

Pelicans Top Comets, 43-36

Defense Credited With Win

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CENTRAL POINT — A fine defensive effort, plus the ability to finally chip the ice off their scoring potential in the fourth quarter after trailing at each of the first three rest stops, enabled the Klamath Union Pelicans to top the Crater Comets 43-36 here Friday night.



REBOUND MELEE — Central Point's Chuck Turner comes down with the ball in front of Bob Lewis, 35, and Bruce Brickner, in a tense moment of the nip and tuck battle at Central Point Friday night. Comet Earl Cooper moves in at right to be of aid, if needed.



UP FOR GRABS — And chances are Pelican Bruce Brickner, left, came up with the ball. Brickner, with 17, was the top rebounder in the Pelis' Friday night 43-36 conquest of Central Point. At far right Steve Binney, 25, stands by just in case. Contesting Brickner is Comet Chuck Turner. In the background is Crater's Earl Cooper.

Techmen Lose OCC Opener To Portland State, 41-36

BEAVERTON (Special) — Portland State successfully opened defense of its Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball title by posting a 41-36 win over Oregon Tech in a close, but cold-shooting affair at Beaverton High School Friday night.

NCAA 'Spectacular' Ends Broadway Run

NEW YORK (AP)—The 54th annual NCAA convention, subtitled "Oklahoma," Saturday ended a weeklong run on Broadway.

The victory, which brought the Pelis' season mark to 7-won, 1-lost, was their first in Southern Oregon Conference action. Their SOC mark, 1-1, prior to Saturday's test with Ashland. The Pelican loss came at the hands of the Medford Black Tornado the Saturday night previous.

Friday's defeat was the second in league action for the Central Pointers who scared the tail feathers off the Whitebirds for better than three-quarters of the ball game.

It took a 16-point surge, including a cool 6-3 at the free throw line by junior guard Freddie Biehn plus three timely field goals by guard Dean Dunson, to get the Pelis off the hook in the fourth frame. They trailed 11-6 at the close of the first stanza, were down 21-18 at the midway point and were on the short end of a 28-27 count at the end of the third period.

Although the Pelis threw up a rugged defense most of the way, it sharpened considerably when Dunson, who rode the bench until midway in the third quarter, entered the game and added some needed concrete to the wall.

Although the lead changed hands five times in the third frame, it was a neat jump shot by Dunson that gave the Pelicans a 29-28 lead with 6:40 left to play. They held it from here on. A minute later Dunson jumped up another that gave the KU quint a 31-28 bulge, their biggest of the night to that point.

With 1:55 left the Pelis boasted their biggest margin, a 41-33 edge, but this was trimmed as each club broke out in a rash of fouls in the closing seconds.

The top scorers for the night were big Bruce Brickner and little Biehn, who each counted 10 points. Brickner, also the top rebounder with 17, notched his 10 off four beautiful hooks plus one lay-in. Biehn, making his debut as a Pel starter, collected his 10 off one field goal from the top of the key plus a sizzling 8-11 at the foul line.

Three Pelis, Steve Binney, Bob Lewis and Dunson added six each, while the team high scorer, Paul Bishop, had his worst night with a total of five.

Binney, also debuting as a starter, kept the Pelicans in the ball game in the first half, collecting three jumpers from outside. Lewis and Bishop came up with the big assist in the defense department and nabbed 14 and 11 rebounds respectively to crowd Brickner. Overall, the KU five outbounded the unpredictable Comet quintet, 50-28.

The Central Pointers were led by Dave Sharp and Earl Cooper who hit nine and eight points respectively. The top rebounding stint for the Comets was turned in by Dennis Edwards who hauled in eight. Chuck Turner was next with seven.

After hitting only five of 28 shots from the floor in the first period, the Pelis warmed up for a nine of 23 in the second half. Their percentage was .276 overall. The Comets hit 7-28 during the first two periods but slipped to only three good ones in 27 tries during the last two. Their mark for the night was .381.

"Our defense was what pulled this one out," was coach Dean White's post-game comment. "This Crater crew is tough and determined — they'll win quite a few ball games before this season is done."

