSSES**  
Klamath took the lead for good with 7:38 remaining in the game as Perkins dumped in two free tosses to make the score 51-50 after Moore had sunk one gifter in the opening seconds of the quarter. Another jump shot by Sutherland sent the Pels on their way with a 53-50 lead.

Moore paced the evening's scoring with 17 points, while Cearley followed with 15 to lead the losers. Taucher bucketed 14, the same number as Plumley. Tisdell finished with 12, Dick Coppie (10), and Earle Tichenor 10, all coming on timely first half scoring drives including three left-handed hooks from the side.

In the Friday night junior varsity battle, Medford's Jayvees captured a 59-52 overtime triumph over the junior Pelicans. The game was forced into the extra time when the score was knotted at 50-50 at the close of the fourth quarter.

**Boxscores:**  
KLAMATH (45) FG FT PF TP  
Tichenor (4) 2 2 1 12  
Perkins (4) 2 2 1 12  
Moore (4) 2 2 1 12  
Taucher (4) 2 2 1 12  
Kimpton (4) 2 2 1 12  
Sutherland (4) 2 2 1 12  
Burke (4) 2 2 1 12  
Totals 18 17 10 54

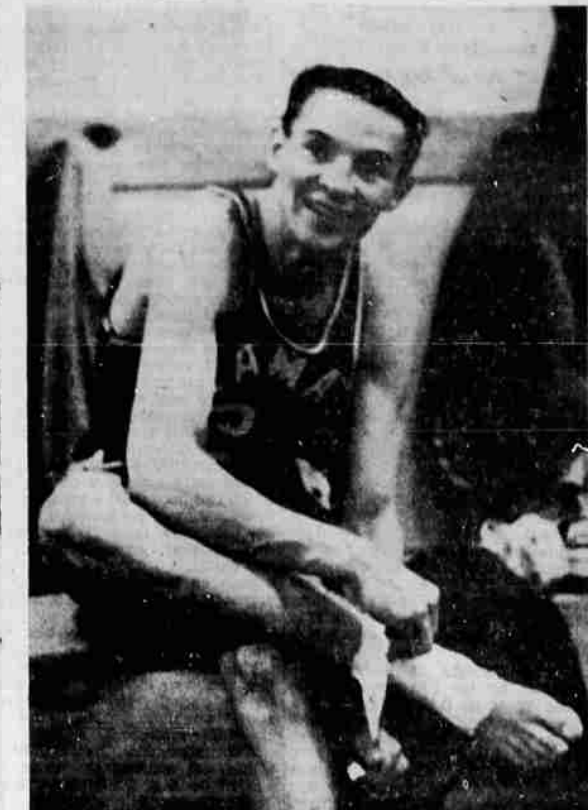
MEDFORD (34) FG FT PF TP  
Coppie (4) 2 2 1 12  
McLaughlin (4) 2 2 1 12  
Plumley (4) 2 2 1 12  
Fiddle (4) 2 2 1 12  
Cearley (4) 2 2 1 12  
Foust (4) 2 2 1 12  
Totals 14 14 10 54  
Halftime score: Klamath 21, Medford 22.  
Free throws missed: Klamath 8, Medford 4.  
Officials: Lee Flink and Virgil Swanson.

KLAMATH (48) FG FT PF TP  
Tichenor (4) 4 4 1 16  
Perkins (4) 4 4 1 16  
Moore (4) 4 4 1 16  
Taucher (4) 4 4 1 16  
Kimpton (4) 4 4 1 16  
Sutherland (4) 4 4 1 16  
Burke (4) 4 4 1 16  
Totals 28 28 7 112

MEDFORD (37) FG FT PF TP  
Coppie (4) 1 3 4 4  
McLaughlin (4) 1 3 4 4  
Foust (4) 1 3 4 4  
Plumley (4) 1 3 4 4  
Reinking (4) 1 3 4 4  
Totals 5 16 20 36  
Halftime score: Medford 26, Klamath 20.  
Free throws missed: Klamath 13, Medford 4.  
Officials: Jim Borch and Harold Douglas.



HERALD AND NEWS photographer Don Kettler snapped this action Friday night at Medford as the KUHS Pelicans turned back Medford High School in a conference game, Cliff Sutherland (38) KU forward looks for a shot or pass while Medford's Neil Plumley attempts to foil any thoughts of the Klamath cager.



EXPRESSING WONDERFUL feelings after helping the KUHS Pelicans to their Friday night win over Medford on the Tornadoes' home floor, Butch Kimpton was all smiles when the H&N photographer cornered him in the Klamath dressing room after the game. Kimpton is a starting guard for the Whitebirds.

## Uclans Spurt To Top Oregon State College

CORVALLIS, Ore., (P) — The UCLA Bruins fought from behind a 10-point deficit in the second half to overcome Oregon State Saturday night, 72-59.

It was the 10th straight Pacific Coast Conference basketball victory for the leading Bruins.

Morrie Taft, held to four points in the first half, ignited the fire that carried UCLA to the win. He poured through 14 points in the closing minutes.

