

Oregon Tech Nabs Conference Championship

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If I heard it once, I heard it a hundred times Saturday. "Losing to Crater will prove to be a good thing for the Pelicans." I don't know... that will depend on the Pelicans.

While it's true that a defeat once in a while can help to keep a club from getting over confident, or so it's said, I can't help but feel that it's possible for one to learn just as much from a win as from a loss... (something like it's just as easy to fall in love with a rich girl as it is a poor one).

Perhaps it might be selling Lloyd Hoffman's Comet crew short to say that the Pels were too over-confident... I imagine the Craterians have a feeling along that line. Remember, I warned some time ago that one day Loyal Hignbotham and Louie Alvarez would get hot on the same night and get up and "kill somebody." Well, it happened.

Of course, that old jinx, "the team on top of the poll all year never wins the state championship" is prevalent in lots of minds.

So, it follows that many people feel that the Pels will be removed from the top of the polls this week. Me, I'm not so sure... maybe, maybe not.

I still think they're potentially the best in the state... all they have to do is prove it. What I say or think, or anyone else, for that matter, will have little bearing on the outcome at Eugene, however... How well they play is all that counts.

Wally Palmberg and his Oregon Tech Owls swept to the Oregon collegiate conference championship with a 10-0 record at the mouth Saturday afternoon... and this should come as no great shock to anyone familiar with the Owls.

They hit their rocks and shoals there for a time but when the chips were down they had it.

In a phone conversation with Palmberg Saturday I had the chance to be the first from Klamath Falls to congratulate him and his club... but I was by no means the first.

OCE's Bob Livingston and coach Bob McCullough beat me to it.

Said McCullough "Your offense is terrific... but that defense, wow. Every time we went to shoot we found a hand in our faces... this can become frustrating."

"Sweet Sam," "Springs" Peterson, "Little" Leon, "Hustlin" Hevey, and Gene "Flintstone" Branson and company could handle many Oregon colleges outside the conference... believe me.

However, their season is over... for this year. Soon Oregon Tech will be recognized among the other Northwest schools... we hope... and then we'll see.

A note from Santiam Union High School (Mil City) asks help in arranging a home-and-home football series with any club in the A-2 or B classification. Open dates are: Oct. 13 or 14; and Nov. 3-4. Interested? Contact George Stovall, superintendent, Santiam Union, or Coach Ray Comstock.

Odds and ends... Erv Ellis, the Bonanza Antler mentor, recently received a nicely-phrased invitation from the East-West Shrine Game commission to appear as a player next August. Which is fine... I imagine Erv would make a fine lineman... for at least a quarter... but the question of his ability just might pop up to embarrass him, so Erv thought it best to decline.

One of the most disappointed KU athletes around was Art Mills, the adept 178 pound Pelican wrestler... when his dislocated elbow became the target for his Grants Pass opponent... and didn't hold up. Art has thought of nothing more than becoming an Oregon prep mat champ since he was a freshman... but he can't make it... but it wasn't because he didn't try. Odds are that were he in good shape, with no injury, there is no high school grappler in the state that can take him. Watch him in college.

The Tulelake Honkers have been invited to participate in the annual Yreka Invitational Tournament next week... It's a first for the Honkers who had a tremendous season this year... Don't overlook their possibility of winning.

It's a good bet that before long they will be invited out of the Siskiyou B league and enter the Siskiyou County loop... Dunsmuir, Weed, Mt. Shasta, Yreka, etc. If they're not careful Tulelake will end up holding a "Hank Smith" day... in honor of the brand-new Honker coach.

Speaking of the Yreka Invitational... the Eureka Loggers have begged off participation this year.

Chiloquin Panthers Top Antlers For County B Title

KU Matmen District 6-A Champs; Five Pelicans Haul Down Titles

Winners Place Three On All-Star Roster

GRANTS PASS (Special) — Klamath Union High School was the proud possessor of the District 6-A Southern Oregon Conference championship wrestling trophy as they piled up 148 points to outdistance Grants Pass and Medford in the district meet here Saturday.

Coach DeLance Duncan's Pelican grapplers placed a total of eight men in the upcoming State A-1 tourney, the same number as runnerup Grants Pass. GP finished behind KF in team scoring with 141 points, while Medford was a close third with 134, Crater fourth with 73, and Ashland last with 15.

The Pel matmen had five district champions, while Medford, GP and Crater all had one each. Individual champs for the Pels were Gary Head who pinned teammate Grant Humphrey in the 106-pound weight class, Gary Leavitt who also pinned another teammate, Sheed Duncan, in the 123-pound division, Dale Crumrine, who pinned fellow Pelican Pete McSwain in the 130-pound category, Bob Mitchell, 136, and Gary Hancock, 191.

