

The Klamath Union Pelicans proved last Saturday night that they can play a very good brand of basketball when they set their minds to it. Proof is that they beat the defending state champion Grants Pass Cavemen, 43-37, in a defensive game and the Pelicans made the Cavemen play their style of ball for most of the game which proved the difference.

Coach Al Keck's Pelicans, knowing what they were up against and that they would have to play their best, did just that and turned in what most observers, including this corner, thought was their best game of the season.

They still made mistakes as an experienced team will do. But they made up for it in desire and fight which they hadn't previously displayed to any great length. And it took a good second effort to pull this one out.

But the best is yet to come and we hope the Pelicans haven't even yet begun to fight. They had better have plenty of fight left in them because the tough ones are just beginning to roll around. They meet Medford Friday night in Medford. The Black Tornado will undoubtedly be a little late that they were beaten by Grants Pass and that the Pels in turn defeated the Cavemen.

Medford must win this game to get back into the thick of things and the Pels must win to remain in the lead and just a step ahead of the fast-stepping Crater Comets who are blowing like a raging forest fire. Keck's charges proved that they can win when the chips are down. And the paying blue chips are down in every game in this league, one of the hottest in the state.

And while on the subject of Pelicans, there is another big match coming up for them. The KU wrestlers, presently fighting to be ready to challenge for the state championship, will host the touring Japanese national champions on Pelican Court Wednesday, Jan. 30.

The Japanese All-Star High School team is touring Oregon and the KU matmen will be one of the last teams on their list. The Japanese team has met and defeated Madison and Parkrose on successive nights, 29-2 and 24-2, respectively. They are champions of Japan and a split would be a big boon to the KU wrestlers.

There is an outside chance that the Pels could be in better shape for the Japanese team than most others for two reasons. One is that KU is one of the last stops for the Japs and they could be somewhat worn out. The other reason is that this meet will be a freestyle affair and KU has one

**OTI Meets Mountaineers In Two-Game Set Away**

LA GRANDE—The Oregon Tech Owls, looking stronger with each game in quest of their second consecutive Oregon Collegiate Conference title, comes here for a pair of encounters Friday and Saturday nights with the Eastern Oregon College Mountaineers.

The Owls presently are co-leaders of the conference with two wins and no losses, both coming last weekend in Owl Gym over Portland State. The Mountaineers, surprisingly, lost a pair to Southern Oregon in Ashland, Oregon College of Education is at Southern Oregon both Friday and Saturday. Portland State is idle this weekend.

The Owls had one of their best games of the season last Friday night in waxing the Vikings, 76-52. They had to struggle the following night to get a 68-62 win.

Coach Jim Partlow said that Eastern Oregon is one of the toughest teams in the league on their home court. The Mountaineers started off the season in style but have fallen down lately but could be ready to rebound. And they will certainly be out for the upset of defending champion Oregon Tech. So the Owls will have to be on their toes to win both games this weekend.

Coach Partlow probably will go with the same lineup which he opened with against Portland "Sweet" Sammy Smith (6-6) at center, 6-4 Willie Anderson at forward with 6-2 Norman Johns, and 6-0 Hewlett Nash and 6-0 Van Zitek at the guards.

He will have 6-10 Ron Wilkerson, 6-1 Wayne Dennis, 6-1 Jim Slinkard and 6-1 Chuck Nagley in reserve. Wilkerson, only a freshman, showed signs of coming to life in last week's games. He is a lanky 6-10 and is now beginning to learn some of the moves and is getting tougher on the boards.

Partlow also recruited a couple of other athletes off the campus to help get a 12-man squad. He picked up football player Chuck Hawkins, about 6-3 and 5-10 Jim Heller from the baseball team.

Eastern Oregon probably will go with Dick Turley (6-5), Robert Meyers (5-10), George Wachter (6-2), 6-3 Don McClain, and Gary Kuykendall (5-11). Others who probably will see some action are Brian Forrest, a 6-7 sophomore, Dick Willems (6-4), and Dennis Bagnall (6-2).

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**Whitebirds Slight Underdog In Game**

MEDFORD—The Klamath Union Pelicans get one of their biggest tests of the season here Friday night when they take on the pre-season favorite Black Tornado of Medford as the second week of Southern Oregon Conference action begins.

The Pelicans, having defeated Ashland and Grants Pass teams last week in close games, leads the loop presently with a 2-0 record while the Big Wind is 0-1, having lost to the Cavemen at Grants Pass.

This might indicate a favorite's role for the Pelicans but they will be slight underdogs Friday on the Medford home court. But some injuries of late to the Tornado squad could aid the Pelicans if they are still on the injured list.

The Medford quint lost to Grants Pass last week without their top scorer Jim Hill with a separated shoulder but it is reported that he may see limited action this weekend which means he could be ready to go. The other Tornado on the injured list is Rick Benner, the former Grants Pass player, who broke his wrist in pre-holiday action. He is reported to be on the comeback trail but probably won't be ready for the Pelicans.

