



IN THE CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP match of the All-Indian Elimination Tournament, the Chiloquin Townies were victors over the Klamath Sons 5, 60-47. Surrounding a Klamath Son player is Arlen Souers (77), left, Dick Souers (8), Manuel Ochoa (5) and Skip Barney (4).



THE ALL-INDIAN ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT title was captured by the Chiloquin Thunderbirds Wednesday night at the Chiloquin High gym, as they downed the Sprague River quintet 74-63. Sprague-men Homer Mills (77) and Leon Morgan (00) attempt to stop a Thunderbird from getting his pass away.

Thunderbirds Win Berth

Chiloquin Defeats Sprague River 74-63

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The Chiloquin Thunderbirds won the right to represent the Klamath Indian Reservation in the big intertribal All-Indian Basketball Tournament March 19-22 at Chiloquin as they dumped Sprague River 74-63 in the finals of the local elimination tourney Wednesday night at Chiloquin High School.

In the first game of Wednesday's elimination tourney schedule, the Chiloquin Townies captured the consolation championship by downing the Klamath Sons 60-47 in easy fashion. The Townies were knocked out of the running by the rival Thunderbirds in the tournament opener Monday night.

Wednesday night in the featured game, the two clubs matched each other point for point until the Thunderbirds were able to pull away for good midway through the third quarter. Sprague River never led after holding a 16-15 lead with about three minutes to go in the first quarter, but the Indians were in the thick of the fight until a third period rally by Chiloquin knocked them off balance.

The Thunderbirds held a 19-17 lead at the close of the first quarter's action and at halftime were in front 37-35 in a nip and tuck game. The third quarter closed with the Indians trailing 56-47 as the trend of the game had been established.

Four points by Ivan Joe and two more by JoJo George set the Thunderbirds in motion in the opening moments of the third quarter and Sprague River dropped behind, 45-37. Sprague River pulled up to a 45-43 deficit, but Vernon Joe and Gaylor Hatcher pocketed field goals to send Chiloquin back into a safe lead.

Midway through the last period, Chiloquin built their lead to 10 and 12 points as they coasted to the elimination triumph. Sprague River's Irwin Crume led all scoring with 22 points. High for Chiloquin was George with 20 and Ivan Joe with 18.

In the evening's first game, the Townies jumped to a 4-0 lead and were never in trouble as they

B Tournament Cited Success

The B basketball tournament recently concluded on the OTI court was called one of the most successful ever held in the county by County School Superintendent C. B. Howe and tournament director Howard Bingham.

"This cooperation of Oregon Technical Institute was invaluable during our 1953 tournament held there. The Klamath County School District wishes to publicly thank the administration and other personnel for their efforts," said Mr. Howe.

A total attendance of 5,230 paid and non-paid admissions grossed \$2,915.10 of which \$535.40 will go for meet expenses with the balance to be distributed among the participating schools to defray their traveling expenses and add to their athletic coffers.

Bingham made special note that the tournament was only possible through the commendable efforts of the various principals, coaches and teachers.

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Today's Sport Parade

Autos Bode Misery For Dodger Players

NEW YORK (UP)—Two missed turns made the motor car a symbol of disaster today for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The first was on Jan. 28 when Roy Campanella reached the end of the baseball road as his automobile overturned. The second came Wednesday when Duke Snider, Johnny Podres and Don Zimmer all were banged up in a Florida crash as Snider also missed a turn in the road.

The outcome of that first crash is obvious from a baseball standpoint but only time will tell what troubles the second will bring.

Because Snider, Podres and Zimmer all were injured in already vulnerable areas, Campanella, still paralyzed in his lower extremities, at 37 must concede that his active baseball career is ended. Snider, at 31, previously was menaced by a bad knee while Podres and Zimmer, comparative youngsters, walked a perilous path because of respective spinal and head injuries.

Snider's knee, on which he recently underwent an operation, was injured in the Florida accident. Podres suffered a seven-stitch scalp cut and a wrenched neck, conceivably dangerous to a bad back condition which pains him constantly.

Zimmer, who once almost died as result of a beating, suffered

forehead abrasions. The key man in this new incident is Snider. The Duke is one of the top power men in the National League, having hit 40 or more home runs in each of the last five seasons.

Duke figured that the off-season operation would give him a new lease on life. But even before the accident he admitted that the leg, immobilized for six weeks, needed a muscle buildup.

At best, Snider said, he hoped it would be "right well" before the season starts.

There was no early indication as to just how much damage the Duke did to the tender knee when he rammed it against the steering wheel as the tiny foreign car in which he, Podres and Zimmer were riding, left the road and piled into an embankment.

But there is no question that the walloper certainly did him no good. Nor could it have done anything but threaten the dangerous conditions of the always-paining Podres and the game but off-battered Zimmer.

Nor can you blame the Dodgers if they wished for the good old days when ballplayers rode in carriages and figured it was a good luck sign every time they saw a load of barrels. Right now the Dodgers could use a few wags full of kegs.

NCAA Qualifying Bids Reopen Season

By UNITED PRESS
After three months of preliminary sparring, 16 teams in the Southern and Atlantic Coast Conferences today "opened" the college basketball season.

West Virginia won the regular-season championship in the Southern Conference and Duke emerged on top in the ACC, but it didn't mean a thing. Now both teams must survive three "sudden death" games in tournament play to qualify for the NCAA championships starting next week.

The Southern Conference Tournament got underway this afternoon at Richmond, Va., with The Citadel playing Richmond and heavily-favored West Virginia facing Davidson. An evening doubleheader will pit George Washington against Furman and Virginia Tech against William and Mary.

Defending champion North Carolina kicked off the ACC Tournament against Clemson at Raleigh, N.C. Other quarter-final pairings were North Carolina State vs. South Carolina, Duke vs. Wake Forest, and Maryland vs. Virginia.

West Virginia, the nation's third-ranked team, should breeze through the Southern Conference Tournament. Duke, however, could run into trouble in the ACC slugging. The sixth-ranked Blue Devils lost conference games to South Carolina, Maryland and Virginia this season but still managed to finish in first place with an 11-3 record.

North Carolina and North Carolina State tied for second with 10-4 marks. Frank McGuire's Tar Heels have won 11 straight games in Raleigh, so they figure to be tough, while State will enjoy the usual advantage of playing on its home court.

The first shot also will be fired tonight in the regional playoffs of

Boosters Resume Club Activity

The Pelican Booster Club will hold its weekly meeting on Friday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Willard Hotel, according to spokesman Don Noel.

The organization, presided over by President Harry Molatore, is resuming its regular sessions after a week's postponement because of the opening of the County B Tournament.

As guest speaker will be KU coach Dean White who will present a roundup of Pelican cage events and discuss the coming State A-1 tournament.

Guards, Blues Win

In Victory League activity at Mills School Wednesday night the DeMolay Blues defeated the Moulting cagers 44-38 and the National Guard quint notched a forfeit win over the DeMolay Golds.

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