Pelicans Taper Practices As Weekend Action Nears

The Klamath Union Pelicans get one step nearer to the defense of their 1958 Oregon State basketball championship crown this weekend when they host the Crater Comets and the Ashland Grizzlies in a pair of Southern Oregon Conference tests on Pelican Court, Friday and Saturday nights.

Other conference action finds the No. 2 squad, the Medford Black Tornado, tangling with Ashland on Friday and the third place Grants Pass Cavemen on Saturday.

Coach Dean White and his Pelicans are returning to SOC play after dropping a "chiller" to the Bend Lava Bears at Bend last Saturday night. The Pels braved a five hour trip in a snow storm, arrived 15 minutes prior to the start of the Jayvee game and then were handed a 62-51 whipping for their pains.

The "cold" crept into the gym, hitting the Pels at both the foul line and in the field, and a little sluggishness settled into their defense.

Upon returning to the practice court the Whitebirds swung into rugged drills stressing particularly defense and free throws with some offensive maneuvers thrown in.

"We learned a lot in Bend — and we plan on making good use of the knowledge," observed White at the close of the Tuesday drills.

"We'll wrap up work this afternoon with about an hour and a half session and then take Thursday off. I might mention that each boy on the squad has shot 150 free throws daily. We'll be ready for the weekend," grinned White.

Despite the fact that the Pelicans fell off a shade from their usual accuracy at the foul line over the last two games, they still are maintaining an overall team average of .674.

Bob Petersen, the top scorer in the SOC with a 16.7 average from the field, leads the KU quint at the foul line, having notched a .729 mark for charity tosses while scoring from the field at a full season clip of 15.8 points per game.

Behind Petersen, in the No. 2 spot, is guard Don DeLap, who has missed one game, a number of practices, including one this week, and has been considerably slowed in most of the games because of a severe hacking cough.

DeLap is under medication now, but is expected to be ready for at least limited action in the coming tests.

Questioned as to the team's tournament chances, White commented, "We aren't looking past anyone. We still are going to play them just one at a time. Anything can happen. Crater had Medford down at the half last week and Grants Pass had no cinch, either. Tell you more when the season is over."

Pel individual scoring:

Individual scoring	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hall	26	22-31	34	74
Lewis	27	29-33	28	83
Petersen	73	113-155	44	259
Bishop	20	11-14	4	51
Don DeLap	72	60-84	22	204
Dave DeLap	19	28-35	19	66
Dunson	41	23-33	31	105
Drace	34	28-41	52	96
Santo	3	4-9	2	10
Parks	0	1-2	1	1
Griggs	0	4-4	0	4
Eastman	1	3-4	0	5
Olvera	1	0-0	3	2
Dennis	2	0-0	2	4
Binney	1	2-3	0	4
Lapsley	0	5-6	1	5
Totals	325	333-394	243	983

Team Scoring: KUHS 983, Opp. 836.

WRESTLE! — Klamath Union matmen Glynn Michael, left, and Larry Bender, right, hear the signal from the referee as they start from the usual mat positions in practice for the coming Oregon State A-1 wrestling tournament scheduled for Corvallis this weekend. Both Michael and Bender collected District titles in the A-1 meet last weekend on Pelican Court. An 11 man squad will represent Klamath Falls in the big tourney.

Kirkland Garners 1st Homer

PHOENIX (AP) — Willie Kirkland strode through the gate as the San Francisco Giants opened training with the declaration, "I sure want to swing that stick."

The schedule didn't call for any batting but Willie did get a chance to hit just before the drill ended.

He promptly parked the first pitch of the 1959 training season over the right field fence.

One of the most heralded rookies of last season, Kirkland didn't live up to expectations as he batted .258 including 14 home runs. For one stretch he was sent down to Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League.

He reported last year overweight at 210 after finishing a year in the Army. This time he's 15 pounds lighter and declares, "I'm not worried about my weight now. I'm about 195 and have been working out at the YMCA in Detroit."

Kirkland still burns over the $250 fine assessed him by Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick when he left the Santurce club in the Puerto Rican League last month.

"I don't think I jumped the club," he declared. "After all, they did give me a ticket."

