

# Crater Comets Deal Pels First Conference Loss



**B CAGERS KEEP TENSION HIGH** — Stiff contests for the right to enter the championship game Saturday night kept the County B basketball fans on the edges of their seats Friday. In the opener the Bonanza Antlers upset the Malin Mustangs 44-43 in a bitter battle. The Chiloquin Panthers had it a little easier as they dumped Sacred Heart 65-44 in the nightcap. In the first picture at left Malin's Nick Johnson soars with a two-pointer, part of his

12-point production. Racing up to try to stop him are Larry Albert (18) and Joe O'Connor. In the next picture Bonanza's Rod Schooler struggles for the ball with Malin's Larry Rick while Mustang Dick Clark climbs high to take a swipe at the pill from the rear. In the next shot, Chiloquin's Frank Heglund hangs suspended in mid-air with the ball while teammate Butch Crume, foreground, awaits developments. Next to him is Trojan Mike

Holland, also a bit curious. In the final photo at right Chiloquin's "Smiling Ed" Case dances an obviously painful jig while avoiding Mike Krok, the Trojan at left, and Trojan Elmo LeBeau, 12. A capacity crowd jammed the Oregon Tech gym for the Friday night semifinal action.

## Sharpshooting Duo Spells Woe For KU

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CENTRAL POINT (Special)—A pair of sharpshooters knocked the Pelicans off the top rung of the state's basketball ladder in a stunning upset Friday night.

Loyal Higinbotham and Louie Alvarez each poured in 21 points to carry the Crater Comets to their first triumph over Klamath Falls on the basketball court in 20 games over a five-year period.

The Pelicans entered the game needing only one victory to clinch the conference lead and came out on the short end of a 68 to 64 score here Friday night, for their first loss in the Southern Oregon Conference play.

The defeat may cost them their ranking as the state's number 1 club, although it appears impossible to stop them from grabbing the district crown and the top bracket spot in the state tournament.

They looked far from a state champion club Friday night, however, as they consistently out-rebounded the smaller Comets, but could not hang on to a sustained lead.

Both Bruce Brickner and Wally Palmberg returned to action for the Pelicans, but Palmberg was far off form. Brickner, however, tossed in 17 points to pace the Pel effort, backed by a 12-point total from Kent Hunsaker and 10 from Gary Patzke.

Crater jumped into the opening lead on a long range two-pointer by Alvarez. Brickner tied it up, but Mike Glines scored another field goal, followed by an outside shot by Higinbotham to give the home team a six to two lead.

The Pelicans slipped into the lead with 2:30 left in the quarter at 14 to 13 when Brickner hit from the side, but Higinbotham tied it up with a charity conversion. Patzke put the Pels back into a lead at 16-14, but Dennis Edwards knotted the game again at 16-16 with a minute left, and a few seconds later Higinbotham hit another long-ranger as the quarter ended, giving Crater an 18 to 16 edge.

The score was tied four times in the second quarter, but Crater

broke from a 27-all deadlock to take a 34 to 31 lead at halftime. It took the Pels six minutes of the third quarter to overtake Crater and tie it up at 43-all, only to have Edwards sink a two-pointer. However, a gift shot by Ray Taylor and a field goal by Wally Palmberg put the Pels in front 46 to 45 with 1:55 left in the frame.

Higinbotham tied it up on a gift shot, but Kent Hunsaker broke it for the Pels at 45 to 46. Higinbotham added a free throw for the Comets, while Taylor added a gift shot for Klamath.

Just before the third quarter ended, Jeff Anhorn hit from the side court to bring the game dead even at 49-all.

The Pels rallied four times in the fourth quarter, the last time to tie up the game at 62 points each. With 1:30 left to play, Alvarez hit with a twisting hip shot, and as the Pels scrambled for the ball, they were called twice for fouling Higinbotham, and both times he converted two free throws. Fred Bieln dropped in the last two-point shot of the game with three seconds left to make the final score Crater 68, Klamath Falls 64.

Both boards were dominated by the taller Pelicans, but to no avail against the hot-shooting Comets. Klamath pulled in 50 rebounds to 26 for Crater, but Central Point outshot the Pelicans from the field 460 per cent to 403. Crater converted 23 of 50 attempts from the field and 22 out of 29 free throw tries, while Klamath tallied only 27 of 67 field goal tries, and 10 out of 18 free throws.

The loss was the second of the season for Klamath and their first in the conference this season.

## Bonanza Antlers Upset Malin, Panthers Top SHA For Berths

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Friday night the upstart Bonanza Antlers stole the show when they upset the favored Malin five and won 44-43 in the final 14 seconds of play after trailing for all but the final six minutes of play.

