

Pelicans Open Season Against Grants Pass Tonight

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The day of reckoning has arrived for this year's edition of the Klamath Union Pelicans.

The Pelicans, armed to the gills with size, decent speed, experience and a great desire to win, will lock horns tonight at 8 p.m. on Modoc Field with always tough Grants Pass in a non-conference game.

This game undoubtedly will be scouted heavily by Medford, Crater and Ashland because all three

can get a good look at the Southern Oregon Conference teams in action. This is an advantage they will have over the Pelicans. This is a non-conference game because Marshfield, Klamath's opening game opponent for years, moved into another league in the realignment program and had to leave the Pelican slate.

This could be one of the better games of the season. The Cavemen will be out for blood. They came over last year and had to play on a rescheduled Saturday following the Friday Columbus Day storm and the Whitebirds nosed them in an upset, 12-9. They haven't forgotten that loss.

And the Cavemen have a few members who can remember the loss. They have seven lettermen back which includes their starting backfield of last season and one of the best in the state. That backfield includes Rich Ireland, Terry Isabell, Gary Van Koten and Tom Sparlin. Ireland, Van Koten and Isabell all are very fast and Sparlin throws the ball very well from his quarterback position.

And in addition to his backs, he has a good end in Marty Bauer to toss to.

The Klamath team will have about five pounds per man on the Cavemen. Klamath's line averages out at 185 per man and the backs at 169, making the team average 179 per man. Grants Pass backs tip the scales at 166 per man, the line at 177 each and the team at 174 per man.

There is little to compare the team on with neither team having yet played a game. The Pelicans, however, will be slight favorites with the home field, the added weight and a little more experience plus the fact that they beat the Cavemen last year.

Coach Bob Williams has announced his probable starting lineup. He will open with senior John Parisotto at quarterback. Parisotto is the oldest of the quarterback corps and throws the ball well. He is slower about than sophomores Bob Williams and Bobjet

at 212 and mobile. The guards will be two of the best offensively in the league in Steve Campbell and Mike McKibban, both around 183 and with good speed for the pulling guard spot. Jay Paxton, a 160-pound senior, will be at center.

Others who will see action will be Terry Eccles, Ben Kerns, Larry Dow, Terry Christiansen, Dave

Tom Schiff, Chuck Church, Don Plowman, Tom Osa, Bill Crain, Jim Patzke, Rick Gustafson, Buddy Lumms and Ernie Badger. The Pelicans figure to be strong defensively and most of these boys will see action on that team.

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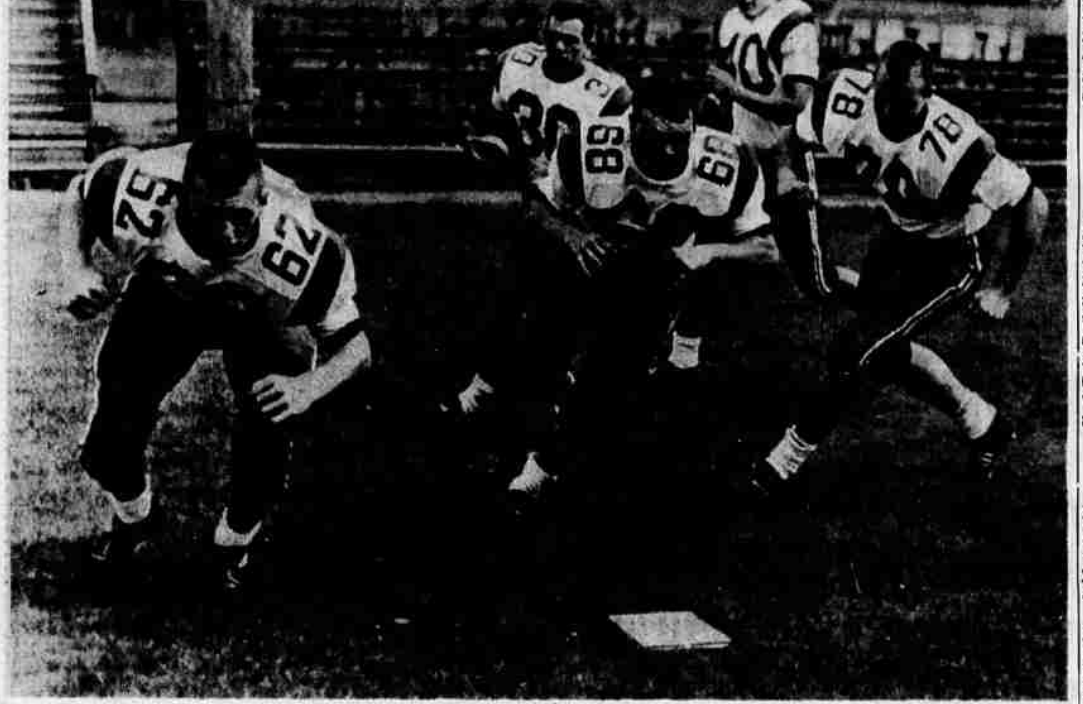
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LEADING THE WAY AGAINST CAVEMEN — This quintet will figure heavily tonight in the game against Grants Pass, the opening game of the season, a non-conference tilt. At left is Mike McKibban, guard; Steve Campbell (68), guard, and Bill Mills (78), a tackle, leading inter-

