

Pels Drill For A-1 Tourney Opener



THE TOURNAMENT BOUND PELS scrimmaged among themselves on the KU court Thursday as they waited for their starting tourney chores against Beaverton. Coach Don Megale, upon viewing the practice, expressed concern, stating, "Up until tonight the boys have been working hard and looking good. This afternoon I am extremely disappointed in the efforts of the first five. They are not displaying the 100 per cent effort that they will have to give in order to win the state championship. I sincerely hope they are not overlooking the importance and difficulty of the job facing them."

Beaverton '5' First KU Tournament Foe

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE	
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Klamath Falls	15 1
Grants Pass	10 4
Medford	8 4
Ashland	8 11
Central Point	3 13

The KU Pelicans, district 6-A-1 first team entry in the state tournament at Eugene will face Beaverton at 9 a. m., Wednesday, March 19, in the opening round of the five day meet.

In preparation for the early morning session the Pelicans, in addition to their daily hard practice, scrimmages have met on the KU court in one morning workout and have another scheduled for 2:30 a. m. this coming Saturday. Practice has stressed all fundamentals plus hard work on fast-break offense and zone defense. Each workout has been comprised of brief, fast moving drills capped with short scrimmages.

According to coach Don Megale, whose charges have been forced to competitive inactivity since March 1, "The boys look real sharp; we feel that the forced rest has done them no harm."

Southern Oregon Conference play ended for the state-ranked number one team with double victories over the Crater Comets February 28 and March 1. The luck of the scheduling draw dictated a bye for the Pels during the closing week of SOC action.

With an overall season record of

22-won, 1-lost, the Pelicans notched a 15-1 record for conference activity. Their only defeat came at the hands of the Grants Pass Cavemen in the second meeting of their first series, by a score of 52-46.

The return series on the Pels home floor saw them gain vengeance by counts of 70-61 and 58-29.

The Grants Pass club closed their SOC activity with a double win over Ashland in games played on both home courts. The victories, which gave the Cavemen a conference mark of 9-won, 7-lost, garnered them the right to enter the state meet as the number two representative from district 6-A-1.

The Cavemen meet Astoria at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, March 19, in the opening round of the tournament.

In the second round of tournament play the winner of the Klamath Falls-Beaverton test will meet the winner of the Roosevelt-North Salem game at 4:15 Thursday afternoon.

The winner of the Grants Pass-Astoria contest will face the victor of the Grant-Corvallis game at 8:45 Thursday, March 19.

TEAM CONFERENCE SCORING				
SCHOOL	PP	AVG	PP	AVG
Klamath Falls	964	82.1	717	46.8
Grants Pass	732	46.1	780	47.2
Medford	800	50.3	790	48.2
Ashland	964	43.3	744	46.2
Crater	801	42.2	874	54.4



ONE OF THE VETERAN TEAMS in the annual All-Indian Invitational Basketball Tournament to be held in Chiloquin March 19-22 will be the Warm Springs Magpies, above, from left to right, George Clements, Tom Estimo, Paul Smith, Chuck Nathan, Chester Nappelt, Carl Wilson and Jim Wesley. The Magpies meet San Francisco in their first tournament game Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Chiloquin high gymnasium. Warm Springs has played in several of the past invitational and local tournaments.

Herald and News SPORTS



How will the Pelicans do at the tournament in Eugene? This is, without a doubt, the top sport question on the local scene today! Or, if you think about it for a moment, not just necessarily local!

Chances are it is a big question in the minds of a Mr. Wilson and a number of Beaverton fans . . . and Mr. McCall and his Grant associates.

There are others . . . Springfield, Franklin, or Roosevelt and about 10 more assorted schools who would give a lot to be able to peer in some (favorable) crystal ball for an answer.

It is only natural for the Pels and their coach to be a bit apprehensive and nervous.

They might well take courage, though, from the fact that if they think they are nervous . . . how about the clubs that have to meet them?!

Our phone has rung a number of times with (out of town) requests for pre-tourney dope on the Pelicans and it has been with pardonable pride that we have recounted their deeds.

Each school attending the tournament has a thing or two in common. They are all nervous, and they all want to win. Much of the similarity stops here, however.

Few of the other entrants have Mores, Petersons, Robinsons, Niles, etc. on the same team.

Unfortunately, the only Klamath County entrant in the State B tournament at Pendleton is from the Klamath County Basketball Officials Association. It's unfortunate for Klamath County in that Al Keck and his Merrill Huskies missed out.

It's a good break however, for the competing teams, since genial Jim Boehl, the banker who dons a referee suit regularly, was invited to officiate his third state tournament. This fact speaks very well for Jim's ability and reputation built in his eight years of calling 'em!

The Pendleton assignment marks his second trip to B action and he has handled the state A-1 tourney at Eugene once.

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PENDLETON — The 24th annual Oregon class B high school basketball tournament opens at Pendleton Thursday afternoon.

Harrisburg and Yoncalla were to start the meet at 2:45 p. m. and Enterprise and Star of the Sea of Astoria was scheduled for a 3:45 p. m. game.

