



IT FITS, COACH — Les Thurman, an end, gets some equipment fittings from assistant coach Jack Peterson as the Klamath Pelicans make ready for the coming grid year. Thurman will be a prime prospect for an end position. The Pelicans begin their first drills Monday with sessions planned twice a day.

Pennel Shatters Vaulting Record, Reaches 17 Feet

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (UPI) — John Pennel, hurrying to beat a thunderstorm, became the first man in history to clear the height of 17 feet in the pole vault Saturday as he soared over the bar at a world record 17 feet, 24 inches.

"I've been looking forward to this. I felt relaxed and now I feel great," the former Coral Gables high school track man said after his feat in the Gold Coast AAU track and field meet at the University of Miami.

He broke his own world record of 16 feet, 10 1/2 inches, set in London Aug. 5.

He cleared the bar in his first attempt at 17 feet, 24 inches, hustling to make his try when he saw a thunderhead bearing down on the field and heard thunder rumbling.

"Let's get it over with before it rains," Pennel told officials. As it turned out, the storm passed over. After authorities measured the

Locals To Play S. Valley

The Klamath Falls Medo-Bels, champions of the Northern California Semi-Pro Baseball League and defending champions of the President's Cup of last year, will host the Nor-Cal Playoffs.

The first game will be today in Gem Stadium at 2 p.m. when the Medo-Bels tackle the rugged Scott Valley nine. Scott Valley finished third in the league competition behind second place Weed. The Medo-Bels were champions. They won the President's Cup last season after a season which found them off the top rung.

"They're all set to go," says H. Hatfield, manager. Hatfield would not single out any individual player for praise, he did note that Tony Sallari, the catcher, is playing his last game today with the Medo-Bels.

Sallari has a scholarship to play football at the University of Oklahoma and will leave next week for pre-season activity with the Sooners squad.

Sallari joined the Medo-Bels after several games had gone by and filled the catcher's spot vacated by Dave Saks very well. Saks was one of the coaches for the Klamath Basin Babe Ruth team.

"We'll miss him (Sallari)," Hatfield commented, indicating that he hoped the Medo-Bels would polish off Scott Valley today and make the job of defending the cup they won last year a little easier.

Hatfield again appealed for local fans to support the Medo-Bels, pointing out that it is composed of star baseball athletes of this area. The tentative starting line-up will feature Blake Griggs on the mound with Bill Mansfield ready for mound duty in relief. Sallari will be behind the plate. Dean Dunson at first, Jim Keller at second, Ron Owens at third, Sherrin Allen at short, Don Greedy in left field, John Bianchi in center and Ray Taylor in right. The other half of the cup playoffs finds Dunsenair at Weed today. The two winners will then meet in a single game sudden death clash at the field of the team that finished highest in season play.

Bar and accepted the vault for formal submission as a world record, the 23-year-old Memphis, Tenn., native tried three times unsuccessfully to clear the bar at 17 feet, four inches.

"He had just coiled off while they were measuring the record," said University of Miami coach Robert Downes, a longtime friend and tutor of Pennel. "But I predict he's good for 17 feet, six inches."

Pennel used a fibre glass pole for his vault, and said he had the uprights carrying the crossbar moved forward slightly in order to put the bar under him at the very peak of his leap.

Gonzalez Decisions Rivero

NEW YORK (UPI) — Middleweight contender Jose Gonzalez of Puerto Rico weathered a terrific battering in the fourth and fifth rounds and came on to score his fifth straight victory Saturday night on a unanimous 10-round decision over slugger Juan (Rocky) Rivero at Madison Square Garden.

The somewhat taller Gonzalez, weighing 159 1/2 pounds to the somewhat pudgy Rivero's 161, beat the "little bull of the Pam-pas" from Argentina with superior long-range fighting.

There were no knockdowns in the nationally televised bout but the crowd of 2,000 was thrilled by the furious punching in most of the rounds.

Gonzalez, ranked 10th among contenders by the World Boxing Association and eighth by the Ring Magazine, was favored at 11-5. But in the fourth and fifth sessions, it seemed that he might be knocked out.

Rivero Gains Advantage

In the fourth, Rivero almost paralyzed him with a right to the body that kept Gonzalez bent over during most of the round as Rocky battered him with short hooks to the head.

In the fifth, Gonzalez kept in a deep bobbing crouch to escape body punches but he was staggered by head hooks three times.

Puerto Rican Jose, who had been superior in the first three rounds, rallied in the sixth and then came on to win every round thereafter.

He staggered rugged Rivero—who never has been stopped—in the eighth and ninth, and then used most of the rough tactics at his command on Rocky in the 10th—pushing, butting and hitting while holding. Referee Johnny Lobianco warned Gonzalez for those tactics but did not penalize him.