The Pelicans are in good physical condition with no injuries and should be ready for this all-important contest. This will be a very important game for the Pelicans because it can be used as a rating for the coming season. The Pels have defeated two of the

better clubs and has Crater to meet next week. So this game is an important one, for both clubs. Medford needs a win to get back into contention.

The Pelicans should be charged up to some measure because of the three licks the Tornado gave them last year in four games while the Pels were winning the league title. They will be out to revenge those losses.

Each team has four players in the top 20 scoring column for league competitors. The Pelicans have Fred Kelley, Wayne Chamberland, Dick Scott and Hal Holman. The Tornadoes have J. C. Forde, Jim Hill, Dan Miles and Mike Neathamer.

Kelley is the leader among that group with 94 points and an 11.7 average. Then comes Forde and Lamb. Forde has 85 points in one less game for a 12.1 average. Hill has 79 for six games and a 13.1 mean. Then comes Scott with 78 and a 9.7 average. He paced the Pelicans past Grants Pass. Then Medford's Miles and Holman and Chamberland.

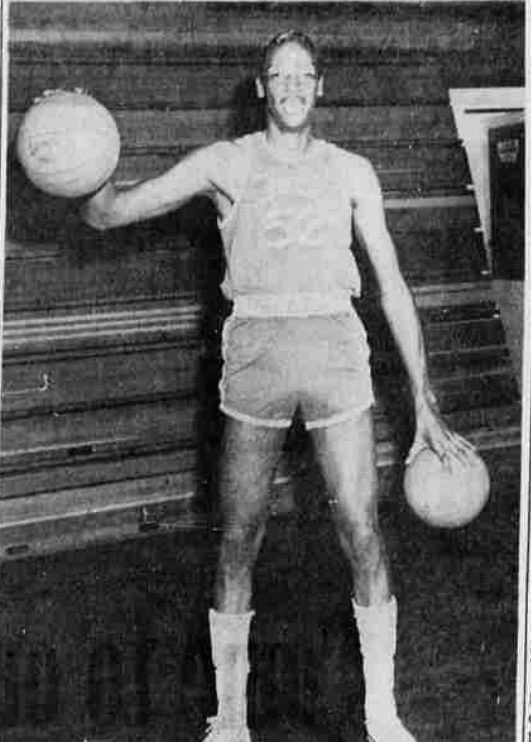
Those four probably will open for Coach Al Keck's crew and with sophomore Terry Ash as the probable fifth starter. Grover Dahn, Lanny Guyer and Bob Moore, a freshman, likely will see action, also.

Forde, Miles, Neathamer, Gib Mitchell and Mike Barnes will probably open for Coach Frank Roelandt's Tornadoes.

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**Vaulting Champion Has Mononucleosis**

BOULDER, Colo. (UPI)—Hard working Don Meyers resigned himself today to getting lots of sleep in an attempt to clear up a case of mononucleosis that has weakened him steadily since he set the unofficial world indoor pole vault record in Chicago Dec. 20.

Meyers learned late Wednesday he had the mysterious blood disease that saps a victim's strength and initiative, and can lead to serious complications.

"Actually, the doctor diagnosed it as a mild case of mononucleosis," Meyers said.

The 22-year-old University of Colorado graduate student was forced to cancel his scheduled appearance in the Knights of Columbus indoor meet in Boston this weekend, a particular disappointment because he had counted on competing against Dave York in their specialty.

Meyers has lost 15 pounds from his normal weight of 165 since the Chicago meet. He said the loss prevented him from bending his fiberglass pole enough to get the spring he would need to compete.

Meyers said he had felt "lethargic" since before his trip to Chicago, adding the understatement: "It didn't bother me there though."

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**College Scores**

By United Press International

**EAST**  
Duke 85 Navy 70  
Drexel 61 Haverford 33  
NYAC 39 Acadia (Nova Scotia) 40  
Fordham 89 Rutgers 66  
St. Francis (N.Y.) 51 Villanova 48  
W&Jef 58 Carnegie T. 55 (OT)  
Lincoln (Pa.) 29 Del. Val. 53  
Concord 42 W. Va. Tech 29  
Pittsburgh 61 Westminster 51  
Springfield 70 Amherst 57  
Franklin & Marsh, 57 Dick's 42  
Auburn 63 Hofstra 60  
Temple 83 Lafayette 62  
Ursinus 51 Penn Mil 60  
Kutztown, St. 32 Juniata 46

