

Pelicans Host Grants Pass

Klamath In Final Home Tilt

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE

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In their last home games of 57-58 season, the Klamath Union Pelicans meet the Grants Pass Cavemen in a Southern Oregon Conference double-header tonight and Saturday on Pelican Court.

The series should prove to be the highlight of a very successful Pel campaign. The KU cagers enter the contests with an 11-win, 11-loss conference record and a total of 17-1 for the entire season.

The battle with the Cavemen not only gives the firm of Moore, Niles, Robinson, Peterson, Herrera and Company a chance to nail down another SOC championship; it also is an opportunity for them to avenge themselves for the only blot on an otherwise perfect record, the earlier-season defeat dealt them by the upstart Grants Passers.

For Basin fans the games represent the last opportunity to watch seniors Glenn Moore, Bob Niles, Dave Robinson and Tom Ankeny in action on their home floor, since all four will graduate in June. Forward Bob Peterson, guards Smiley Herrera and Don DeLap are the only "regulars" to return next year.

Coach Don Megale, after watching his charges round out their week long preparations for the upcoming tilts seemed enthusiastic over their performances and optimistically stated, "The boys' spirit and attitude seems the best of the whole season. I feel we can expect one of the best all-time team efforts of their careers."

Activities in the Pelican gym this past week have included stress on a zone offense, fast break and board positions. The Pel rebound ability has improved considerably over some of their earlier efforts. The scrimmages also included hard work on some new offensive patterns as well as stiff practice on man-to-man defense.

Starting tonight for the KU quintet at forwards are big Bob Niles, who has uncovered an astonishing ability to score from the outside as well as handling more than his share of backboard work and Bob Peterson, who although a junior, is one of the most competent workmen on the court. Handling the guard slots will be Dave Robinson, who has regained his tempo-

rary lost scoring eye to continue as the most feared outside man on the KU squad and diminutive sparkplug Smiley Herrera, the sharp-passing little player who contributes greatly to the Pel scoring thrust with his ball handling ability. Guards Tom Ankeny and Don DeLap will serve as every-ready bench strength in addition to the balance of the younger Pelican squad. Ankeny has shown marked improvement since the first of this season and can always be counted on to hold his own. DeLap is valuable in his ability to spark a comeback when needed and has proved himself a true clutch performer.

Coach Gordon Prehm's lineup will include Jerry Putnam, Jim Smith, Dick Hayes, Mike Sparlin and Paul Lindquist. Fred Thomas, Pete Proctor and Chuck Rembert are reserve strength that will undoubtedly see a good bit of action. Sparlin, Lindquist, Putnam and Smith spearheaded the Cavemen attack in the first two games with the Pels and were the deciding factors in the Pelican's only loss.

The preliminary tonight will pit the KU Jayvees against the strong Merrill Huskies, one of the star teams of the county "B" league. Game time for the prelim is 6:30 with the Pel-Caveman tilt starting at 8:15.

Saturday night the KU Junior Varsity will tangle with the Grants Pass JV in the opener.

Fights

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LOS ANGELES—Davey Moore, 128, Springfield, Ohio, outpointed Fill Nava, 126, Mexico, 10.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Phil Moyer, 150, Portland, outpointed Pedro Gonzales, 160, Rankin, Pa., 10.

REVERE, Mass.—Rory Calhoun, 161½, White Plains, N.Y., knocked out young Beau Jack, 163½, Boston, 5.



KU COACH DON MEGALE details offensive strategy in this "chalk-talk" session to guards Smiley Herrera (22), Tom Ankeny, center, and Don DeLap as the Pelicans prepare to avenge themselves of an earlier defeat at the hands of the Grants Pass Cavemen whom they meet this weekend on the Klamath court.

NY Expects Mick To Sign

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Outfielder Mickey Mantle and the New York Yankees appear close to agreement on a salary for the 1958 baseball season. The price is estimated at \$75,000.

An announcement is expected early next week from Lee MacPhail, assistant to Yankees General Manager George Weiss. If Mantle signs for \$75,000, he will receive more money than any other player in Yankee history except Joe DiMaggio (\$100,000) and the late Babe Ruth (\$80,000).

