

# By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

Picking up the loose ends and trying to clear off the top of our desk and make room for Mr. Basketball—otherwise known as Winter Madness.

Tonight at Pelican Court, Klamath Basin sports fans will be treated to one of the best touring basketball shows on the road today. The Harlem All-Stars will meet the Oregon Food team of the local City League. These exhibition games are always loaded with laughs and some very fine basketball playing. It would be worth your while to take in the evening's program—which starts with a preliminary game at 6:30.

This is not the Harlem Globetrotters, but directing the All-Stars is Mr. Trotter himself—Goose Tatum, the guy who helped Abe Saperstein make the original Trotters what they are today. Tatum, although slowed down greatly in the last several years from his great days with the Globetrotters, is still one of the finest in the business. The youngsters of the area would get a big thrill out of seeing the Goose in person. If you can make it join the Pelican Booster Club in this promotion tonight at Pelican Court.

This may be the only time a big time touring basketball team appears in Klamath this year. From all indications, the original Globetrotters have bypassed this area this year, at least they are not booked to play here and their reservation schedule is made several months ahead.

It was interesting to note the number of out-of-state football players listed for awards at the University of Washington. Which goes to prove that Oregon, Oregon State College and Oregon Tech are not alone as they dip into nonresident students for football talents.

Varsity letters were presented to 30 gridders, eight from outside the state of Washington. And out of 24 frosh letters, 14 were out-of-staters.

At least it's nice to know we're not alone.

Kingsley Air Base officials announced this week that servicemen stationed here will be represented by what is shaping to be a fine basketball team. As in the past few years the base will have a team entered in the City League.

Other games are being sought—non-league games—and any team in this area interested in meeting the Jets should contact A.I.C. Al Bello at the base, TU 2-4411, extension 212.

The local Air Force base is making good use of its new gymnasium and a few new transfers. Coaching the club this year are Lt. Brian Walters and Lt. Theodore Deaton. Walters played college basketball at San Jose State and Deaton is an ex-Stanford University hooper.

Oregon and other Northwest states will be receiving a sports ambassador from our country's newest state—Alaska.

The University of Alaska basketball team is headed south for some competition against small northwest colleges. And from all indications the Polar Bears (a suitable nickname), have a fine club, winning five of its first six games.

Teams the Alaska collectors will meet include Portland University

Dietzel Earns Coach Honors

NEW YORK (AP)—Paul Dietzel, who in four years as head coach, built Louisiana State's first all-winning football team in 50 years, was named today as "Coach of the Year" by his fellow members of the American Football Coaches' Assn.

The 34-year-old Dietzel scored the greatest sweep in the 24-year history of the award, made by the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Of 618 members of the association who voted in the annual poll, 493 named Dietzel first, second and third. Next to him in the balloting was Forest Evashevski of Iowa's Big Ten champion team, who received only 58 votes for first place, compared with 312 for Dietzel.



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## Tatum's All-Stars Play Here

What promises to be one of the weirdest exhibitions of basketball buffoonery ever seen in Klamath Falls is scheduled for Pelican Court tonight when Reece "Goose" Tatum and his hand-picked squad of Harlem Stars play the Oregon Food quintet. Game time is 8 p.m.

Tatum and his crew of experts combine impromptu ad libs and well-rehearsed comedy routines with enough basketball skill to enable them to defeat such teams as the semi-pro U.S. Plywood quintet while at the same time keeping the fans howling at their antics.

The Stars whipped the Plywoods 63-44 in Redding Monday night before a capacity crowd.

Since leaving the Harlem Globetrotters in 1953 Tatum has collected an aggregation of some of the biggest names in cage annals; a team with which he has played some 150 games already this year before an estimated 170,000 fans. Following the completion of a swing through the Northwest, Tatum and his Stars plan an extended world tour.

In addition to Tatum, Boid Buie (6-7), Andy Shepard (6-4), Ramon Wilkinson (6-6), Charles (Tiny) Ward (6-0) and Sweetwater Clifton (6-8).

Clifton, an ex-Globetrotter and Detroit Piston, is one of the most famous of the members of the club. He has been referred to as one of the all-time greats of basketball. Ward is termed the world's finest dribbler. Buie, who has only one arm, has proved a sensational player since taking up the game again after a crippling auto accident.

Shepard and Wilkinson are both veterans of the Harlem Globetrotters and are highly respected for their abilities.

## Dick Bass Tops NCAA Pigskin Stats

NEW YORK (AP)—Dick Bass, College of the Pacific's hard-running halfback, amassed major college football's triple crown in 1953, winning the scoring title and the rushing and total yardage crowns.

Final statistics from the NCAA Service Bureau disclosed today that Bass accomplished a feat that was last performed in 1937 by Byron (Whizzer) White of Colorado. White captured the triple crown that season.

