

Pelicans Drill For SOC Opener; Owls To Host PSC After Vacation

KU Cagers To Tangle With CP '51

The Klamath Union Pelicans, rated number one among Oregon prep basketball teams with a 5-1 record, are taking very little time off during the holidays. They open Southern Oregon Conference action here this weekend when they tangle with the Central Point Crater Comets on Friday night.

While the Pelicans are slated for only one game this week, the balance of the conference member teams will get in two.

Thursday night the Grants Pass Cavemen open against the Grizzlies at Ashland while Crater plays host to the Medford Black Tornado. Friday night, while the Comets are in Klamath Falls, Medford will host the Ashlanders. There are no games scheduled.

The Pelicans were given Saturday and Sunday off but will resume practice on Monday and conduct at least once-a-day workouts for the balance of the week, vacation or not.

There are a couple of problems facing the Whitebirds at this time coach Dean White noted during a last-week practice session.

Big Wayne Dennis, who at 6-3 figures strongly in the Pel front court, is currently on the sick list, while Bob Lapsley, one of the crew of speedy KU guards, is nursing a badly bruised hand.

The only thing good about the condition of the two is the fact that the ailments have occurred during a relatively quiet period.

The Pelicans as a whole have attracted statewide attention. Big Bruce Brickner, junior Gary Patzke and guard Wally Palmberg have been accorded added publicity for their efforts in helping to boost the Pels into the limelight.

Brickner, 6-7 All-Stater, leads the KU cagers in total points with 96 for a 16 per game average. Only four points back with 92 comes Palmberg, 25 of which came in the final game with Bend last weekend.

Palmberg and Brickner each has 38 field goals to his credit but Brickner has drawn more fouls. He has connected on 20 of 33 from the foul line while Palmberg has hit on 16 for 24.

Patzke, and guard Freddie Biehn are next in the score column with 78 and 63 respectively. Forward Ray Taylor, the number three rebounder on the club, is fifth with 42 points.

Player	PTS	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
Brickner	96	27	24-31	12	78	2
Palmberg	92	38	16-24	21	92	2
Patzke	78	38	20-33	17	96	4
Taylor	78	16	10-15	13	42	2
Biehn	63	14	15-31	11	42	2
Lapsley	44	1	4-6	3	2	2
Dennis	44	7	4-6	5	15	2
Shipp	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Allen	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Hunsaker	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Scott	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals: KUHS	113	95-144	97-101	40	324	1
OPP.	115	94-117	116-124	40	324	1

Score by quarters:

KUHS OPP.

93 92 106 108 2-401

73 97 86 64 4-224

A Real Paperweight



BATTLE ROYAL WINNER — Even perched atop a desk in true "paperweight" style young Mike Chase doesn't take up much room, but Friday night he packed home a trophy after winning the battle royal on the Owl Hoot fight card. Mike was the last man left in the ring after eight other contestants had been decked. Runnerup was Terry Kincaid.

Barney KO Winner On Owl Hoot Card

A determined Sprague River amateur fighter, Larry Barney, got even, but good, with Jake Gregg of Klamath Falls Thursday night when he kaybed him at 1:50 of the second round in the main event on the Owl Hoot boxing card.

In a match last year Barney had lost to Gregg via the same route.

Thursday's return go was the "surprise" main event on a bout program played to a mere handful of Klamath area fight fans.

The card, which was staged as a benefit for the Oregon Tech athletic fund, was an ice-cold flop from a money-making standpoint, but two knockouts and three TKOs provided plenty of heat for the few fans attending.

In one half of a double-semi-main event Bobby Capps of Burns defeated Chiloquin's Leon Weeks at 130 pounds while in the other half brother Keith Capps kaybed Ozzie Gallagher, 128, also of Chiloquin in 1:55 of the first round.

In one of the best fights of the night young Bert Farris, a hard-working 115-pounder from Chiloquin, put Darrell Williams, Burns, on the canvas three times before the referee awarded him a technical knockout with :55 gone in the second round.

