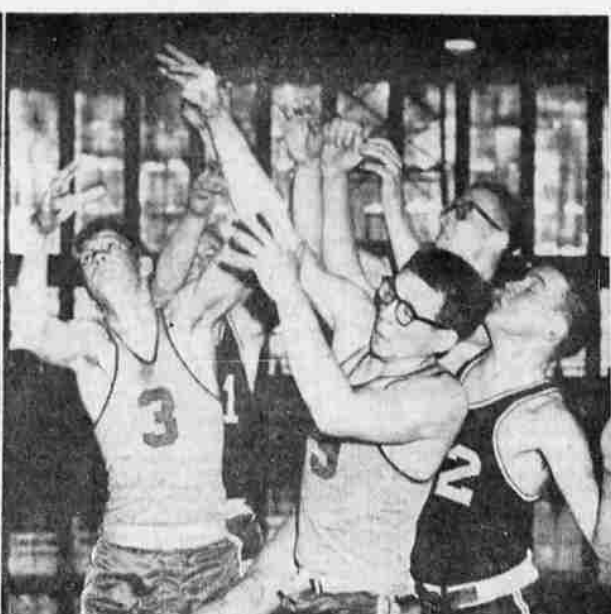


County B Cage Tournament Title Race Narrows



B TOURNEY OPENING ROUND ACTION—The Klamath County B cagers move into the semifinal round tonight at Oregon Tech but there were some hectic moments in the opening round before those that became spectators stepped out of the tournament. In the first picture, left, Sacred Heart's Mike Slowey (30) slips past Paisley's Don Pennington with the ball while Keith Murray (14) and Mike Holland (22) rush to his assistance. In the second photo, Paisley's Dell Swearingen (dark suit), the first

day high scorer with 25 points, snakes the ball out of the reach of Trojans Murray, Holland and Elmo LeBeau (12). Bronco Ed Ivey is in the background. In the next frame the swarm of arms and hands belongs to Merrill's Dick Carleton (31), Ed Parnell (9), in the foreground, Larry Chance in the background and Bonanza's Rod Schooler at the right (22). In the photo at far right Parnell awaits a bounce pass while Schooler, at right, rushes up to intercept. At the left, Antler Abe O'Connor (21)

sets himself to block any shooting attempt. Chance is in the right background. Bonanza will tangle with Malin tonight at 7:30 followed by a clash between Chiloquin and Sacred Heart. Tonight's winners will move into the championship game tomorrow at 9:15 following a tussle for third place between tonight's losers. Immediately following the championship tilt an All-Tournament team will be announced and the various trophies presented.

Bonanza, Malin, Chiloquin, SHA Enter Tourney Semifinal Round

Three of the Klamath County B Tournament entrants ultimately came through as prescribed on the opening round of the action at Oregon Tech Thursday but only one of them followed an easy route.

Chiloquin, Sacred Heart, Malin and Bonanza each earned spots in the semifinals which begin at 7:30 this evening, but Malin, the defending State B hoop champion, was the only one that found any time for relaxing during the openers.

In one game, the first of the day, the Bonanza Antlers provided the only thing that could be called an upset. They turned the Merrill Huskies into spectators by virtue of a come-from-behind, last minute 41-37 victory.

In the second game the Malin Mustangs belted the Gilchrist Grizzlies 58-41 while giving themselves a chance to get in some work.

Sacred Heart opened the evening session with a 54-34 win over the Paisley Broncos after getting off to a wobbly start.

The 1961 league champs, the Chiloquin Panthers, put the cap on the initial round with a 57-44 triumph over a gritty group of Bly Bobcats after 23-22 at the halfway mark.

Tonight's action pairs Malin and Bonanza in the opener at 7:30 while Chiloquin and Sacred Heart tangle in the nightcap. The winners of tonight's games will battle Saturday night at 9:15 for the tournament championship and the right to continue the quest for a state championship.

Bonanza 41, Merrill 37. The tournament opener ended up like it started out—with the Antlers on the move while the Huskies stood still.

Bonanza, after blowing a first-quarter 9-3 lead, had dropped to a 29-20 deficit in the "cold" war the two clubs staged. At the start of the final period they began a laborious uphill struggle and finally caught up 34-31 on Henry Dearborn's long swisher from the corner with 2:38 to go.

Dennis Salvadori regained command for Merrill with a pair of free-throws to make it 36-34 with 1:12 to go but Antler high-pointeer Rod Schooler canned a layup to tie the count 36-34 with 59 seconds left and that was the beginning of the end for the Huskies.

In the final 40 seconds Schooler hit a free-throw, Dearborn added two more and Abe O'Connor slammed the door on a layup with 11 seconds to go.

The frantic Huskies, short both big men, Ed Parnell and Larry

Chance, on fouls, just couldn't come back.

Schooler ended with 15 Antler marks while Parnell was next with 14.

Merrill kicked the ball all over the lot in the first frame and bagged only one field goal and one free toss in eight tries to wind up the quarter short 9-3.

In the second, the chill hit the Bonanzans and they got only five while the Huskies hit 13 to close the half on top, 16-14. Both clubs suffered from excessive fouling during the nerve-jangling action.

The third quarter saw no increase in miserable shooting averages on the parts of each and Merrill had a 27-20 lead going into the last stanza.

The winners connected on 15 of 55 field goal shots and made 11-18 at the foul line. The Huskies could manage only 12 fielders in 43 tries and connected on a pitiful 13-33 at the foul line.

The scoring summary: Bonanza (41) — Ellis A. H. Dearborn 10, Schooler 15, A. O'Connor 3, Albert J. O'Connor 5, Wooten, Toffel, Fernlund.