Loses Eighth Bout

Rivero, unranked among contenders, suffered the eighth defeat in his career of 47 bouts—despite the fact that former middleweight champion Rocky Graziano, his new mentor, was shouting advice from the corner in every round.

It was Rivero's third defeat in four United States fights.

The three ring officials favored Gonzalez on a rounds basis as follows: Referee Lobianco, 7-5; Judge Tony Rossi, 8-2; and Judge Marvin Goldberg, 3-4-1. The United Press International had Gonzalez ahead, 8-2.

KU Pelicans Begin Football Practice Monday

Baseball, on the high school level, just barely beat out the start of football season this year. Coach Bob Williams and the Klamath Union Pelicans will begin full-scale two-day workouts Monday.

The Klamath Basin Babe Ruth team, with a host of football prospects among the group, is now on its way back from the Babe Ruth World Series and will not be in time for the Monday drills.

The prospective Pelicans, 80 strong showing up for a crack at varsity positions, turned out to pick up equipment Thursday night and took physicals at a different meeting.

Williams explained the early schedule this way. The candidates will be out for first drills Monday morning at 10:30. The second practice session is the same day at 5:30 p.m. The schedule

changes slightly Tuesday when the boys are to begin at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The other practice slates will be announced later although the boys should know about them.

There will be a scrimmage Thursday afternoon beginning at 2:30. Coach Williams announced that he would make the first cut following that scrimmage.

Friday starts Football Week for the Klamath Pelicans. The annual "Chicken 'n' Beans" game is planned for Saturday night at Modoc Field, beginning at 7 p.m.

"All the lettersmen reported for the equipment distribution," Williams said. When asked about the quarterback situation he said this: "Smith (Walt) is our PAT (point after touchdown) kicker, too. He came out and will be working on that. He goes to the doctor Monday, but he hasn't been released yet. He will keep working on the kicking." Smith was in an automobile accident during the summer and was injured.

Williams works hard on and puts out a brochure for his prospective players during the summer. He says in this that with the lettersmen which are returning and some of the outstanding members of the Jayvee and freshman teams, that the Pelicans have the makings of a fine club. This, of course, with the idea in mind that hard work and desire are the nucleus of any club.

Those returning for more varsity action include ends Tom Day, John Jendrzejewski, Les Thurman and Don Workman. The three returning tackles are Bill Mills, Don Plowman and John Enright. The guards are led by Steve Campbell and Mike McKibbin with Terry Christiansen, Bill Crain

and Larry Dow pushing them to the limits for starting positions. The lone returning center is Jay Paxton. Smith was the only returning quarterback. Fullbacks include big Mike Kitching and Vern Pe-trick, halfbacks Ben Kerns, Chuck Mills, Terry Eccles and Rich Gustafson.

Some of the talented freshmen include Bob Williams Jr., who could slip into the QB slot with Smith injured, big fullback Bob Moore, rugged end Glenn Miller and several others. This group will make the more experienced boys work for their positions.

Williams states that hustle, desire and guts will have to be the determining factor and will have predominance over any decision made concerning any boy.

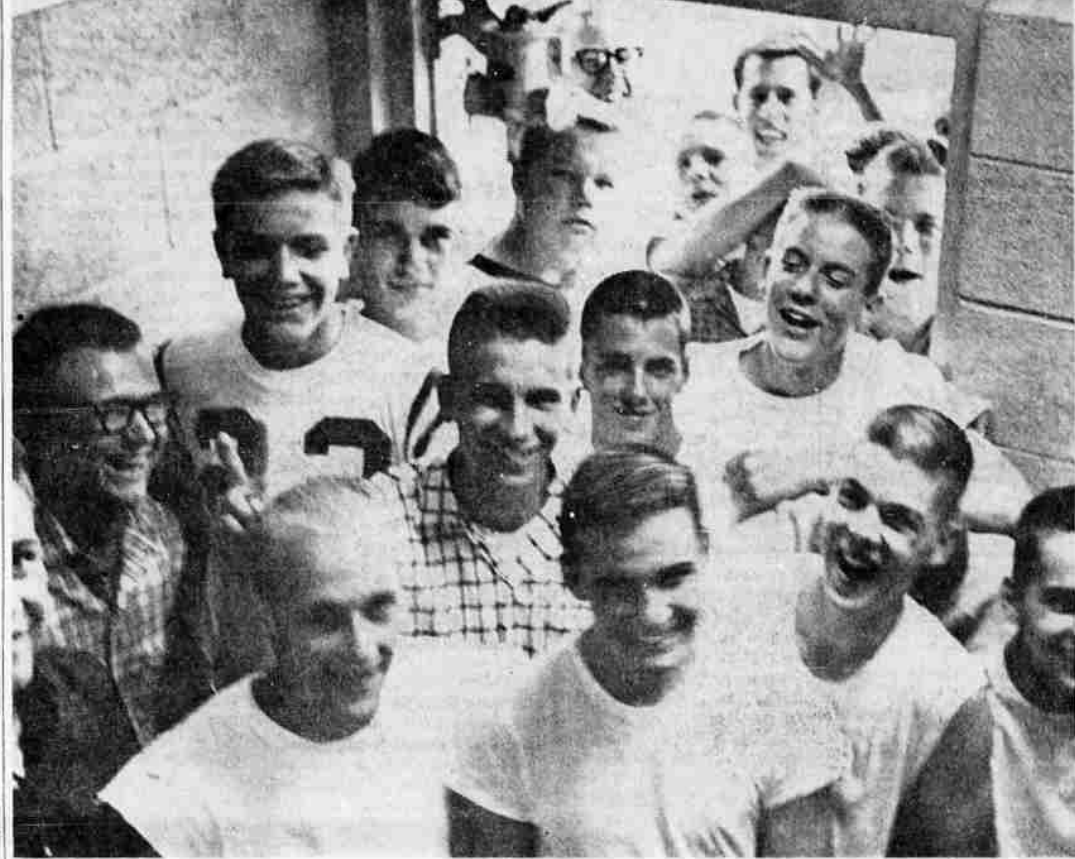
The Pelicans will have only an eight-game schedule this season due to the realignment of some of the state's other leagues. They have dropped Marshfield of Coos Bay as the opening opponent. The Pelicans will instead open against Grants Pass in a non-counting game. That will be at Modoc Field on Sept. 13. That game is only three weeks from last Friday. The second game will find the White-birds going to South Salem and on the road again the following week to Corvallis. The fourth game returns to Klamath where the Pels host North Salem in another non-counting game.

