

Pels Host Springfield In Home Opener

Millers Perform Smoothly

According to the statewide prep rankings the Klamath Union Pelican basketball team figures to be a big favorite tonight when it faces the Springfield Millers in the first of a two-game series.

But, according to a scouting report of the Millers' performance in the basketball jamboree held in Eugene last week, maybe the spread isn't so great after all.

The Pels and Millers tangled tonight at 8 o'clock immediately after a preliminary battle between the Altamont and Fremont Junior High squads. The two clubs will wind up the series Saturday night.

The Springfielders, led by coach Bill O'Neal, dumped the highly rated South Eugene Axemen 16-9 in their quarter-long portion of the jamboree. They then came back to completely swamp cross-town rival, new Thurston High.

The Miller squad is composed of nine seniors, none of whom are strangers to the game, and a pair of able juniors.

A pair of centers listed on the Miller roster have a 6-6 and 6-5 after their names . . . and even that doesn't qualify them as starters.

O'Neal will probably call upon Don Herman, 5-10, Eric Skinner, 5-11, John Harper, 5-11, Dave

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Kid Paret To Defend Welter Title

NEW YORK (AP)—If Argentina's Federico Thompson can throw leather as good as he talks, he could lift Benny (Kid) Paret's world welterweight crown Saturday night at Madison Square Garden.

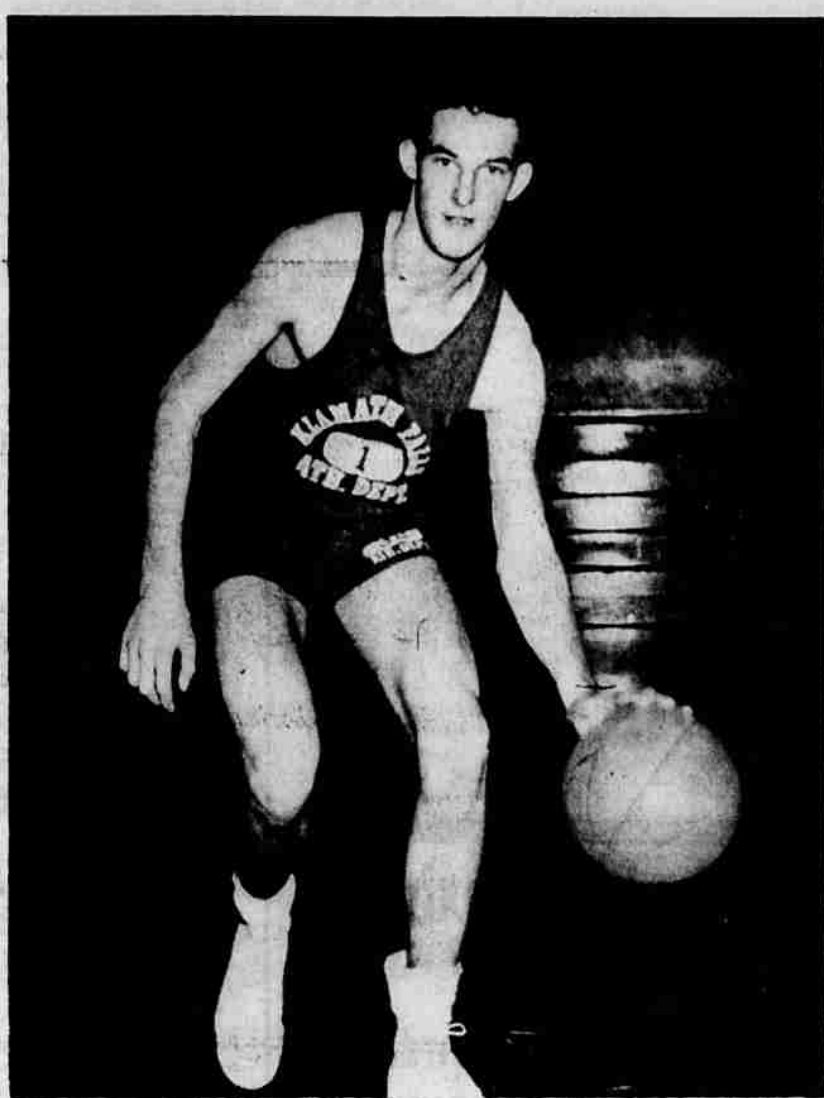
Thompson, 33, a native of Panama, fought a 12-round draw with Paret, the champion from Cuba, in their first meeting here last March 25.

"I think I won the first fight with him," said Thompson confidently. "And, I expect to beat him this time."