Oregon State's sophomore-dominated lineup took a 39-32 halftime edge and moved into a 10-point advantage in the second period. It was a junior on a scoring spurge, 6-4 Bob Allord, who accounted for much of this. He scored 28 points. Midway through the second half Taft finally began sinking jump shots, and the Bruins caught up at 49-49. The score was tied again at 51-51 and then at 57-57 with only five minutes remaining.

Allen Herring tossed in a hook shot and added a free throw then for a lead that UCLA never relinquished. Ken Nanson of Oregon State managed a long set shot to cut the gap to 60-59, but that was the last score by the losers.

Taft scored six straight points at that juncture, and the Bruins pulled steadily away thereafter.

Coach Elton Gill of Oregon State used a zone defense, and thwarted the Bruins through three-fourths of the game. But the Bruins came up with some tight defensive play of their own in the second half, limiting the Staters to 20 points in that period, to pull out the victory.

The box:

UCLA	G	F	P	T
Herring, f	4	6-8	3	14
Burke, f	4	1-2	1	9
Halsten, f	0	0-0	1	0
Rogers, f	0	0-0	0	0
Naulls, c	6	2-2	3	14
Taft, g	8	2-2	1	18
Banton, g	4	9-12	3	17
Adams, g	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25	20-26	14	72

## Trunkless Boxer Earns Glove Win

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (P) — Midweight Johnny Rincich climbed into the ring for his Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament bout Friday night and removed his robe.

A roar went up from the spectators. No trunks. It must have angered as well as embarrassed the Bluefield amateur because after returning to the dressing room for his trunks he won by a TKO over Alfonso Larkin of Fireco, in just 1 minute, 12 seconds.

OREGON STATE

G	F	P	T	
Gamble, f	3	1-5	5	7
Allord, f	8	10-11	1	28
Wilson, f	1	0-0	2	2
Fredericks, f	0	0-0	0	0
Moss, c	3	4-4	0	8
Nanson, g	4	2-3	5	6
Paulus, g	2	3-3	4	8
Haynes, g	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	15-34	15	59

UCLA

G	F	P	T
UCLA	39	40-72	
Oregon State	29	20-59	

## Prineville Mat Men Fall To KUHS Pels

Klamath Union's wrestling squad closed out their dual meet season Friday afternoon at Pelican Court by thumping the Prineville Cowboys, 92-30, in a non-conference grappling match. The win was Klamath's ninth of the season against four setbacks.

With their dual season out of the road, Klamath will open a defense of its district wrestling crown at Ashland's Southern Oregon College next Thursday, Friday and Saturday as the prep mat men in this district seek to gain berths in the state mat tournament the following weekend at Corvallis. Klamath has won the last six district titles, and are heavy favorites to make it number seven next weekend.

Coach Dutch Simons' grapplers steamrolled over the Cowboys from Central Oregon Friday afternoon in a 21-bout match. Instead of wrestling a full varsity schedule and only part of a Jayvee match, the two coaches agreed to count all 21 bouts towards the varsity team score.

Klamath swept up 14 of the 21 bouts, and drew in another, while Prineville settled for one split and six wins.

Pelicans scoring falls were Gary Clamer, Ken Kuhlman, Richard Berg and Darryl Peterson, a total of four. Ten decisions were snared by Pelican grapplers as Jim Brown, Gary Roberts, Gary Price, Bill Steiner, Dave Leeling, Gilbert Roberts, Ron Phair, Burnard Hardman, Harold Day and Dan Hitchcock all outpointed their Prineville foes. The other Pelicans scoring came as Roy Ropp battled Prineville's Dick Woods to a deadlock.

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Bylines from the SIDELINES BY CLAYTON HANNON

ARE THERE ANY TRUE amateur athletes in the United States now-a-days? This question has been shoved into the front row of the nation's sports picture the past few weeks, and is laying hot and heavy with AAU officials now.

The incident that brings this question to mind is the threatened suspension of America's leading miler, Wes Santee, that the AAU bases for an amateur in the air at this time. Santee is reported under fire for taking "too much" money to cover expenses while running several California meets last spring. This may be true, as even Santee will admit, but why are the bigwigs of the national Amateur Athletic Association making such a stink over Santee, he is only one of hundreds or thousands of amateurs not using the tight-rope path of life.

Santee was suspended and cleared by the Missouri Valley AAU authorities earlier this year, but now the national leaders of the association are taking up their weapons battle against the Marine lieutenant. And from all signs it looks as if they are going to cut America's only hope for a four-minute mile off at the pockets, and then some. And in our opinion, they are not only doing Santee an injustice, but also the country and themselves.

It is apparent that Santee accepted a large amount of expense money, but it is just as apparent that all of this money was used for the ex-Kansas U star's costs of attending these track meets. So why the fuss? As we said before, this isn't the only case involving amateurs who might have passed the realm of "expenses only," there are many others, even probably more critical than Santee's. But the AAU is bound to make a case of it and Santee happens to be the martyr, it's too bad, because he has done the United States a great deal of good through his work in the field of sports.

College football and basketball players are drawing dividends for playing ball, so are any other college athletes who are gaining want to get down to the technical parts of the problem, is out of bounds for an amateur, and yet only amateurs are allowed to participate in college athletics.

