

B Prep Play To Open

Malin '5' To Meet Darkhorse

BAKER (Special) — Coach Jim Conroy's Malin Mustangs from Klamath County and District 5-B arrived here today as they attempt to capture the second major athletic championship of the year for class B high schools throughout the state of Oregon.

Tomorrow afternoon at 2:30, the 1956 State B High School Basketball Tournament will get underway at the Baker High School gym, and Conroy's Southern Oregon hoopers are listed as co-favorites along with last year's champions, Knappa. The tourney's first round games will be played tomorrow afternoon and evening.

The semi-finals and finals of the consolation and championship brackets being played Friday and Saturday.

Earlier in the school year, Conroy's Malin team swept through the state B football playoffs and are wearing the division's gridiron crown. A win in the weekend's cage activities would give Malin a "grand slam" in the B sports world.

DARKHORSE

Malin, which dropped a tight one-point decision to Knappa last year in the championship contest, will meet the tournament darkhorse, Sisters, in a first round game, and may find themselves on the outside looking in come Thursday night.

The opening game of the three-day cage gathering will find Jefferson going against Elgin in a 2:30 game, while the Malin-Sisters clash is on the docket for 3:45.

The evening contest slated for 7:30 and 8:35 tip-off times will find Knappa meeting Elktion and Echo playing Brownsville.

The first round losers will vie in the consolation bracket games Friday afternoon, while the winners will move into the semi-finals of the championship play Friday night.

DEFENDING

This year's tournament is expected to be one of the most exciting in several seasons, since all of the eight clubs are capable of going all the way. Knappa, the defending champ, and Malin, last year's runner-up, are listed as the co-favorites in many circles, mainly on the finishes last year, but Sisters in the upper echelon.

Elktion or Brownsville in the bottom bracket may find the right combination to finish in front of last year's finalists.

Going into Thursday's game with Sisters, Conroy's Mustangs of Malin will have a 22-game winning streak and a season's unbeaten record of 25-0. The lone defeat handed Malin was an early season loss to Tulelake, California. Malin later avenged their loss to Tulelake.

One of the largest crowds ever to attend the Class B playoffs is expected to be on hand this week to take in the tournament's color and action. Local chamber of commerce officials reported today that all of the hotels and a great many motels have already hung out the "no vacancy" shingle.

Plans Told For Speedway

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Plans have been announced for a multi-million-dollar auto racing plant on a 470-acre tract three miles east of the Ontario airport.

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MANAGER HARRY WILSON, left, does his share in getting the Malin Mustangs ready for the State B Tournament, which starts Thursday in Baker, by packing the traveling bags for two Mustang basketballers, Grady Saunders, right, and Wes Draxil, center, give Wilson a helping hand. The team left Tuesday and arrived in Baker today as they await their first action. The opening game for Malin will be against Sisters at 3:45 Thursday afternoon.

Marion Keeping Eyes On Keegan, AL Crown

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Perhaps the most bitter pill Manager Marty Marion of the Chicago White Sox had to swallow last season was the failure of pitcher Bob Keegan to come through.

The White Sox finished five games out of first place and it seems fair to assume that had Keegan even approached his 1954 record of 16-9, the pale horse might have won the pennant.

As it was, his record stood at 2-3 at the end of the campaign with a paltry 59 innings pitched.

Marion planned to send Keegan to the mound today for the first time in an intra-camp game at Tampa, Fla., and admitted he's been watching the big righthander carefully. Keegan could be the key man in the Sox pitching department.

The plot said that Keegan has been working well so far, although he has been under no strain.

"You never know about a pitcher, though," Marion added, "until he works under game conditions. If he can come back strong, that will help us no end."

Keegan isn't the only player in the majors desperately battling for a spot.

At Clearwater, Fla., where the Philadelphia Phillies are training, Wally Westlake, who was signed as a free agent by General Manager Roy Hamey, is working to shed 10 pounds from his 206-pound frame.