Other second place finishers for KF besides Humphrey, Duncan, and McSwain, were Milo Crumrine who lost to Crater's Steve Barber in 115 pound competition, John Stilwell who lost to Dennis Fields of Medford in the 141 pound division, and Larry Wishart who was decisively by GP's Guy Stevens in the 148-pound bracket.

Not only did the Pels emerge from the tourney with the championship trophy, but they also walked off with the "Fall" Trophy, based on the number of falls accumulated during the tourney. KF racked up 17 pins for the title, while Grants Pass ran second with 12.

KF's Duncan suffered a minor injury in his championship match with Leavitt, and was rushed to the hospital. Coach Duncan reported the young Pel will be kept in the hospital overnight for observation.

The results: Championship Round 106—Head (KF) pinned Humphrey (KF) 3:13. 115—Barber (C) dec. M. Crumrine (KF) 6:47. 123—Leavitt (KF) pinned Duncan (KF) 5:27. 130—D. Crumrine (KF) pinned McSwain (KF) 1:04. 136—Mitchell (KF) dec. Eddy (M) 3:41. 141—Fields (M) pinned Stilwell (KF) 3:14. 148—Stevens (GP) dec. Wishart (KF) 8:41. 191—Hancock (GP) dec. O'Sullivan (M) referee dec.

Consolation Round 106—Nicholson (GP) dec. Humphrey (KF) 5:27. 115—Crumrine (KF) pinned Veltes (KF) 1:20. 123—White (C) pinned Duncan (KF) 2:44. 130—Duncan (M) dec. McSwain (KF) 2:40. 136—Gonzales (KF) pinned Stilwell (KF) 2:44. 141—Wishart (KF) dec. Swiagood (KF) 5:00.

Consolation Round 88—Hartshorn (M) dec. Stilwell (KF) 8:0. 115—Veltes (KF) dec. Condo (M) 4:1. Veltes (KF) dec. Siroon (M) default. 136—Fisher (C) dec. Peterson (KF) 8:1. 141—Gonzales (KF) dec. McKay (GP) referee dec. 152—Gonzales dec. Smith (GP) referee dec.

148—Swiagood (KF) pinned Georgian (M) 2:45. Swiagood (KF) dec. Graham (GP) 5:11. 157—Gunn (M) dec. Hitchcock (KF) 9:3. 148—Holt (M) dec. Ewing (KF) 5:2. 178—Schmidt (GP) dec. Cox (KF) referee dec. 191—Morris (GP) dec. Curran (KF) 7:0. 191—Mallory (C) dec. South (KF) 2:0.

Stanley 3 1/2 5 7. Martin 4 7 4 10. Wadsworth 3 12 15 4 18. Appel 8 11 14 3 27. Sloniger 2 2 3 3 8. Parsons 0 0 0 0 0. Hillman 1 2 3 0 6. Totals 22 39 41 24 72.

OREGON STATE G F P T. Flynn 7 20 1 13. Jackson 2 24 4 11. Anderson 2 4 8 10. Wood 5 5 3 3. West 1 0 0 0. Pauly 0 2 3 4. Baker 0 0 0 0. Woodland 1 0 1 2. Carly 5 2 7 13. Johnson 0 0 0 0. Totals 20 34 20 48.

So. California 34 38-74. Oregon State 33 33-68. Attendance: 8,523.

For sheer hustle I like Malin's Greg Prescott... and Bonanza's baby-faced Larry Albert... some other cool customers are Joe O'Connor and Henry Dearborn... must have ice in their veins.

For best ham actor (and no slouch) as a basketball player either I'll have to go with Chiloquin's "Smiling Ed" Case.

A boy to watch in seasons to come is Sacred Heart's Elmo LeBeau... a real gear-shifter with the good hands and eye.

If the Krok brothers, Tony (graduate last year), Mike, and Pete (currently at SHA) would shoot more, I think they would be surprised. As I recall Tony was one of the best around... from outside... but he didn't shoot often enough in actual competition. I don't mean he was "pumper" either... but the boy that can hit has a right to shoot.

Old faces seen at the tournament included Jim Long, Malin, a tourney All-Star last year (also all-state)... Jerry Patzke, Bly, all-tourney year before... and Bud Maupin... Merrill, who is now a valued member of the Owl athletic corps.

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Iowa In Romp. MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Powerful Iowa reduced Minnesota's offense to confusion Saturday night and turned loose Don Nelson for 30 points in a 61-43 Big Ten basketball romp.

It hosted the Hawkeyes conference record to 8-2 and kept flickering their feeble hopes for a share of the conference title.

