



By WAYNE SCOTT

The Klamath Falls Park & Recreation department sponsored baseball coaches' clinic held here this past week was proclaimed a huge success by George Price and Fred Freidell, who were chiefly responsible for Don Kirsch's visit.

In between sessions we got a chance to visit with Kirsch, who has been in charge of the U of O baseball fortunes for nearly 13 years. Kirsch was enthused over our summer baseball program but he commented wryly that college baseball would be a lot better if the biggest proportion of the available talent didn't pass up school for a bonus offer from the majors. He admitted though that the overall picture was being improved by the Little League, Babe Ruth and other leagues.

Kirsch is expecting big things from Denny Peterson this season. The diminutive Klamath Falls pitcher, who spent his prep days in The Dalles, is the only boy on the club who hails from our area now.

Speaking of baseball and the Parks and Recreation Department, director George Price has a great idea for Conger Field. Given a chance Price will arrange the field so that the stands and bleachers are moved to the center thereby providing an additional diamond and preventing the usual collisions between the outfielders.

We're still getting letters . . . happily.

The first one this week comes from Ron (Tank) Mullanix, who fullbacked the Malik Mustangs last fall. It follows:

"Dear Wayne, Have you ever been in a poker game when, around 5 a.m., someone suggests that in order to break up the game you play one last hand, the winner to take all? So far this is all right—all except for one minor detail. One player has \$300 at stake and each of the others has five or six.

Can you honestly say this would be fair? I'm sure your answer would be "No, it's ridiculous. That would be mine, too.

Yet every year at the end of the basketball season the "B" tournament to make the already league champ prove he is still top gun.

With the competition as stiff as it is around here, and the flu just as contagious as ever, there is only a 50-50 chance that the best team will get to go ahead and represent the county in the district and state playoffs.

You probably guessed that I am from Malin. We have the team named "Everything-to-lose, nothing-to-win." Luckily, this year we have nothing to cry over. We won. But how about next year or the year after? Maybe Merrill, Malin, Chiloquin, etc., will be hurt.

But, as I see it, everyone should cry "Hooray" these "showdown" tournaments come to a halt.

A possible solution might be the one used in Jackson County where the tournament winner, if not the regular league winner, has to play the league winner for the right to represent the sub-district.

Sincerely, Ron Mullanix

P.S.—This letter is my personal opinion and has nothing to do with the school's policy.

I can see Ron's point and so can a number of others, among these some of the County B school officials. Frankly, most agree it's not essentially a fair arrangement.

But, they also agree on one big point in the tourney's favor. It's one of the few ways in which the county schools may take in money necessary to the athletic program. There are undoubtedly some other reasons as well, but this one sticks out.

Perhaps, however, those in charge might consider Ron's suggested solution.

Of course, I've heard it said, "The real league champion will win the tourney regardless." But Malin came close to missing out this year.

Another letter, this from Bob Kelner, who is completing his first year at the helm of the Bly Bobcat athletic fortunes:

"Dear Wayne, In a similar letter written to Supt. Carrol B. Howe of the Klamath County School System, I have asked him to accept my resignation effective the end of the school year.

To summarize a bit — I feel that the season has been a nightmare and that I no longer could serve the Bly school and community effectively as coach.

My plans are indefinite at the present, although having spent five years in coaching I hope to continue in the same capacity.

Previous to this year I had never had a losing season where more games were lost than won.

I, as a member of the Bly school staff, want to thank you for the help and assistance you have given us during the season. I certainly have reason for high regard for the people of the press after a year like this.

Sincerely, Robert D. Kelner

Basketball this year for Bly must have been just what Kelner said it was, "a nightmare."

As everyone knows the sport has belonged to the big man for quite



IRV WHITT . . . not this year

some time and there is virtually no chance that it will ever return to the little guy. But this season at Bly there was not a player on the complete roster that went over 5-8, unless it was Jim Tikkanen who appeared just a shade taller than that.

Without any trace of contradiction, I can safely say that the club, in spite of the tremendous odds against it, took a courageous stand at every game and never

Kelner's desire to move is understandable . . . but regrettable.

A third letter . . . another that we kind of hated to receive: "Dear Wayne,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the loyal supporters that have backed the Klamath Kubs over the last three years. There weren't a great number of them but what there were missed very few games.

