

KUHS, Oregon Tech At Home This Weekend

Springfield Here To Open 1958-59 Pel Cage Year

Pelicans Prepared For Test

"Of the 22 regular games we have scheduled this year, we won't lose a one because we're out-hustled," stated Klamath Union basketball coach Dean White, as he watched his varsity Pelicans put the finishing touches to six long weeks of preparations for tonight's season opener with the Springfield Millers on Pelican Court. The preliminary game, between the Pel Jayvees and Alturas, will get under way at 6:30 followed by the feature at 8:15.

Saturday night the Pelicans and Millers will meet again after a preliminary featuring the Jayvees versus the Tulelake Honkers.

In an effort to dispel as much of the "first-game" jitters as possible, White and his squad have worked under simulated game conditions through the last five days of practice. Two night practices have been held so that the players may become adjusted to meal and rest changes; hand music and groups of fans have been added to the sessions and pre-game warmups have also been run through.

"All of the last minute instructions have already been given — the only thing I have to tell the boys before the game is to point out the man they are supposed to check. There will be no pep talk — they don't need it," asserted White.

"The boys are determined to prove that they can go without the 'Big Three' — that doesn't mean that they won't be missed, by fans and players alike — they were here for what seemed like a long time and they were great. But then was then and now is now — we'll go on from there," smiled White.

Picked for starting roles in tonight's contest were Pelicans Bob Peterson, Bob Drake, Jim Hall, Paul Bishop and Don DeLap with Dean Dunson, Bob Lewis and Dave DeLap each expected to see a lot of action. Serving as reserves will be Steve Binney, Bill Santo, Smiley Herrera, Don Eastman and Bob Yunk.

"We are planning to play against two defenses, a zone and man to man but we actually expect to see O'Neal (Springfield) use a lot of zone. About 3/4 of the game I'd say," noted White. "The trend of the game will determine which players we will use."

Expected starters for Springfield are Ron Kelson (5-11), Don Johnson (6-3), Larry King (6-2), Bill Karp (6-2), and Clem Herman.

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Cub Players To Eye Books

CHICAGO (AP)—In what is believed to be an unprecedented move by a club owner, Phil Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs is going to throw open his ledgers to his players.

First baseman Dale Long, Cub's player representative, will fly to Chicago Monday from his North Adams, Mass., home at Wrigley's invitation to peruse the club's books.

"The light of truth is the strongest argument," said Wrigley. "Remove the aura of secrecy and it's no longer a cause for suspicion."

"The thing I want Dale Long and the players to learn is that gross receipts and net income are vastly different things."

"He will be shown just how much our operation costs, where the money is going and how expenses are met from year to year. We have nothing to hide and he can look at the books for the past 33 years if he wants."

Last week in Washington, club owners voted against a players' proposal that players' salaries in the future be equal to 20 per cent of the gross intake of each club. Most owners said that more than 20 per cent of their receipts already goes toward the player's salaries.



ALL-STATE IN ACTION — Big Bob Peterson, a veteran of last year's state championship Pelican basketball squad, returns to action tonight when the Pel host the Springfield Millers in the first of a two game series opening the 1958-59 cage season. Peterson was the top rebounder in the state last season.

Cal Takes On Kansas State Team Tonight

United Press International

Intersectional games highlight tonight's slate of Coast college basketball clashes.

At Berkeley, surprising California runs into one of the nation's powerhouses, the aptly-named Kansas State Wildcats.

The Bears have parlayed height and ball control into three straight wins and may have enough stuff this season to capture another Pacific Coast title despite heavy graduation losses.

Tonight's test will be indicative. The Wildcats downed Big Ten toughies Indiana and Purdue in their first two contests. Six-foot-eight Bob Boozer, labeled a "sure All-American" by observers, leads the Staters. He popped in 45 points against Purdue.

Another big battle pits Washington against visiting Houston. The Huskies, pre-season pick for the coast title, looked lackluster while dropping a pair to Colorado last week. The pressure will be on for a lopsided Washington victory tonight.

