

Franklin Quakers Sweep A-1 Basketball Title

San Francisco Tops Utah

Russell Key In NCAA Tiff

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — San Francisco won the NCAA Far West regional playoff by outturning Utah in the last 13 minutes of the game Saturday night, 93-77.

Utah, a fast-breaking, hard-running team, itself gave San Francisco a stiff test through the first 27 minutes. Once in the second half, Utah managed to take a 49-45 lead. But then, All-American Bill Russell went to work and led San Francisco to the victory.

The 6-10 Russell scored only 9 points in the first half but poured through 18 in the closing period for a total of 27, topping all scorers. He received able second-half help from 6-7 Mike Farmer, who scored 14 points, 12 of them in the closing half.

Once again Gene Brown, the sophomore replacement for guard C. C. Jones, was a standout. He scored 18 points for the winners.

Art Buntle, 6-3 Utah center, had trouble getting started against the tall Russell but moved outside and finally began connecting on long jump shots to tally 23 points. Little guard Curt Jensen scored 21 points for Utah, 16 of them in the first half which ended with Utah trailing only 44-41.

In the consolation round UCLA whipped Seattle U, 94-70.

Uclans Whip Seattle Club In Hoop Play

CORVALLIS (AP) — UCLA, the Pacific Coast Conference champion, won third place in the Far West NCAA Regional playoffs in a fast, rough 94-70 victory over Seattle.

Willie Naulls, 6-5 UCLA center, rammed home 33 points to lead UCLA to the win, although he fouled out after seven minutes of play in the second half.

Morris Tait, UCLA's other scoring ace, was blanked in the first period, but picked up the burden after Naulls fouled out and scored 20 points.

Seattle stayed in the game through the first half because of the scoring effort of a 6-4 sophomore, Jerry Frizzell, who tallied 17 in the period. UCLA led at the half, 40-34, and then turned the game into a rout in the second half. Frizzell wound up with 21 points.

Nashua Takes Turf Beating

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Nashua, whose daddy came from Ireland, went down to the most crushing defeat of his brilliant career Saturday in the \$112,000 Gulfstream Park Handicap, a mile and one quarter grind won by Brookmeade Stable's Sailor.

A record crowd of 32,332 made Nashua the Leslie Combs II star, the favorite at 3-5 in the compact field of seven but the top impost of 129 points apparently was too much for the big bay colt, who never threatened the leaders.

Sailor, ridden by Willie Harlack, who was leading jockey with 417 winners last year, vandered the lead from Alfred G. Vanderbilt's End as they started the stands the first time and never lost it.

Mielieux, winner of the Appleton Handicap last Saturday, was a surprising second in a race full of surprises. Find finished third and Wide Margin ran fourth.

Nashua, shooting for the world's money-winning record held by Citation at \$1,085,760, spotted his seven opponents from four to 19 was worth \$2,500 and brought his total winnings to \$1,040,515.

Following Nashua home was Maine Chance Farm's Jet Action and Prince Noor, the latter bought only last Saturday by Mrs. Charles Silvers and Mrs. Saul Finkelstein at a private sale.

Mantle Leads NY

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Mickey Mantle delivered a ninth inning homer, with one man on, to give the New York Yankees a 7-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers Saturday.

A bit earlier in the same inning, Yankee catcher Elston Howard sustained a hand injury when hit with a foul tip from the bat of Detroit's Chuck King. The fourth knuckle of his right hand was injured and he was ordered to a hospital with a possible fracture. X-rays will be taken.

Bylines from the SIDELINES

EVERYONE SEEMS TO HAVE their own "short-end" story, and after last weekend's state B high school basketball tournament at Baker, we have one of our own.

When the selections of the 1956 all-state team were announced following the Saturday night championship game, there was one boy who we, and several others, figure had taken the "short end" of the deal. The preparer in mind was Malin's Glen Steyskal.

Steyskal, a 6-0 senior, was the man behind the wheel of Malin's drive towards the state championship this year. That's a big statement to make considering Coach Jim Conroy had four other first-line hoopers who were on a very high par, but there are several who will go along with our line of thought.



GLEN STEYSKAL
... Mustang bypassed

The coaches of teams in the tournament and sportswriters covering the tournament were called upon to select the top 10 cagers in the tournament. When it was announced later in the evening, and Steyskal's name was missing, many were shocked to say the least. Take Knapka's coach Buck Kaufman. Says Kaufman, "For my money, Steyskal is the best guard in the tournament." This was the feeling of Echo coach George DeLap and other coaches and writers who polled afterwards.

But still the best final tabulations could show was that Glen was given honorable mention.