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Whitebirds Whack Grizzlies, 87-54

By FLOYD WYNNE. The Pelicans roared away in the second half Saturday night to an 87 to 54 triumph over the Ashland Grizzlies on Pelican Court, vaulting back into the role of Southern Oregon Conference Champion after an absence of a year.

Friday night, the Pels lost their only conference game to date when they were upended 68 to 64 by the Comets of Crater.

Saturday's victory wrapped up the title and gave the Pels the number 1 top bracket spot in the state tournament from this district.

For the first half, however, it looked like a smaller edition of the Friday night upset with Jerry Hauck and Larry Pierce keeping Ashland only a few points back of the Pels, trailing 36-30 at halftime.

However, Klamath fired its fast break into high gear in the second half and rolled away to a 60 to 47 third period advantage. They broke the game wide open in the fourth frame with a string of 14 straight points that pushed them to a fat 87 to 52 lead. Pierce scored for the Grizzlies with 30

seconds left and that was the final 87-54.

Five Pels hit for double figures, led by Bruce Bricker with 21 and followed by Ray Taylor with 16, Fred Biehn 12, Wally Palmberg 11 and Gary Patzke 10.

It was the 13th conference victory against a single loss for Klamath, and gave them a season record to date of 18 and 2. Ashland was ahead only once, at 4 to 2, but deadlocked the game twice, at 22 and 24 all.

Ashland (54) Pierce, L. 7 9 0 3 14. DeBoer 5 11 3 16. Hauck 0 0 0 0 0. Brownson 1 0 2 3 2. Hodges 0 0 0 0 0. Doster 0 0 0 0 0. Johnson 0 0 0 0 0. Mott 0 0 0 0 0. Pierce, R. 1 2 5 2 5. Totals 19 14 24 19 54.

Klamath Falls (87) Hummer 10 15 1 0 21. Bricker 10 15 1 0 21. Allen 9 0 0 0 9. LaPointe 3 0 1 1 4. Blain 5 11 3 11. Palmberg 5 4 8 2 16. Taylor 4 11 3 11. DeBoer 2 2 2 2 4. Dearing 0 0 0 0 0. Rogatav 0 0 0 0 0. Stigich 0 0 0 0 0. Strickon 0 0 0 0 0. Totals 35 17 29 17 87.

Score by quarters: Ashland 14 16 17 34. K. Falls 17 19 24 27-67.

The Chiloquin Panthers proved they were the best team in the Klamath County B League Saturday night by powering a 67-40 victory over the Bonanza Antlers in the championship game of the 1961 Klamath County B basketball tournament.

The rugged Panthers, coached by Gordy Kuist, started slowly but warmed up to their work in the second half. The Antlers hung on gamely for a 28-26 halftime tie but faded later in the game when two of their best rebounders fouled out.

En route to the championship, the Chiloquin five posted wins over Bly, Sacred Heart and Bonanza. Their standout all-tourney forward Butch Crume and big Ed Case, another all-tourney

choice, paced the Panthers with 23 and 21 points, respectively. The game started slowly and play was interrupted often as both sides fouled repeatedly. Chiloquin moved to a narrow 87-first quarter lead, but the Antlers scrapped an even terms throughout the half. The battle for the boards was about even between Chiloquin's Crume, Case and Frank Heglund, and the Antlers' Denny Ellis and Henry Dearborn.

In the third quarter, however, the fouls began to take their toll. Bonanza lost Dearborn midway through the quarter and Chiloquin lost Heglund moments later. The Panthers with Crume driving well and making hard shots look-

ed to within five points, 41-36, in the second half but were unable to close the gap further.

The keys to the Trojan triumph lay with a pair of hard-working guards, Mike Slawey and Johnny Jackson, who haven't forgotten that defense is still a part of basketball.

Trojan Keith Murray showed why he is regarded as one of the hottest shooters in the county by firing in six arching one handers and five free throws for 17 points and high game honors.

Mustang Larry Rick, an All-State pick last year, found the range in the second half and wound up with 14 points to lead Malin.

easy, moved out to a 51-43 lead at the third quarter mark.

The desperate Antlers committed a rash of fouls in the final period and the ball game broke wide open. The last Bonanza hopes went out the window when Ellis fouled out three minutes into the final quarter.

A near-record 49 fouls were called in the ball game and the Panthers made the most of the free throw opportunities. They canned 21 of 37 tries while the Antlers could hit only 13 successes in 28 efforts.

Sacred Heart 51, Malin 42. The scrappy Sacred Heart Trojans pulled a mild upset Saturday night by romping away from Malin 51-42 for third place in the 1961 Klamath County B tournament.

