

Pelicans, Grants Pass Clash Here Tonight

Cavemen Choice In Damp District Game

Two days of rain may dampen the physical portion of tonight's Klamath Union High School-Grants Pass District 6-A-1 football battle at Modoc Field, but both clubs will be fired-up to the top with the spirit that this traditional rivalry has picked up over the past meetings.

Game time for this evening's conference and district meeting is 8 o'clock.

The game will be part of the first annual K-Club Reunion, which is being held today. Over 100 ex-lettermen of Klamath Union will be in the stands tonight to witness the Pelican and Cavemen struggle on a soggy and muddy turf. Following the game, all of the ex-monogram winners will meet at Reames Golf and Country Club for a dinner and program.

Since late Wednesday evening, the Basin has been sprinkled with rain showers, which has tipped the odds on the already favored Grants Pass gridders. The wet weather conditions are expected to slow down the Pelican's main weapon of attack — the pass — while the heavier Grants Pass line will be tougher to move in the slick and muddy Modoc sod.

Grants Pass has a five and two win-loss mark this season in their first seven games, winning over Roosevelt of Portland, North Bend, Crater, Ashland and Roseburg. The two losses were handed the Cavemen by Marshfield and Longview, Washington. The Crater and Ashland wins were both in district competition and gives Grants Pass a 2-0 mark in league play.

Klamath has only one outing in conference grid action so far this season, that a 47-19 loss to Medford. The over-all record for the Pels in their first six games of the year finds the Whitebirds with two wins and four defeats.

In their seven games, Grants Pass has rolled up a total of 163 points for, and only 36 points against. The Pels have been able to cross into pay dirt for 73 points and have allowed 139 to their opponents. Grants Pass has averaged over 27 points per game, while holding their opponents to about two touchdowns. Judging the two clubs scoring in past games, Grants Pass rates as a 15-point favorite for this evening's clash.

Landy Racing Calendar

MELBOURNE (N)—John Landy, the world's best miller against a clock, is racing against time again. But now it's a calendar, not a stopwatch, he has to beat.

With less than a month to go before the 1956 Olympic Games open here, Landy still is undecided about entering. He's been hobbled by a foot injury and has done little competitive running since his last successful assault on the four-minute mile, in the United States last summer.

Bruised heel tendons scratched Landy, holder of the 3:58 mile record, from the Australian Olympic track trials, but he was named to the team in both the 1,500 and 5,000 meters. (There is no mile run on the Olympic program).

With the long layoff, Landy needs trial competition now that he is able to run again. But these trials, on which he'll base his decision of whether to enter the games, were banned early in the week by Sir William Bridgeford, executive director of the games.

The ban, set to prevent a "thousand little Olympic Games in the month ahead," was set by strong protests from Australian and British runners. Thursday, the ban was lifted, giving Landy his chance.

While workouts were permitted under the short-lived ban, international competitions were ruled out. It is such "match" races which put the finishing job on a runner's conditioning.

Four cinder tracks are available for the trial competitions—at Olympic Park and at the University of Melbourne. The cricket ground track, site of the games, still is off-limits, however, and the international trials must be staged privately.

While the track entries were winning their protest against the ban, workmen were putting the finishing touches on an "overnight" construction job—the \$100,000 basketball hall.

Olympic officials at first had thought to stage the basketball competition in a privately owned arena—until they found out the rental would be \$45,000. That shock came in late July, and in early August a contract was signed for construction of an added entry to the Olympic buildings.

Coach John McGinnis, who has been looking for a chance to throw several passes against Grants Pass tonight has had to make a change in plans with the wet playing conditions. The major share of the Pels offensive hopes will have to lie in the running of halfbacks Lee McGill and Richard Humphrey, and fullback Bill Shreeve. This will be Klamath's starting backfield, along with quarterback Butch Kimpton.

In the line for the Pels will be center Cal Tichenor, with Tarey Schell and Al Siegner flanking him at the two guard positions. The tackles will probably find Dave Riley and Paul Bilant, while the end spots are still up in the air. McGinnis indicated this week that he may go along with Dan Shaw and Larry Brown at the two wing berths, but Teddy West and Mike Albo may also see lots of duty.

For the Cavemen, who have not been beaten by a Klamath P a 11's team since 1949, the backfield foursome will probably find Chuck Lasher and Norris Conner at halfback, Mike Rose at fullback and Stan Lewmen operating from the quarterback slot. Rifle-armed Jim Smith may open, and should see action for the Cavemen at quarterback in reserve of Lewman.

Coach Mel Ingram, who has made a habit of beating Klamath Falls since he joined the Grants

All ex-lettermen, planning on attending the K-Club reunion are to register at Balsiger Motor Company starting at 5 o'clock this evening. The group will meet and attend the game tonight in one group, and sit in a special section.