The box score:
KUHUS (43) FG FT PF TP
Brickner 5 0-1 2 10
Binney 3 0-0 3 6
Lewis 1 4-6 4 6
Bishop 1 3-5 0 5
Biehn 1 8-11 3 10
Dunson 3 0-2 2 6
TOTALS 14 15-23 14 43

CRATER (36) FG FT PF TP
Cooper 3 2-3 3 8
Edwards 2 1-3 3 6
Turner 1 5-8 4 7
Higinbotham 1 3-4 1 5
White 0 0-0 0 0
Sharp 2 5-9 5 9
Johnson 1 0-0 1 2
TOTALS 10 16-22 17 38
Halftime score: Crater 21, KUHS 16
Officials: Zarosinski and Flink.

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington lost its third squeaker in Big Five conference basketball play Friday night when Southern California eked out a 53-52 victory in the last minute of play.

With center Bill Hanson leading the way, the Huskies bounced to an 11 point lead at one point in the first period and had a 24-21 edge at halftime.

Malin Drops Merrill; Bonanza Antlers Win

fill Huskies 66-38 on the Huskies' home court Friday night.
In other league action the Bonanza Antlers climbed into a tie for second place with the Merrill quintet by virtue of a last-second 39-38 victory over the Panthers at Chilchiquin.

Non-counting games Friday saw the Henley Hornets jell an attack that dumped the Sacred Heart Trojans 56-42 while the Bly Bobcats fell before the Paisley Broncos 40-17.

Mustangs Stampede
Led by sharp-shooter Randy Miller who blitzed his way to a 21-point total for the night off eight neat field goals and a perfect 5-5 at the foul line the Mustangs got away to an 18-7 edge in the first quarter and never looked back. They led 30-14 at the half and 45 to 27 at the close of the third quarter.

The Merrill quintet, obviously missing the services of Bruce Brickner now at KU, were effectively controlled by the Malin five on the boards, and, although they shot a torrid 500 from the field, the Mustangs got the bulk of the shots.

At the foul line the Malin five counted 14-20 while Merrill managed 6-15.
The box score:
Merrill (38) — Carlton 5, Haskins 6, Fields 6, Salvadori 8, Beasley 6, Artery 2, Chance 2, Parnell 2, and Wilson 1.

Malin (66) — Long 18, Illian 6, DeMerritt 10, Miller 21, Rick 6, Slatinsky 3, and Brown 2.

Bonanza 39, Chil. 38
Due to the efforts of speedy Jim O'Conner and Chester Schooler Bonanza appeared ready to make a rout of the game by leading 14-4 at the end of the first quarter. The roof caved in as they failed to score a point until there was just three minutes remaining in the first half. Chilchiquin bounced back into contention by a five-point spurge by Ron Hoggarth to close the gap 22-18 as the half ended.

Chilchiquin continued the pressure, outscoring the Bonanzans in both the third and fourth frames. They were short two, 29-27 at the end of the third canto.

Bonanza, utilizing a trio of Jayvees, one of which, Danny Ellis, counted three consecutive howitzers in the closing stages of the game. Game high scorer Schooler, who totaled 13, intercepted a pass with 15 seconds left on the clock and scooted for the winning bucket.

The box score:
Yreka (68) — Eddy 9, Severson 5, Wilson 20, Sanford 2, Gresham 20, Hill 2, Gied 2, Russell 2, Conroy 4, and R. Gresham.

Dunsmuir (41) — Crowe 4, Loney 4, Sirianni 4, Hawkins 5, Fruilan 5, Mazzei 2, Jordan 8, Edson 4, Seed 2, Grant 2, Baldo 1.

Foss Appeals To Owners
DALLAS (AP)—Joe Foss, commissioner of the American Football League, has made a direct appeal to the owners of National Football League clubs not to destroy his fledgling pro circuit.

Lamar Hunt, founder of the AFL and owner of the Dallas club in the new loop, Friday made public a letter which Foss sent Wednesday to the 12 NFL club owners and Austin H. Gunsel, acting commissioner of the NFL.

Foss in his letter charged that NFL leaders drove the AFL out of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and that "the same wrecking crew has intensified its efforts against the new AFL team in Dallas."

The AFL commissioner said that if the NFL sincerely wants to expand, it can and should direct its efforts toward cities which the AFL does not propose to serve.

"We earnestly desire to be your good neighbor, working in parallel enterprise to promote professional football," Foss wrote.

Yreka Five Whips Tiger In Dunsmuir

DUNSMUIR (Special) — The unbeaten Yreka Miners extended their season win streak to nine straight when they rolled over the smaller Dunsmuir Tigers 68-41 in a Siskiyou League counter here Friday night.

Spearheaded by identical 20 point efforts by big Bill Wilson, 6-5, and Gary Gresham, 6-0, the Miners commanded the boards all the way and scored on 34 per cent of the 81 shots they took from the field.