Merrill (37) — Chance 2, Parnell 14, Carleton 3, Wilson 11, Salvadori 2, Mattson 1, Felt, Walker, Rankin.

Malin 58, Gilchrist 41. Despite a one-man blitz credited to Gerald Warren, the game's top-shooter with 20, the Grizzlies were no match for the well-balanced Malin squad.

Ten Mustangs got into the game and all but one cracked the scoreboard.

The tall title defenders, paced by Dick Clark with 14, little Bob Brown with 12, and all-star Larry Rick who hit 10 and snagged the lion's share of the rebounds, figuratively frolicked to the win.

They owned quarter spreads of 20-7, 41-19, and 48-31, although the subs played nearly a quarter of the game.

Warren put on a free-throw shooting in the final frame that was worth seven successes in eight tries, and collected nine points to nearly equal the entire total of the Malin reserves during the same time.

The scoring summary: Bonanza (41) — Hill 3, Warren 20, Hazlewood 8, Hoff 8, Erickson 2, Harris, Sample, Elms, Taylor.

Malin (58) — Rick 10, N. Johnson 4, Clark 14, Prescott 6, Brown 12, Steyskal 3, D. Johnson 4, Stirling 2, P. Brown, Cox 2.

Sacred Heart 54, Paisley 34. Young Dell Swearingen proved he had an eye for the basket and his Bronco teammates were content to let him handle the shooting. The bouncy Paisley guard slipped and skittered all over the court and fired up 25 points to grab tournament high honors for the opening round.

The Trojans, although they eventually got everyone into the game, found the going a little rough in the opening minutes. They had to scramble for an 11-8 first quarter lead but then they loosened their offense and tightened defensively to lead 24-9 at the half.

Despite an 11-point third-quarter burst by Swearingen they were out of reach 37-21 by the close of the third canto.

Usual Trojan high-scorer Keith Murray never found the range. He hit only two points for the game but Jerry DeNault took up the slack with 12, big Mike Holland added 11, and guard Elmo LeBeau came through with nine to spark the SHA attack. Shan Britton drilled eight in the final period to lead the reserves.

Swearingen notched six two-pointers and connected on 13 of 18 chances from the foul stripe.

The scoring summary: Paisley (34) — Pennington 7, Rosebrook, Ivey, Young 7, Swearingen 25, D. Young, Beachler, Clark, Menges, Emery.

Sacred Heart (54) — DeNault 12, Murray 3, Holland 11, Sower, LeBeau 8, Jackson 2, M. Krok 4, Britton 8, Amberg, P. Krok 4.

Chiloquin 57, Bly 44. For nearly three-quarters of the opening round finale Chiloquin Panther stock was at an all-time low... and the scrappy Bobcats were winning themselves a lot of fans in their effort to knock off the league champs.

The Bly five got off well in the first quarter but slipped momentarily and ended the period on the short end of an 11-8 count but then they ran Chiloquin right off the floor in the second period and part of the third.

The scoring summary: Bly (44) — Hall 18, Hathaway 7, Thompson 7, Pruitt 11, Washburn 1, Crawford, Chiloquin (57) — Heglund 19, DeBorja 4, Case 7, Cunningham 4, Crume 21, Harris, Eggman 2, Jackson, Ochoa, A. Wilder.

SEEK DISTRICT A-2 TITLE—The Henley High wrestling team travels to Ashland Saturday morning to vie with the Illinois Valley Cougars for the District 6 A-2 championship. The squad includes, kneeling from left, Leo Huff, Jack Ziegelmeyer, Jim Long, Henry Herveyford, Harold Schorr, Tim Dayarmie, Chuck Milanovich, Don Berry.

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OCC Championship In Reach Of Owls

the Owls should win them both and clear the air. And with this thought in mind the high-scoring Tech squad, with every man healthy, left for OCE this morning. They open tonight at 8 o'clock and wind up the 1961 season tomorrow afternoon at 1:30.

The Owls, regardless of the outcome of the title race, are not eligible for an NAIA tournament berth. Both EOC and PSC are cinches for playoff slots. Southern Oregon College is all through for the season, wrapping it up with its 93-60 loss to the Owls Tuesday night.

The Tech starters tonight will be "Sweet Sammy" Smith, Bob Petersen, Leon Wilson, Hewlett Nash and either Norm Johns or Gene Branson.

OCE boss Bob McCullough will call upon Steve Rankin, Dennis Spencer, Toby Wolf, Don Habel, and either Earl Goldmann, Lee Land or Larry Nye to try and withstand the Owl onslaught.

Next week, however, unless the Whitebirds all heal satisfactorily before then, the opposing coaches can see a chance.

Player	Pts	Reb	Ass	Stl	Blk	FT	FG
Palmborg	18.0	2.5	2.5	3.7	2.5	1.0	1.0
Palmborg	16.7	1.7	1.7	4.1	2.4	1.0	1.0
Brickner	20.0	10.0	7.0	4.9	1.2	1.0	1.0
Bieh	13.4	5.0	3.0	5.1	1.4	1.0	1.0
Taylor	10.4	4.3	3.8	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
Hunsaker	49.3	29.1	10.0	2.9	4.7	1.0	1.0
Allen	48.2	18.7	4.0	1.1	5.7	1.0	1.0
Cennis	79.0	33.4	2.2	5.8	5.4	1.0	1.0
Lansley	49.1	33.2	1.9	2.6	4.8	1.0	1.0
Ash	4.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
Scott	2.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
Slippich	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0
Brisson	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Cearing	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Bogalar	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

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