The Kubs were never a 'prestige' ball team as some others before them were meant to be, but they won from some of the finest semi-pro teams on the West Coast. In the Kubs' second year there was assembled no finer group of young athletes. That year the Kubs beat Drain, Oregon, the club that went on to become the US NBC champions.

We had to have support to reach these heights. Interest is now waning . . . I fear for the club's existence this coming summer.

Personally I am stepping out of the picture now as manager of the team, as I promised I would prior to the end of last season.

I feel that the Klamath Falls sport program is definitely on the right track, but at the same time I fail to see successful ending to a good start when there is no place for graduating Babe Ruth and American Legion ball players to continue their careers locally.

Something I need to get off my chest . . . I think the meaning of competition is being distorted here.

An athlete should have to prove himself worthy from season to season. He shouldn't be given a place on a team just because of what he had done last year. He may have set records but there are always boys moving up who wish a chance to crack those records. They should be given that chance.

Thanks again to all the supporters the Kubs have enjoyed these last seasons.

Sincerely, Irv Whitt, Klamath Kubs Manager."

Whitt has served the community well . . . I can remember each year that he promised to quit but we always managed somehow to convince him to stick around for just one more season. This year it looks as if we might lose him for real.

I have a hunch, however, that he might lead someone a very able hand should he wish to take over.

I agree with Irv that even though we will have probably two American Legion teams this season, there is little future for local talent beyond that point. Does seem kind of a shame . . .

Maybe semi-pro ball won't be missed here . . . but, then I wonder. Time will tell.

HIT TOO WELL

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—Too many home runs have resulted in the banning of baseball at one city-owned lot here. Officials said players were chasing the balls out of the vacant lot into traffic on two busy streets nearby.

Crater Crunched; Pels Clear Bench

By FLOYD WYNNE Herald & News City Editor

A methodical KU Pelican team proved its right to second place ranking in the Southern Oregon Conference Saturday night as they smashed the invading Crater Comets of Central Point 77 to 52 on Pelican court.

It was a ball game for six minutes of the first quarter, with the lead changing hands several times. Crater's Chuck Turner opened the game's scoring to give Crater a lead which they relinquished at 6 to 5.

After the game had been knotted at 11-all, the Pels stepped away to a convincing lead. Bob Lewis dropped in two gift tosses, Paul Bishop countered from outside, Gary Patzke pushed one in from

underneath and Lewis converted another free toss to run the count to 18 to 11 at the end of the initial stanza.

From that point on the Pelicans were never in difficulties, and coach Dean White employed his entire bench of 13 players liberally throughout the combat.

Bob Lewis scored twice to open the second quarter, running the Pels lead to 22 to 11. It represented 12 straight points by Klamath without a counter from the invaders.

Dave Sharpe who played an excellent game for the Comets and who was high point man for the game with 19, finally snapped the Pel scoring streak with a two-pointer.

The victory was sweet for the Pelicans following their loss to Medford last week, but the win was not needed to put KU in the state tournament two weeks from now in Eugene. Medford took care of that when they disposed of Crater in a clash last night.

Steve Binney turned in high point honors for the Pelicans and displayed excellent range from the free throw line. He converted eight-for-eight charity tosses and added three field goals for a game total of 14.

Lewis also had a busy time at the gift line where he scored six of eight tosses, adding three field goals for 12 points. Patzke was one behind with 11, scored on four field goals and three-for-four from the foul line.

Sharp had a perfect night also from the free throw line with three for three, but provided his scoring bulge from the field on eight occasions for his 19 point game honors. He was the only Comet to hit for double figures.

The win was the 16th for coach Dean White's charges against four losses.

They close out their season next week, journeying to Ashland to meet the Grizzlies on Friday night, and bringing down the regular season at Pelican Court Saturday night against the Grants Pass Cavemen.