GRANTS PASS

No.	Player	Pos.	Grade	WT.
18	Tom Sparlin	QB	Sr.	162
22	Gary Van Koten	RH	Sr.	159
34	Rich Ireland	LH	Sr.	170
33	Terry Isabell	FB	Sr.	173
60	Marty Bauer	RE	Sr.	178
50	Bob Lindemann	RT	Sr.	185
42	Chuck Fuller	RG	Sr.	178
38	Bill Stanley	C	Sr.	157
43	Charles Meek	LG	Jr.	159
55	George Sturza	LT	So.	193
63	Jerry McCormack	LE	Sr.	198
		Team Avg. Wt.		174
		Line Avg. Wt.		177
		Back Avg. Wt.		166

KLAMATH UNION

No.	Player	Pos.	Grade	WT.
10	John Parisotto	QB	Sr.	155
20	Vern Petrick	RH	Sr.	164
40	Mike Kitching	LH	Sr.	195
30	Chuck Mills	FB	Sr.	162
86	Les Thurman	RE	Jr.	153
78	Bill Mills	RT	Sr.	225
68	Steve Campbell	RG	Sr.	180
58	Jay Paxton	C	Sr.	160
62	Mike McKibban	LG	Sr.	183
77	John Enright	LT	Sr.	212
80	John Jendrzejewski	LE	Jr.	180
		Team Avg. Wt.		179
		Line Avg. Wt.		185
		Back Avg. Wt.		169

Moore. They will probably see some action at that spot also. Parisotto played his sophomore year but didn't play last year as a junior.

The halfbacks will be big Mike Kitching and Vern Petrick. Petrick will be set over in the flanker spot most of the time. Kitching is a big halfback at 195 pounds but has the speed to go with the size. He could be one of the most feared runners in the league this season.

The fullback will be little Chuck Mills. Mills, at 162 pounds, hits the line very quick, has tremendous power for a small man and is the best broken field runner

Coe, Beman, Sikes, Archer Battle In Amateur Golf Semifinals Today

DES MOINES, Iowa (UPI)—Two who have been there and two who hope to get there meet today for finalist berths in the U.S. Amateur golf championship.

Charley Coe, a two-time winner, was paired off against collegiate champion Dick Sikes, and Deane Beman, the 1960 champion,

clashed with cowboy George Archer in today's 36-hole semifinal matches over the hilly Wakonda Club course.

The winners will meet in a 36-hole title match Saturday with Coe, who first won the Amateur title in 1949 and repeated in 1958, and Beman, who has the British title to go along with the U.S. championship, favored to make it.

Sikes, 22, from the University of Arkansas, is one of nine children who comes from a poor family and got his chance for a college education through a golf scholarship.

Improves Daily, Archer, 23, from Gilroy, Calif., has improved from day to day and he shot a one-over-par 73 in the wind and cold Thursday to beat John (Steece) Spray, the Iowa amateur champion, 1 up, and earn a shot at Beman.

Coe, 39, putted brilliantly as he turned back James Thompson of Mission, Tex., 8 and 7, in Thursday's first round and then beat Richard Guardiola of Cleveland,

Ohio, 6 and 4, in the afternoon, shooting one-over-par golf for the day.

Those two victories gave the slender oil man from Oklahoma a total of 53 match victories in the U.S. Amateur championship and he could tie the record hold-

er, veteran Chick Evans, by winning today and Saturday.

Beats Upset King Beman beat the upset king, Walt Stahl of Cleveland, Ohio, 6 and 5, in the afternoon after he had turned back Barry Meerdink of Muscatine, Iowa, 1 up in 19 holes in the morning.

Sikes, who hails from Springdale, Ark., had a tough time beating Ed Tutwiler of Charlottesville, W. Va., 1 up, in the fifth round and then in the afternoon quarter-finals coasted to a 6 and 4 triumph over John Owens of Lexington, Ky.

Archer first beat John Lotz of Hayward, Calif., 3 and 2, Thursday and then with a 12-foot putt on the final hole for a halve saved a 1-up victory over Spray.

Machen Signs For Wilson Bout

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI)—Heavyweight Eddie Machen meets Ollie Wilson here in his first bout in 14 months next Monday.

Civic Boxing Enterprises announced Thursday night that Wilson, who lost a 10-round decision 11 days ago to world light heavyweight champion Willie Pastrano, would substitute for Alonzo Johnson.

Johnson, who in turn was to have been a substitute for Johnny Riggins, withdrew because of a virus infection.

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The 20 top winners on the tour have won an aggregate \$336,508 so far this year. They range from Andy Marzich of Long Beach, Calif., with \$27,698 to George Howard of Detroit, with \$10,139.

Among new entries announced Thursday were Joe Joseph of Lansing, Mich., second place PBA money winner last year with \$25,392.

Oregon entries include Robert Meuchel of Portland, Dave Baxley of Eugene and Andy Anderson of Medford.

PACES CANADIENS

MONTREAL (UPI)—Former 50-goal scorer Bernie (Boom-Boom) Geoffrion today has the distinction of being first in three respects at the Montreal Canadiens' hockey camp.

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