"I Hamey had enough confidence to sign me," he said, "I'll probably have to take over the right field job for him."

Then there is Monte Irvin, a 37-year-old flycatcher, who was with Minneapolis of the American Assn. last year, after being dropped by the New York Giants.

He can be drafted by the Chicago Cubs and is leading in the race for the right field job as of now.

"I know I still have some good baseball left in my system," he said at the Cubs' Mesa, Ariz., fair.

George Strickland, the weak-hitting shortstop of the second-place Cleveland Indians, who has been relegated to the bench by the acquisition of Chico Carrasquel from the White Sox, isn't giving up without a battle.

"I know I'll definitely have to hit to take it away from Chico," he said at the tribe's Tucson, Ariz., base. "I've been talking to Manager Al Lopez about my hitting and he's doing everything he can to help."

Carrasquel hit .256 last season, while Strickland could do no better than .209.

Teams Enter A-2 Tourney

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two more teams grabbed class A-2 high school state tournament positions Tuesday night.

St. Helens won the district 1 crown by downing Scappoose, 50-46, in the final game of the district tournament at Forest Grove.

Newport won the district 2 berth by walloping Toledo in the third game of a playoff, 68-32, on a neutral floor at Taft.

Only two positions now are undecided. One of them will be filled Wednesday night when Central Point meet in the third game of their district 6 playoff. They split earlier games.

The last one will be filled in the district 4 tournament finals at Molalla Thursday night. Molalla defeated Dallas, 50-43, and Sandy covered Estacada, 58-48, in semi-finals Tuesday night. It will be Molalla vs. Sandy for the crown.

St. Helens in winning earned the right to meet Stayton in the first game of the state tournament, at Salem, March 12-14. Coquille or Central Point will play the district 4 winner. St. Francis of Eugene will meet Redmond, and the opening round will be completed with a Newport vs. Ontario game.

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Hal Wood's Mid-Week Short Shots

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Short shots:

The future book odds for the Kentucky Derby list as two of the favorites horses named Needles and Nail. All this will do, of course, will be to put the bettors on pins and needles.

Pepperdine College of the California Basketball Association finished out the season with 17 consecutive losses, a seasonal record of 2-24 and 0-14 in CBA play — which is nearly as good a mark as the USP Dons hold (in reverse, that is).

TOUGH

Ed Lowery, San Francisco auto magnate who first gained a share of the spotlight about 40 years ago when he caddied for Francis Ouimet when the latter won the U.S. Amateur, is offering to bet that two of his salesmen can whip any pair of professional golfers in the business, and that includes Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, Dr. Cary Middlecoff and the rest of the top-notchers. The salesmen: National Amateur Champion Harvie Ward and former California and German Amateur Champion Ken Venturi. Both were winning members of the last U. S. Walker Cup team and they tangle Sunday for the San Francisco city championship.

George Briggs, who has taken over as the new athletic director at Washington, admits he is stepping into a ticklish situation. But he confesses, "There is only one way to go on this job. Things are in such a mess, we can't do anything except improve."

Carl Hanson, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, says that the AAU relations for the AAU haven't been good. "Which could be the understatement of the year, in view of the West Santee situation. The AAU made the mistake of not releasing the full facts and figures on Santee at the same time they announced his ban."

CONSPICUOUS

Anthony Morabito, president of the San Francisco Forty Niners, bought a new Imperial, but didn't keep it too long. "Too conspicuous," he said. So he sold it and bought a Cadillac.

Jim Scrogins, one of the first men in history to run the 100-yard dash in less than 10 seconds, now is 83 years old and still has a healthy interest in sports. He was clocked in 9.8 seconds "way back in 1895—but the stop-watches went haywire and he got credit for only a 10 seconds flat job—which still was flying, considering they didn't use starting blocks in those days.

K Of C Meet Director On Santee's Side

NEW YORK (AP) — Wes Santee America's controversial miler who is fighting a lifetime suspension in the courts, has the director of the Knights of Columbus track meet in his corner.