Mantle's 1957 salary was estimated at \$60,000.

MacPhail said, "The entire thing should be cleared up in a few days."

Mantle, 26, hit 34 home runs and drove in 94 runs last year. A leg injury sidelined him most of September but he wound up with a .365 batting average.

Mantle has been in Florida playing golf. MacPhail, asked when he expected to confer with him again, said, "We have no definite appointment. . . . He comes to the park every day and so do I."

COMMACK OUT OF DANGER

OSERNSKOELDSVIK, Sweden. (UP)—American ski jumper Frank Commack of Wenatchee, Wash., who suffered a broken neck in a practice leap here Tuesday, today was reported out of danger at a local hospital. If his condition continues to improve, Commack will be able to return to the United States late next week.

BOWLING SCORES

LADY BUG LEAGUE	
W	L
Schulze Tires	30
Jesse Z. Smith	37½
Howard's Cleaners	34
Laura Lounge	32
S. C. Toy Chest	40½
Lee's Drive In	47
First Federal	47
Alley Kat Drive In	40½
Market Basket	44
Santa Taverna	43½
Drive More Motors	42
Town Shop	36

Last night's results:
Lee's 4, KC Toys 0
Drive More 4, Laura 0
Howard's 4, First Federal 0
Alley Kat 3, Town Shop 1
Jesse Smith 2, Sheets 1
Market Basket 2, Schulze Tires 2

High team game—Jesse Z. Smith 1000
High team series—Jesse Z. Smith 2002
High individual game—Edina Greenwood 212
High individual series—Edina Greenwood 350

Hockey

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Montreal 4, Boston 0

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Louisville 4, Troy 2

WESTERN LEAGUE

Edmonton 8, Winnipeg 5
Saskatoon-St. Paul 3, Calgary 0

Soccer Player Dies

MUNICH, Germany (UP)—Soccer player Duncan Edwards died in the Isar Hospital today, the 22nd victim of the Feb. 6 crash of a chartered airliner carrying members of the Manchester United team and sports writers home from a game.

Vets Pushed For Net Wins

NEW YORK (UP)—First-seeded Kurt Nielsen of Denmark and second-seeded Barry MacKay of Dayton, Ohio, hope for easier pickings tonight when the National Indoor Tennis Championships advance into the quarter-final round.

Both Nielsen and MacKay experienced unexpected trouble before reaching the quarter-finals Thursday night. Nielsen with a 7-5, 8-6 triumph over 17-year-old Earl Buchholz Jr., of St. Louis and MacKay with a 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 victory over Yale sophomore Don Dell.

Third-seeded Budge Patty of Los Angeles and Paris defeated Robert Barker of Great Neck, N.Y., 6-3, 6-1, and fourth-seeded Dick Savitt of South Orange, N.J., beat Kosei Kamo of Japan, 6-2, 6-4.

In tonight's quarter-finals, Nielsen is scheduled to play Henry C. Van Rensselaer of Greenwich, Conn., MacKay faces Julius Heldman of New York, Patty meets Sammy Giammalva of Houston, Tex., and Savitt opposes Grant Golden of Evanston, Ill.

SPECIAL RACE PLANNED

NEW YORK (UP)—Istvan Rozsavolgyi of Hungary and Velisa Muggesa of Yugoslavia will compete in a special mile race during the ICA track and field championships at Madison Square Garden, March 1. Ron Delany of Villanova will pass up the invitation event to compete in the 1,000-yard run and the two-mile run on the same program.

Heavys Head TV Ring Bout

NEW YORK (AP)—The Latin-American division of the heavy-weight class dominated the scene at Madison Square Garden tonight when Cuba's Nino Valdes faces Argentina's Alex Miteff.

The bout is very important for both fighters. Valdes, the only man to knock out Joe Erskine, hopes to vault toward a title shot. Miteff, flattered by Mike DeJohn, wants to prove he belongs with the rated heavies.