The boxscore:

PLAYER (pts)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Cooper	2	1-3	5	5
Edwards	2	1-1	4	5
Turner	1	1-3	2	2
Hagenbohm	3	2-2	2	2
White	0	1-2	0	1
Sharp	8	3-3	2	19
Bishop	3	1-2	0	7
Johnson	2	1-2	1	5
Ashern, B	1	2-2	1	5
Woods	0	0-1	1	0

TOTALS	FG	FT	PF	TP
KU (77)	21	23-30	19	52
Crater	11	8	14	18-27

OREGON PREP BASKETBALL

Estacada 72, Corbett 48
Nestucca 55, Sheridan 37
Philomath 41, Dayton 22
Medford 78, Ashland 37
Springfield 73, Willamette (Eugene) 41
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Myrtle Point 63, Brookings 46
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Basketball Scoreboard

College Basketball

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Illinois 85, Iowa 70
Maryland 72, South Carolina 66
Oklahoma 58, Kansas State 35
Navy 69, Army 57
Drake 72, North Texas State 50
Indiana 78, Minnesota 74
Tennessee 65, Kentucky 63
Michigan 72, Michigan State 65
Ohio State 97, Wisconsin 58
Temple 68, St. John's (NY) 63

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Southern Conference Tournament

West Virginia 82, Virginia Tech 72 (championship)

North Carolina 75, Duke 50
Bowling Green 90, Marshall (WV) 86
Northwestern 68, Purdue 66
Detroit 101, Seton Hall 77
Dayton 64, Eastern Kentucky 31
Cincinnati 97, Wichita 76
Loyola (Chicago) 82, Manhattan 80
Penn 84, Harvard 54
Connecticut 44, Vermont 73

Virginia Tech, Washington and Lee 39

Princeton 77, Dartmouth 67
New Hampshire 87, Massachusetts 79
Cornell 76, Yale 59
Brown 63, Columbia 55
Oregon 68, Idaho 46

California 62, Oregon State 47
Iowa State 83, Colorado 80 (five overtimes)
Washington 84, UCLA 73
Southern California 77, Santa Clara 70
Utah 77, Utah State 75
Seattle 91, Montana State 87
Georgia 75, Florida 73
Rhode Island 97, Georgetown 95
Western Kentucky 109, Middle Tennessee 80
Murray 73, Tennessee Tech 67
NYU 80, Fordham 60
Vanderbilt 62, Georgia Tech 57
St. Bonaventure 89, Niagara 80
Miami (Fla) 107, Florida St. 89
Pitt 64, Penn State 63 (6-1)
Kansas 85, Missouri 72
Nebraska 54, Oklahoma State 47
Bradley 81, Tulsa 60

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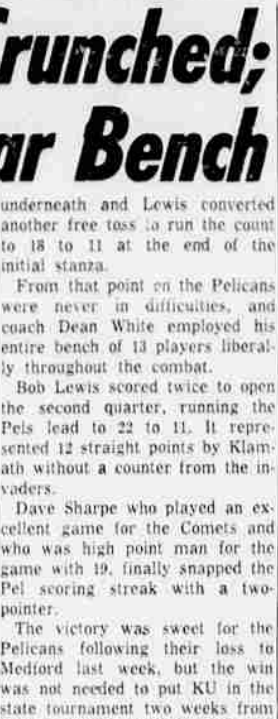
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Herald and News SPORTS

WAYNE SCOTT, Sports Editor

Magpies Capture Indian Tournament

CHILOQUIN (Special) — The Warm Springs Magpies emerged as champions of the All-Indian Elimination Tournament last night when they eked out a 63-77 victory over Klamath Nation in a basketball game played on the Chiloquin High School gymnasium.

LaConner, Washington, bested the Thunderbird quint in the consolation match.

Warm Springs and the runner-up, Klamath Nation, both earned the right to enter the National All-Indian basketball tourney beginning next March 16-17-18-19 on the Chiloquin High floor.

The Magpies won the game from the foul line when they dunked in 27-29. Klamath Nation had one more field goal than the victors but sank 19-21 from the key which

was not quite enough to provide the margin of victory.

Warm Springs led throughout the game, but the Klamath Nation five was never behind by more than nine points. Tom Estimo was the game's high point scorer with 29 points.

Estimo sank 12-13 free tosses and nine buckets for the Magpies. John McCutcheon was the Klamath Nation's leading scorer with 25.

In the consolation clash, action at the free throw line also determined the margin of victory. LaConner and the Thunderbirds both had 27 field goals, but the victors garnered 29-35 at the charity stripe to the Thunderbirds 5-15.

The Washington club led all the way by a three to 14 point margin. The half ended with LaConner on top, 32-28.

Marvin Wilbur was high scorer for the victors with 27 tallies and Jack Barney was high for Thunderbirds with 13.