Relegated to an anti-climactic atmosphere by the Bonanza-Malin struggle, the nightcap was won by the league champion Chiloquin Panthers who dumped the SHA Trojans 65-44 in a test that pretty well followed the expected trend.

Bonanza 44, Malin 43

The calm hands of little Joe

O'Connor flipped a pair of neat free tosses through the net with 14 seconds showing on the clock to erase a 43-42 Bonanza deficit and completely shake the Mustangs.

In their hurry to get back in the game the Malinites tossed the ball away and the Bonanzas took it out of bounds then controlled it until the buzzer sounded and the OTI gym turned into absolute bedlam.

O'Connor had earned his chance at the free throw line when he was fouled by Mustang Greg Prescott while trying to pull in a long pass from beneath the Mustang

bucket. The brilliant field-goal shooting of Antler Henry Dearborn, the game's high-pointer with 20, was chiefly responsible for keeping the winners within reach of Malin. Dearborn's points all came from the floor.

Denny Ellis, however, the number two Antler with eight, scored an important layup with 55 seconds to go that brought the Bonanzas up from a seemingly hopeless 43-40 deficit.

The Antlers held a brief 4-1 lead in the opening moments of the game but slipped to the short

## Cavers Hold Slim Margin Over Pels

The Grants Passers held a slim 45-43 margin over the Pel squad at the completion of the Friday rounds but the two were tied with 10 pins each toward the "fall" trophy.

The Medford Black Tornado was third with 35 points, Crater next with 26 and Ashland trailed with eight.

A pair of losses the KU team hadn't counted on were handed them when Jim Long, their unbeaten 98 - pounder, couldn't make the weight and had to forfeit, and Art Mills, who entered the action with an bad elbow, lost to Grants Pass' Art Pfendler.

Long put on the unnecessary two pounds overnight. Mills found his handaged elbow Pfendler's favorite leverage point and was forced to give way. He was unable to continue in the consolation round.

The Cavers ignored the fact the wind blew the roof off their school building while the meet was in progress. The gym was not harmed and no injuries as a result of the storm were reported. The Friday results:

## Hornets Win Title; Conquer Honker '5'

LAKEVIEW (Special) — The Lakeview Hornets got even for an earlier season loss inflicted by the Lakeview Honkers and scooped up the Rogue League championship by virtue of a 53-50 win over the Honkers here Friday night.

The Hornets ended the conference action with a 9-1 record and a 17-3 for overall season play. The Lakeview squad closed with a 7-3 for league action but will accompany the Hornets to Ashland next weekend for the District 6 A-2 playoff. They will square off against the northern top two for the right to continue to the state A-2 tournament.

Henry sophomore Kent Gooding, 6-7, was the big gun for the victors Friday. He counted 22 points and hauled in 23 rebounds to lead the Hornet attack. Teammate Bert Albritton was next in

both departments — 14 points and seven rebounds.

The Henleyites rambled off to a 14-4 first quarter margin over the Honkers and the lead proved enough.

At the halfway point the Hornets led 27-15 but the Honkers, paced by Doug Maxwell, Larry Peters and Chuck Coxey, who totaled 15, 11 and 10 respectively, outscored the winners in the last two frames.

At the close of the third frame the Hornets were out front 40-33. Henry controlled the boards, nailing 44 rebounds as compared to Lakeview's 39. From the field the Hornets shot 23 of 67 two-pointers while the Honkers counted 22 in 66 tries.

The Hornets lagged, 9-20, at the foul line, while the losers connected on six of eight shots.

A brief altercation involving Henry's guard Ray Brown and an unidentified Honker resulted in the ejection of Brown early in the second quarter.

The Honkers were charged with 14 fouls while the Hornets were whittled down only five times.

The box score:

## Owls Keep Tempers Down In Spite Of Rough Wolf Play

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Although the Wolves were charged with only 28 fouls during the Friday 78-59 loss the contest got close to a "Pier 6 brawl" situation numerous times.

The OCE quint, determined to spoil the Owl domination of the

conference, was not overly careful in the bodily contact department, but despite the bruising they were absorbing the Techmen held their tempers in check rather than chance having retaliation result in benched players.

Once during the test coach Palmberg had to go out on the

court to help cool down Norm Johns who felt he had taken about all he should. There was no action taken by the game officials in regard to the incident.

The Owls, tense at the thought of the title possibilities involved, got off to a shaky start and the Wolves took advantage of the situation to knot the count five times during the first half which ended 30-21 for OTL.

"Sweet Sammy," who had one of his best nights for the Owls, unraveled things late in the period, however, with five quick points to get the Techmen on the track. He topped all the shooters with 25 counters and led the rebounding with 18 grabs.

