

# Pelicans Hope To Get Back Onto Win Road Against Grizzlies

The Klamath Union Pelicans, virtually out of the Southern Oregon Conference race after their fifth straight defeat last week, can become the league's spoiler in these last three games if they will set their minds to it.

The Pelicans lost to Crater last Saturday at Central Point, 78-60, when they fell apart in the final quarter. It all but halted any hopes they had of retaining their SOC title and may have knocked them from the state tournament which they have been a part of for 14 years.

But they can make it rough on the others. They will host the sometimes tough Ashland Grizzlies on Pelican Court Friday night. And victories in their last three games (Ashland, Grants Pass and Medford) could give the players for next year a good send off in the winning direction.

The Pelicans, who weren't expected to do too much in the way of winning in league competition this season, opened up with two straight losses but pulled themselves back into the race with four straight wins. Then the losing skein came about.

But the Pelicans could finish in a tie for second by winning all three remaining games and hope that the other league games go according to the KU form sheet. Should Ashland top Grants Pass and Crater fall twice and with Grants Pass knocking off Medford, it could wind up in a big tie. But that is the long string of hope, now.

"We just lost control at Crater," Keck said. "They started putting that press on us again and it was just like the other games. We lost our poise. And they (Crater) out rebounded us in the second half. I tried to rest the boys throughout the game so that we would have them in the last quarter for that press," he voiced.

"We've lost some close ones and won some close ones which could have gone either way. A break our way and we could have been right up there. We still are not completely out of this, yet. We're still playing about the same, but could use a break or two," Keck said.

The KU coach will go with an opening lineup of Fred Kelley, Wayne Chamberland, Don Piper, Dick Scott and O. Over Dahn. Hal Holman sprained his ankle in drills Wednesday afternoon and it swelled up quite a bit after practice. He may not be ready to go Friday night.

"I thought I'd give Piper a chance at starting. He is a real hustler and has been shooting and rebounding well. In fact, he's shooting very well," Keck stated. "He's a good rebounder, too, simply because he hustles the way he does," Keck said.

Chamberland is the leading scorer for the Pels with 203 points in the 19 games for a 10.6 average. He ranks sixth in the league with 191 points and a 10.1 average. Kelley, Scott and Holman in 13th and 14th with 161 and 146 points respectively for 8.4 and 8.1 averages. Grover Dahn was the fifth Pel in the top 20 with 132 points and a 6.9 average.

Keck also expects to get sophomore Terry Ash, junior Lanny Guyer and senior Bob Holman into some action Friday night against the Grizzlies.

The Pelicans will take the road Saturday night and travel to Grants Pass for a game with the Cavemen. The Cavemen beat the Pels here in the last game and a close one. It could be different this time.

The Pelicans have their backs to the wall now and must fight to get back into any form of contention.

Reserved tickets for the Ashland game Friday night are now on sale at the Chamber of Commerce. Reserved tabs sell for \$1.50.

# Hernandez TKO's Carothers In 8th On Cut Eye To Top Pro Card



CAROTHERS LANDS LEFT JAB — "Chief" Ken Carothers (left) sticks out a stiff left jab to the face of Ramon "Buffalo" Hernandez in the main event 10-round fight Wednesday night at the Klamath Auditorium. The two battlers fought on even terms through the first six rounds until Hernandez' better conditioning began to show and he opened a bad cut over Carothers' eye in the seventh which stopped the fight and won a TKO for Hernandez.

## Bloody Fights Thrill Fans

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The professional boxing card at the Klamath Auditorium Wednesday night might have cost promoter Vearl Sherman of Portland money because the crowd wasn't as big as expected. But the fans that attended the fights certainly got their money's worth — in spades.

The main event bout, between Mexico's Ramon (Buffalo) Hernandez and "Chief" Ken Carothers of Grants Pass, now fighting out of Portland, probably was the slowest bout on the card with Hernandez winning on an eighth round TKO when Carothers couldn't answer the eighth round bell because of a severely cut left eye.

Four of the five bouts failed to go the distance. Jerry Hamilton won a TKO over Eddie First Rider when the Canadian Indian suffered cuts over both eyes. Cecil Mott, certainly main event material, finally put Jimmy Proctor out of his misery and frustration in the fifth round and Derry Thompson, fighting his first fight, kayoed Klamath's Jim Buker in the second round.

Only the opening bout between Ernie Esterbrook and Rabbit Chambers went the distance. The Canadian was allowed to continue and went out after the knockout and almost got it but suffered a cut left eye in the round. He couldn't quite finish Hamilton off and the fight was not allowed to resume in the fourth because of the cuts. First Rider displayed a few unsportsmanlike gestures during the final round in hitting on breaks and butting.