Kirkland said he was tired and told the Santurce general manager, Pete Zarillo, that he wanted to go home on Jan. 15. That was about the 6th.

"He told me he would call Mr. Stoneham (Giants' president) and that I should do whatever Mr. Stoneham said. The next day he gave me a ticket and I thought it was all right to leave, so I did."

Kirkland and Leon Wagner both drew the fines. Willie has until April 10 to pay it. Wagner said he left the Ponce club because he had hurt a wrist.

Bulldogs Bomb Fort Jones Five

The Butte Valley Bulldogs, using every man on the bench swarmed over the Fort Jones basketball team 59-15 in a Northern California B league hassle at Dorris Tuesday night.

Bulldog Lloyd Logan hit the twine for 16 points to lead the scorers and each of his teammates, with the exception of one, broke into the score column.

Gen Crechriou, the usual Fort Jones high scorer was held to a miserly two counters.

In the B game the Butte juniors were also successful, winning 25-21.

Butte Valley (59)		(15) Ft. Jones
Goldhar (6)	F	(2) Crechriou
Branham (8)	F	(1) Buff
Logan (16)	C	(0) Lamarr
Collins (8)	G	(0) Landrum
Murphy (3)	G	(0) Hetzke

Subs for B. V.: Linn 4, Merine 2, Heath 2, Longmore 7, Magiasson, Copeland 1, Crutchfield.
Subs for Ft. Jones: Petrich 8, Davis 4.
Officials: Johnson, Young.

Thunderbird '5' Nips Price-Wise

CHILOQUIN — The Chiloquin Thunderbirds came from behind to defeat Price-Wise, 58-56, here Monday night. The Thunderbirds overcame a 7-6 deficit at the end of the first period to post leads of 25-21 and 46-44 at the half and third quarter marks.

Dean Shaffer led all scorers as he potted 20 counters for the losers while Erwin Crume and Chuck Ruff topped the T-Birds with 16 and 14 points respectively.

Chiloquin dropped in 18 of 26 from the foul line, while Price-Wise garnered only 10 of 19.

In the preliminary game Chiloquin Parks edged the Beatty Lakers, 63-61.

Thunderbirds (58)		(56) Price Wise
Crume (16)	F	(18) Friend
Ruff (14)	F	(6) Burch
Nelson (3)	C	(8) Whitney
Joe (3)	G	(2) Metz
George (6)	G	(19) Nelson

Subs for Thunderbirds: Parsons 2, Evans 3, Wright 6.
Subs for Price Wise: Staffer 20, Yeden 2.
Officials: DiDio, Mattin.

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Basketball Scoreboard

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Oregon Prep Basketball
Portland League
Cleveland 69, Wilson 43
Grant 76, Benson 54
Franklin 49, Madison 48
Jefferson 47, Lincoln 34
Roosevelt 54, Washington 45

Other Scores
Talent 46, St. Mary's (Medford) 44 (overtime)
Jacksonville 43, Butte Falls 37
Wy'east 63, Parkrose 53
Tillamook 74, Oregon City 42
St. Helens 59, Forest Grove 57
Lake Oswego 71, West Linn 57
David Douglas 52, Central Catholic (Portland) 45
Dallas 68, Newberg 55
Milwaukie 60, Hillsboro 50
McMinnville 57, Tigard 55
Sandy 63, Jesuit (Beaverton) 52
Scappoose 44, Molalla 42
Albany 44, North Eugene 42 (2 overtimes)
Woodburn 49, Mt. Angel 33
Corbett 49, Colton 34
Junction City 72, Willamette (Eugene) 66 (overtime)
Crow 51, Coburg 42
Willamina 55, Santiam 40
Milton-Freewater 63, Vale 41
Seaside 51, Neahkahnie 45
Philomath 59, Sheridan 29
Nestucca 54, Sherwood 50
Coquille 67, Bandon 45
Oakridge 60, Pleasant Hill 57
Canby 41, Gervais 39
Rainier 76, Clatskanie 53
Serra (Salem) 61, Aurora 43
Stayton 50, Turner 45
Wheeler 68, Dayville 46
Dayton 62, Salem Academy 49
Myrtle Point 52, Brookings 46 (overtime)
Yoncalla 50, Elkton 44
Clackamas 59, Gresham 50
Independence 57, Scio 54 (overtime)
Dayton 62, Salem Academy 49
Yamhill 38, Amity 30
Sublimity 59, Chemawa 37

