

# Japanese Wrestlers Defeat Scrappy Pels, 27-3

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The Japanese National High School All-Star wrestlers came to town Wednesday to wrestle the Klamath Union team with prestige and honors, but they knew they had been in a battle when the bouts were over.

The Japanese team defeated the Pelicans, with the addition of one Hornet from Henley, 27-3, in convincing style with some classic moves for high school wrestlers, the speed of striking rattlesnakes, and centuries of wrestling savvy.

The fights drew a packed house in which an estimated 1,500

squeezed into Pelican Court, stood around the fringes of the court and sat in aisles to watch the stylish Japanese perform.

This was the final match on the 18-match tour which lasted 23 days. The Japanese team won all 18 team matches and had only six individual losses on the tour. Three of the Japanese grapplers finished the tour undefeated. They were Y. Tobita, A. Sato and S. Sakai.

But the Pelicans gave them a run for their money with a lineup which included two boys who generally wrestle for the Jayvees and one grappler from Class A-2 Henley.

Tom Miles, the 136-pound dynamo from KU, was the only victor of the night. He pulled out a 4-2 decision over S. Haraikawa with a takedown and an escape for his four points while the All-Star got only an escape.

Coach Delancey Duncan was proud of the way his Pelicans fought the Japanese. "Their coach said that our kids were tougher than most they met," Duncan related. The Japanese coach said that Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and the Portland All-Stars were the three toughest and that they all were about the same.

It must be remembered, however, that the Japanese are na-

tional champions, and they wrestle three to four hours a day and have as many as 60 matches per year. They began this tour with a total combined record of 340 matches and only six losses.

S. Sakai, who was one of the three undefeated on this tour, defeated John Stilwell in the opening 125-pound match. Stilwell usually wrestles on the second unit behind Grant Humphreys. Sakai got three takedowns and an escape to beat the KU boy, 5-1.

Humphreys was in the 130-pound division, one step above his usual weight event. He lost a 4-1 decision to M. Nakai. Humphreys' only point was a penalty point

while the foe got a takedown and reversal.

Then Miles won the only match of the night which had the crowd on its feet and applauding his efforts. He scored one of the two takedowns the KU wrestlers scored in the eight matches and added a reversal for his four points while Haraikawa got a two-point reversal.

Ron Head dropped a well-fought 1-0 decision to T. Shinjo in the 141-pound event. Shinjo had an escape and a takedown for the three points.

Henley's Chuck Milanovich scrapped but was no match for Y. Tobita in the 148-pound class. Tobita has never been beaten in

his life. Time and again Milanovich squirmed out of pin situations but ran out of gas and was finally pinned with 16 seconds remaining in the match. He was behind on points, 11-2.

Then came what was probably the best bout of the card. Ron Hitchcock lost a heartbreaker to A. Sato in the 157-pound division in the last 30 seconds of the bout.

Hitchcock showed the Japanese some of their own maneuvers and jumped to a 5-4 lead with 33 seconds left in the match when his efforts had just about robbed him of all his stamina. Sato got a one-point takedown to even the match at 5-5. His pressing kept Hitchcock moving to try and salvage a

tie but he caught up with the gutty Pelican and gained two points as the buzzer sounded for a predicament and the 7-5 win. The crowd really appreciated this bout. Sato has been beaten only once in his life.