Night games pitted Sisters against Jefferson at 7:30 p. m. and Stanfield against Grant at 8:45 p. m.

Elkton, the 1957 champion, is not back to defend.

Enterprise and Talent take perfect records into the meet. Enterprise is 26-0, Talent 20-0.

Jefferson and Sisters are the only returnees from last year. Jefferson trimmed Sisters, 57-44, to win third place in the 1957 meet.

The 10-game tournament will wind up with the championship game at 8:45 p. m. Saturday.

The tournament was moved here from Bend, the 1957 site. Extra bleachers have been added in Memorial Armory to permit seating of 3,000 fans.

The many standout players awaiting action include Jefferson's Phil Hochspeier, an all-tournament choice last year. He has averaged 18 points a game this season.

Star of the Sea's standout is Greg Moore, a forward who set a school scoring record for the season with 488 points.

Guard Gary Marr of Enterprise enters the tournament with a season record of 495 points in 19 games for a 26.1 average. His scoring mark is the highest of any tournament player.

Harrisburg brings guard Jim Welke, who scored 316 points in 22 games.

Phil Combs of Talent comes here with a 19 point a game average.

National League pitchers permitted 1,178 home runs in 1957. These were 41 less than in 1956 and 85 less than in 1955.

Rookie, Rigney Fan Rumors Of Giant, Redleg Trading

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A pair of home runs by a rookie Cincinnati catcher and a statement by San Francisco Manager Bill Rigney fanned rumors today that a trade was in the making between the Redlegs and Giants.

Rigney, at Phoenix, Ariz., said he was sending scout Tom Sheehan to Florida to look into some deals which shimmered several weeks ago. Sheehan will be based at Tampa, Cincinnati's training camp.

Dutch Dotterer, a hard-hitting backstop from Nashville of the Southern Assn., may help swing the deal. Dotterer slammed two home runs as the Redlegs downed the Detroit Tigers 9-7.

The Giants, admittedly weak behind the plate, have made offers for big Ed Bailey, the Redlegs' No. 1 receiver. They may be glad to settle for Smoky Burgess, the No. 2 man who would be the first stringer for several other big league clubs.

Burgess probably will be made available if Dotterer (.308 with 79 RBIs last year) continues his robust hitting.

In other exhibition games, the St. Louis Cards blanked the New York Yankees 6-0 and the Chicago White Sox whipped the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 and the Los Angeles Dodgers nipped the Milwaukee Braves 4-3. The Cards-Yankees and White Sox-Pirates games were cut short by rain.

Dotterer's second home run in the ninth climaxed a four-run Cincinnati lead. Harvey Kuenn, Cincinnati upring that taped out an Al Kaline and Bill Taylor homered for the Tigers.

Mims Victor; Asks Title Go

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Jubilant Holly Mims, unranked middleweight won a unanimous decision last night over Spider Webb, No. 3 in the ratings, and immediately demanded a title fight.

He wants to meet the winner of the Carmen Basilio-Sugar Ray Robinson title bout in Chicago March 25.

Mims, 29, a veteran of 65 professional bouts and once ranked No. 3 middleweight, said he was not interested in meeting any body but the champion.

The Washington, D.C., fighter, beaten 16 times but never knocked out, started a comeback Jan. 22 by fighting a draw with Bobby Boyd, No. 8 middleweight, at Miami Beach.

Mims was the aggressor all the way last night. He floored Chicago fighter with a flurry of punches in the sixth round for a nine-count. Webb suffered a cut over the left eye but it didn't seem to bother him. He fought back vigorously after the knockdown.

He said later he was off balance when he was knocked down.

Webb, supposedly headed for a title bout in the near future, was bitterly disappointed by the defeat, his third in 29 fights, and said he thought he won.

But the 26-year-old former national collegiate champion was never able to push an advantage against Mims.

Magpies Score 128-54 Margin

WHITE SWAN, Wash. (AP)—The Warm Springs Magpies from Oregon Wednesday night steamrollered to a 128-54 victory over the Ace of Clubs of Toppenish, Wash., in the third annual All-Indian National basketball tourney here.

The Magpies will tackle defending champion Lapwai from Idaho, 87-84 winner over Nespelem, Thursday night in a tilt that could decide the scoring.

The high-scoring tournament was opened by Neah Bay trouncing the Satus Eagles, 112-61.

The individual scoring pace Wednesday was set by Marvin Wilbur with 40 points for LaConner's Braves in an 88-74 victory over the Chiloquin Townies of Klamath, Ore.

In other games, the Umatillas from Pendleton, Ore., overcame a 38-33 lead at the intermission to defeat White Swan 85-73.

Thursday night's action also will send the Crow Indians Saints of Lodge Grass, Mont., who drew a first round bye, against Neah Bay. The Toppenish Papooses, who also drew a first-round bye, will play LaConner.

Bengals Face Cal, Chiefs Meet Dons

BERKELEY, Calif. — It's Idaho State against California and Seattle opposing San Francisco in a NCAA Western Regional playoff that should be a dilly.