Bass accumulated 1,361 yards of 205 rushing plays — an all-time high of 6.63 yards per carry, for 200 or more rushes. The 21-year-old junior collected 79 yards on 13 passes for a total offense of 1,440 yards. He scored 116 points on 18 touchdowns and eight extra points in 10 games.

Ohio State's Bob White finished second in rushing, trailing Bass by 502 yards. Randy Duncan of Iowa was runnerup in total offense with 1,406 yards. Rutgers' Billy Austin wound up 10 points behind Bass in the scoring parade. All three played a game less than Bass.

## Portland State Thumps Pacific

PORTLAND (AP)—Portland State showed Tuesday night that an earlier basketball victory over Pacific, a member of the Northwest Conference, was no fluke.

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Serra (Salem) 59, Silverton 17  
Gervais 45, Salem Academy 42  
Beaverton 53, Albany 39  
Lebanon 60, Stayton 52  
Aurora 34, Newberg 33  
Sublimity 49, MacLaren 40  
Mill City 55, Chemawa 38  
St. Paul 44, Colton 32  
Perrydale 71, Valseit 41  
Cloverdale 53, Neahkahnie 41  
Milwaukie 51, West Linn 47  
Willamina 52, Oakridge 38  
North Eugene 54, Sweet Home 52  
Jesuit (Portland) 49, Yamhill 32  
Taft 46, Sheridan 40  
Siletz 36, Toledo 34  
Springfield 42, Willamette (Eugene) 37  
Molalla 39, Clackamas 36  
Redmond 51, Madras 48  
Wyeast 50, White Salmon (Wash) 42

### National Basketball Assn. Tuesday Results

New York 110, Minneapolis 97  
Syracuse 106, Philadelphia 90  
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## KUHS, Springfield Prime For Opener

An impatient squad of Klamath Union Pelicans is looking forward to its 1958-59 basketball season opener when it meets the Springfield Millers in the first of a two game stand on Pelican Court at 8 p.m. Friday. The second game of the series follows on Saturday at the same time. Preliminary games beginning at 6:30 are slated for each night.

For the Pels the game marks the first defense of the state championship won last March in Eugene and also the initial test for coach Dean White who is making his debut as head basketball coach at KU.

In addition to their role as defending kingpins of the state prep basketball scene, this year's Pelican squad is also charged with extending a consecutive win string of 14 games. The last loss absorbed by a Pelican team came at the hands of the Grants Pass Cavemen, 52-46, in the second of their four 1957 meetings.

Friday night's game sees the KU cagers looking for their 29th win in 30 games.

The opener marks the culmination of six weeks of practice during which White and assistant, Gene Strehlou, have worked with a number of different player combinations in an effort to gain the most powerful Pelican squad.

Deprived by graduation of the services of Glenn Moore, Dave Robinson, Bob Niles and Tom Ankeny, the Pels are being rebuilt around returnees Bob Peterson (6-4), Snijey Herrera (5-5), Paul Bishop (6-1), Don and Dave Delap both (5-11), Steve Binney (6-0), Bob Drace (6-2), and Jim Hall (6-2), all of whom were members of the state tournament traveling team.

Added to this nucleus are Bob Lewis, the tallest man on the club at (6-5), Dean Dunson (6-0), Don Eastman (6-2), Jim Parks (5-10), Bill Santo (6-3) and Ron Olivera (5-9).

Their opponents for the opener, the Millers, who are led by coach Bill O'Neal, were also a state tournament team last year but were dropped by the wayside, emerging with a 12th place finish.

Like the Pelicans, the Millers are also undergoing a rebuilding process having lost the services of all but three lettermen, Ron Kelson, Don Johnson and Larry King. Noticeably missing from the Miller roster are Wally Knecht, Dick Mannila and Rick Herman, mainstays of the 58-59 team who were graduated last June.

The balance of O'Neal's squad is headed by Larry Rice, Bill Karp, Mike MacMahon and Clem Herman, all of whom moved up from the JV's.

The Millers have a one game advantage over the Pelicans, experience-wise, having tested their strength and found it wanting a gainst Willamette (Eugene) a week ago yesterday. The Millers lost by 56-53 count.

No player on the Springfield team is taller than 6-1, a fact that will make them depend on accurate shooting and sharp ball-handling if they expect to win their share of games against their 58-59 competition.

## Herald and News SPORTS

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## Spider Webb Whips Downes

LONDON (AP)—Middleweight contender Spider Webb today offered British champion Terry Downes a return bout "any time the money's right" and said he was ready to take on any other middleweight who wants to get into the ring with him.

The offer, made after the 27-year-old Chicago fighter had stopped Downes in eight rounds of a rugged, bloody battle, pointedly excluded world champion Ray Robinson. Webb, third-ranked contender for Robinson's title, claims that Ray doesn't want to get into the ring.

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