All this, despite the fact that the Cuban is 10 years younger than Thompson, who jumped into prominence last December by knocking out then world champion Don Jordan of Los Angeles in the fourth round in Buenos Aires. It was a non-title bout.

This will be the first defense of the title for Paret since he won it with a 15-round decision over Jordan May 27 at Las Vegas, Nev. Thompson took a 10-round decision from Ortega, and is the second ranked challenger to Paret.

The 15-round bout will be televised (ABC) starting at 10 p.m. Ring experts admit this is a tough fight to figure, because in their March draw there was a big conflict of opinion. Thompson was ahead in the early rounds. But the Argentine never has gone 15 rounds, and many figure his age will be against him while it will help the younger Paret.



PELICAN ALL-STATERS — Big Bruce Brickner, 6-7 KU all-stater, and his teammates clash with the Springfield Millers tonight on Pelican court in their first appearance before home town fans. Saturday night the same clubs return for the second game of the series. Game time each night is 8 o'clock.

Owls Whip Chico Staters; Face Lumberjacks Tonight

By WAYNE SCOTT
Herald and News Sports Editor

The Oregon Tech Owls bagged victory number one in the brand new basketball season by dumping the tall, stubborn Chico State Wildcats 59-52 on the Mile High Court Thursday night, but there was nothing easy about it.

There were nearly five minutes

gone in the game before little Leon Wilson managed to steal the ball and go for the Owls' first two-point shot by this time the Wildcats had four points and appeared to be off to the races.

The invaders stretched the margin to 9-4 but just at the midway point of the half the Techmen surged out front 13-12 for a lead

they were never to lose.

Some commanding backboard work by Owl Hewlett Nash, three outside set shots by Charlie Wilson and a pair of rebound buckets by big Bob Petersen did the trick.

Even though the winners pulled out to a 32-22 lead at the close of the half they were not yet out of the woods.

With just 9:37 left in the game the Chico crew had caught up 42-

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Haney In New Job

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Fred Haney, whose baseball experience ranges from player to field manager and broadcaster, today plunged into the duties of general manager of a new major league club, the American League's Los Angeles Angels.

And to Haney's delight, his return to the sport in which he spent 40 years was with a team in his hometown which will be playing its games only a few miles from where he developed as a sandlot player.

Haney's appointment as general manager was announced Thursday by Robert O. Reynolds, president of the new club whose chairman of the board is singing cowboy star Gene Autry.

The chunky former manager of the Milwaukee Braves, Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Browns im-

mediately said the first job to be performed was selection of a field manager and he said he had selected Yankee Manager Casey Stengel headed a dozen or more persons under consideration.

Among others under consideration, Haney said, were former New York Giants Manager Leo Durocher, ex-San Francisco Giants Manager Bill Rigney, former Boston Manager Billy Jurges and ex-Kansas City Manager Bob Elliott.

"Casey would be a tremendous asset to the club in any capacity," Haney said at the luncheon where his appointment was announced. "Mr. Autry talked to him before receiving the franchise and Casey said he would rather wait until after the franchise was granted before discussing his possible association with the club."

Norris Admits 'Reluctantly' Dealing With Jailed Mobster

WASHINGTON (AP) — James D. Norris, who says he dealt reluctantly with mobster Frankie Carbo, faced his last round today before Senate investigators who want more details of relations between the two prizefight figures.

Norris was called back for additional closed-door questioning by the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee, which was making public a transcript of his testimony.

He testified Thursday he associated with Carbo in the fulfilled hope of averting difficulties with boxing managers who howled for more money and threatened to pull out of televised bouts.

Norris formerly headed the International Boxing Clubs, disbanded by court order last year for monopolizing championship fights. He was excused from testifying in public after doctors agreed the strain might provoke another heart attack. Norris, 53, already has been stricken twice.

John G. Bonomi, special counsel to the subcommittee, said he

planned to get down to cases today about Norris' contacts with Carbo. Long regarded as the underworld's boxing boss, Carbo is in the midst of a two-year prison term for undercover manipulations as manager and matchmaker.

Other witnesses had linked the names of Norris and Carbo. Norris said Carbo visited his New York apartment about twice a year for a decade. He portrayed Carbo as knowing more fight

managers than anyone else in the game.

He said he employed Viola Masters—the girl friend who later married Carbo—as a "good will representative." He denied that the move was an effort to curry favor with Carbo, but conceded later that "possibly unconsciously I had that in mind."

Norris said he thought Carbo probably exerted influence on Al Weill, manager of former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano

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