

Pels Nip Comets In League Finale

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE Final Standings

W	L	Pct.
Klamath Falls	12	.750
Medford	10	.625
Grants Pass	10	.625
Ashland	2	.125
Central Point	2	.125

Saturday Results
Klamath Falls 73, Central Point 65
Medford 63, Ashland 42

Friday Results
Medford 56, Central Point 43
Grants Pass 51, Ashland 47

By WAYNE SCOTT
Herald and News Sports Editor

CENTRAL POINT — The Klamath Union Pelicans rang down the curtain on another Southern Oregon Conference basketball schedule by trimming a complete revitalized squad of Crater Comets, 73-65, here Saturday night.

The victory gave the state-tournament-bound Whitebirds, a 14-2 league record and an over-all season mark of 19 wins and three losses.

Receiving the congratulations of friends and players for a highly-successful season in his first year as boss of KU hoop talent, coach Dean White said, "Thanks a lot, but it isn't over yet. We've got

a lot of work to do yet. Sure is a change in this Crater Club — they looked real good. But then I supposed they smelled an upset."

The super-charged Comets, under the direction of almost brand new coach Lloyd Hoffman, battled neck and neck with the Pels for the first half then slipped to a 16-point deficit in the third frame only to have five-eight sophomore guard Loyal Higginbotham go on a one-man scoring rampage to boost the Craterians right back into contention. The speedy little guard counted 10 points in the period and led his teammates with a total of 16 points over the distance.

High scoring honors for the game went to Pelican Bob Petersen, who, although he was stymied beneath the bucket, contrived five field goals and 14 of 17 free throws for a total of 24 points. Number two Pelican was senior Jim Hall, with 16 counters, who turned in one of the best performances of his career, scoring four field goals and eight for nine at the foul line. Comet Wayne Allen, 1958 All-Conference, pushed Hall and Higginbotham with five field goals and a perfect five for five at the charity stripe for a 15 point total.

The Crater quintet scored a brilliant 17-19 at the foul line while the Pels were successful on 29 of 39 tries.

The Comets broke into the scoring column first and swapped leads with the Pels through the early stages until the first frame ended 21-18 for KU.

At the intermission the Pels held a narrow lead, 34-30.

A 10-point spurge in the first two minutes of the third quarter seemingly put the Pels out of reach, but the Comets hadn't quite given up. Sparked by Higginbotham they out-scored the Pelicans 24-18 in the final period of play.

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FOREVER FIVE — Merrill Husky Bud Maupin experiences a little of the trouble that plagued the District 5B winners nearly every time they got their hands on the ball. Five St. Mary's Crusaders move in for the kill. At left is Dick Evans (11), Bob Evans (5), Al Yates (6), Maupin (with glasses) and Roger Hout (3). At right, out of play, temporarily, are Gary Miksche (9) and Husky Bruce Brickner. See story on Page 2B.

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Basketball Scoreboard

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Owl Quint Slated Honors

The Oregon Tech basketball team and coach Wally Palmberg will be the honored guests of the Owl Hoots, the OTI booster organization, at a special banquet slated for the Chuck Wagon Monday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker for the gala evening will be Bill Graham, a widely known local sportsman.

In addition to Graham's talk a special awards presentation will include a trophy sponsored by the Herald and News for the player voted the most inspirational of the 1958-59 Owl squad.

All Klamath Basin sports fans and OTI supporters are specially urged to attend.

Scotty's BARKS 'N' BITES

By WAYNE SCOTT

Tournament fever is upon us again. All of a sudden, the date that seemed so far away, and so many victories distant only last December, is just around the corner.

Only this time there are two title contenders in the county... and the loyal supporters of both who had the foresight to postpone their vacations until their hopes became a reality are chortling with glee.

Their only worries now, outside of accommodations in Eugene and Bend, are whether their favorites can go "all the way."

But first you gotta sweat out the pairings; then each game of the action.

The "sweat" job may be a little worse this year. Both the Pelicans and the Huskies seem to have an affinity for doing things the hard way. They get them done, mind you, but the hard way.

Be that as it may, between Merrill and Klamath Union a claim can be made that no other area in the state can match. Jefferson of Portland might possibly come close, but that's all.

This month finds KUHS in a position to collect its second consecutive state A-1 basketball crown while the Merrill quintet can add a state B cage title to the football championship they collected last fall. Jeff has the state A-1 football mantle already tucked away.