In the second bout of the evening Kenny Skinner, 140, from

Tech Coach Optimistic Over Team

In their recent venture to Utah and Idaho the Oregon Tech Owls broke exactly even, losing two to the tall Westminster Parsons in Salt Lake, and sweeping a double bill from the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders, but the wins overshadowed the losses in the mind of coach Wally Palmberg.

The Techmen, after taking a two-week layoff for the holidays, will host the Portland State College Vikings in the Oregon Collegiate Conference opener on Jan. 6-7.

Palmberg's optimistic view results from the fact that he feels the club started to display a measure of true potential when they swamped the Crusaders in the fourth game of the trip.

He is especially pleased with the manner in which Sammy "Cool Cat" Smith, the 6-6er who became eligible at the close of the fall term, has filled the center slot for the Owls.

Smith, who marks an ideal running mate for Bob Petersen and big Gene Branson, has scored 79 points in just four games, for a 19.9 plus average and has also pulled down more than his share of rebounds.

Smith's court mannerisms have won him a host of rosters even on the "foreign" floors and while the hometown fans have not yet had a chance to see him perform, he is sure to provide some interesting evenings as the season goes on.

Palmberg was also elated with Hewlett Nash, the 6-0 guard who got off to a slow start. Nash broke loose for 16 points in the final Crusader game, displaying the shot-making ability of which he was considered capable.

Nash, teamed with little Leon Wilson, who is far out front point-wise, provides the Owls with a fast-moving back court pair that can keep any enemy defense loose.

Wilson has collected 182 points for an 18.2 game average, and most of these are the result of his ball-stealing driving tactics. His moves have caused him to collect 63 free throws in the 10 games. He has connected on 48 of them.

Branson, 6-4, from Etna is the number two scorer on the club with 104 points while Petersen, the squad's leading rebounder, is next with 98.

Player	PTS	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
Branson	104	39	26-33	29	104	1
Nash	104	10	18-25	27	91	2
Petersen	98	10	22-24	37	182	2
L. Wilson	10	10	67-84	27	182	2
C. Wilson	7	7	13-14	9	29	2
Johns	4	4	0-6	4	3	2
Maupin	4	1	1-2	1	3	2
Shattuck	4	1	1-3	2	4	2
Muggerud	5	1	2-3	2	4	2
Zilek	3	3	10-14	15	37	2
Brown	3	0	2-2	2	2	2
Cumford	4	2	0-3	8	16	2
Smith	4	2	21-32	9	79	2
Drace	3	0	0-0	2	6	0
Others	0	0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals: OTI	229	126-268	177-254	454	344	1
OPP.	221	162-247	199-274	404	344	1

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Basketball Results

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Friday's College Basketball

Bradley 72, Cincinnati 53

DePaul 81, Marquette 78-ot

Xavier (Ohio) 87, Gonzaga 82

Southern California 91, Hawaii 69

Montana St. U. 60, Idaho St. 58

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San Diego St. 68, Colo. St. Coll. 67

CCNY 67, Fairleigh Dickinson 60

San Francisco State at San Francisco, canceled, schedule problems

Oregon High School Basketball

Portland League

Benson 52, Jefferson 50

Cleveland 56, Franklin 52

Wilson 56, Roosevelt 35

Grant 72, Marshall 31

Lincoln 38, Washington 36

Bend 50, Corvallis 45

Medford 69, Tillamook 33

Hermiston 66, Pendleton 53

Central Catholic (Portland) 66

Lake Oswego 43

Baker 51, Union 34

Reynolds (Troutdale) 44, North Catholic (Portland) 38

Dayton 44, Scio 35

Newport 49, Coquille 47 (over-time)

McKenzie 69, Junction City 60

Serra (Salem) 67, Silverton 38

Harrisburg 65, Crow 33

Pleasant Hill 55, Oakridge 39

Elmira 50, St. Francis (Eugene) 46

Santiam (Mill City) 61, Siletz 33

Drain 45, Creswell 44

Reedsport 47, Bandon 36

Corbett 65, Maupin 54

Madras 59, Redmond 38

Clatskanie 78, Knappa 69

Myrtle Point 55, Crater (Central Point) 50

St. Paul 42, Colton 40

Roseburg 79, Grants Pass 59

La Grande 65, Elgin 59

Bradley Braves Blast Cincinnati

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — At long last, Bradley, the country's No. 2 team, appears ready to shed its role as runnerup in the Missouri Valley Conference and take over championship matters.