Kansas meets UCLA and Iowa State plays UCLA in a pair of Southern games.

At San Diego, four teams will compete in the San Diego Invitational tourney with final action Saturday. The contestants include San Jose State, San Diego State, Pepperdine and the San Diego Marines.

Other clashes tonight will find Montana State at Idaho, Washington State at Brigham Young University, Los Angeles State at

Oregon hosts Wichita Club

EUGENE (AP)—The University of Oregon, fresh from a two-game win streak, will meet barnstorming Wichita here tonight in a non-conference basketball game.

Oregon opened its season with a loss to Oregon State, but bounced back for two straight over Brigham Young.

The game with Wichita, which has a perfect 2-0 record, will be the weekend's sole contest for the Ducks.

Green First SL Cardinal To Ink

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—Gene Green, St. Louis Cardinal catcher - outfielder, today had a wedding ring and 1959 contract in hand.

Green, who will be married Saturday, became the first Redbird Thursday to sign a contract for next year and General Manager Bing Devine said he had been given "a substantial increase" in salary.

The rest of the Cardinal contracts probably will be mailed early next month, Devine said.

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Today's Sport Parade

Robertson, Boozer Top Cage Standouts

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK (UPI)—With the college court season barely under way, Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati and Bob Boozer of Kansas State already have All-America honors locked up today but the race for the other three spots appears wide open.

The amazing item, if you look back on collegiate basketball of just a decade ago, is the tremendous overall increase in height of the college kids. Rare is the team which doesn't have a growing boy of 6 feet, 6 inches and they go right on up into the seven foot stratosphere.

Which means that a boy has to be more than merely tall to get the attention that such height formerly gained automatically.

Robertson and Boozer aren't midgets, by a long shot. The "wonderful O" from Cincinnati is 6 feet, 5 inches. Boozer, who was good enough last year to beat out

Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain as the Big Eight's player of the year, is 6 feet, 8 inches tall.

PICKS PITT'S HENNON

The three players who are this corner's choice to round out the All-America five this year are Bailey Howell of Mississippi State, Johnny Cox of Kentucky and a midget who stands a mere 5 feet, 11 inches—Don Hennon of Pitt.

This passes up a lot of real hot shots. But our second team at this writing would be Jerry West of West Virginia, Tom Hawkins of Notre Dame, Johnny Green of Michigan State, Alan Seiden of St. John's and Bruno Boin of Washington.

Robertson is everybody's shoo-in. The big cat from Indianapolis set a Madison Square Garden record last season with 36 points and, despite a bad back, recently tossed in 45 against NYU. Particularly amazing, in view of the fact that he is only a junior, is Joe Lapchick's analysis that he could "make the pros right now."

Boozer, too, looks a cinch to get most everybody's vote when it comes around to voting time. That is if he plays anything like he has the past two years in re-writing Kansas State scoring records. He proved his all-around worth by handcuffing Chamberlain while pouring in 32 points himself.

FABULOUS REBOUNDER

The 6 foot, 7 inch Howell could come with a tremendous rush if he gets the publicity he deserves, always a prerequisite when shooting for All-American honors. He is a fabulous rebounder and was the Southeastern Conference's most valuable player the past two years.

Cox is the clutch player who figures to be the "glue" man as Kentucky rushes back toward the top again. Frail looking and "only" 6 feet, 4 inches, he is a rugged rebounder.

Hennon is one of those rarities, a "little" man who can play with the giants. He was raised for such chores, however. His father, coached Hennon's high school team and used such gimmicks as teaching Don to dribble with glasses taped so he couldn't see the ball and scrimmaging in galoshes to improve his agility and speed.

Whether he'll make it might be questioned, but nobody is going to stop Robertson and Boozer.

OSC Awaits Weekenders

CORVALLIS (AP)—It may be a little early in the season for comebacks, but Oregon State will try to make one tonight.

The Beavers, losers of three straight on a road trip, tonight will meet Hawaii—another team with troubles on tour.