Tom Harrigan, the K. of C. director, criticized the Amateur Athletic Union Tuesday for its "unfair" treatment of Santee.

"Punishment should never be banishment for life," he told the weekly meeting of the Metropolitan track writers.

"Proper punishment for Santee would be that he should be bound to return to the overcharge and be suspended for one year. He should be given a just hearing, with a chance to be represented by competent counsel, and should be warned if he transgressed again he would be washed out."

Santee, suspended by the AAU for accepting excessive amounts of expense money for meets last year, ran in Saturday's K. of C. meet under protection of a Supreme Court injunction which stayed enforcement of the AAU 4:13.8.

Don Ferris AAU secretary-treasurer, replied that he didn't think the penalty against Santee was too stringent and pointed out that the rule about allowable expenses had been altered several times.

Whether Santee will be allowed to run in meets later this month in Milwaukee, Cleveland and Chicago probably will be decided at a hearing in Appellate Court Friday.

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CLAYTON HANJON
SPORTS EDITOR

Eugene Holds To Top Spot In Poll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Just a week remains before Eugene opens defense of its state high school basketball championship, and almost every sports writer in the state expects Eugene to carry off its second consecutive title.

Fifteen of the 16 sports writers and broadcasters taking part in the Associated Press poll this week named Eugene the state's No. 1 team.

The lone dissenting vote went to Franklin, the Portland team that ranked second in the weekly poll.

As luck would have it these two teams are in the same half of the draw, and if they get by their opening games will meet in the second round of the class A-1 tournament at Eugene, March 13-17.

Basketball SCORES

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (Tuesday's Results)

FAR WEST
San Francisco 82, St. Mary's (Calif.) 49
College of Pacific 86, Fresno State 63

EAST
Villanova 77, Drexel 55
St. Josephs (Pa.) 84, Lafayette 80
LaSalle 99, Dickinson (Pa.) 57

MIDWEST
Kansas State 79, Kansas 68
Oklahoma A&M 74, Bradley 40

TOURNAMENTS
(Washington Junior College)
Clark 103, Grays Harbor 96 (championship)
Olympic 96, Yakima 85 (for third place)

NAIA PLAYOFFS
(Oregon District 2 Finals)
Portland State 66, Portland U. 63
Pacific U. 62, Linfield 55 (District Five)
Montana State 91, Ricks 74 (final)
Western Montana 88, Carroll (Mont.) 70 (consolation)
(District 15 First Round)
Coe 76, Westminster 60
Warburg 69, Parsons 61 (District 24)
Georgetown (Ky.) 79, Berea 69 (final)

(District 11)
Eau Claire (Wis.) 89, Beloit 75 (final)
(District 13)
Gustavus Adolphus 80, Mankato (Minn.) 58 (final)
(District 16)
Pittsburgh (Kan.) 103, Bethel (Kan.) 79 (Pittsburgh wins best-of-3 final series, 2-0)
(District 17)
Arkansas Tech 70, Southern State (Ark.) 64 (final)
(District 21—First Round)
Indiana Central 105, Evansville 102
Manchester 99, Anderson 89
(District 29—First Round)
Alderson-Broaddus 94, Morris Harvey 88
Glennville 84, West Va Tech 75
(District 31—First Round)
Panzer 103, Plattsburg (NY) 78rs 86

Oregon Prep Basketball
District 1-A-2 Tourney
St. Helens 50, Scappoose 46
Tillamook 60, Seaside 52
District 2-A-2 Playoff
Newport 68, Toledo 32
District 4-A-2 Tourney
Molalla 50, Dallas 43
Sandy 56, Estacada 48
District 5-A-1 Playoff
Cottage Grove 82, North Bend 54
District 7-A-1 Playoff
Milton-Freewater 50, Pendleton 42

During his college days in the early 1920's, Wyoming Game Mgr. Milward L. Simpson captained the University of Wyoming football, basketball and baseball teams.