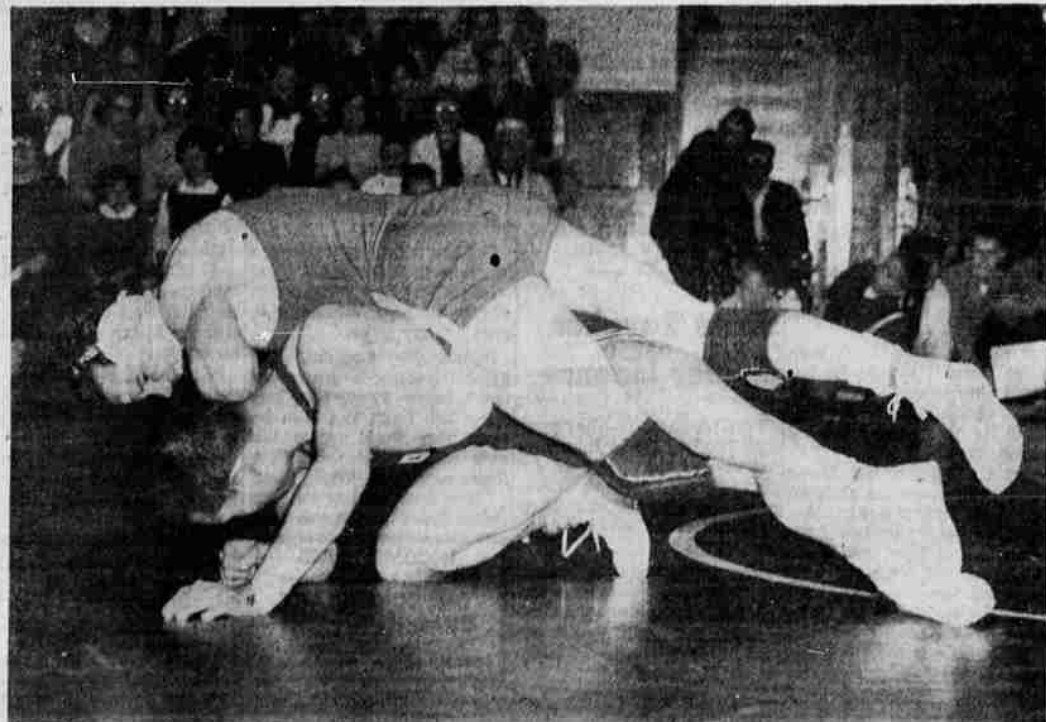
Ben Gonzales was a last day substitution in the 163-pound event. Bob Daulton was to wrestle there but had to move up to the 178-pound bracket because the Japanese didn't want Thurston Henzel, who weighs about 210, to go against their lighter boy. Gonzales was pinned by S. Endo in 3:45 while trailing 5-0.

Bob Daulton closed out the matches with a good attempt but it wasn't enough against S. Ma-

buchi and he was pinned in 2:40. cates how hard they are to take down which also is a good measure of the difference.

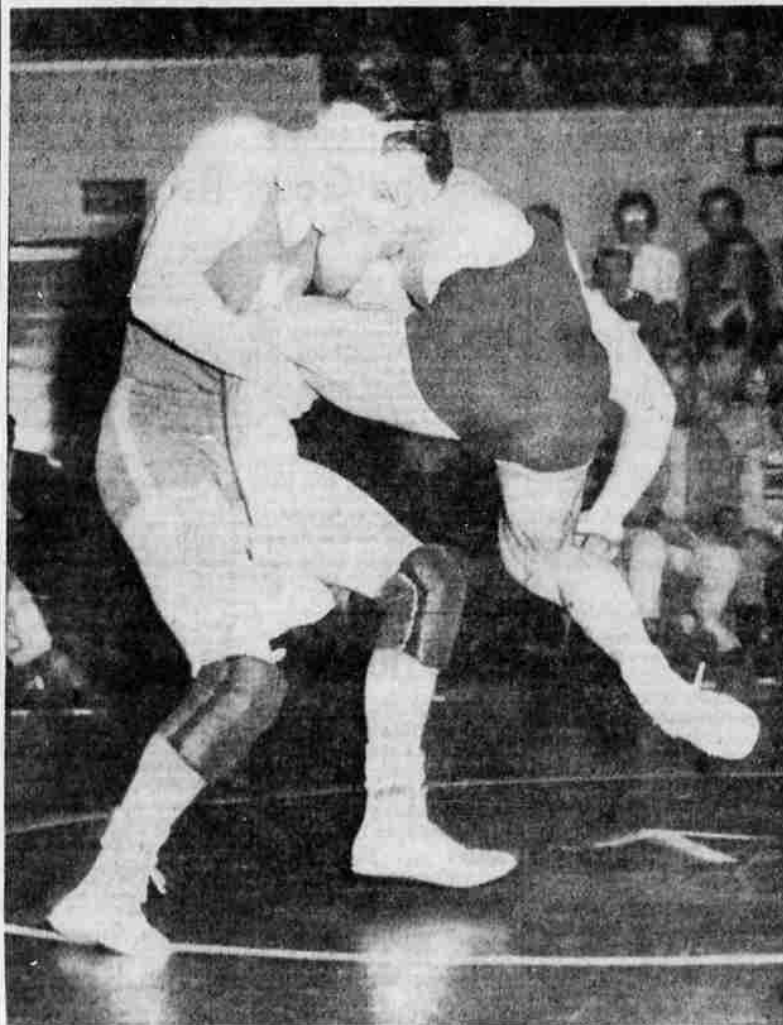
The Japanese suffered only two takedowns all night which indi-

