

Pelicans Bounce Grant Generals 57-49 in Semis

Brickner, Patzke Lead Way To Finals

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McARTHUR COURT (Special)—The Pelicans, in a manner highly reminiscent of 1958, proved Friday night that having 10 big men isn't necessarily the answer. They battled their way into the championship game with a tremendous uphill 57-49 victory over the previously unbeaten Grant Generals, but the contest was a lot closer than the final score indicated.

The Generals, who have employed a platoon system since 1958, and have the horses to make it go, entered the bout with the Whitebirds boasting a 24-0 record. Friday night the string ran out.

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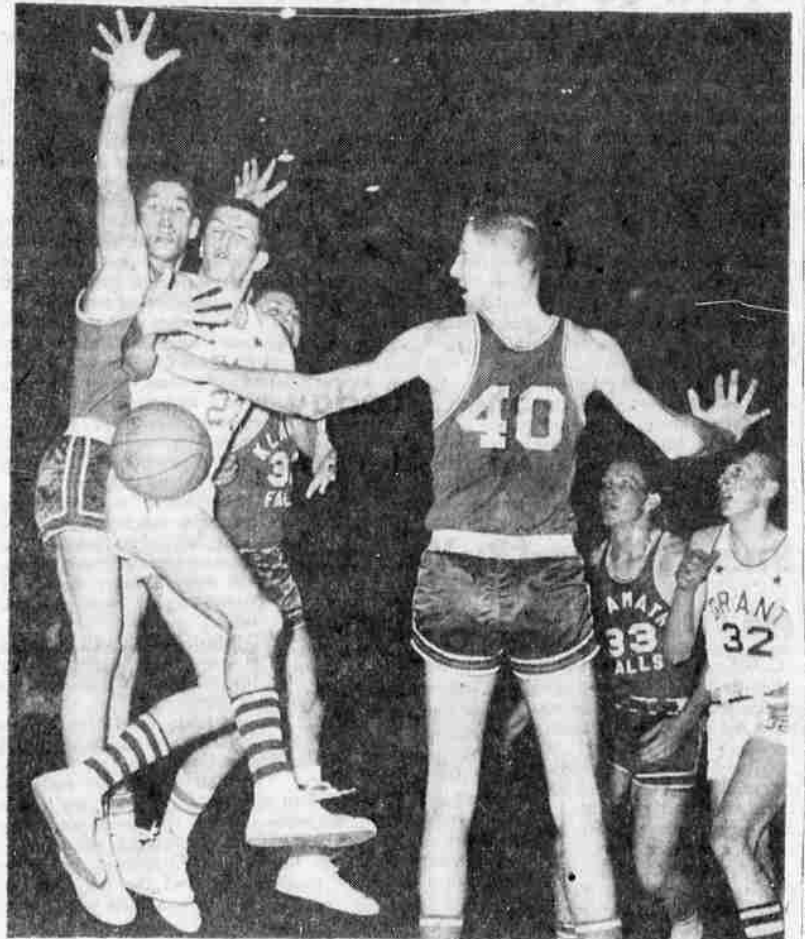
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DROP IT—Bruce Brickner (40), big 6-7 center who led the Klamath Falls scoring Friday night with 19 points, holds the arm of Grant's Don Schnell (22) as it to say "drop it," in semifinal action of State A-1 Tourney at McArthur Court in Eugene. Behind Schnell are KF's Gary Patzke (with arms upraised) and Wally Palmberg. Pelican Ray Taylor and an unidentified General watch proceedings at right. Pelicans won, 57-49, to move to finals against Medford.

Wally Palmberg, the number two KU scorer.

Here the Pelicans opened up with their deliberate style but Grant high-pointed Don Schnell owned it up with a jumper.

The Grantmen regained their lead on a free toss by Schnell but Palmberg came back with a pair of free throws to give the Pels a lead they were not to relinquish the rest of the way.

Brickner stuffed in a rebound and followed with a charity toss to make it 51-47 with 2:41.

In the final two minutes the Pels tried their keep-away routine but a traveling whistle and a foul, Palmberg's fifth, gave Grant their final two points as captain Al Zell dropped both shots through the net.

With :39 left Brickner again stepped to the foul line after a mixup with Schnell beneath the boards. He dunked them both and then teamed with Gary Patzke, the game's top rebounder, beneath the boards to make the Generals miss three chances at the bucket.

With 14 seconds left Freddie Biehni scored the Pels' 53th point on a layup on a pass from Kent Hunsaker after a jump ball beneath the Grant basket.

With nine seconds to go Brickner intercepted a desperation pass and was awarded a pair of free throws when fouled by Ken Swanson.

He hit them both and the Pels were in the finals.

Brickner, who ran away from the big Grantmen, totaled 19 for the night. He made 9-13 from the floor and notched seven for nine at the foul line.