Before we go any farther let's take a look at what Mr. Webster has to say about an amateur: "one who cultivates an art or pursues a study from love and with reference to gain."  
Let it be understood that we are 100 per cent behind the grant-in-aid programs supported by colleges, because if it weren't for this type of help, many of the nation's youth would not be able to finance their higher education. But if you are going to draw the line straight, it seems that all regulations to the left or right would have to be given equal consideration.

And Santee at this time doesn't seem to be setting the equal consideration he deserves. Sure he might have taken a step or two too far, but what about the many others? It is for sure he isn't alone in the world.

Or could it be that the AAU and others interested in the United States Olympic picture are worried about next summer's games in Melbourne, where Russia is threatening to walk off with the track and field honors as they did recently in Cortina, Italy, and the winter games? We have accused Russia of building a professional Olympic team through help of the USSR's government, and by using Santee as a "martyr," then our amateur officials would be able to pat themselves on the back by saying "see." That is of course, if Russia manhandles the United States' track and field team as they did in the winter games. For the satisfaction of a few, this is a high price for an individual, such as Santee, to pay.

As we said before, Wes Santee may be in the wrong, but why separate one even from the bunch? We hope that this will not be the case, but only Santee's legal backers are looking gloomy.

THE OWL HOOTS ARE HOOTING, and how! This past year, the Owl Hoots, a group of Oregon Technical Institute backers, have really pitched in and worked out a first-class program in backing the Mile High Campus athletic program as well as plugging the local high school activities. Unlike last season's club, the 1955-56 Hooters have gotten up a solid program and have followed it through.

Led by the very capable John Schubert, who has served as president, the Owl Hoots have been holding regular Monday night meetings at the Winema Hotel to hear the plans and problems of the local athletic teams and their coaches. And by airing both sides of the picture, sports fans of Klamath Falls have become better acquainted with the local athletic program.

The Hooters' program committee has slated two very interesting agendas for the next meetings. Tomorrow, February 20, KUHS wrestling coach Dutch Simons and members of his wrestling squad will fulfill the evening's schedule, and the following week, February 27,



KLAMATH FALLS rooters swarmed in a masse around the KUHS Pelicans Friday night at Medford after the Pels won, 65-57, league game from Medford High. Members of the KU pep squad mob Klamath players, but the story was different for Medford fans. Upper left, an unidentified Medford band member shows no signs of hope as the time runs out on his prep heroes.

## Basketball Scores

- BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS COLLEGE BASKETBALL SATURDAY GAMES
- Southern California 74, Stanford 58
  - Illinois 96, Michigan State 76
  - Cornell 78, Yale 71
  - LaSalle 31, Muhlenberg 70
  - Washington & Lee 70, William & Mary 57
  - Arkansas 79, Texas 69
  - George Washington 94, Army 70
  - Purdue 80, Notre Dame 68
  - Alabama 79, Tulane 60
  - Vanderbilt 96, Tennessee 68
  - Utah 99, Denver 68
  - Brigham Young 78, Wyoming 67
  - Mississippi 105, Georgia 65
  - NYU 62, Fordham 52
  - Maryland 71, N.C. State 62
  - St. Joseph's (Pa.) 80, St. Francis (Klyns) 76
  - Ohio State 91, Minnesota 80
  - Indiana 80, Michigan 75
  - Georgia Tech 79, South Carolina 74
  - Portland State 61, Southern Oregon 58
  - Oregon College 98, Eastern Oregon 86
  - Niagara 87, Scranton 65
  - Mississippi State 84, Florida 74

- Oregon Prep Basketball SATURDAY GAMES**
- Baker 91, The Dalles 45
  - Coquille 92, North Bend 72
  - Bend 74, Albany 59
  - Cottage Grove 50, Springfield 27
  - La Grande 65, Hermiston 58
  - Ashland 53, Grants Pass 38
  - Seaside 53, Nehalem 43
  - Eugene 68, Roseburg 36
  - Medford 56, Klamath Falls 53
  - Crater 57, Eagle Point 52
  - Walla Walla 67, Pendleton 53

- UW Nips Idaho**  
MOSCOW, Idaho (P) — Washington's Huskies poured through 11 points in overtime Saturday night to take a 70-63 win over determined Idaho and sweep the 2-game Pacific Coast Conference basketball series.

- PS Nips Raiders**  
PORTLAND (P) — Portland State nipped Southern Oregon, 61-58, here Saturday to hold on to its lead in the Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball race.

The Portlanders, who scored an easy 90-61 victory over Southern Oregon Friday night, had to play down to the final gun to nose out the visitors Saturday. Jack Viskov led the winners with 17 points.

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## Weed League Winner

Weed High School's Cougars captured their fourth straight Siskiyou County League basketball title Friday night on their home floor by dumping Mt. Shasta, 63-51. Gordon Chambers hit 29 points for the Cougars, while high point-getter for Weed was Jim Wilson with 20. In the B game, Weed walked off with a 55-44 triumph to sweep the evening's action from Mt. Shasta.

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