OSC opened with a win over Oregon, and then dropped its next three games—two with Utah and one with Idaho State.

Hawaii Monday opened a 10-game tour of the West Coast, and has lost to Washington and Lewis and Clark.

Saturday night, Oregon State will face Wichita here.



One of the longest weeks in the lives of 13 Pelicans and their coach draws to a close when the referee tosses the ball in the air at 8 o'clock tonight on Pelican Court, starting the first game of the long awaited Klamath Union 1958-59 basketball season.

The previous five weeks of hours - long drills and drudgery fairly flew by in comparison to the way the last five days have dragged for the eager Pelicans while they sweated out their first taste of action. Just as eager to get started as any one of his players is coach Dean White.

Both players and coach come by their eagerness and impatience naturally. . . . the role of defending state champion is not one to be taken lightly or lackadaisically. The true champion welcomes the opportunity to meet all comers . . . and as far as this year's Pelicans are concerned the chance at Springfield doesn't come a minute too soon.

If following last season's great aggregation is casting any shadow over the team, it doesn't show. The morale and spirit exhibited by the squad thus far is tremendous . . . and it's this writer's opinion that it will continue to be that way.

Coach Dean White's impatience to get things rolling is also understandable. All he had to do was step into a brand new job at a school that is perched atop the pinnacle of basketball success . . . one also, however, that has lost three-fifths of the combination that made this success possible. In addition to his eagerness, White might be allowed just a tinge of anxiety.

Nothing short of a perfect season, including a repeat on the state championship, can better last year's record. Perfection is something rarely attained . . . by anyone.

What may have transpired between now and next March is something only time can prove. The Pelicans, to a man, are deadly serious about making a 100 per cent effort, come what may . . . and they can be sure that they enter the season with the whole-hearted support and best



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Comment of the Week . . . Coach Andy Knudsen after read-

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Owls Host U.S. Plywood, Nazarene In 4-Game Stand



BROTHER COMBINATION — Oregon Tech will be getting lots of basketball action from these two cagers — the Wilson brothers. Above, left, Charlie and right, Leon. These two are expected to draw starting nods tonight when the Owls open a two-game series with U.S. Plywood of Redding.

Techmen To Face Top Foes

Oregon Tech opens a long basketball weekend tonight on the Mile High Campus maple floor, but one item sways in favor of the Owls—they play four games in five days and all four are on their home court.

Tonight and Saturday evening, coach Wally Palmberg's club faces the talented U.S. Plywood semi-pro basketball team from Redding. Then after taking Sunday off, the Owls return to court action Monday and Tuesday nights in a series with Northwest Nazarene.

Game time tonight is billed for 8:15. Other action will start at 8 o'clock.

These four games will complete the Owls 1958 portion of the schedule as they take time out for final exams and the Christmas vacation in the weeks to follow. The next action for Tech will be January 2 and 3 at Salt Lake City against Westminster College. The next home play is set for January 9-10 against Portland State College in the Oregon Collegiate Conference opener.

The U.S. Plywood quint will be led by all-Northern Division basketball star Doug McClary, the 6-8 University of Washington product. McClary teamed with the great U of W all-American Bob Houbregs and was responsible for lots of the Washington basketball success enjoyed in the early 1950s.

Besides McClary, there will be three names familiar to local sports fans' ears. Two ex-Shasta College standouts, Klamath Falls Mike Runger and Ashland's Gene Parent will be with the squad when it plays here this weekend. Also on the U.S. Plywood roster is Ron Mancasola, the fiery play-making guard from the University of San Francisco via Shasta High of Redding.

The Redding Plywood club will also have the services of Scott Ferris, a 6-1 forward-guard from Ohio State and Gary Warren, a 6-4 forward from San Jose State. Bill Giles, another 6-4 forward, played his college basketball at Texas Tech and gave the Plywood hoopsters added backboard strength.

McClary, the playing-coach, is expected to start Parent and Warren at the forward spots, himself at center, and Runge and Mancasola at the two backcourt guard positions.