The shortscore:

CHAMPIONSHIP	FG	FT	PF	TP
Warm Springs (63)—S. Miller 8, T. Estimo 29, Tom 21, Rhoad 2, Todd 10, W. Wilbur 2, Palmer 8, Colwash, Smith, Clements.				
Klamath Nation (77)—V. Joe 18, Crume 15, McCutcheon 25, Gentry 10, B. Crume 4, Huff 3, Wright 2, I. Joe.				

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—California, starting with reserves in the lineup, took command in the early stages of a basketball game here Saturday night and pushed to a 62-47 victory over Oregon State.

The defending NCAA champions were ahead by 11 points early in the first half, although Oregon State shaved the margin to 5 points at halftime when it was 24-19.

Oregon State stayed within 5 points until the 12 minutes to go. Cal started to pull ahead, playing the same deliberate style of ball it had used throughout the contest.

With four minutes left in the game California started hold in on the ball longer before each shot.

Dick Doughty, who scored 10 points, started for big 8-foot-10 Darrall Imhoff, who played only a bit more than half the game. Top scoring honors for Cal went to Earl Schultz with 11.

California completely dominated the backboards, snaring 54 rebounds, to 34 for Oregon State. Cal also played a sharp defense game. The high scorer for State was Ron Critchfield with 9.

Oregon State came back before the half when Karl Anderson of Oregon State threw in a jump shot. Ernie Johnson hit a hook shot and Ron Critchfield followed with a jump shot from 30 feet out.

CALIFORNIA (62)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Stafford	2	5-9	1	9
McClintock	3	3-5	4	9
Doughty	3	4-4	3	10
Schultz	3	1-1	4	11
Mann	2	0-0	1	4
Imhoff	2	3-4	1	7
Wendell	2	0-2	2	6
Gillis	2	2-2	2	6
Morrison	0	0-0	0	0
Pearson	1	0-0	0	2
Averhuck	0	0-0	0	0

TOTALS	FG	FT	PF	TP
OREGON STATE (41)	18	23-30	18	42
Calif.	34	54-62	34	62

OREGON STATE (41) FG FT PF TP

Flynn 2 1-1 0 7
Carty 0 1-2 3 1
Anderson 3 1-4 5 7
Wold 1 0-1 1 2
Woodland 1 0-0 3 6
Stafford 1 4-6 3 6
Critchfield 3 3-5 1 11
Johnson 2 1-1 2 5
Niles 2 0-1 1 4
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HOCKEY Scores

National Hockey League

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Boston 3, Chicago 1
Detroit 4, Toronto 3



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OTI Ends Season In 77-58 Victory

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Next year's ball team put the wrappings on the 1959-60 Oregon Tech basketball season with a 77-58 triumph over a game but out-classed squad of Oregon College Wolves here Saturday night just one day too late for the Owls to collect a share of the Oregon Collegiate Conference Championship.

Coach Wally Palmberg, highly disappointed with the efforts of the regulars the night before when the Owls kicked away the title shot by losing 73-65 to the Wolves, called upon his freshmen to get the Saturday night job done. And they did it in creditable fashion. At halftime the Owls led 41-33.

Big Troy Koontz, who joined the Owls late this season, turned in his best performance of the year in sparking the Tech club to its win. He hit nine field goals and 2-2 from the foul line for a total

of 20 points and pulled down 20 rebounds before fouling out with 5 minutes left in the game.

Of the starting five, Koontz, Gene Branson, Leon Wilson, Van Zitek and Buddy Guill, only Branson failed to score in the double figures. Wilson hit for 14 and had an additional shot rebounded into the bucket by an opposing player. Guill hit two field goals and six of eight tries from the foul line for 10 points. Zitek hit four from the floor and 4-5 at the free-throw line for 12. Branson, who had trouble finding the range, had to settle for a pair of free tosses.

The balance of the Owl scoring was contributed by Jim Ramseser who hit nine and big Paul Laylor who collected eight during his inoffensive appearance in the game.

The only other Techmen to see action were Charlie Wilson and Roy Johnson. Wilson played for a couple of minutes and Johnson was in exactly three seconds.

Johnson's appearance gave the few fans on hand something to yell about. When Guill fouled out with 3 seconds left to play coach Palmberg decided that he would finish up with just the four players left on the court. The referee decided differently.

Johnson stepped onto the floor in his warmup gear and the referee promptly asked him to remove his shirt. Johnson obeyed and the ball game continued — until coach Bob McCullough called an OCE time out. Ultimately the three seconds ran out.

The game, a little ragged around the edges