The defeat was the first in league play for the Dunsmuir five, leaving them with a 3-3 mark for overall play and a 1-1 in the conference.

Coach Dick Edwards' vaunted Yreka got a 20-11 jump in the first stanza, broke even with the Tigers in the second period which ended 35-26 and started their big pullaway in the third frame which ended 52-32.

A former second-stringer, Wilbur Jordan, a junior, came into his own, collecting eight valuable points, leading the Dunsmuir quint. All eleven of the Dunsmuir players got into the ball game, and each scored. Tigers Murray Crowe and Tom Loney, the usual point leaders were held to four points apiece.

Much of the Yreka success, aside from the scoring punch of Gresham and Wilson, was attributed to the fact that the Miners average 6-3 for the starting five. Crowe, the tallest Tiger, is 6-2.

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High team series—Bills Tavern 27-30
High ind. game—Piedmont 26-28
High ind. series—Jerry Cole 506

LADIES CHARTER LEAGUE
Canyon Bakery 37 23
ESCO TV 36 24
Dunsmuir Mixers 35 21
Rainbow Club 32 28
Capri Shop 31 29
VFW 29 31
Ski Bowl Coffee 23 37
McCloud TV 13 47

WEDNESDAY RESULTS:
Maurys 3, Pelican 1
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Sportman 3, Sixth St. Oxygen 1
Laraboo 3, Vallier's 1
M. L. Johnson 3, K. Tractor 1

High team game—Pelican 987
High team series—Maurys 2819
High ind. game—Earl Taber 254
High ind. series—Eli Ross 642

MINOR CLASSIC
Summers Lane Richfield 40 24
Western Thrift 3, Landry Inc. 40 33
Backes & Daggett Ins. 39 34
Kinama Mills 38 38
W. A. Lewis 38 38
Haps Photo 33 27
Grems Manufacturing Co. 34 41 1/2
Landry Insurance 31 41 1/2
Bing's Cafe 24 51 1/2
Spud Cellar 24 51 1/2

WEDNESDAY RESULTS:
Backes and Daggett 4, Grems 0
Western Thrift 3, Landry Inc. 1
W. A. Lewis 3, Bing's Cafe 2
City Center 2 1/2, Winema Mills 1 1/2
Herald and News 3, S. L. Richfield 1

High team game—Landry 948
High team series—Herald and News 2668
High ind. game—Carl Peterson 259
High ind. series—Joe Wachter 639

AUTOMOTIVE LEAGUE
Basin Motors 40 1/2
Specialized Service 40 1/2
Halvorsen Union 48 28
Motor Investment 43 1/2
Mobil Gas 40 36
Jim Winder Bulck 37 39
East Side Electric 35 41
Blaisier Motor 31 45 1/2
Olson Motors 31 45 1/2
Carlson Mattress 29 47
Interstate 29 47
Pacific Fruit 20 56

WEDNESDAY RESULTS:
Blaisier Motors 3, Interstate 1
Jim Winder 3, East Side Electric 1
Halvorsen Union 4, Pacific Fruit 0
Mobil Gas 3, Olson Motors 1
Basin Motors 2, Motor Investment 2
Specialized Service 4, Carlson Mattress 0

High team game—Motor Invest. 968
High team series—Halvorsen 2004
High ind. game—Jack Vaughn 222
High ind. series—Bill Hawley 578

BASIN LEAGUE
Kaler Auto Service 59 1/2
Merit Service Supply 56 1/2
Acme Concrete 51 1/2
City Center Lodge 44 32
Bills Tavern 38 1/2
Schulze Tires 38 38
U.S. National Bank 38 48
Swift & Co. 30 46
Crater Lake Machinery 30 46
H. R. P. 29 46 1/2
National Guard 28 47 1/2
National Guard Officers 16 69

WEDNESDAY RESULTS:
U.S. National 2, Swift & Co. 2
Kaler's 4, National Guard Officers 0
Acme Concrete 2, Schulze Tires 2
Crater Lake Mach. 4, City Center 0
Merit Service Supply 3, National Gd. 1
Bills Tavern 2, H. R. P. 2

High team game—Bills Tavern 968

High team series—Mike-Tony's 827
High ind. game (men)—Paul Hamilton 206
High ind. series (women)—Paul Hamrell 178
High ind. game (women)—Anne Dorrell 178
High ind. series (women)—Molly Witt 163

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