Strange, but a member of the Jefferson football team, Terry Baker, is the big gun on the Democraet hoop squad and out at starting five, Bud Maupin, John Hankins, and Dennis Salvadori, were backfield members of the B grid champ club.

Plus the fact that when basketball is finally over football a d track will claim all three of them until June.

At KU baseball and track also await the services of a number of the Pel eagers, Bob Drace, Bob Lewis and Jim Parks will head for the cinders while coach Dean White, Dean Dunson, Paul Bishop, and Steve Binney swap maplewood for hickory and cleats.

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SEATTLE (AP) — Jean Claude Lefebvre, Gonzaga University's 7-foot-3 basketball import, plans to drop out of the Spokane school Monday and return to France to practice with the Olympic team.

"It's my understanding that he will withdraw from school in good standing Monday and leave for France Tuesday," said Gonzaga basketball Coach Hank Anderson Saturday night.

Lefebvre, rated the tallest player in collegiate circles, wanted to return to France in time for the European basketball championships in May. Anderson said the big center planned to work with the French team, play in the next Olympics and then return to his economics and business course at Gonzaga in 1960.

Lefebvre was ready to return to France last month but stayed on for the end of the season after Gonzaga lost many of its varsity players. Four were dropped for disciplinary reasons, one flunked out and another starter broke his leg.

A group of teammates called on Lefebvre and told him the team needed his help. The big Frenchman switched plans and stayed on in Spokane.

"Actually, he's helped us an awful lot recently," said Anderson.

Lefebvre scored 18 points and pulled down 13 rebounds as Gonzaga lost to Seattle University 85-74.

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The Oregon team also won a trip to the national AAU tournament at Denver.

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California Bears End Season With Win Over Oregon State

BERKELEY (AP) — California's Bears, 1959 Pacific Coast Conference champs, closed out their regular season Saturday night with a 55-52 victory over Oregon State.

The Bears finished with a 14-2 league mark and will meet Skyline Conference champion Utah Friday in the NCAA regional playoff at San Francisco.

This is California's third straight PCC title.

California jumped into an early lead and was never headed. OSC gave them a good scare in the final seconds.

The Beavers had a chance to tie at 54 with 15 seconds remaining but a bad pass by Lee Harman lost the ball. Then Cal's Bill McClintock was fouled with five seconds left and sank his free throw to ice the game.

Denny Fitzpatrick and Al Buch led California with 13 points apiece. Harman was the top scorer with 15 points, nine of them on free throws.

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Fitzpatrick	13	3	1
McClintock	13	2	1
Simpson	10	0	2
Doughly	10	0	2
Langley	10	0	1
Totals	55	22	11-21
Oregon State	52	31	31-55
California	26	29	35-55

Cougars Defeat UO Ducks

PULLMAN (AP) — Washington State defeated Oregon 70-63 Saturday night in a Pacific Coast Conference basketball game and the Ducks joined the Cougars in the PCC cellar.

The Cougars wound up their first year of conference play under new Coach Marv Harshman with a 3-13 record, same as Oregon.

John Maras, a 6-foot-6 junior led the way for the Cougars Saturday night.

He rattled the nets for 23 points, dividing his shots between hooks from inside the key and jumpers from the base line.

Mert Kennedy, who was voted by his teammates the most inspirational player, scored 11 and Capt. Jimmy Ross, named honorary captain in halftime ceremonies, tallied seven and played a good floor game.

Coach Harshman beamed: "It's great to be a winner."

Trojans Beat UW Huskies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Southern California closed the Pacific Coast Conference basketball season Saturday night with an 80-74 overtime victory over Washington.

The teams finished the regulation time in a 68-all tie after USC had led nearly all the way. Washington's Doug Smart was fouled as he sank a basket with 35 seconds left. His free throw knotted the score.

Washington took the lead in the overtime on free throws by Bruno Boin, but Johnny Werhas was fouled and tied the score again. Steve Kemp then sank a basket for the Trojans but Al Murphy tied it for the Huskies.

With 1:40 minutes left, B.111 Bloom hit a 15-footer for the Trojans. Kemp added two free throws and the Trojans then played cautiously to the final gun.

The Trojans finished the season with 15 wins and eight losses.

Vikings Sweep Tourney

ASHLAND — The Myrtle Creek Vikings defeated the Glide Bobcats 57-50 here Saturday night to cap the District 6-2 Tournament and earn the right to represent the District in the State A-2 Tourney at Coos Bay March 16-18. The Vikings, who led all the way in the championship game, were led by the 27-point performance of Fred Earwood.