The game was never in doubt as Sacred Heart rolled up a 15-0 lead and held off a second half Malin rally. The Mustangs pulled

NEW YORK (AP)—Valery Brumel of Russia made it two-for-two in his battle with John Thomas for the world high jump title Saturday night by winning the National AAU championship.

Brumel defeated Thomas with a leap of 7 feet, 2 inches. Thomas went out after missing three times at 7-1.

Last week, Brumel defeated Thomas when he soared 7-3 while the best Thomas could do was 7-1.

A packed crowd of 16,243 was on hand in Madison Square Garden to watch the second Brumel-Thomas battle.

Klamath County Tourney All-Stars

Player	School
Sylvan Crume	Chiloquin
Jim Hall	Bly
Keith Murray	Sacred Heart
Henry Dearborn	Bonanza
Bob Brown	Malin
Gerald Warren	Gilchrist
Ed Parnell	Merrill
Frank Heglund	Chiloquin
Rod Seholer	Bonanza
Ed Case	Chiloquin
Denny Salvadori	Merrill

Score by quarters:

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Bonanza	7	21	15	4-49	47
Chiloquin	8	20	23	16-67	67

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Welter King Dealt Loss

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Gaspar Ortega, a slim and slippery veteran who has been on the fringes of fame for years, scored the biggest victory of his career Saturday night by taking a unanimous decision from World Welterweight Champion Benny (Kid) Paret in a nationally televised 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Ortega weighed 149½ and Paret came in at 154½, 7½ pounds over the limit in welterweight title matches.

The Lanky Mexican gained the victory more with style than power.

Ohio State Clinches Tie For Title

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State clinched a share of the Big Ten basketball championship, defeating Wisconsin 97-74 Saturday night for its 22nd win in an unbeaten season. The top-ranked Buckeyes have a 12-0 conference record with two games to play. All other Big Ten teams have lost at least twice.

The Buckeyes extended collegiate basketball's longest current win streak to 27 games with a strong team effort. Four starters, playing less than 27 minutes of the one-sided contest, scored 14 points or more.

Captain Larry Siegfried was the leader with 19. John Havlicek added 18, Mel Howell 15 and Jerry Lucas, double-teamed by the Badgers most of the way, hit 14. The other Buckeye regular, Richie Hoyt, added 8.

While a storm howled outside, the Buckeyes warmed up the crowd of 13,308 by breaking into a 12-0 lead, which Wisconsin could never threaten.

Ken Siebel led Badger scoring with 16 points and Tom Gwyn, who did a good defensive job on Lucas, added 12.

Bonnies Upset. OLEAN, N.Y. (AP) — Fired-up Niagara, in one of the greatest basketball upsets of the season, whipped St. Bonaventure 87-77 Saturday night, ending the Bonnies' 13-year home victory streak of 99 games.

Niagara knocked over the second-ranked Bonnies at their own game — the lightning fast break. They added their own dash of sensational accuracy — an amazing 73 per cent from the field.

Let's go BOATING

OHIO STATE CLINCHES TIE FOR TITLE

Basketball

Oregon High School Basketball By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Roseburg 56, Marshfield 44. Medford 75, Grants Pass 44. Madras 82, Milton-Freewater 70. North Bend 55, Cottage Grove 50. Springfield 45, Thurston (Springfield) 44. South Eugene 39, Willamette (Eugene) 36. Klamath Falls 86, Ashland 54.

District 3-B Tourney Finals

Harrisburg 50, Lowell 45. Aleso 60, Coburg 41 (3rd place). Monroe 41, Crow 23 (4th place).

Sub-District 7-B Tourney

Mt. Vernon 48, Prairie City 43. Long Creek 51, Dayville 42. Sprague 38, Ukiah 36.

Sub-District 5-B Tourney

Chiloquin 87, Bonanza 49 (championship). Sacred Heart Academy (Klamath Falls) 52, Malin 42 (3rd place).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgia Tech 83, Georgia 71. Auburn 41, Tennessee 38. Ohio State 97, Wisconsin 74. Nebraska 69, Kansas 66. Iowa 61, Minnesota 43. Niagara 87, St. Bonaventure 77. Kansas State 91, Missouri 71. Northwestern 66, Michigan 56. Purdue 83, Michigan State 74. St. Joseph's 81, Molenberg 72. Bradley 64, Tulsa 62. UCLA 70, Stanford 56. Denver 68, New Mexico 64. Seton Hall 79, Long Island 77. Pitt 57, Penn State 53. St. John's (NY) 80, Fairham 66. Holy Cross 28, Boston U. 26. New Mexico St. 88, West Texas State 63.

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