His being left off the first 10, let alone the first five is the basis for our "short end" story. And believe you me, the way Steyskal played during the three tournament games, the short of the "short end" is really short.

We can't help but admire the attitude taken by Steyskal after not being recognized for his outstanding play. "That's all right," Steyskal said. "We won." Quite an attitude and a sign of a real competitor.

The disappointment of not being selected to the all-state team might have been spelled somewhat last Monday evening in the dinner staged for the new small school basketball champs. Glen was awarded the Chamber of Commerce Sportsmanship award, given to the outstanding athlete who demonstrates a great deal of true sportsmanship throughout the year.

Although it does not carry the statewide recognition that would have been gained through the all-state nominations, Glen still received a fine tribute for his work through the past season as a Malin athlete.

YOU CAN BET your bottom dollar that the basketball player with No. 3 tagged to his uniform is of small stature nine times out of 10. Or so it is thought by looking through the programs of the A-1 and B high school basketball tournaments.

Take the A-1 booklet for instance. No. 3 belongs to such cagers as Forest Grove's Bert Benson, Grants' Pass' Rager Taylor, Eugene's Glen Hutton and McMinnville's Jack Temple.

Benson stretches to the 5-6 level, while Taylor is a mighty 5-7. Hutton and Temple are both "stringbeans" as they tip the measuring stick at 5-8.

In B prep ranks, Knapka's number 3 belongs to hefty Del Barendse, a 5-2 hunk of basketball, and a good one at that.

Malin's Roland Harmon is 5-7, and he too is the holder of the No. 3 uniform.

If you go for the big man, then be sure and leave that No. 3 man for the other fellow, because, as we said before, this is the number of the court's mighty mites.

SHORTIES FROM THE STATE A-1 TOURNAMENT

From all early indications (this was written after the first round games) this year's A-1 basketball tournament will go into the record book as one of the finest ever staged. There are no "softies" this year, but instead 16 tough ballclubs. The switch that gave the A-2 schools their own basketball classic and separated them from their larger foes was one that seems to be for the good of the OSAA, high school basketball through the state and others who are concerned financially. The OSAA now has two class A tournaments from which to gather that folding stuff called money instead of one, and probably the most important

matter is the fact that there were and will be in the future, better "spectator" games since all of the teams are on the same A-1 level. At least that is the way it looks from here.

Klamath Falls' Glenn Moore and Eugene's Charlie Warren had the town of Eugene and the tournament followers buzzing with talk after first round games. Moore, a 6-6 pivotman on Don Peterson's Pelicans, and Warren, 6-3 Eugene stalwart, are being touted by many as the best looking sophomore prospects to come along since the time of Central Catholic's Bob Allenhofen who starred under the tournament banners in 1950, '51 and '52. This is quite a comparison, but both deserve any and all the bouquets that are thrown their way. Especially Moore. The Pels' sterling hooper scored 10 points. All from the field, and picked off 15 rebounds in the first game against McMinnville, despite the fact that he sat on the bench with four personal fouls all of the third quarter and part of the second.

Wednesday morning's first round battle pitting Eugene against Pendleton presented another chapter of the "teacher-pupil" novel. And a good chapter it was. Eugene coach Hank Kuchera was the prep basketball mentor of Dale Warberg at Eugene High School several seasons back. In fact Warberg was Kuchera's main weapon of attack when the Eugene team racked up 30 straight victories without a defeat. Warberg's Pendleton team came close to upsetting Eugene, the state's No. 1 team, losing 51-49 in a thriller, evidently Kuchera's teachings were good ones, in fact "Kuch" said there were times during the game that he "was worried".

Franklin's Blaine Jensen still rates high in our book of big basketballers. The 6-9 junior looks and plays far better basketball than the former Portlander, Wade Halbrook. Jensen has a jump shot that most people say travels down hill en route to the basket. The tournament rosters had a tendency to "get on" Jensen for his short temper. And it is short, or so it seems, but the big boy, who still has another year of high school basketball left, didn't seem to pay too much attention to them. Paul McCall, Grants High coach, Portland Cage coach, and ex-KUHS mentor, related the tale of how Jensen literally "stuffed" the ball through the nets when Grant and Franklin played this past year. "The way he throws that ball through the basket," says McCall, "you would think the twine would be stripped from the rim".

Dick Jewett, sports writer for the Medford Mail Tribune, passed on an oddity to us during a "between game" gab session at Eugene this past week. Seemingly Central Point and Illinois Valley, a pair of Jackson County A-2 schools, know only one final score in basketball. In the last three games these two clubs have played against each other this year the final score was 64-61. Not once or twice mind you. But three different times. In the final 64-61 game, Crater (Central Point) won the sub-district playoffs in the little six tournament. Central Point also won the other two duplicated games.