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Southern Methodist 78, Texas 61
Arkansas 59, Baylor 53
Duke 85, Wake Forest 78
Georgia Tech 59, Tennessee 49
Maine 96, New Hampshire 83
St. Marys (Calif) 91, San Francisco 53
Santa Clara 64, College of Pacific 56
Colorado College 68, Colo Mines 64
Duquesne 65, Dayton 57
Harvard 74, Brandeis 73
Westminster (Pa) 102, Slippery Rock 72
Quantico Marines 83, Niagara 82
Memphis State 63, Tenn Tech 60
New Orleans Loyola 99, Tampa 72
Cincinnati 102, Miami (Ohio) 73
DePaul 70, Louisville 63
New Mexico Western 82, Arizona State College 70
Pacific Lutheran 99, Montana State 86
Sacramento State 61, San Francisco State 44

3 League Expansion Time Due

NEW YORK (AP) — Branch Rickey says the "time for expansion to a third major league in baseball is here now, not five or 10 years from now."

The third league, the chairman of the board of the Pittsburgh Pirates contends, "should come about under the structure of organized baseball and with the aid and guidance of the American and National leagues."

Rickey now in semi-retirement, lashed out at major league clubowners for their inaction at the sportsmanship brotherhood's awards luncheon honoring Stan Musial Tuesday.

Rickey brushed off Commissioner Ford Frick's proposal for eventual expansion to two 10 or 12 team leagues as unworkable, and blamed the major leagues for pointing the minor leagues toward financial doom by their quest for television gold.

"I know there is enough manpower and funds available for a third major league and you can be sure the club owners know it, too," Rickey said.

"There are at least 16 cities that want major league baseball and could support it," he added, and then listed two "musts" for formation of a new league.

One, he said, there must be a franchise for New York — and two, it must be done under strict guidance by the present leagues. The latter was in reference to the so-called "outlaw" league proposed several months ago by the New York Mayor's Committee on Baseball if a third league is impossible under the framework of baseball.

He listed as cities ready for major league baseball Montreal, Toronto, Buffalo, Miami, Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham, Houston, Denver, Fort Worth-Dallas, San Diego, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Portland and Seattle.

Solons Start Short Program

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) —The shortest and most compacted conditioning program since World War II starts today when the Washington Senators open their Orlando, Fla., spring training camp in preparation for the 1959 baseball season.

Only the battery men will be present but by the end of this month all 16 major league clubs will be hard at work, trying to cram two months work into less than six weeks.

New York, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh will inaugurate their training season Thursday; Boston, Detroit and St. Louis will start Friday; Milwaukee will pitch camp Saturday and Kansas City Sunday. All others, with the exception of Philadelphia, will get underway Monday, Feb. 23.

The Phillies, conducting an instructional school at Clearwater, Fla., since Feb. 6, won't get started until Feb. 27, when the full squad reports.

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BOWLING SCORES

CHARTER LEAGUE

	W	L
R. L. Smith	58½	29½
Bigs Sptg. Goods	54	34
Sharbaros Pontiac	51	37
McCloud Horsemen	47	41
Weed Elec.	39	49
Dunsmuir KC	37	51
Pepsi Cola	34	54
Commercial Garage	31½	56½

Last night's results:
Weed Elec. 4, Commercial 0
Dunsmuir KC 3, Pepsi Cola 1
Sharbaros 3, Horsemen 1
R. L. Smith 4, Bigs Sptg. 0

High team game—R. L. Smith 968
High team series—R. L. Smith 2898
High ind. game—Bus Clement 198
High ind. series—Fred Pillon 567

SCRATCH LEAGUE

	W	L
Mt. Shasta Lions	38	28
Shasta Lanes Lounge	38	28
R. L. Smith	35	31
Mobilgas	34½	31½
C and C Dist.	28	38
Flamingos Club	24½	41½

Last night's results:
Shasta Lounge 2, Lions 1
R. L. Smith 2, C and C 1
Mobilgas 3, Flamingos 0