Russell, Green Lead United Press Quintet

NEW YORK (UP) — Bill Russell, talented six-foot-10 center for top-ranked San Francisco, and versatile St. Green of Duquesne were chosen today on the United Press All-America basketball team for the second year in a row.

The three other players selected for the team by the votes of 353 sports writers and broadcasters throughout the nation were Robin Freeman of Ohio State, Darrell Floyd of Furman and K. C. Jones, Russell's backcourt teammate on San Francisco.

Russell, who was largely instrumental in making the Dons the nation's No. 1 team for the second straight year, received the largest voting percentage ever polled by a player in the eight years the United Press has chosen an All-America team.

The gangling, relaxed Oakland, Calif., youth attracted 308 first team votes, and 29 for the second team, being mentioned by 95.3 per cent of the 353 participants in the balloting. This barely topped the previous high of 95.4 by Tom Gola of LaSalle last season.

Freeman, second leading scorer in the major college ranks with a 32.9-point average, was the second most popular choice on the team. His name appeared on the ballots of 83.3 per cent of the voters.

Green, who managed to stand out on a mediocre Duquesne team, can do just about anything demanded of a basketball player. His scoring average is 25.5 and his shooting is deadly from inside and outside. Although only six-foot-3 1/2, Green invariably was assigned to guard the opposing team's center and seldom if ever, was he overshadowed.

NEW YORK (UP) — The 1956 United Press All-America basketball team (Player, school, height, age, class, hometown, average):
Bill Russell, San Francisco, 6-10, 21, Sr., — Oakland, Calif., 30.1
Robin Freeman, Ohio State, 6-11, 21, Sr., — Cincinnati, Ohio, 32.9
Si Green, Duquesne, 6-3, 21, Sr., — Brooklyn, N.Y., 25.8
Darrell Floyd, Furman 6-1, 23, Sr., Thomasville, N.C., 33.8
K. C. Jones, San Francisco, 6-2, 23, Sr., — San Francisco, 9.6

Second Team
Ron Shavlik, N.C. State
Tom Heinsohn, Holy Cross
Rod Hundley, West Virginia
Bill Uhl, Dayton
Len Rosenbluth, North Carolina

Third Team
Willie Naulis, UCLA
Julius McCoy, Michigan State
Bill Ridley, Illinois
Bob Burrow, Kentucky
Paul Judson, Illinois

ers. Green was mentioned on 83.7 per cent; Floyd, the nation's highest scorer with a 33.8-point average, was picked by 55.9 per cent of the voters, and Jones by 47 per cent.

Jones won the fifth position on the mythical team by a bare margin over Ron Shavlik of North Carolina State. Rod Hundley of West Virginia and Tom Heinsohn of Holy Cross were next in popularity in that order, with Bill Uhl of Dayton and Len Rosenbluth of North Carolina completed the second team.

Compared to past All-America teams, this year's was "short." The height average was only six-foot-three, supplied largely by Russell. Despite this lack of stature, the 1956 combine had an unusually high scoring average of 24.7 points per man per game and boasted a wealth of diversified skills.

Floyd and Freeman are two of the highest scorers in college basketball history; Russell is a great rebounder and defensive giant, in addition to owning a 20.1-point scoring average; Green and Jones are superb ball-handlers, play-makers and defensive standouts who made their teams "move."

Russell amazed college coaches and professional scouts from coast to coast when the Dons made a cross-country tour last December. Rarely has such a big man maneuvered on the basketball court with such agility. The towering Negro youth averaged 20.5 re-

Touring Pros Awaiting Play

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The touring pros polished their strokes Wednesday on the eve of Pensacola's \$125,000 PGA-sanctioned golf tournament, while 34 amateurs squared off in a qualifying round.

The field in the medal play tournament starting Thursday lists 119 pros. Ten amateurs were exempt from qualifying, as were all pros. Tops among the practice rounds Tuesday was a 6-under par 66 by Johnny Trish of Pensacola. A step behind was Bob Toski of Holyoke, Mass., with a 68.

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