The registration fee which includes the dinner and game ticket must be paid at the time of signing in at Balsiger's.

All former lettermen are asked to register by 7:30. If possible, Chairman Jim Boechi asked that everyone be prompt and meet at Balsiger's between 7 o'clock and 7:30.

Pass staff several years ago, is expected to start Mike Sparlin and Gary Tompkins at end, Larry Walker and Larry Thompson at tackle, Doug Smith and Gary Hadsell at guard, and Dick Caldwell at center. Walker is a converted center from last season when he was picked as a second team all-conference selection at that position.

The Smith-to-Sparlin passing combination has been a big threat for the Cavemen in their first seven games, and may hurt the Pels tonight despite the rainy conditions. The passing of Smith has been good on 23 of 54 tries for 563 yards and six touchdowns. Sparlin has been on the receiving end of 16 passes for 399 yards and three touchdowns. Tompkins and Lasher are two other capable pass receivers.

Lasher, a smooth-fielding second baseman for the Cavemen last baseball season, is the team's lead-runner with 374 yards in 77 tries. Jack Dean, reserve fullback, and Conner have picked up 253 and 191 yards respectively in past play this year.

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READY FOR THE big game tonight are these two Klamath Union High School Pelican footballers who will be in the middle of the local preppers offensive movement when the Pels and Grants Pass clash at Modoc Field. Center Cal Tichenor, front, and quarterback Butch Kimpton, are both experienced lettermen in the Pelican camp, and will be seeing most of the 32 minutes of action against the Cavemen this evening.

Japanese Players Impress Brook Brass

TOKYO (N)—A vice president of the Brooklyn Dodgers said Friday he had found a number of Japanese baseball players "quite impressive"—especially pitcher Sho Horuchi—but did not feel their teams were up to U.S. major league caliber.

"I would say they are somewhere between the Texas League and Southern Association," said Frisco Thompson, who is in charge of the Dodgers' minor league clubs.

"And I would say that is quite complimentary," he added. "After all there isn't too much difference between some of these top minor league teams and the majors."

Thompson said it would be wrong to say the Dodgers were "interested" in any Japanese players.

"But of course we are interested in the sense that we are always interested in any player that might help our team in the future."

Despite speculation in the Japanese press, he said no offers or advance have been made. Most frequently mentioned has been Yomiuri Giant hurler Horuchi, 21, a 14-game winner this year, for the tough Japan Central League champions. Japanese papers claim Brooklyn scouts were looking him over carefully.

"His age attracted our attention along with his savvy," Thompson explained. "A boy in the states or anywhere else who appeared to be able to pitch as well as he does—we'd be interested in watching."

Thompson said he would rather not name any of the other players who had impressed him "at this time."

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Patterson Next King Of Boxing Says Weill

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—Al (The Vest) Weill, whose shrewdness led Rocky Marciano out of nowhere to fistic glory, today picked young Floyd Patterson to succeed his retired gladiator as heavyweight champion of the world.

"You've got to go with youth," Weill explained as he contemplated the fight between Patterson and ancient Archie Moore at Chicago Stadium on Nov. 30 for the vacant title. "That will tell the whole story."

Weill, who has had four world champions during his managerial career and is a recognized authority on contrasting styles, ignored the 13-to-5 odds currently favoring

Arch Moore, Patterson To Get Big Pay

CHICAGO (N)—Archie Moore and Floyd Patterson each will collect about \$150,000 for their scheduled 15-round fight for Rocky Marciano's vacated heavyweight title in Chicago Stadium Nov. 30.

Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, gave that estimate Thursday at the formal contract signing ceremonies.

He said the stadium will be scaled for a \$471,000 gate which would set an indoor record if all the 20,015 permanent seats are sold. The record gate is \$422,918 for the Tony Zale-Rocky Graziano middleweight championship scrap at the Stadium in 1947. Tickets will go at \$5, 7.50, 10, \$20 and \$30.

Moore, the light heavyweight king, and Patterson each will receive 30 per cent of the net receipts, including a \$200,000 television-radio melon. The fight will be home televised, with the Chicago area blacked out, and broadcast nationally.

Norris said there was no return bout clause in the contract "simply because neither fighter is risking anything in seeking Marciano's vacated crown."

Moore said he weighed 190 pounds and will be down to about 186 for the fight.

Patterson, 21-year-old former Olympic champion who has a 19-1 record and 20 knockouts, said he weighs 185 and plans to carry 182 into the ring. That would be four more than he weighed last June when he defeated Hurricane Jackson and was shelved with a fractured hand.

BOSTON — Nino Valdes, 210, Havana, knocked out Bob Woodall, 213, Boston, 3.

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