Then begins the league competition. The first counter is at Grants Pass on Oct. 11. The second game is Medford here on Oct. 18. Ashland here on Oct. 25 and Crater here on Nov. 1.

Bout Rescheduled

MONTREAL (UPI) — The postponed Sugar Ray Robinson-Willie Greaves 10-round middleweight fight has been rescheduled for Sept. 5, promoter Regis Levesque said Tuesday.

Robinson reported that X-rays of his left wrist, injured last week in a sparring session, revealed no fracture and that he planned to resume training today or Thursday.



CLAMORING FOR ACTION TO BEGIN — These young Klamath Union Pelican football hopefuls were clamoring for action when this photo was taken and they will get their hands full if it came Monday when grid drills begin for the local lads. They were in for this picture while waiting on equipment to be issued. Most of these boys were

on the jayvee or freshman squad last season and will be getting their first taste of varsity competition. The first session starts Monday at 10:30 a.m. and the second one at 5:30 p.m. The first game is Sept. 13 at Modoc Field against Grants Pass in a non-conference outing.

Johnny Pott Withstands Charge By Palmer To Hold Golf Lead

AKRON, Ohio (UPI) — Johnny Pott withstood one of Arnold Palmer's late putting charges to keep the lead by one stroke in the American Golf Classic Saturday.

The 27-year-old, Missouri-born Pott shot a 36-35-71, one over par, which enabled him with his total of 206 to hold a one-stroke lead over Palmer, who had six sensational birdie putts that put him back in contention after starting off the third round six strokes behind Pott.

But Pott kept the lead when the chips were down. When Palmer sank a 30-foot putt for a birdie on the 18th, Pott was only on the 15th green and knew he had to "put in" to hold his lead. He did just that.

Palmer carded a stunning 34-32—68 over the 7,165-yard Firestone Country Club course Saturday and called it "one of my better rounds of golf, especially my putting."

Sank Three Birdies

Palmer, the defending cham-

pion, sank three birdie putts of 10 feet on the first nine and three birdie putts of 15, 20, and 30 feet on the back nine as he charged back from what he called "two mediocre rounds."

He had carded a 70 and 71 in those two rounds.

Pott, who complained, "I didn't sink any long ones today as I did yesterday" — on Friday he sank birdie putts of 60 and 55 feet, was happy he stayed in the lead for it gave him another \$1,000 in bonus money which brought him to a total of \$2,333.33 for three days play.

Two strokes off the pace was 27-year-old Bobby Nichols, who shot an even par 70 for a total of 206.

Then came U.S. Open champion Julius Boros, also with a par 70 including birdies on the last two holes, for a total of 210, even par for the Firestone course, with a 72.

Five Off Lead

Five strokes off the lead at 211 came Harold Kneee, with a third-round 68; Lionel Hebert, with a 69; Masters and PGA champion Jack Nicklaus with a 71; and Australian Bruce Crampton with a 72.

McKinley and Ralston never were in serious trouble though they had to go five sets for a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 win over Taylor and Wilson.

Osuena and Palatof dropped the first set of their match but roared back to win in four, 5-7, 5-6, 8-6, 6-4.

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