

Pelicans Set For Caveman Series

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While the KU Pelicans are already guaranteed a berth in the state basketball tournament, they still have to prove their Southern Oregon Conference supremacy.

The most direct route to this end would be to knock off the challenging Grants Pass Cavemen when they meet this weekend in a two-game series at Pelican Court.

From most aspects, this does not appear too great a task.

The Cavemen, however, have a different slant on things for two reasons: First, they are the only club to hand the Whitebirds a defeat so far this season, secondly, they are hungrily clutching the number two spot in SOC standings. Sticking to this position is a must for the Grants Passers if they wish to fill the vacant district slot in the state playoffs.

The Cavemen's precarious perch is threatened by both Medford and Ashland; wins at this time over the Pels could make all the difference.

KU Coach Don Megale and his charges are well aware of these circumstances and the word "let-up" is absolutely forbidden around the Pelican gym. In their last meeting with the Grants Pass club the KU quint did "letup" and were dealt a 52-46 beating for their efforts.

While the defeat may have been a tonic to the Whitebirds, they still are smarting from the sting and are fully determined to gain revenge. In addition, they need two more conference wins to capture the district title.

In last week's games against the Ashland Grizzlies, Megale poured his reserves into the fray freely and watched his cagers notch wins by two of their highest scoring stints to date.

While Glenn Moore, nonchalantly reached the 1,000 mark for an all-time scoring record at KU, reserves Dean Dunson, Steve Binney, Bob Lewis and Bill Santo broke into the varsity score column with the first two-points each of their individual Pelican careers.

In the Friday and Saturday games, five of the top 10 Southern Oregon Conference scorers will see action. Number 1, Glenn Moore, Number 6, Bob Peterson, Number 7, Bob Niles, and Number 8, Dave Robinson will start as usual for the Pelicans in company with guard Smiley Herrera.

Ninth-ranked Caveman, Jerry Putnam, will head the list of Grants Pass starters. Scheduled to see action for the Cavemen are: Paul Lindquist, Jim Smith, Dick Hayes and Mike Sparlin. Pete Proctor, Chuck Rembert and Fred Thomas will serve as dependable bench strength for the Grants Pass quint.

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Moore	106	28-57	58	303
Robinson	79	28-50	32	210
Peterson	58	27-49	28	185
Niles	72	28-50	38	160
Herrera	22	15-24	38	50
Delap	14	9-23	11	35
Aiken	12	8-15	19	32
Binney	0	10-15	1	10
Drace	1	3-4	5	5
Putnam	1	0-0	0	0
Dunson	1	0-0	0	0
Santo	1	0-0	0	0
Lewis	1	0-0	0	0
Binney	1	0-0	0	0

Today's Sport Parade

Ed Furgol Finally Quits Pro Tour

By OSCAR FRALEY
NEW YORK (UP)—The man who didn't know how to quit finally has.

Gaunt, dark-haired Ed Furgol, the batter with one good arm, for 13 years made a gallant run over the fairways of the world. And the man they called "Wingy" proved his class and his courage in 1954 by winning the U.S. Open golf championship.

But at last the one good arm has gone bad, too.

So, nearing 41 and discouraged with his play, Ed has left the pro golf tour. He's looking for a club job and everybody in the game hopes he gets the good one he deserves.

"I'm like a pitcher who has lost his speed," Ed explains disconsolately. "In order to compensate for my left arm, I have to whip the club through fast. I've lost some of my speed, so my drives are 25 yards shorter than they used to be and I can't get under my irons the way I should."

A year ago, Furgol suffered a torn triceps muscle in his right arm. Then, to complicate matters, he developed calcium deposits in his right elbow.

It was the arm which always had done the work of two.

For when Ed was a 12 year old, he fell in the school playground at his native Utica, N.Y., and shattered the left elbow. Repeated operations failed to help and the arm became rigid and withered. Ed refused to sit on the sidelines. He played all the usual schoolboy sports, including football and baseball, and as a caddy early learned a love of golf and a desire to play it with the best of them.

As an amateur, he went to Detroit and won medalist honors in the National Public Links championship and stayed there to work in an automobile factory.