Smith connected on eight of 20 two-point tries and 9/14 at the charity stripe.

Palmberg emptied his bench strength into the action on numerous occasions and one of these spells enabled OCE's Spencer to snag the bulk of his 21 - point total for second place honors.

The Owl starters, Smith, Bob Petersen who counted 17 points, Leon Wilson who notched 18, Gene Branson who had five, and Hewlett Nash who scored only one, played not more than two-thirds of the game.

The Owls sprinted away early in the second half but the Wolves moved to within 12 points when Gilmore, Ft. Lewis, dropped Howard Oldchief of Yakima in the first round of a lightweight match. But Gilmore, who won the title at Tacoma earlier this year, had a job, because the Blackfoot warmed up in the last two rounds.

The results:

Bantamweights  
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The scoring summary:

## Tulelakers Net 53-48 Final Win

HAPPY CAMP (Special) — The Tulelake Honkers wound up an unbeaten Siskiyou County B League basketball season with a 53-48 victory over Happy Camp here Friday night. The win gave them a clear-cut league championship in the A class while the B squad dumped the Happy Campers 52-48 to nail a co-championship ship.

Tom Alcorn, scoring at a blistering pace, was the game stand-out with a total of 28 points garnered off 12 baskets in 19 shots from the floor and a perfect 4-4 at the charity mark.

Happy Camp's big Tom Wostenberg trailed Alcorn with 18 while Honker Ron Long and HC's Wayne Mathis were next with 15 each.

The Honkers shot a torrid 22 in 45 tries from the floor and hit nine of 15 at the foul line.

The winners were never out of danger although at one time they owned a 12-point spread. This dissolved, however, when the Tule reserves got into the action.

At the quarter mark the score was tied 14-14 and Happy Camp had a 26-24 lead at the half. The Honkers regained the lead in the third frame which ended 40-35.

Ron Simpson collected 19 points to lead the Tule B win and Mike Todd was next with 16.

The scoring summary:

Central Point (48) Fg Ft-Fia Pts Tt  
Higinbotham 1 3 5 9  
Edwards 4 5 8 13  
Alvarez 9 2 4 21  
Glines 2 2 2 4  
Anhorn 1 0 0 2  
Bieln 0 1 0 0  
Totals 23 22 29 12 48

Klamath Falls (64) Fg Ft-Fia Pts Tt  
Taylor 1 3 4 7  
Patzke 1 3 3 7  
Brickner 7 2 4 17  
Hunsaker 3 2 3 12  
Palmberg 0 0 0 0  
Bieln 3 0 2 6  
Allen 0 0 0 0  
Dennis 1 3 2 3  
Totals 27 10 18 64

Score by quarters:  
Central Point 18 16 15 15-48  
Klamath Falls 18 15 18 15-44

## Favorites Advance In Golden Gloves

SEATTLE (AP) — Several pre-tourney favorites advanced in the opening night of the 26th annual Northwest Golden Gloves Tournament Friday.

Tacoma's George Wright was one of the most impressive winners. He knocked out Benny Jackson of Ft. Lewis after only 42 seconds of their middleweight bout had gone by. Wright accounted for Jackson with a right.

Wes Craven of Seattle scored

another first round knockout when he downed Leo Dobbs of Tacoma in the light heavy division. Dobbs was a two-time Tacoma champ and winner of this year's Golden Boy award.

Lindy Lindmoser, Vancouver, B.C., former national AAMU light heavy champ, managed to outpoint Don Nau, Spokane, but it was close.

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## Lutes Land Y-C Crown

Klamath Lutheran wrapped up the Unlimited division championship in YMCA - Church League basketball Thursday night in a thrilling 49-47 overtime victory over Immanuel Baptist at the Altamont gym.

The High School division clubs, Bible Baptist and the Latter Day Saints quint, will vie for their version of the title Monday night at Altamont.

Jim Kurth and Charles Cooper starred for the Lutes Thursday with 10 points apiece and good defensive jobs; but Al Everson scored the winning bucket with 30 seconds left in the extra period. Everson counted six points for the night. Dean DeWitt was high for the winners with 15.

Mel Loy of the Baptist five got away with high point boners for the night, however, scoring 22 off 11 field goals. Gary Woodring was next high for the losers with 11.

The scoring summary:

Immanuel Baptist (47) — Zumwalt 3, Jensen, Vincent 2, Loy 22, Wilson 4, Ellis 4, Warren, Woodring 11.

Klamath Lutheran (49) — Cunningham, Perry 5, Kurth 15, Hagen, Cooper 10, Everson 4, DeWitt 15.

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