**SOUTH**  
Georgia Tech 72 Georgia 70  
Virginia 78 N.C. St. 69  
Gallaudet 68 Towson St. 44  
Gettysburg 58 Johns Hopkins 30  
Wake Forest 78 N. Carolina 70  
Randolph-Macon 79 Old Dom. 74  
Bluefield St. 90 Beckley Coll. 75  
Okl. City U. 38 Centenary 34  
Huntingdon 75 Birmingham S. 61

**MIDWEST**  
Notre Dame 82 DePaul 62  
Indiana Tech 91 Marion Coll. 83  
Miami (Ohio) 64 Kent St. 38  
Evansville 62 Valparaiso 39  
Toledo 60 Bowling Green 36  
St. Ambrose 94 Iowa Wesleyan 77  
Dayton 69 St. Francis (Pa.) 65  
Indiana (Ind.) St. 76 Butler 56

**SOUTHWEST**  
Southwestern U. 105 Tex. Wes. 103

**WEST**  
Seattle 58 Montana 54

**McKAY HONORED**  
COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI)—Coach John McKay of top ranked Southern California will receive the Robert Zippke Trophy at the annual banquet of the Columbus Touchdown Club Jan. 18.

The trophy, given in memory of the late Illinois coach, is awarded to the college football coach who has faced "the most demanding schedule."

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**Westminster Loses Votes But Retains Top Ranking**

NEW YORK (UPI)—Westminster of Pennsylvania lost more of its lead in the United Press International small college basketball ratings today as Wittenberg of Ohio and Tennessee State moved up into challenging positions and Southeast Missouri slipped the top 10 for the first time.

Westminster, the defending small college champion which now has led this season's ratings all six weeks, was named No. 1 by only 13 of the 35 coaches who comprise the UPI rating board.

Wittenberg, which defeated Westminster two weeks ago, was picked by nine coaches for the top spot. Only one named Tennessee State, but that school gained enough second and third place support to rank right behind Westminster and Wittenberg.

With points distributed on a scale of 10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 for votes from first through 10th places, Westminster had 201

points, Wittenberg 259 and Tennessee State 226.

Westminster was idle last week and that apparently caused a few coaches to switch their support. Two weeks ago — before the loss to Wittenberg — the Titans were the top pick of 21 coaches.

Wittenberg, which has lost one of eight games, defeated Muskingum in its only start last week, while Tennessee State added two more victories for a 10-2 record.

**USC Selected By Helms Group**

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The University of Southern California, already named United Press International 1962 college football national champion, today was named national champion by the Helms Athletic Foundation.

Helms, which has selected a champion after the bowl games since 1900, cited the Trojans first undefeated record since 1932 and the 42-37 Rose Bowl victory over Westminster.

USC previously received the Helms crown in 1951 and 1952.

**BOSTON TO COMPETE**  
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Olympic broad jump champion and current world record holder Ralph Boston will compete in the Golden Gate Invitational indoor track and field meet Feb. 15. It was announced Wednesday by local promoters.

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**Southern Oregon Conference Statistics**

Team	Season				Conference						
	W	L	Pct.	PP	PA	Team	W	L	Pct.	PP	PA
K-Falls	8	0	1.000	456	353	K-Falls	2	0	1.000	95	88
Crater	7	0	1.000	493	353	Crater	1	0	1.000	45	38
Ashland	4	2	.667	417	318	Grants Pass	1	1	.500	99	103
Medford	5	2	.714	424	344	Medford	0	1	.000	40	42
Grants Pass	5	3	.625	432	410	Ashland	0	2	.000	101	117

**Top 20 individual scorers**

Player	School	FG	FT	PF	TP	AV.
Mike Glines	C	51	12-21	8	118	16.3
Jim Pippin	GP	36	25-42	18	107	12.4
Howard Tomlinson	C	29	48-58	19	124	15.1
Low Alvarez	C	44	13-20	22	101	14.4
Fred Kelley	KF	39	16-22	21	94	11.7
Jack Forde	M	36	13-20	32	85	12.1
Jim Lamb	A	28	28-42	17	84	10.5
Tom Sparrin	M	34	11-25	14	78	11.1
Dick Scott	KF	28	22-35	28	78	9.7
Pat Pepper	C	31	15-19	11	77	11.0
Dan Miles	M	28	7-14	13	75	10.7
Hal Holman	KF	24	25-34	8	71	9.1
Wayne Chamberland	KF	24	25-34	7	71	9.1
Tom Sparrin	A	23	25-22	18	71	9.9
Greg Lindley	GP	23	11-18	21	61	7.4
Mike Neathamer	A	23	14-20	29	60	7.5
Bob Shepard	M	25	8-17	12	58	6.3
Rick Pierce	GP	20	14-21	13	54	4.7
Paul Branson	A	15	15-20	24	45	5.4
	C	13	12-21	22	42	6.0

**GEORFION OUT**  
MONTREAL (UPI)—Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion, top goal scorer this season for the Montreal Canadiens, will be out of action for another week with a 77-day injury.

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