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**MILES ON WAY TO VICTORY** — Tom Miles (on top) gains valuable riding time as he holds down Japan's S. Haraikawa and tries to gain a hold which he can turn the Japanese All-Star over with for a pin. He didn't get

him turned over or pinned, but he did get the only win for Klamath Union over the Japanese National All-Stars, 4-2. The fights were fought before a packed house at Pelican Court which the Japanese team won, 27-3.



**THE WINNING POINTS** — Klamath's Tom Miles is in the process of throwing Japan's S. Haraikawa for a two-point takedown which eventually won the match for the Pelican and was the only win of the night for the home town team. He won over the Japanese All-Star, 4-2.

## Henley's Top Ranked Hornets Tackle Rogue River, Eagle Point

Henley's Hornets finally made overlook their Friday night contest with Rogue River which seems to have found the winning formula lately by downing their last two opponents, Sacred Heart and surprising Phoenix.

Other games find Lakeview, the third place team in the tough Rogue League, at home Friday night against that same Eagle Point crew which handed it a one-point loss early in the season. This battle may take some of the starch out of the Eagles for Henley Saturday night. The Hornets could jump into a tie for second should they beat the Eagles and they will have the home court advantage. The Hornets swap opponents with Henley

Saturday night, too, and will host Rogue River.

Sacred Heart's basement-dwelling Trojans will be at Illinois Valley Friday night trying to shake off a six-game losing streak and will come back home Saturday night for a contest against St. Mary's.

The Hornets had only one game last week but that one was enough. The state's top ranked team had to go an overtime to beat the surprisingly strong Lakeview quintet on the Hornets' home court. The Hornets finally won, 61-50. It also was one of their lowest scoring games. They are 13-0 for the year.

Coach Jerry Johnson will have his usual lineup in the Rogue River game. It will consist of the league's leading scorer and rebounder Kent Gooding, forwards Earl Allbritton and Mike Beymer, and guards LeVoy Young and Steve Reiling.

Gooding, although held to his lowest output of the season against Lakeview with 13 points, is hitting at a 25.2 average per game. He has 154 points in five of the six Henley games. He missed one game because of illness and has a 22.1 average for the 13 games with 266 points. His scoring really began to spread out when league play began.