Buker had a slight edge on Thompson in the first round simply because he threw more punches. But Thompson landed a right hook to the jaw of Buker and he barely beat the count. He got up and tried to cover up but caught another right on top of the head which sent him to the deck. Referee Homer Amoureux stopped the bout with 2:30 gone.

The opening bout was even with a wide open slugging brawl. Esterbrook got in the better of the licks and won the judges decision unanimously.

Sherman brought a tremendous card and the fans that saw it enjoyed it. He hopes to bring another card back in about a month to six weeks.

# Klamath County League Ends Regular Season Play Friday

The Klamath County League winds up its regular season play Friday night with Bonanza going to Bly. Chilquin journeying to Gilchrist and Malin entertaining Merrill.

Chilquin still has the league lead with only one loss and Merrill is second only a game behind. But it isn't probable that either team will lose Friday night so the Panthers are picked to remain in the lead and gain the championship.

However, the big test comes next weekend when the annual Class A-B tournament will be held at Oregon Tech's gym. The top five teams of the league will go into the tourney along with Prospect and Paisley. Winner of that tournament will go to the state tournament.

There may also have to be a playoff between the bottom two teams, Malin and Bly, if they both lose or both win this weekend. The bottom team of the league does not get to enter the 5-B tournament. That date and site is as yet undetermined.

Chilquin will be favored to win the championship flag Friday night but not before they get a battle from the Gilchrist Grizzlies. The Panthers could run into a rough road at Gilchrist.

Coach Dave Sigado will probably be on a lineup of Tony Wilder, Tony Duilio, Dan Taylor, Greg Harris and Al DeBortoli with Leo Rand Wilder, Joe Kirk and Jim Bridge seeing some action, also.

Gilchrist's Jerry Bennett will probably go with Dave Sporer, Dan Hoff, Denny Jessup, Bob Mayfield and Matt Koski.

Mayfield and Matt Koski, Jack Hazelwood as the six to pick the five starters from.

Merrill also will be favored over the Malin Mustangs. Merrill will probably finish with a second place while Malin will be sent into a playoff with Bly, if all goes to form.

The Huskies will go with Ken Smith, Larry Connor, Dave Hill, Bob Moore, and Dale Kurtz. The Mustangs will open with Tom Toftell, Tom Brown, Sherm Kulina and a brother combination of Randy and Reggie LeQuieu.

Bonanza will be at Bly's home court but still will be the slight pick in the game. The Antlers will probably start Fred Dearborn, Bill Newlin, Ricky Steber, Ed Simmons and Ed Nichols, with Jim Seater, Monty Burnett and Rod Pfeiffer also seeing action.

Bly will open with Jim Watts, Johnny Godova, Merle Clemens, Jack Patzke and Greg Davis.

## Indian Tourney To Begin

CHILQUIN—The annual Pacific Coast Elimination Basketball Tournament will open today at 4 p.m. in the Chilquin High School gymnasium. Tournament play will continue through Saturday. Sponsors are the Reservation Jaycees.

Teams from Chico, Calif., and the Beatty Lakers will tangle for the opening game. Two Chilquin High teams, the Red Foxes and the Carol Shadleys, will toss for the first ball at 5 p.m.

Reno and Portland will play at 7 p.m. followed by Toppenish, Wash., and the Warm Springs Magpies.

Afternoon gate prices will be \$1 for adults and students over 12 years and 50 cents for children under 12. Evening prices will be \$1.50 for adults and students, 50 cents for children under 12.

Semifinals will be played Friday night, March 1, at 7 o'clock. Finals will be played, starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

All net proceeds will be turned over to the high school athletic field lighting fund by the Jaycees who have assumed responsibility for the lighting program.

Winner and runnerup teams of the Pacific Coast Tournament will be seeded in the National All-Indian Basketball Tournament March 21, 22 and 23 which draws some of the best teams from the West and Midwest.

Michele McNoise, 1962 queen, will reign through the Pacific Coast Tournament and the Queens' Ball March 16 which will determine this year's royal ruler and her court.

## Trojans Score IV In Overtime

The Sacred Heart Academy, playing their best game of the season, gave the Illinois Valley Cougars, battling for a tournament berth, all they wanted at the Trojan Gym Tuesday night before homeing to the Cougars in an overtime, 48-47.

It was undoubtedly the finest game played this season by the Trojans who just got little guard Elmo LeBeau after a fight with the books. His leadership led the Trojans into a close game which they probably wouldn't have been in otherwise.