Palmberg goes into this big weekend shy on player personnel. A series of colds and flu has been making the rounds of the campus, and three or four of his

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Source Says Cronin To Head Junior Loop

NEW YORK (AP)—The new president of the American League will be Joe Cronin and his office will be located in Boston, an authoritative source informed The Associated Press.

The informant said Cronin, general manager of the Red Sox, will take over the post shortly after the Christmas holidays.

The source also disclosed that Cronin had been informed of his acceptance by the owners last week before the baseball meetings in Washington had ended.

Cronin, 52, is expected to receive a five-year contract at \$50,000 a year and will be allowed an annual \$15,000 expense account.

He will succeed 72-year-old Will Harridge, who resigned as league president Dec. 3. Harridge still had eight years to serve on his 10-year contract.

"The owners want to have their new president before the New York writers' baseball dinner (Feb. 1)," the source said. "They don't like the idea of having a lame duck in the president's chair."

The "lame duck" was in reference to Harridge, who agreed to stay on until his successor was selected.

The committee named to pick a recommended successor definitely has contacted Cronin. It reportedly was told he would be "flattered and honored" if chosen.

Cronin refused to discuss the matter except to say that he knew nothing more on the subject than he did when he left the Washington meetings.

Cronin, however, notified the committee he planned to move the office of the presidency from Chicago to Boston after his official acceptance.

In Chicago, Charles Comiskey, vice president of the White Sox, said he would "go down the wire" to keep American League offices in Chicago if Cronin is named president of the league.

According to a committee member, Cronin will request a meeting of the American League owners either in New York or in Boston the first week in January. It will make its recommendation then.

Cronin, a former shortstop with Washington and Boston, was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1958. He has served in the Red Sox front office since 1948.

LOGAN NEW PAPA

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (UPI)—Shortstop Johnny Logan of the Milwaukee Braves became a father for the third time Thursday. His wife, Dorothy, gave birth to a 7 pound, 5 ounce boy, the Logan's third son.

Collier Says Rumors False

GREEN BAY, Wis. (UPI)—Blanton Collier of the University of Kentucky Friday denied reports he would succeed Ray (Scooter) McLean as head coach of the Green Bay Packers.

There had been rumors at Green Bay that Earl (Curly) Lambeau, Packers' founder, who led the team to six world championships, would be announced Monday as general manager of the last place team in the National Football League's Western Division. The same reports had Collier, a former Cleveland Browns assistant, joining Lambeau's staff as head coach of the Packers.

However, a new move in the bid for Lambeau's return to the Packers organization came Thursday with the appearance in Green Bay of auto bumper stickers inscribed "We Want Lambeau." A local printer was said to have turned out the stickers for sale at four cents each.

Meanwhile, a petition drive for Lambeau's appointment as "general manager and coach" of the Packers continued under the direction of Harry Norton and Henry H. Eaton, both of Green Lake, Wis. The two claimed to have circulated 2,900 petitions.

BALL FARE

COLLEGE

Friday

8:15 U.S. Plywood at Oregon Tech

Saturday

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HIGH SCHOOL

Friday

6:30 Alturas at KUHS (JV)

8:15 Springfield at KUHS

7:00 Chiloquin at Bly

7:00 Henley at Merrill

7:00 Sacred Heart at Malin

7:00 Fort Jones at Butte Valley

7:00 Paisley at Gilchrist

7:00 Etna at Tulelake

7:00 Mount Shasta at Dunsmuir

7:00 Weed at McCloud

Saturday

7:00 KU Frosh at Lakeview

8:15 KU Wildcats at Lakeview

6:30 Tulelake at KUHS (JV)

8:15 Springfield at KUHS

TO PLAY FOR NORTH

MIAMI (UPI)—Quarterback Bill Kaliden of the University of Pittsburgh has signed to play with the North squad in the annual Shrine College All-Star football game in the Orange Bowl Dec. 27.

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