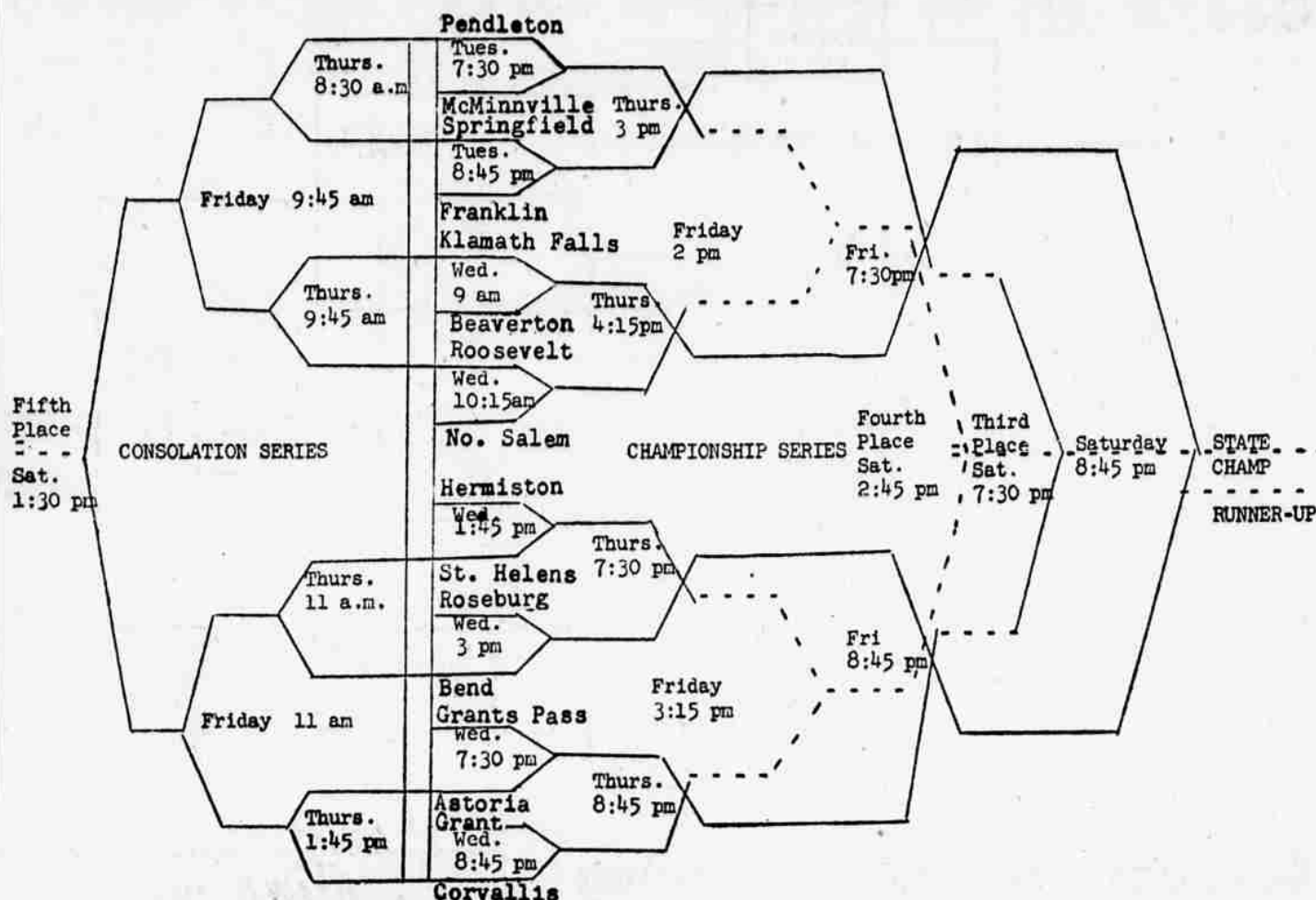


It's State Basketball Tournament Time Again



A PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMAL get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Niles for the Pelicans does not entirely preclude a little shoptalk by coach Megale as he gathers his club around him to discuss some notes. From the left are: Smiley Herrera, on the floor, Jim Hall, Dave Robinson, Don DeLap, Tom Ankeny, Bob Peterson, Bob Drace, Glenn Moore, Dave DeLap (hidden), Bob Niles and Paul Bishop.



Eugene To Host 16 Clubs

At 7:30 p.m., March 18, the 40th annual state A-1 basketball tournament gets under way at Eugene. Pendleton and McMinnville clash in the first game of the five day, 16 team battle for the Oregon prep title. Springfield-Franklin game comes to grips at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday at 9 a.m. the Southern Oregon Conference champion Klamath Union Pelicans tangle with the Beaverton Beavers to kick off the second day of the opening round. Roosevelt and North Salem round out the morning's activity; their game starting at 10:15 a.m.