High team game—C and C Dist. 876
High team series—Mobilgas 2497
High ind. game—Dino Pigoni 234
High ind. series—Dino Pigoni 553

BOOSTER LEAGUE

	W	L
Dick's Chevron	42½	13½
Crater Lake Creamery	34	22
Klamath JC's	30	26
Team No. 8	28	28
Team No. 6	28	28
KFJI	24	32
Low Cost Food Market	24½	31½
Richfield Borms	13	43

Last night's results:
Team No. 8 2, Low Cost Mkt. 2
Dick's Chevron 3, KFJI 1
Team No. 6 3, Klamath JC's 1
Crater Lake Cmy. 3, Richfields Bor. 1

High team game—KFJI 968
High team series—Dick's Chevron 2781
High ind. game—Everett Lozar 229
High ind. series—Everett Lozar 603

FRATERNAL LEAGUE

	W	L
KC No. 2	57	35
Roberts Hardware	57	35
Elks No. 1	55½	36½
Pioneer Tobacco	55½	36½
KC No. 1	52½	39½
Klamath Gas	49½	42½
Lone Eagles	46½	45½
Sunrise Tavern	43	49
Wright Real Estate	42	50
Flying Eagles	41	51
Elks No. 2	39	54
Bald Eagles	13	79

Last night's results:
Lone Eagles 3, Sunrise Tavern 1
Pioneer Tobacco 4, Klamath Gas 0
Bald Eagles 3, Wright Real Estate 1
KC No. 1 3½, Elks No. 1 ½
Roberts Hardware 4, Flying Eagles 0
KC No. 2 3, Elks No. 1 1

High team game—Pioneer Tobacco 987
High team series—Roberts Hardware 2825
High ind. game—Harold Campbell-Louie Bath 224
High ind. series—Paul Rock 579

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

	W	L
Pepsi Cola	62	30
Liston Aircraft	60½	31½
Steinseifer Elec.	56½	35½
VFW	52	40
Ellingson Loggers	49	44
Superior Troy	45	47
Weyerhaeuser	40½	51½
Malone Chevron	40	52
Rickeys	38½	52½
Bowers Dist.	38	53
Great Northern	37	55
Griggs Foods	32	60

Last night's results:
Liston Aircraft 4, Malone Chev. 0
Bowers Dist. 3, VFW 1
Steinseifer Elec. 2, Rickeys 2
Ellingsons 4, Great Northern 0
Superior Troy 3, Griggs Foods 1
Weyerhaeuser 3, Pepsi Cola 1

High team game—Bowers Dist. 972
High team series—Superior Troy 2795
High ind. game—Floyd Phelps 222
High ind. series—Dale Welch 610

DOUBLE TROUBLE LEAGUE

	W	L
Canaveral Flops	41	15
Rusty Four	38	18
Gutter Strutters	34½	21½
Price Wise	30½	25½
What Four	31	25
Wehfeet	27½	28½
Frolicking Foursome	25	31
The Happy Foursome	20	36
Pin Benders	20½	35½
Spot Shots	12	44

Last night's results:
Wehfeet 4, Spot Shots 0
Gutter Strutters 3, The Happy Foursome 1
What Four 4, Pin Benders 0
Frolicking Foursome 3, Price Wise 1
Rusty Four 3, Canaveral Flops 1

High team game—Price Wise 819
High team series—Frolicking Foursome 2320
High individual game—Jerry Cote 267
High individual series—Jerry Cote 598

COFFEE CUP

	W	L
Houston's Beauty	41	19
Jones' Office Supply	35½	24½
Tower Furniture	32	28
Charm Center	35	25
Specialized Service	26	34
Team No. 6	26½	33½
Team No. 7	23	37
Team No. 2	21	39

Last night's results:
Charm Center 4, Tower Furniture 0
Jones' Offc. Supply 3, Team No. 2 1
Team No. 7 3, Houston's Beauty 1
Team No. 6 3, Specialized Servic 1

High team game—Team No. 7 732
High team series—Team No. 7 2048
High ind. game—Verna Scott 174
High ind. series—Esther Borgialli 455

Sports Scene

BASKETBALL
City League
Conger School
6:30 Al's Drive In vs. Hal's
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Today's Sport Parade

Stuffed Shirts Eye Bill Veeck Warily

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK (UPI)—"Sportshirt Bill" Veeck appears headed back to the big leagues today as boss man of the Chicago White Sox and while it could be a break for their fans you can bet that many of baseball's stuffed shirts regard his return with apprehension.