PREDICTED OWN VICTORY

As an amateur, he won 25 of the 33 events he entered and then in 1946 decided to take a crack at the pro tour. It wasn't easy. Sitting in the clubhouse just before the 1954 Open started at Baltusrol, Ed was asked who he picked to win it. Modestly usually dictates the naming of Ben Hogan, Sam Snead or some such.

"I like my own chances," Ed said quietly. "After that, it's wide open."

That tournament is, at least, one golden memory he has to take with him.

Because a couple of days later he stood on the final tee needing a par five to win, and parlayed the withered arm and fighting heart into victory. He hooked his drive into the woods, gambled by slicing the ball up an adjacent, unused fairway, chipped to the apron and ran it down in two to beat Gene Littler by one shot.

The years of superhuman effort have caught up to Ed at last, however. But those in golf hope he lands the best club job in the land, for here is a man who would be an inspiration for any community.

Death Claims Aged Fight Press Agent

NEW YORK (UP)—Frail, little Francis Albertanti died Wednesday night in the arms of his wife.

Thus, at 68 after a long illness, passed the wisp of a man famed as a boxing press agent in the Tex Richard-Jack Dempsey-Gene Tunney era of the roaring 1920's. Over the years his feats of ballyhoo have become legendary.

"He died in my arms," sobbed Mrs. Albertanti.

"You know he's been sick for nearly 10 years. He went to the hospital (on Welfare Island) on Dec. 8 and about a week ago they told me he was on the critical list. He was in an oxygen tent and had been unconscious for days. I reached in and put my arms around him. I—she broke off in tears.

Recovering her composure she said "You know we had no children. We just had each other and now I'm all alone. I don't know what to do yet but funeral arrangements will be made Thursday."

The fight that drew the biggest gate in the world—the \$2,650,000 at the second Dempsey-Tunney bout in Chicago's Soldier Field in 1927—was promoted by Richard and Albertanti was the sole press agent.

That was the fight which has become known as the battle of the long count with Tunney retaining the title.

"Worked 18 hours a day on that one," Albertanti recalled at a meeting of New York Boxing Writers several years ago. "Don't know how I kept going. When the fight was ready to start I just stretched out in my seat in the press box, so tired I hardly could move."

"I had a \$1,000 bet riding on Tunney that night. But when Dempsey knocked him down I stood up and started yelling for him to win. Forgot all about my bet."

When Kid Gavilan was welterweight champion a few years ago, Albertanti referred to him as great.

By a quirk of fate Kid Gavilan fought and lost Wednesday night to Ralph "Tiger" Jones in a nationally televised bout.

But Albertanti didn't know about it.

The cause of death was Parkinson's disease.

Sox Sign Big Four

By UNITED PRESS

The Chicago White Sox today completed the signing of the \$125,000 "big four" pitching staff they hope can win the American League pennant in '58.

Manager Al Lopez' front-line pitching was rounded out when Dick Donovan, 6-foot, 3-inch, 205-pound right-hander agreed to terms for an estimated \$25,000. A White Sox spokesman said Donovan received a 50 per cent raise—the largest in the history of the club.

Donovan, who is scheduled to leave his Quincy, Mass., home to be expected to join with Billy Pierce, Early Wynn and Bob Keegan to give the White Sox four starting pitchers the equal of any rival quartet in the league.

Pierce, Wynn and Keegan signed previously for a total of about \$97,000.

The New York Yankees announced that they have signed third-string catcher Darrell Johnson but that the "big one"—Mickey Mantle—got away. Mantle was supposed to meet with Lee MacPhail, Yankee director of personnel, at St. Petersburg, Fla., Wednesday, but never put in an appearance.

The big news at Lakeland, Fla., Wednesday, was that Harvey Kuenn had finally agreed to terms. Kuenn, who slumped from .332 in 1956 to .277 last season, is being shifted from shortstop to first base or the outfield. General Manager Johnny McAlle said Kuenn accepted the club's original terms—in other words a cut.

George Crowe remained the Cincinnati Redlegs' only unsatisfied player when catcher Ed Bailey and pitcher Johnny Klippstein signed. The Pittsburgh Pirates signed outfielder-first baseman Paul Smith and the Boston Red Sox revealed the signing of pitcher Gary Blaylock.