Hermiston and St. Helens meet at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday to open the last half of the first round. Roseburg and Bend meet at 3 p.m. with Grants Pass and Astoria taking the court at 7:30 p.m.

The state's number two-ranked team, Grant of Portland will test Corvallis at 8:45 Wednesday to bring the curtain down on the championship hopes of eight of the starting clubs.

Thursday morning the losers will meet in the first games of the consolation series.

Winners of the Pendleton-McMinnville, Springfield-Franklin game will open Thursday afternoon's play in the championship series.

STRATEGY, STRATEGY, STRATEGY; as the big day draws near for Pelican coach Don Megale and his tourney bound cagers, Megale, right, checks with assistant Dean White on backboard position assignments, in final preparations for a state prep crown bid.



MRS. ED NILES, Bob's mother, slices the cake for the pre-tournament party at her home for the Southern Oregon Conference champs. Pouring for the mothers is Pelican Paul Bishop, while Tom Ankeny cools his hot chocolate, and keeps an eye on the situation. Assisting Mrs. Niles were Mrs. Dorothy Ankeny, (standing) and Mrs. Ernie Bishop, Paul's mother, seated at right.



RESTING EASILY THOUGH calling attention to the need for wider rooms in modern home construction, are four of the reasons why the Pels rank as tournament favorites. From left to right, (on a full-sized davenport) are: 6-1 Jim Hall, 6-4 Bob Peterson, 6-8 Glenn Moore and 6-2 Bob Drace. The contented expressions stem from the over-sized product of Mrs. Niles' cake-baking efforts.

Klamath, Grant Rule As Choices

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While 16 of Oregon's finest prep basketball teams will compete in the opening round of the 40th annual A-1 cage tourney starting Tuesday on MacArthur Court in Eugene, interest will center primarily on the first and last games of Wednesday's schedule.

The KU Pelicans, the state's number one poll-ranked team, will be challenged by the Beaverton Beavers at 9 a.m. Wednesday while the number two club, Grant of Portland, will meet upstart Corvallis at 8:45 p.m. in the final contest of the day.

It is the general consensus of opinion that Grant and the Pels

person finished among the top eight in SOC scoring and were all four named to the SOC All-Star teams.

The Pelicans, Southern Oregon Conference kings with a 15-1 mark for league play and a 21-1 record for the overall season are rated favorite over their shorter, less-experienced first-round foe.

Beaverton made their last appearance at the state meet in 1956 but failed to leave a mark, as has been the case in their other two tournament starts. They held a 2-won, 6-lost record in games played in the three efforts.

The Beaverton club racked up a creditable 15-won, 7-lost record during the recently finished season, which, considering the company in which they travel, Douglas, Astoria, Central Catholic, Gresham, Milwaukie, Hillsboro and Parkrose, is no mean accomplishment.

In this year's Beavers, the KU cagers will face a speedy, relatively short team that placed two men on the Metropolitan All-Star first team: Steve Pauly, 6-4, junior forward, noted as the league's most dangerous scorer, having counted 266 points and a game average of 19.0 and Mickey Stinnerud, 5-10, senior guard, Sinnerud, a triple-sport threat, was accorded All-Star honors in football, and notched seventh among the scoring leaders with 151 points and a 10.8 average for the cage season.

In addition the Beavers placed one man, Ralph Rittenour, on the honorable mention list. Rittenour, a 5-9 junior guard, placed thirteenth on the scoring ladder.

Jon Bush and Dale Durdell, both 6-1 seniors are expected to round out coach Ted Wilson's starting five. The balance of the Beaver roster will be made up of Bob Heilman, 5-11 senior, Don Keilblock 5-7 junior, Marv Wollmuth, 6-4 senior, Stuart Hall, 6-0 senior and Tod Shea, 6-0 junior.

The Pelicans' season scoring figures:

	FG	FT	PF	TP	AVG
Moore	133	62-102	71	296	18.8
Robinson	100	67-80	37	267	12.1
Peterson	77	75-124	42	241	11.8
Niles	83	36-46	73	189	9.0
Herrera	22	15-24	40	59	2.9
Ankeny	16	16-29	31	32	2.7
DeLap, D.	13	26-25	11	30	2.4
Bishop	3	16-25	1	24	XX
Drace	3	3-7	7	8	XX
DeLap, Dave	1	0-0	0	2	XX
Hall	0	0-0	5	0	XX

XX - saw only reserve action

Points Avg. 1316 39.5

Opponents 989 45.0

Pel Injured

Pelican forward Bob Niles suffered a badly sprained ankle Saturday morning in the team's early-morning workout as the KUHS club was preparing for the state tournament this week in Eugene.

