

Pels, Ashland Battle In Final Season Play

The state tournament bound Klamath Union High School Pelicans close out their regular season play this weekend in a two-game Southern Oregon Conference basketball series with Ashland on

the Grizzlies home court. This is the final conference play for both teams.

Vic Seixas, Larson Lead Net Entries

NEW YORK (UP)—Vic Seixas and Art Larson, America's top-ranking tennis players, head a field of 32 players in the National Indoor Tennis Championships opening today, opening a season aimed at recovery of the Davis Cup from Australia.

The tourney is the first major event on this year's tennis program and is the first chance for Seixas and Larson to prove they still rate Davis Cup berths ahead of several aspiring youngsters including Sammy Giammalva of Houston, Tex., Gil Shea of Los Angeles, and Grant Golden of Chicago. There also is a strong foreign entry list—headed by former U. S. indoor champion Sven Davidson of Sweden and big Kurt Nielsen of Denmark.

Nats Nudge New Yorkers

By UNITED PRESS
The New York Knickerbockers are finding it their dismay that getting rid of a coach and hiring a new one is no sure-fire formula for success.

They were further than ever today from their objective of third place in the Eastern Division of the National Basketball Assn. and a spot in the playoffs. For the fifth straight time they were beaten by the Syracuse Nationals, 108-107, in two overtime periods at Madison Square Garden.

Syracuse, riding high with a six-game winning streak, now has a third place lead of a game and a half over the Knicks.

Ironically, when Joe Lapchick gave up the ghost as coach, the Knicks were in third place, comfortably ahead of Syracuse. But since Vince Boryla took over as head man on Feb. 12 the New Yorkers have won only two games while losing five.

At St. Louis, Chuck Share and Bob Pettit piled in 27 points apiece to pace the Hawks to a 101-97 victory over the Boston Celtics. St. Louis retained third place in the Western Division.

TIME OUT



"May I remind you, Gentlemen, that it's also part of the game to occasionally swing at the puck!"

J. Mederos, Machen Meet

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Heavyweight Eddie Machen, the Bay area's heavyweight hope who is undefeated in 11 professional starts, meets Julio Mederos of Havana tonight.

If Machen gets by the ring-wise and more experienced Cuban, he will prove himself a better fighter than most fans give him credit for. It will be Machen's first televised bout and the first fight in San Francisco's newest boxing palace, promoter Bennie Ford's San Francisco Garden.

Ten of Machen's 11 wins were by knockouts, one of which was over Howard King of Reno, who went 10 rounds but lost a decision to light heavyweight champ Archie Moore here Monday night. His longest fight was a 10-round decision over Ben Wise last December.

Mederos, on the other hand, has two knockouts to his credit. There is no question that the 23-year-old Cuban has on the whole fought better opponents than Machen.

KFLW (ABC) will carry the blow by blow account of tonight's fight, starting at 7:05 p.m.

Russ Meyer in the last seven National League campaigns gained a 24-3 edge over the Chicago Cubs. After tours with the Phillies and Dodgers he is back with the Cubs.

NC State Snarles ACC Race

By UNITED PRESS
An unheralded North Carolina State substitute, who has warmed the bench for most of three seasons, was the principal cause of a four-way snarl-up for first place today in the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball race.

Lou Dickman was the unsung sub who scored eight points in the final four minutes Tuesday night to give the Wolfpack a come-from-behind 79-73 victory over North Carolina.

As a result of Dickman's heroics, North Carolina State, North Carolina, Wake Forest and Duke all are tied for first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference with identical records of 10 league victories and three defeats.

Duke rolled over Virginia, 92-58, with center Junior Morgan scoring 24 of the Blue Devils' points. Bob McCarthy and Wistar Neilligan each netted 14 points for the losers.

South Carolina dropped Clemson into the Atlantic Coast Conference cellar by beating the Tigers, 89-83, in a game which twice saw spectators running out on the floor. Grady Wallace was individual high scorer as he led South Carolina to victory with 35 points.

Canisius overcame a poor start to defeat Villanova, 89-81, and virtually clinch a berth in the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

Southern Methodist clinched a tie for its second straight Southwest Conference title with an 89-68 triumph over Baylor as guard Ronnie Morris of Shawnee, Okla., hit for 21 points for the Mustangs. SMU now has a 10-0 conference record.

Middleweights Stealing Thunder From Heavies In Boxing Spotlight

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—A hard rock punner from the hard coal belt and a fighting Irishman out of England's boxing booths are making faces at each other today as a sure proof that the middleweights compose the ring's hottest, division.

The heavyweights seem to be in moth balls and the light heavies apparently are all but extinct. So in the third straight 160-pound bout to be televised nationally on Friday night it will be Pennsylvania's Rocky Castellani against Britain's John L. Sullivan.

That famous name hasn't swayed the oddsmakers, because Castellani is a 2 to 1 choice. But it does prove that the middleweights are hotter than a two dollar pistol. Such 160-pounders as Gene Fullmer and Gil Turner, along with Eduardo Lamas and Bobby Boyd, dominated the last two big shows. Ray Robinson is slated to defend the middleweight title against Bobo Olson at Los Angeles on April 20 and, waiting in the wings, are such prime hopefuls as Joey Giambra, Tiger Jones and the undefeated young Roy Calhoun.

To complicate matters, Charles Humez is on his way over from France to try to cut down the

contenders a bit and maybe get himself a shot at the Robinson-Olson vic.

But you can't overlook the man who wins this one at Madison Square Garden on Friday night. Castellani boxed both Olson and Robinson and, if you remember, had them both on the deck before losing close decisions in each instance.

At 28, the Rock from Luzerne, Pa., who lives in Cleveland, has a business in Atlantic City and wants to settle in Teaneck, N.J., in a real challenge. He was boxing's "rookie of the year" in 1949 and has won 60 of 70 bouts, with eight losses, two draws and 15 knockouts to his credit.

He will, however, have his mitts well occupied in trying to handle the bearer of one of boxing's most illustrious names. For this Sullivan, although only 23, is no Johnny-come-lately to the business of fistfights.

John L. (the younger) comes of a fighting family, as any of the Sullivans will tell you. His father was a light heavyweight known as "Battling" Sullivan, no idle nickname, and one of his brothers was a willing welterweight.

Thus John L. had a family precedent to follow when he began boxing in the "booths" at British fairs when he was only 14 years old. He was the British Empire middleweight champion, a bauble which he lost to one Pat McAteer on a foul. Subsequently he was stopped in one by Arnie Fowse.

But, John L. contends, the morning of that fight his manager died and, being handled by unknowns in that brawl, he was a confused gladiator whose heart was not in the business at hand. Certainly he has been a willing worker, with a

total of 84 fights.

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