Idaho State shot its way into the weekend San Francisco Cow Palace meet Wednesday night by dumping Arizona State at Tempe 72-68. Then, with All America Elgin Baylor showing the way, independent Seattle clobbered Wyoming 88-51.

California coach Pete Newell watched the games in the Cal men's gym and called the Idaho Bengal a team "that handles the ball well and has strong rebounding."

The rebounding comes from Roy Christian and Leroy Bacher, a pair of 6-5, 230-pound Oklahoma boys. Bacher scored 21 points for high point honors. Both of the big men handle the ball like lightweights.

After the first two minutes, Arizona State fell behind but made a game of it near the finish, narrowing the gap once to four points.

Baylor, a 6-6 junior and the nation's second leading scorer, gave the crowd of 4,700 a real show with his shooting, passing and defensive work.

He scored 26 points before coach John Castellani benched him with eight minutes left and a 72-44 bulge.

USF's Phil Woolpert sized up the Seattle Chieftains as a team with "treacherous team balance . . . a fine team without Baylor and a truly outstanding team with him."

USF in a pre-season tournament dumped Seattle 60-51, but Castellani says his club was better now. "San Francisco must be too," he added.

The San Franciscans, NCAA champions in 1955 and 1956 and last year, finished the season with a 24-1 record, losing only one point to Stanford. The Dons led the nation this year in defense.

California, co-champion of the

Bears Regain Lead

BY UNITED PRESS

The Hershey Bears, taking advantage of a part-time Cleveland goalie, have regained their four-point lead over the Barons in the American Hockey League pennant race.

Hershey scored three times in the final period Wednesday to whip the Barons, 6-3, in the only game played.

March Tournament Fever Reaches Peak

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Basketball's March madness reaches its wackiest peak tonight with the NIT busting in on the NCAA big college, NCAA small college, and the NAIA in the alphabetical battle for national tournament honors.

The National Invitation Tournament, a 12-team affair, opens at New York's Madison Square Garden with two of four first-round games: St. John's of New York (16-6) vs. Butler (16-9) and St. Joseph's of Philadelphia (17-8) vs. St. Peter's of New Jersey (20-3).

The NCAA Small College Tournament reaches the semifinal stage at Evansville, Ind., with defending champion Wheaton of Illinois playing South Dakota (the club it bounced in the semis a year ago), and host Evansville meeting St. Michaels of Vermont.

The NAIA Tournament at Kansas City heads into the quarterfinals with these pairings: Tennessee State vs. East Texas, Western Illinois vs. Youngstown (Ohio), Coe (Iowa) vs. Texas Southern, and West Virginia Wesleyan vs. Georgetown (Ky.).

And the NCAA Tournament for the big schools, under way since

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Monday, regroup for regionals at Charlotte, N.C.; Lexington, Ky.; Lawrence, Kan.; and San Francisco starting tomorrow after Idaho State and Seattle over the last of the first-round games.

Seattle, with All America Elgin Baylor scoring 26 points and doubling in playmaking too, crushed Wyoming's Skyline Conference champions 88-51 in the second game of a double-header at Berkeley, Calif. Idaho State's Rocky Mountain champions downed the Border champs, Arizona State of Tempe, 72-68, in the first game. The winners advance to the Far West NCAA regional at San Francisco Friday night.

Baylor's 26 points dipped his season average to 33.3 compared with 24.5 for Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson, the national leader.

Friday, Seattle plays San Francisco and Idaho State faces California.

All set for Friday's other big game Temple and Manhattan vs. Dartmouth at Charlotte, Kentucky vs. Miami of Ohio and Notre Dame vs. Indiana at Lexington, Ky., and Oklahoma State vs. Arkansas and the one everybody's waiting to see) Cincinnati vs. Kansas State at Lawrence, Kan.

Exhibition Baseball

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Cincinnati 9, Detroit 7.
Los Angeles 4, Milwaukee 3.
St. Louis 8, New York (called after six innings, rain).
Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 3 (called after seven innings, rain).
Cleveland vs. Chicago N (cancelled, rain).
Baltimore vs. San Francisco (cancelled, rain).
Washington vs. Boston (cancelled, rain).
Kansas City vs. Philadelphia (cancelled, rain).

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TOURNAMENTS

NCAA

First Round
Seattle 80, Wyoming 51
Idaho State 72, Arizona State (Tempe) 66

NCAA SMALL COLLEGE

Quarterfinals
Wheaton 81, Chapman (Calif.) 64
South Dakota 83, Southwest Missouri 58
St. Michaels (Vt.) 94, Grambling (La.) 78
Evansville 82, American Univ. (DC) 72

NAIA

Second Round
Georgetown (Ky.) 92, Pacific Lutheran 91 (overtime)
Texas Southern 81, Drake 61
Tenn. State 77, Anderson 36
Western Illinois 83, Pasadena 80
Youngstown 74, Platteville (Wis.) 63
Idaho 103, Western Montana 69
East Texas 83, Northern (SD) 57
West Va. Wesleyan 83, Indiana (Pa.) 82

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