Coach Don Megale reported that Niles turned his right ankle and suffered a severe sprain. The Pelican veteran was unable to complete Saturday's practice session and watched from the sidelines. How long Niles will be out or the extent of the injury was not known at press time.

Earlier in the week, Niles suffered a slight eye injury, but shook it off and returned to full-scale workouts.

are the clubs to beat for the crown. The Whitebirds will swoop into Eugene for their eighteenth title try in the history of the meet.

In 1943 the Pels collected their one and only championship while in 1934-47-51 they latched onto second place. A third was netted in 1946 and they received fifth place honors in 1938-48 and again in their last appearance in 1957.

In tournament play they have earned a percentage of .537 on the basis of 29 victories against 25 losses, and have placed 12 men on state All-Star teams. Center Glenn Moore has been honored once on the All-State roster.

Pelican coach Don Megale's traveling squad includes Moore, Bob Niles, both tourney vets, Dave Robinson, Bob Peterson, Tom Ankeny, Ysmal Herrera, Don DeLap, Dave DeLap, Jim Hall, Bob Drace and Paul Bishop.

The 6-8 Moore capped his high school career with 1,403 points to set an all-time record at the school, collecting 390 points with a game average of 19.7 to lead the SOC scorers this season.

Moore, Niles, Robinson and Pe-

Star Of Sea, Jeff Gain B Finals

PENDLETON — Star of the Sea of Astoria and Jefferson posted narrow victories Friday night and gained the championship final of the Oregon class B high school basketball tournament.

Star of the Sea edged Yoncalla 40-36 and Jefferson shaded Stanfield 54-51.

In the consolation round, Enterprise eliminated Harrisburg 60-56 and Sisters put Talent out of the tourney with a 70-61 victory.

Enterprise played Sisters for the consolation title at 2 p.m. Saturday. Yoncalla played Stanfield at 7:30 p.m. for third place and Jefferson went against the Astoria squad for the title at 8:45 p.m.

Jefferson and Stanfield were tied

nine times before Jefferson pulled away to its narrow winning margin. Alan Nyman helped the winners' attack with 21 points.

But the high-scorer of the game was Stanfield's Norman Evans, who kept his team in contention all the way with 28 points.

Jefferson led at all the quarters: 13-8, 26-22, and 43-30.

Greg Moore paced the Stars in the first championship round game of the night. He scored 16 points, high for the five-man squad which played the entire game.

With the exception of five ties in the first two periods, Star of the Sea led all the way, but never by a great margin. The Stars were ahead 23-20 at the half.

LeRoy Noltzinger was high for

the losers with 9 points.

Things looked bad for Enterprise in the afternoon consolation game when high-scoring Gary Marr sprained his ankle in the opening minutes and had to leave the floor. Despite this, Enterprise gained a 33-25 halftime lead and went on to win.

Jim Victor was high for the winners with 17 points, but Harrisburg's Jim Weikel led all scorers with 21.

Sisters also used an iron-man squad the entire game.

The contest was close through the first three quarters and the lead had changed hands eight times before Sisters took over at 43-44. At the half, Sisters led 33-34.

Mills' Shooters Capture Crown

In the last basketball clinic of the season held for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders at Pelican Court, the Mills School contingent hauled down first place in overall standings in the freethrow contest. Roosevelt was second and Pelican, Conger, Riverside and Fairview followed in that order.

Winners of the individual contests were, in Class A, Eugene Webb, Mills, who shot 27-30 while Gail Phelps of Fairview was second with 26-30.

In Class B, Forest Adamson of Pelican School was first, hitting 36-50 and Doug Stiles of Roosevelt was second with 33-50.

BASKETBALL

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Friday's Results

COLLEGE TOURNAMENTS

NCAA (Second Round)

Kansas State 65, Cincinnati 30 (over-time); Seattle 71, Maryland 67; Tennessee 69, San Francisco 67; Kentucky 78, Manhattan 67; Kentucky 84, Miami (Ohio) 50; Oklahoma State 65, Arkansas 40; California 54, Idaho State 42.

NCAA Small College

South Dakota 55, St. Michael's 37; 33 championship; Evansville 95, Wheaton 93 (for third); NIAA (Small College)

Texas State 110, Texas Southern 83; Western Illinois 86, Georgetown 85.

Bakers Capture AAU Maple Bid

SALEM — The Buchan Bakers from Seattle won another trip to the national AAU basketball tournament by downing Valley Motors of Salem, the Oregon champion, 81-48, here Friday night.

Dick Stricklin led the Washington champs with 15 points.

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