Yours Truly and all of the other members of the press and radio who worked the state A-1 tournament at Eugene extend a big thank you and congratulations to Art Litchman, publicity director for the University of Oregon. Litchman and his staff of statisticians made a successful tournament even more of a success. Such things as compiling full game statistics after each and every contest, plus a running account of the tournament, for individuals as well as teams. Litchman's forces provided the newspaper and radio men with a first-class "press room" where stories and the such could be filed and in general just relax. We have heard that there were a few, very few in fact, people who do not think it is proper to pay for Litchman's work. It is only "chicken feed" for the work, hours and service Art is putting in. As we said before, added success to the annual prep playoffs came through the efforts of Litchman and his staff.

Frank Bowman, trainer for the New York Giants, and Bob Bauman, who holds down the same job for the St. Louis Cardinals, are brothers.

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Eugene, Mac-Hi Cop Wins

EUGENE (AP) — The Eugene Astoria and Milton-Freewater, eliminated from the championship race earlier in the week, posted basketball wins Saturday afternoon to walk away with fourth and fifth place honors in the final consolation round games of the 38th annual state A-1 high school tournament which finished last night.

Eugene, defending champion and ranked No. 1 in the poll, was hard pressed to defeat Jefferson, No. 3, 78-76, for fourth place.

Milton-Freewater, No. 5, wound up in exactly that spot in the tourney. It took advantage of Pendleton fouling to beat its Blue Mountain Conference rival, 55-49.

An experienced, hard-driving guard, Chuck Rask, almost knocked over Eugene single-handed.

Eugene, which trailed 33-26 at halftime, took over after Jeff lost its only effective big man, 6-4 Jerry Anderson. He deliberately missed a second free throw, took his own rebound and cast off. The shot narrowly missed and an overtime was averted.

Rask led the scorers with 27 points. Guard Doug Lundstrom paced Eugene with 20.

Eugene hit for 47 per cent of its shots and Jefferson registered 43 per cent in what was the tournament's highest scoring game.

Milton-Freewater was ahead almost all the way in its game with Pendleton.

Too many fouls cost Pendleton the game. Milton-Freewater got 42 free throws and scored 29. Pendleton outscored the winners from the field, 21 baskets to 13.

Gary Tague, Pendleton center, was high scorer with 22 points. Norman Weiss, Milton-Freewater pivot man, racked up 22.

Milton-Freewater led at halftime, 30-16, and extended its margin to 34-16 in the third period. The closest Pendleton could get was within 7 points in the last quarter.

Boxscore:
MILTON-FREEWATER

	G	F	P	T
Olinger, f	8	10	3	15
Lindgren, f	4	5	2	13
Weiss, c	4	8	4	16
Feigner, c	1	2	0	4
Lakue, f	1	5	1	7
Perkins, f	0	0	0	0
Phillips, f	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	28	10	55

PENDLETON

	G	F	P	T
Thorne, f	5	3	4	13
Applegate, f	2	1	3	5
Tague, c	10	2	3	22
Haynes, g	2	1	2	5
James, g	1	0	0	2
Rothrock, f	0	0	0	0
Paulson, c	0	0	0	0
Dodge, g	1	0	1	2
Barnes, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	7	15	26

Milton-Freewater 42-29
Pendleton 13-21

JEFFERSON

	G	F	P	T
Roth, f	4	0	3	8
Berremann, f	3	5	1	11
Anderson, c	3	6	0	12
Rask, g	8	11	5	27
Jacob, f	3	0	1	6
Krohn, f	2	0	1	4
Abbott, c	0	0	0	0
Langos, g	2	4	0	8
Totals	25	26	10	76

EUGENE

	G	F	P	T
Powell, f	8	3	4	19
Quivey, f	1	1	3	3
Warren, c	5	7	4	17
Ferrell, g	6	1	2	13
Lundstrom, g	6	8	2	20
Bushman, g	0	0	0	0
Muhr, f	1	0	1	2
Hickman, f	0	0	0	0
Olsen, g	0	0	0	0
King, f	2	0	3	4
Totals	29	20	23	78

Jefferson 26-25
Eugene 13-13

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Iowa, SMU, Temple Sweep NCAA Berths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Iowa, Southern Methodist and Temple crashed into the semi-final round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament Saturday night.

Basketball SCORES

Far West NCAA Playoff at Corvallis, Ore.