The cause of death was Parkinson's disease.

'4,000' Jinx Bothers Arcaro

ARCADIA, Calif. (UP)—The "4,000 jinx" hung over jockey Eddie Arcaro Thursday at Santa Anita Park.

Balked for two days in a drive to score his 4,000th winner, Arcaro had three mounts for Thursday afternoon, and needed just one victory to reach his target.

Eddie has had tough luck for two days. On Tuesday he had six mounts but he could win only once to reach the 3,999 figure.

Wednesday, on his 42nd birthday, the popular rider had four mounts. He bagged two seconds, ran unplaced and his fourth mount was scratched.

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Commercial Shell	30 1/2	20 1/2	6
Specialized Service	28 1/2	18 1/2	7
Olsen Motors	26 1/2	16 1/2	8
Eastside Elec.	24 1/2	14 1/2	9
Halvorson's Union	22 1/2	12 1/2	10
Carlson's Mattress	20 1/2	10 1/2	11
Pacific Fruit	18 1/2	8 1/2	12

MAJOR CLASSIC			
M. L. Johnson Int.	43 1/2	33 1/2	1
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Klamath Tractor	39 1/2	29 1/2	3
Baraboo Elec.	37 1/2	27 1/2	4
Sixth Street Oxygen	35 1/2	25 1/2	5
Pelican Motors	33 1/2	23 1/2	6

MINOR CLASSIC			
Underwood's	38 1/2	28 1/2	1
Landry Insurance	36 1/2	26 1/2	2
Hafter Furniture	34 1/2	24 1/2	3
Bob and Polly's	32 1/2	22 1/2	4

Gary Simmons Just 'Shoots Over 'Em'

MOSCOW, Idaho (UP)—Gary Simmons, a "little" man who leads the Pacific Coast Conference scoring race, has a simple method of handling the skyscraper hoopsters who dominate the game of basketball.

"Just shoot over 'em," says the relatively small 5 feet 11 inch guard and captain of the University of Idaho Vandals.

Simmons proves his theory merely by pointing to his record. He has averaged nearly 23 points per game in the PCC, which this season is somewhat defense-minded. He already has shattered the former school single-game scoring record of 41 points, and he is a cinch to break the school's three-year scoring mark of 978.

THE EQUALIZER

To compensate for his lack of height, Simmons has developed a twisting, weaving style of dribbling that gets him away from the defense and puts him in range for his one-handed jump shot. His favorite spot is outside the key, and on a good night he can just about make the defense men break down and cry.

He hit 38 points against Southern California and 37 against UCLA by looping his long one-handers through the hoop. An eager defense may prevent him from scoring goals, but it will put him on the free throw line.

He is deadly from there. Fact is, he holds the conference record in that department—48 out of 53 for 906 in 1956.

Simmons, a senior from Twin Falls, is conscious of his skill and accepts plaudits with practiced grace. He knows he is a hero when he is "hitting" but he never has forgotten how the crowd boomed when he "went cold" one night last year and missed shot after shot.

ANOTHER COLD SPELL

He had a cold spell this year, too. He scored only 17 points against the lowly Washington Huskies to mark the beginning of a three-game losing streak which virtually knocked the Vandals out of the race. He scored only 10 points against Oregon State before he broke his slump.

Although he has gained his fame on the basketball court, Simmons also is a star in the classroom. He maintains a B-plus average as a pre-dental student.

"I've worried more about those grades than about basketball, but both have been challenges," says Simmons. "I try to keep my mind on both, and hope for the best."

Ken Venturi, Demaret Rank Golf Favorites

HOUSTON (UP)—The oddsmakers favored Ken Venturi but the weather seemed to favor veteran Jimmy Demaret today as a field of 133 players began the \$30,000 Houston Classic Invitation Tournament.

Venturi, a pro only 15 months but the 1958 champion at Palm Springs and Phoenix, was the favorite to conquer the winter tour's longest course and grab top money of \$6,000.

Weather forecasts encouraged Demaret's home town followers, however, indicating no change in the biting cold and strong wind. Demaret often is at his best in bad weather.