There are two schools of thought among baseball people when it comes to Veeck. One school, and it is in the distinct minority, holds that he is a promotional genius.

The other, a clear majority, feels that he is an exhibitionist with the heart of a carnival barker and the soul of a medicine show pitchman.

The feeling in this corner is that baseball well can use him. Baseball has been dying on its feet from staid, drab, colorless anonymity. Players have been gagged when it comes to controversial issues, precluding the possibility of new Dizzy Deans and Pepper Martins. The stars which once twinkled so extensively now are practically non-existent.

NO LONGER MAGNET

If you doubt this, consider the manner in which baseball this spring cut back on its exhibition schedule. National League President Warren Giles admitted that baseball no longer has the gate magnets which, in the old days, caused fans in the nether regions to take a day off so that they could boast they once saw such and such a player.

You can bet that Veeck, the Barnum of baseball, soon will have the joint jumping.

Wherever he has gone, sportshirt Bill has hypoed interest. To drag the fans through the wickets he put on sideshow acts, fireworks, races, highwire walkers, clowns, gave orchids to the ladies and during the late stages of the war after his return—minus a foot—from service as a Marine private in the Pacific, he served breakfast to war plant workers.

Baseball's stuffiest brass raised the question of whether the acts he introduced were a sideshow for the game or whether the game was a sideshow for the circus acts. It can be said, in this connection, that the fans loved it.

SETS ATTENDANCE

While he was at Cleveland, where he took a sixth place club and turned it into a world champion in two years, he also set a major league attendance record. Moving on to the St. Louis Browns, he continued his unusual exploits.

In one game against the Detroit Tigers, Veeck astounded and horrified the baseball world by sending a 3-foot, 7-inch midget to bat as a pinch-hitter.

Oregon To Help Outright

EUGENE (AP) — The University of Oregon today said it will give outright financial aid to athletes.

Athletes no longer will be required to work for room, board, tuition and books, said Leo Harris, the university's athletic director.

Harris said today that the program "has been approved in principle" by the university. He added, "But we have not done anything about the details."

The university, Harris said, has discussed the program with Oregon State, Washington State and Idaho—other schools that will be cut adrift when the Pacific Coast Conference is dissolved July 1.

"I would presume they are going to have a similar type of program," Harris said.

Harris was asked if such an aid program was a factor in the PCC's breakup.

"This had nothing to do with it, as far as we're concerned," he replied.

A similar program was advocated earlier by UCLA, and by Oregon State, he said. And, Harris added, the University of Oregon once had asked the PCC to adopt the outright financial grant system.

But, Harris said, the conference always had rejected the proposals.

For years, Harris said, the university's aid program has required that an athlete work 50 hours a month to earn tuition, room and board. This program will be scrapped completely, he said.

Harris said that while details of the new program remain to be worked out, "the whole thing probably would run from $1,000 to $1,200 a year, depending on whether the student was from in or out of state."

There is no indication now, he said, how many athletes would be given such grants.

"This will be a grant allowed under the NCAA rules," Harris said.

"I think the thing that prompted it is that many schools and many leagues have gone to this type of thing," he said.

Will the new program aid recruiting at the University of Oregon, Harris was asked?

"Well, sure," he said.

ABC Standings Shift Around

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Standings in all divisions in the 56th annual American Bowling Congress Tournament underwent considerable alteration Tuesday but all the leaders stayed in front.

Van Wie Chevrolet of Baldwinsville, N.Y., and Vic's Bar of St. Louis came closest to grabbing top rungs. Van Wie posted a 2954 series, just 25 pins short of the open team division lead of Metropolitan Clothing Co., of Dayton, Ohio.

Vic's Bar took second place in the booster division with a 2707 series. The leader is Jones Truck Line of Muskogee, Okla., with 2712.

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