Palmberg was next with 13 off 14 from outside and 7-10 from the gift stripe. Biehni, who entered the game with a sprained ankle, was next with 10 counted all four from the floor and two for three at the foul line.

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Investigations Net Basketball Scandal

NEW YORK (UPI)—A fourth college basketball player has been questioned in the sport's latest and perhaps biggest bribery scandal, it was disclosed Saturday.

The identity of the player and the school for which he plays were not made known. However, sources close to the office of Dist. Atty. Frank Hogan disclosed that the player was questioned at that office Friday night.

Two men already are in jail on charges of bribing players from Seton Hall University and the University of Connecticut, and sources at the office of the D.A. insist that the scandal may develop into the worst ever in college basketball, dwarfing even the 1951 "point shaving" revelations.

However, there were indications that the district attorney's men were more interested in seizing would-be bribers than in arresting players who fell into their clutches. One person close to the investigation said, "It's the fixers we're interested in."

Leniency Plea

New York gamblers Aaron Wagman and Joseph Hacken were taken into custody Friday on charges of "bribing" players from the University of Connecticut and Seton Hall University to load down the scores of their own teams.

Following the arrest, a source close to the office of Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan said that the players Henry (Hank) Gunter and DA's investigation, which has Art Hicks to control the score in been going on since last fall, may a game Seton Hall lost to Dayton spread from coast to coast, 112-77, at Madison Square engulfing a host of players from as many as 20 schools.

"This will make the 1951 scandal look like peanuts before they get through," the source said.

Probe Wide Spread

David W. Worgan, executive assistant district attorney, confirmed that a wide spread investigation is on and it may involve more than just the three players DA's investigation.

Hacken was charged with offering bribes of \$1,000 each—"that were received"—to Seton Hall players Henry (Hank) Gunter and Art Hicks to control the score in a game Seton Hall lost to Dayton, 112-77, at Madison Square engulfing a host of players from as many as 20 schools.

Wagman and Hacken both have been ordered held for hearing on March 29 with bail on Hacken set at \$25,000 and on Wagman at \$50,000. In addition to the charge for bribing the U-Conn. player, Wagman was charged with trying to induce police officer David Campbell of the racket squad to sell him information concerning the DA's investigation.

Beatty Tips Indian, Remains Unbeaten

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI)—Stanford graduate, in the 1,000 yard run Friday night. The race was a highlight of the 21st annual Knights of Columbus track meet. Beatty, a member of the Santa Clara Youth Club of California, unleashed a blistering finish-kick to beat Cunliffe, who set the world indoor record for the event earlier this year.

Beatty opened up in the final 60 yards and roared past Cunliffe about 20 yards from the finish line. Beatty's time was 2:00.5 compared to Cunliffe's time of 2:07.9. Cunliffe's time Friday night was 2:09.7 as both he and Beatty cracked the meet record of 2:11 held by Arnie Sowell of Pittsburgh.

Tom O'Hara, sensational freshman from Loyola University of Chicago, provided the Irish touch for St. Patrick's Day as he captured the mile run. O'Hara, who defeated Ed Moran, Charlie (Deacon) Jones and George Harvey, was timed in 4:08.00—the fastest mile ever run by an 18-year-old.

Former Illinois star George Kerr defeated fast-rising Dave Mills of Purdue in the 600-yard run. Kerr took over the lead late in the race and survived Mills' finishing kick. Kerr's time of 1:10.1 was a new meet record.

Grace Butcher, suburban Cleveland housewife, cracked the world indoor record in the 800-yard run. Her time of 2:21.1 topped the 2:21.6 run by Helen Shipley of Lexington, Mass., at Columbus last weekend.

NEW YORK (UPI)—Federico Thompson, Argentine slugger, opens his United States campaign for another shot at the welterweight crown Friday night in a nationally televised fight with substitute Ted Wright of Detroit at St. Nicholas Arena.

Their 10-rounder is being staged at little St. Nick's instead of Madison Square Garden because the garden is occupied by the National Invitation basketball tournament.

Thompson, 33, top contender in the 147-pound division, is favored at 11-5 over Wright, 25, who accepted the bout early last week when Charley Scott of Philadelphia injured his back while training.

It's the second time in less than a month that Wright is a replacement at St. Nick's. He substituted for ailing Chico Vejar on Feb. 27 and knocked out the highly touted Sugar Hart of Philadelphia in the 10th round.

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Nieder Makes Boxing Debut

RENO, Nev. (UPI)—Shot put king Bill Nieder, who has been signed to play Jack Dempsey in a motion picture, will make his own professional boxing debut here April 7 against Rayoek Becerra of British Columbia.

The 240-pound Nieder won six amateur fights by knockouts and has been training in Southern California.

Becerra is undefeated in nine professional fights, most of which were staged in Portugal and Alaska.

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