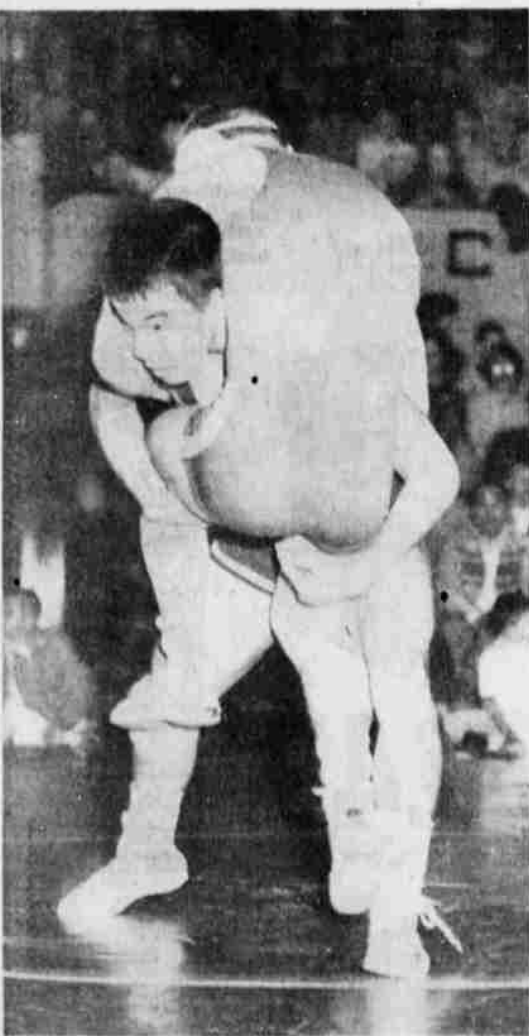
Beymer, although he fell in the standings, is fifth among league tallymakers with 100 points for a fine 13.0 average. And Allbritton is right on his heels with 92 points and a 13.3 average, good enough for seventh position. The two fine forwards were aided in the scoring department last week when the Hornets sagged on Gooding and left them open a lot. Young, the other starter, is 19th among the top 25 with 62 points and an 8.9 average.

Lakeview's Larry Samples took the spotlight in the Henley game last weekend. He hit for his season's high of 31 points to pull back into third place among the top scorers. He has 124 points for a 17.3 average. Joining their mate from Lakeview in the top 25 are

### Championship Bout Set Back

HONOLULU (UPI)—The world junior middleweight championship fight between titleholder Denny Moyer of Portland, Ore., and Stan Harrington of Honolulu has been set back one week and moved indoors.

Promoter Sam Ichinose said the fight, originally scheduled for Honolulu Stadium Feb. 19, would be held in the Civic Auditorium Feb. 19. He said the change was due to uncertain weather.



**WHICH WAY DID HE GO?** — Japan's M. Nakai peeks out from beneath a headlock by KU's Grant Humphreys as he prepared to try to throw the Pelican grappler to the mat for a takedown. This attempt failed but he won the match over Humphreys in a good bout, 4-1. The Japanese team won, 27-3.

## Dickinson, Kneece Sharing First Round Classic Lead

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UPI)—They changed partners and courses today and started into the second round of the \$50,000 Palm Springs golf classic — a tournament sometimes called the "IBM Open."

The scoreboard showed that Harold Kneece, a little man from Aiken, S.C., and Gardner Dickinson, a string-bean from Tequesta, Fla., tied off leading the field with 68.

But there was a joker in the scores. Dickinson fashioned his fine six-under-par effort at the

tough Eldorado course and moves to the "easy" Indian Wells layout today.

Kneece, who stands only 5-feet-7, played Indian Wells Wednesday and is stuck with the long Tamarisk layout today.

So Dickinson appeared to be in the driver's seat.

Right on the heels of the leaders came South Africa's Gary Player, admittedly playing the finest golf of his brilliant career, and unheralded Bob Shave of Wiloughby, Ohio. They each had 67, at Indian Wells and move to Tamarisk today.

Meanwhile members of golf's "big live" all were in contending positions. National Open champion Jack Nicklaus, still complaining of buritis in his leg, had a 69. Master champion Arnold Palmer had a 71. Billy Casper and Gene Little each had a 70.

Dickinson, 33-year-old 130-pound one-time protégé of Ben Hogan, also has been a consistent threat. Wednesday he had nine birdies against three bogeys with putts from as far away as 27 feet rolling into the cup.

Kneece, who never has won a

major PGA event, had even greater success on the greens. His 66 was five-under-par on the Indian Wells course. And he had one "sea-goer" putt that rolled into the cup from 99 feet on the big 14th green.

There was a four-way tie at 68 featuring Pat Schwab, Tommy Aaron, Davey Hill and Bo Wininger.

### Willie Anderson Leading Scoring

PORTLAND (UPI)—Willie Anderson of Oregon Tech is the scoring leader in the Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball race. Anderson has 173 points in 11 games for a 21.3 average. Pressing him are John Nelson, Portland State freshman, with 169 points and a 21.1 average, and OTI teammate Sammy Smith with 165 points and a 20.6 average.



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