The Cougars were heavy favorites but could have been overconfident. The Trojans jumped on them from the opening gun and led all the way until the last 10 seconds of the game when the Cougars got the ball on a five second violation and scored with 10 seconds remaining to knot the game and send it into overtime. Ron Thornhill, who led the Cougars with 21 points, stuck the shot in to tie the game.

The Trojans had a five point lead with four minutes left in the game when rugged Pete Krok fouled out. And top rebounder Dick Miller and Joe Durrell fouled out in the overtime to kill the Trojans' chances.

The Trojans missed two layup shots in the overtime which killed them. Jim Kosen and Miller scored the two buckets for the Trojans in the overtime while Chuck Versteeg and Darryl Gellert potted buckets for the winners. Thornhill made the free throw which won the game.

LeBeau led the team with 21 points. He also hit a bucket just after the buzzer sounded and it didn't count.

## T. Baker Adds Cage Laurels

NEW YORK (UPI)—Terry Baker of Oregon State, who won the Heisman Trophy award as the nation's outstanding college football player, won honorable mention honors today on the United Press International All-America basketball team.

Although Baker did not join the Oregon State basketball team until Dec. 21, just one week after he played in the Liberty Bowl football game, he was mentioned on 12 ballots in the UPI all-America poll.

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| SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE |    |    |   |
|----------------------------|----|----|---|
| Season                     |    |    |   |
| Team                       | GP | W  | L |
| Crater                     | 14 | 5  | 9 |
| Medford                    | 13 | 6  | 7 |
| Grants Pass                | 12 | 6  | 6 |
| Klamath Falls              | 12 | 7  | 5 |
| Ashland                    | 8  | 11 | 4 |

  

| Conference    |    |   |   |
|---------------|----|---|---|
| Team          | GP | W | L |
| Grants Pass   | 8  | 4 | 4 |
| Medford       | 8  | 5 | 3 |
| Crater        | 8  | 3 | 5 |
| Klamath Falls | 6  | 7 | 4 |
| Ashland       | 2  | 1 | 1 |

  

| Top 20 Individual Scorers |    |     |     |
|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|
| Player                    | GP | Pts | Avg |
| Tomlinson, C              | 19 | 112 | 5.9 |
| Perce, M                  | 19 | 112 | 5.9 |
| Alvarez, C                | 19 | 114 | 6.0 |
| Gilmes, C                 | 19 | 113 | 5.9 |
| Pippin, C                 | 18 | 85  | 4.7 |
| Chamberland, K            | 19 | 76  | 4.0 |
| Jim Hill, M               | 18 | 83  | 4.6 |
| Kelley, K                 | 19 | 75  | 3.9 |
| Lamb, A                   | 19 | 70  | 3.7 |
| Hutchins, GP              | 14 | 70  | 5.0 |
| Miles, M                  | 19 | 70  | 3.7 |
| Pepper, C                 | 19 | 64  | 3.4 |
| Scott, K                  | 18 | 41  | 2.3 |
| Holman, K                 | 18 | 46  | 2.6 |
| Pierce, A                 | 19 | 52  | 2.7 |
| Hess, A                   | 19 | 44  | 2.3 |
| Sparlin, GP               | 18 | 55  | 3.1 |
| Tupper, A                 | 19 | 46  | 2.4 |
| Dahn, K                   | 18 | 47  | 2.6 |
| Shepard, GP               | 18 | 43  | 2.4 |



THE END IS COMING — Portland's Jimmy Proctor doubles up as he is smashed hard to the stomach by a left uppercut by Los Angeles' Cecil Mott. The muscular Mott dropped Proctor twice with vicious body blows and once with a great left hook. The fight was stopped seconds after this picture was taken when referee Homer Amoureux felt that Proctor had taken enough punishment. Mott, although fighting in a six-rounder, was the highlight of the five-bout card with his darting left hand.

## Lavorante's Dad Petitions To Be Named Conservator

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A petition was to be heard in court today asking that the father of Argentine boxer Alejandro Lavorante, still in a coma since being knocked out Sept. 21, be appointed conservator of his son.

Alejandro Lavorante Sr., 66, filed the petition Wednesday stating Argentine President Jose Maria Argueta has arranged to give his 26-year-old son the best medical attention.

Lavorante has been a patient since the bout at California Lutheran Hospital where his expenses were paid under a special fund.

Notre Dame, also bound for the NCAA, struggled past small college power Evansville, 78-72, and Kansas State remained in the driver's seat for the Big Eight title and a place in the NCAA by downing Kansas, 74-60.

Two teams which will play in New York's National Invitation Tournament didn't fare as well. St. Francis of Brooklyn dropping a 71-60 decision to Seton Hall and DePaul falling before Louisville, 71-69, in overtime.

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