For the last four seasons the Braves have finished second in the MVC—three times behind Cincinnati's Braves led by Oscar Robertson who has advanced to the pro league.

The Braves kaybed Cincinnati 72-53 Friday night in their conference opener and ran their string to 14 victories—eight of which have come this season. It was also Bradley's 42nd straight home triumph dating back to Jan. 20, 1958, when Portland came through with an upset.

Boosted by such veterans as Chet Walker, Al Saunders, Ed

Frosh Shade SHA JVs

The Klamath Union High School Frosh eked out a 42-40 victory over the Sacred Heart Junior Varsity Thursday night on Pelican Court after trailing until the final period.

Walter Smith broke loose for eight vital points to give the frosh its seventh straight win.

Although Smith yielded high scoring honors to Trojan Peter Krok, who scored 15, he led the KU quintet with 13 pointers and turned in a spectacular job on defense by spoiling the SHA defense and set shots in the final quarter.

Sacred Heart grabbed an early 15-11 first quarter lead, but fell as the baby Pelicans came on to knot the halftime and third period scores at 19-19 and 32-32.

KU's Hal Holman led both teams in rebounds and poured in six points for the cause, while teammates Rodger Rodgers and Larry Binney added 10 and nine respectively.

Expressing the feeling of the victorious freshmen, coach Wade Patterson summed up with "the mark of a good ball club is to come through in the close ones, and we did."

The scoring summary:

Sacred Heart (48)—P. Krok 15, Miller 11, M. Krok 7, Bailey 3, Davis 2, Pas-tora 2, Murray 0 and Franklin 0.

Klamath (42)—Smith 12, Rodgers 10, Binney 9, Holman 6, Yunk 2, Workman 2 and Jackson 0.

MANAGES FARM CLUB

NEW YORK (UPI)—Bob Bauer was signed by the New York Yankees Friday to manage their St. Petersburg farm club in the Class D Florida State League next season.

SHA Trojans Trim Wildcats, 47-44

Coach Marv Delplanche's Sacred Heart Trojans nosed out the Klamath Union Wildcats 47-44, but only after having to put down a fourth quarter uprising in a non-league contest Thursday night on Pelican Court.

After commanding the lead all the way, the Trojans went into the final period with a 33-29 margin but lost the edge for the first time when KU's Fred Kelly and Bud Wolter cut loose to knot the score at 34-all with 7:15 minutes left.

Klamath held on to the two point lead until the 2:30 mark when the Trojans' big gun, Keith Murray, bucketed a pair of free throws to make the score 41-41.

With a minute left, the academy crew again nabbed a slim lead at 45 to 44, this time for good. The attack was led by Murray who canned seven good shots the closing minutes to wrap up the game.

Murray gathered in top honors for the night with 7 field goals and 9 for 14 from the charity lane, for a total of 23 points. However, he was outplayed on the backboards, 15-12, by KU's Kelly. Wayne Chamberlain followed for Klamath with 15 points and collected eight rebounds along with Trojan Mike Holland who canned nine pointers.

Statistically, Klamath hit for a .327 average from the field, captured 43 rebounds and made six out of 17 from the free throw line. Sacred Heart hit for a .318 average, collected 40 rebounds and bucketed 11 of 22 from the lane.

The scoring summary:

Sacred Heart (47)—Murray 23, Holland 8, Slowsy 5, Le Beau 4, DeNault 4, Britton, Milani, Jackson, Amberg and Arne.

Klamath (44)—Chamberlain 15, Wolter 12, Kelly 10, Horn 4, Taylor 4, Piper 4, Thompson, Southard, Phelis and Sanders.

Wodka, Lee Edwards and Mack Herndon, Bradley also has been graced by such sophomore stand-outs as Tim Robinson and Walt Gerard