Other favorites include Arnold Palmer, the defending champion, and Jack Burke Jr., another Houston native who, like Demaret, is thoroughly familiar with the 7,200-yard, par-72 Municipal course.

Palmer admitted having a sub-par score on his final practice round and said he believes he has an excellent chance of repeating as champion.

Palmer believes Sunday's winner will need a 72-hole score of 280, even if current weather conditions continue. He won \$7,500 a year ago with a 9-under-par 279.

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TIME OUT

Campy's Fate Still Cloudy

GLEN COVE, N.Y. (UP)—The future of Roy Campanella remained clouded today.

Time may determine whether the 37-year-old Los Angeles Dodgers' catcher will recover from the broken neck he got in an auto accident Jan. 28.

He is in Glen Cove Community Hospital, still paralyzed from the hips down and his muscle strength has not improved.

Harry C. F. Gifford, administrator of the hospital, said yesterday, "The longer the paralysis remains unchanged, the less one can expect for the future."

There was no mention whether he'll ever play baseball again.

Gifford's report said, "The consensus remains that specific predictions can not be made at this time as to the degree of neurological improvement." It added on ominous note that the slight improvement shown in the first week has tapered off.

Campanella's general medical condition was termed "satisfactory." The likeable, roly-poly baseball player with the squeaky, high-pitched voice was showing a great deal of interest in his surroundings. He has been listening to the radio and soon will be able to watch television.

Roy's wife says she's not discouraged—"I think it's just going to take time. Anything to do with nerves takes time."

SF 49ers Slate Portland Game

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP)—The Washington Redskins will make their first appearance here Aug. 23 in a National Football League exhibition game against the San Francisco 49ers at Multnomah Stadium, Harry Glickman, president of Oregon Sports Attractions, announced Wednesday.

It will be the 49ers' second Portland appearance. They played a pre-season game here with the New York Giants in 1956.

Former University of Oregon halfback Dick James and ex-Oregon State fullback Sam Baker are members of the Washington team.

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Valdes Wails Lack Of Title Opportunity

NEW YORK (UP)—"How about me?"

That came in an anguished howl Thursday from hulking Nino Valdes during a discussion of the heavyweight situation and champion Floyd Patterson's next title defense.

"Why I no get chance?" asked the 6-3, 210-pound Cuban, waving his right hand. "I No. 1 contender before and no get chance. I beat Ezzard Charles and he get two title fights with Rocky Marciano. Me? I get none."

"I show everybody now. I knock out (Alex) Miteff in Garden Friday night. I make big explosion and show the peoples and commissions."

The 33-year-old Cuban and his opponent, 22-year-old Alex Miteff of Argentina, attended a boxing luncheon where the heavyweight situation was explained by Julius Helfand, chairman of the State Athletic Commission and president of the World Championship Committee.

Miteff, who is not clamoring for a title shot, listened quietly. He declined to make any prediction on the fight which has aroused the large Latin-American set in the city as well as the ordinary fans.

"I will have my say after the fight," said Miteff, 22, 6-1 and 202 pounds. "All I will say now is that I am in good shape and hope to be at my best Friday night."

What aroused Nino was Helfand's explanation that the world committee soon would take "definite and certain action regarding naming possible opponents for Patterson. Helfand said the "quality" of the opponent would be an important consideration.

Helfand said the world committee presently lists the 1-2-3 contenders as Eddie Machen of Redding, Calif., Zora Folley of Chandler, Ariz., and Willie Pastrano of New Orleans. Valdes is ranked fifth by the National Boxing Assn. (NBA) and sixth by Ring Magazine. Miteff is ranked ninth by each. Machen and Folley meet in San Francisco, March 19.

Patterson's six months of grace for a title defense against Welshman Joe Erskine in London this June. The hitch here is that the British Empire champion must defeat Sweden's Ingemar Johansson, the European ruler, at Goteborg, Sweden, Friday night.

Helfand would not say what sort of action the committee might take. But he indicated there might be no problem if Erskine lost to Johansson. Helfand said he had written his views to other members of the committee and had received their views in return. He declined to elaborate.

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