The Henley Hornets, Klamath County's lone entry in the tourney were dealt a 53-45 defeat at the hands of Eagle Point in the scrap over third place honors.

Henley couldn't find the range in the erratic, loosely-played ballgame with Eagle Point. The Eagles were led by Bill Turner who tossed in 24 points for high honors. Phil Swisher topped the Hornets with 16 counters.

Eagle Point led all the way, posting quarter leads of 9-4, 26-17 and 39-25 as they flipped in 24 field goals to Henley's 13. The Hornets out-shot the Eagles at the foul line, however, canning 19 of 30 while the winners hit only seven of 14.

Eagle Point opened the game with John Nease hitting a free shot and a long set shot and from there on they never were in serious trouble except when the Hornets came with five points late in the second period. But the Eagles went to work and built up their biggest lead of the contest in the fourth period, 49-31, with the Hornets staging a late rally in a futile effort to cut the score down.

Turner picked up his high scoring total on 10 field goals and four gift shots while teammate Bill Hubbard grabbed second place honors with five points. Following Swisher for Henley was Ray Jackson, the ball-hawking guard, with nine.

Pilots Fall In Playoffs

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Yreka Miners Nip Del Norte In Tourney

YREKA — Coach Dick Edwards' Yreka Miners swept through the annual Yreka Invitational Tournament here Saturday night to cap the championship with a narrow victory over the Del Norte Warriors. It was the second year in a row that Edwards' crew had won the tournament, defeating the same Del Norte squad in last year's tourney.

Eureka edged out Dunsuir, 52-51, in the tight over second place while Yuba City captured the consolation round with a 56-44 victory over Willows.

Once again it was big Bill Wilson who led the Miners to their victory, their 23rd against two losses, as he tossed in 17 points to top all scorers. Del Norte's Dan Reid tossed in 12 counters for second place honors while teammate Joe Taylor and the Miners' Alan Eddy tied for third with 11 apiece.

The Miners held a 11-7 lead at the end of the opening period, however, they fell behind at the halfway mark, 21-18. Yreka regained the lead early in the third stanza and never relinquished it, pushing out to a 10-point lead halfway through the final quarter for the biggest spread of the game between the two clubs.

Wilson, Yreka's 6-6 junior center and Del Norte's Taylor, also a junior, were both chosen to the tourney all-star team for the second straight year. Taylor was voted the tourney's most outstanding player.

The next step for Yreka is the Gridley Invitation Tournament which will be held in Gridley, California and begins this coming Thursday. Top-rate teams from Sacramento, San Francisco and Berkeley will compete in the tourney along with Yreka.

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Beavers Win Mat Tourney

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Pacific Northwest schools dominated the Pacific Coast Interscholastic wrestling tournament which ended here Saturday night.

Oregon State won the meet with a total of 75 points. Portland State was second with 48. Then came Washington State 36 and the University of Oregon 34.

California Poly, the defending champion, made a disappointing showing and scored only 19 points — a tie with UCLA for sixth place.

Team scoring: Oregon State 85, College 75, Portland State 48, Washington State 36, University of Oregon 34, San Jose State 25, UCLA 19, California Poly 19, San Diego State 14, Pacific 13, California 10, Lewis and Clark 10, Oregon College of Education 10, University of Washington 9, Long Beach State 7, Linfield 4.

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Boston 5, Cubs 2

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Boston defeated the Chicago Cubs 5-2 to successfully launch its exhibition baseball season Saturday as Marty Keough smashed a bases-empty home run. His two rivals for the vacant center field job, Gene Stephens and Gerry Geiger, chipped in with two blows apiece.

Pitt 6, Mil. 4

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Don Hoak and Smokey Burgess, two newly acquired Pittsburgh Pirates, hit for extra bases Saturday as the Pirates opened the exhibition baseball season by beating the Milwaukee Braves 6-4.

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SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Don Cardwell and Seth Morehead held Los Angeles to two hits but the Dodgers posted a 2-1 exhibition victory over Philadelphia Saturday with the help of an eighth-inning error. Cardwell, working for the first five innings, didn't give up a hit.

SF 13, Tribe 10

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Felipe Alou and Don Taussig hit two home runs apiece Saturday and the San Francisco Giants defeated the Cleveland Indians 13-10 in an exhibition game. Pitcher Herb Score was rapped for four of five San Francisco home runs.

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