Valdes, 33, a veteran of 57 pro fights since 1941, was pulling for Erskine, the British champ, to dethrone Ingemar Johansson, the European king, in Sweden today.

"It make me look better," was Nino's reasoning in favor of a victory for Erskine whom he displaced in one round a year ago.

If Erskine beats Johansson, he is supposed to get a crack at Floyd Patterson's world title. But you can be sure Nino will be in there screaming—if he whips Miteff.

The 10-round match is so interesting that the odds are even.

Since bombing Erskine, Valdes has outpointed Johnny Holman and knocked out Jeff Dyer. His record is 41-14-2.

Miteff blazed through 12 straight pro fights without defeat until he bumped up against DeJohn in Syracuse. He went out in one, Oct. 9. Alex came back to stop Bob Graves and Tony Gagliardo in his two outings since the DeJohn match. His record is 14-14.

The match will be carried on network (NBC) radio and television, starting at 10 p.m. EST. Two judges and a referee will score it by rounds, using a supplemental point system in case of even rounds.

Big Ten Star Signs With 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Jim Pace, University of Michigan halfback who was named the most valuable Big Ten player last year, returned a signed contract Friday to the San Francisco 49ers.

The 6-foot-1, 195-pound griddler from Little Rock, Ark., led the Big Ten in scoring and running. He rolled up 10 touchdowns from scrimmage and two on passes for 72 points and averaged 5.4 yards in 123 carries for a 664 total.

Pace was the 49ers' first draft choice. His salary was not announced.

Baylor Held To 23; SU Nips Montana St.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Somebody finally did something about Seattle's Elgin Baylor—and came within a whisker of upsetting the Chieftains, too, in major college basketball.

Montana State held Baylor to a mere 23 points, reducing his national scoring lead to three-tenths of a point, last night, but with a little bit of luck, Seattle stretched its winning string to 12 games with a 77-76 decision.

For a change, it wasn't Baylor who supplied the heroics in Seattle's late surge for a postseason tournament bid. This time it was Jim Harney, a 5-10 senior, who got the job done, sinking a 30-foot set shot with nine seconds left as the Chieftains came from three points behind with less than a minute remaining.

Baylor now has 677 points for 29 games and a 33.9 average. Idle Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson, the runnerup, has a 33.6 average on 796 points in 21 games.

While Seattle (14-4), ranked 17th in The Associated Press poll, continued its pursuit of either an at-large berth in the NCAA championships or a return to the National Invitation Tournament, Miami of Ohio and Tennessee Tech moved closer to reserved spots in the NCAA.

Miami, with Wayne Embry scoring 32, rapped Ohio University 98-72 and now needs just one more victory to clinch no worse than a share of the Mid-American Conference title. Tennessee Tech, though idle, snared at least a tie for the Ohio Valley Conference crown when last-place Eastern Kentucky knocked off runnerup Morehead 91-72. Both conference champions get an automatic berth in the NCAA playoffs.

Notre Dame, ranked No. 10 and the at-large pick that will face either the Mid-American or Ohio Valley in the NCAA's Midwest regional, breezed to a 93-77 decision over New York University.

St. Louis getting a close look from NIT selectors, clothed St. John's of New York, named to the NIT field today, 105-92 in the opener of the Madison Square Garden doubleheader.

Oklahoma State, ranked No. 8 and apparently given a kiss of death when the NCAA picked the Cowboys as an at-large entry, was knocked off 52-48 by Oklahoma. It was the third consecutive defeat for the Cowboys since they were selected.

Massachusetts spiked Holy Cross' tournament hopes, defeating the Crusaders for the first time since 1926 as Ned Larkin counted two free throws and a layup in the last 29 seconds for a 64-60 decision.

South Carolina had just one field goal in the last 4½ minutes, but sank 11 straight free throws beat Clemson 61-60 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Furman built and blew a 17-point lead, but defeated Richmond 88-82 and kept alive a hope for a Southern Conference tournament berth.

Kyle Rote of the New York football Giants is moving from San Antonio, Tex., to a year round home in New York. . . Kyle has a new job here.

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