San Francisco 92, Utah 77
UCLA 94, Seattle 70

NAIA Basketball Tournament
McNeese (La.) State College 60, Texas Southern 55

Western
Kansas State 69, Houston 70 (third place)

Consolation at Iowa City
Morehead State of Kentucky 95, Wayne 84

NIT (first round)
Seton Hall 96, Marquette 78
Xavier (Ohio) 84, St. Louis 80

NAIA Basketball Tournament
(Third place)
Pittsburgh (Kan.) State 77, Wheaton (Ill.) College 70

NCAA Regional Championship
Iowa 89, Kentucky 77
Western NCAA Regional (Final)
Southern Methodist 84, Oklahoma City University 63

McNeese (La.) won the National Intercollegiate (NAIA) Tournament championship with a 60-55 victory over Texas Southern at Kansas City. Pittsburgh (Kan.) beat Wheaton 77-70 for third.

Jensen Scores 27 As Medford Loses 73-60

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Franklin Miller, at 5-9 one of the shortest players in the tournament, had a not slight to lead the Portlanders to victory over Marshfield. He scored 23 points, including 11 out of 14 from the free throw line.

Lincoln jumped to an early 4-0 lead and was never headed, although Marshfield climbed to within a few points several times. Lincoln was ahead 20-12 at the first-quarter mark and 37-32 at halftime.

A 10-point spurt by Marshfield put the Pirates within three points with one minute left in the first half. The rally continued in the third period with Denny Baker hitting for Marshfield. The Coos Bay team pulled to win in a point at 39-38 but then Lincoln scored seven straight points to move out again. It was 54-44 after three quarters.

Lincoln put the game away in the fourth quarter, going ahead by 13 points at one time. Marshfield's 6-2 guard Roger Johnson paced his team with 16 points, and forward Hardy Spurgeon had 14. Behind stiller, Mike Doherty was next with 12 points.

Franklin maintained this lead in the last quarter and Coach McKease sent in reserves late in the game.

Jensen's 27 topped all scoring. Franklin forward Ernie Spangur had 15. Medford's Bob Tisdell, also named to the all-state team, topped his team with 17 points.

It was the second straight year that Medford lost out in the championship game. Last year Eugene defeated the Black Tornado, 72-66, in the title game.

Two records were set in this year's final. Franklin's 73 points bested the team record of 72 set by Eugene last year, and the game total of 133 was five points better than last year's 128.

Attendance fell below other years with a total of 7,951 for the live-day event. Saturday night's attendance totaled 9,584.

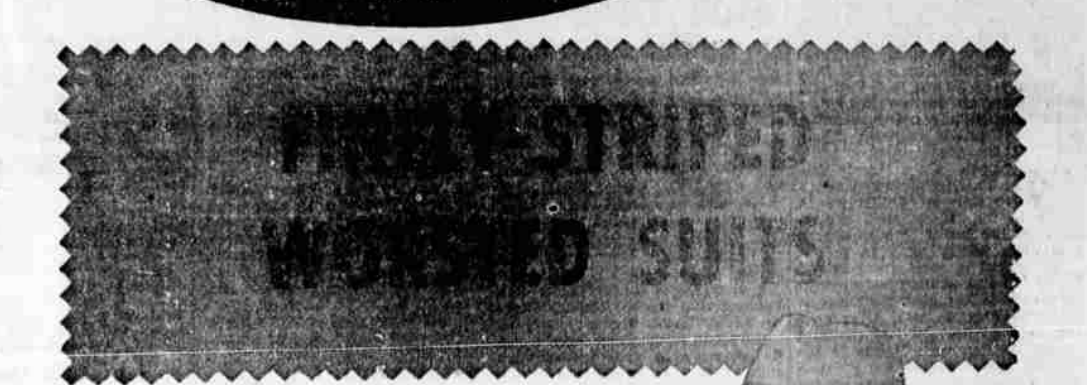
Totals

	G	F	P	T
Franklin	5	13	5	11
Medford	1	2	4	4
Plumley, c	1	1	3	3
Cearley, c	2	0	1	4
Tisdell, f	4	13	4	17
Perkins, g	0	0	0	0
Foust, f	0	1	4	1
Gober, f	5	2	4	12
Reinking, f	3	2	3	8
Totals	21	18	32	79

FRANKLIN

	G	F	P	T
Spangur, f	3	9	13	0
Kuhn, f	1	4	8	6
Jensen, c	12	2	8	27
Hutton, c	3	4	5	10
Luhra, g	4	2	3	10
Porter, c	0	0	0	0
Jarboe, c	1	3	6	5
Crandall, f	0	0	1	0
Nakata, g	0	0	3	0
Zilk, f	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	25	46	73

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