

Pelicans Prepare For Visit Of Bend Lava Bears

That surprising band of Bend Lava Bears arrives in Klamath Falls Friday night.

And the Pelicans, still smarting from a 55-30 edging suffered at Bend last Friday night, have keyed their practice sessions this week to make amends for that losing effort.

It's been a determined band of Pels working on all phases of the game this week—a group fully confident that the loss to the Lava Bears last week could be attributed to simply an "off" night.

And the statistics of the game lend this opinion credence:

- Bend shooting a low 261 from the field.
- The Pels controlling the boards by a margin of 43-20.
- The Lava Bears winning the contest at the charity stripe as they hit 21 of 31 attempts while the Pels were converting only eight of 19.
- The Pels hitting for 21 field

goals to just 17 for Bend.

—Also, the Pelicans throwing the ball away and losing the ball on other miscues a total of 27 times.

The latter item plus the number of attempts afforded the Lava Bears at the gift stripe and an off night in the field work by the Pels were the key items leading to the defeat.

Obviously drills this week have been designed to eliminate the numerous costly mistakes and increase the Pelicans' scoring potential.

Defensively, the work is keyed on the Bears' No. 1 scorer, Jack Ward, who hit for 17 points in the winning effort by Bend last week.

Conversely, the Bears will again attempt to control the Pelicans' three-pronged scoring threat which was accomplished so well last Friday night at Bend.

This consisted of holding the scoring of Terry Ash, Gene

Kingsbury and Lanny Guyer down to a minimum.

All three left the contest with their fifth personal foul and were held to their lowest scoring totals as Ash ended the game with eight points, Kingsbury with 11 and Guyer with seven.

Still, these three pace the per game averages with Ash at 16.2, Kingsbury with a 15.3 mark and Guyer at 10.3.

In slowing the Pelican big men in the scoring department, the Bears failed to stop the boardwork of Ash and Kingsbury completely, as Ash hauled down 14 rebounds and Kingsbury 18 as the two combined to rake the boards for all but 11 of the Pelicans' game total.

In an effort to gain additional scoring punch, Pel mentor Al Keck has been working on the individual offensive ability of Bob Moore, John Jendrzewski, Larry Binney, Steve

Baker, Jim Patzke and others.

Jendrzewski has a per game average of 5.3 in the three contests played while Moore and Binney are a 3.3 and Baker at 3.0 per game.

Shooting and pattern play con-

sisted a large part of the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions, with all of the Pels looking good.

"Monday we had the best practice we have had all year," was the head man's comment.

"The kids shook off the loss and went to work and they were impressive."

"I think they'll be ready."

The Pelicans will be attempting to raise their won-loss mark to 3-1 against the Bend five in

the last contest prior to the Christmas vacation.

However, another two-game set awaits the Pels at Pelican Court following Christmas as Sweet Home visits for a pair of contests on Dec. 27-28.

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Hornets Facing Strong Teams In Cage Tourney

It's impressive company for Jerry Johnson's Henley Hornets Friday and Saturday nights.

Four of the better A-2 basketball teams in the state converge on Pleasant Hill for the two-night Christmas Tournament.

The talent should abound:

- Central's Panthers — last year's state title team and currently ranked fourth in the state with a 3-1 record.
- The host Pleasant Hill Hillbillies, always a producer of strong cage teams and currently ranked 10th among the state A-2's.
- The Oakridge Warriors, not ranked at the moment, but always a contender in the Emerald League.

—And the Henley Hornets, the No. 1 ranked team all through the 1962-63 campaign and currently ranked third with their 3-0 record.

The Hornets take to the road for the initial time this year in attending the two-day cage fest and an indication of the strength of this year's Henley quint is expected to be determined from the final results.

"We're a long way from last year's team. But, we have the potential. If they run like they can and shoot like they can, we'll be all right," is the Hornet head man's appraisal in comparing this year's team with last.

The Hornets have collected three straight victories over Klamath B League competition—the toughest of which appears to have been offered by the Chiloquin Panthers last Saturday night.

"This will be the strongest opposition we've had I'm sure. That's not meant to belittle the teams we've played so far, but the teams in this tournament are sure to be stronger."

"For that reason, we'll have a better picture of the team following these games."

Thus far, the Hornets have been paced by three people in the scoring department.

A 5-8 outside deadeye, Bob

Lewis, is currently the top point producer with an average of 19 points per game or a total of 57 points. Lewis has hit for 25 field goals and seven of 14 free throw attempts.

Next comes Elton Schiro with a 16.3 average on a total of 49 points. Schiro has hit for 21 from the field and seven of 12 from the charity stripe. Third in the point race is LeVoy Young with 45 points for a per game average of 15.

The Hornets in their run-and-gun offense have piled up 202 points in three outings for an impressive 67.3 points per game average.

"If we can find some scorers such as Lewis, Schiro and Young so that we have more balanced scoring, we could be all right."

Currently Terry Bielby is nearing the averages racked up by the aforementioned trio, with a mark of 6.6 points per game in three contests.

The Hornets will open their action in the weekend tournament in the second contest Friday night against the host Hillbillies, while Central and Oakridge collide in the opener.

The Saturday night schedule calls for the first round losers meeting in the opener and the first round winners going in the nightcap.

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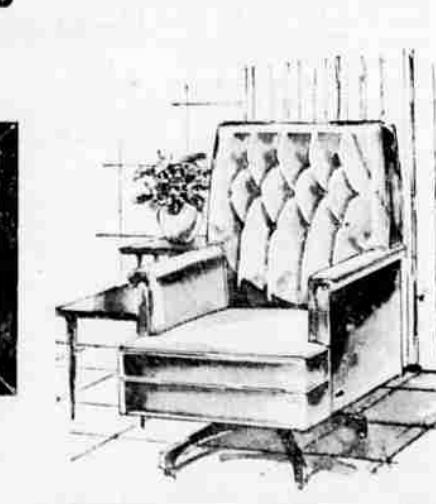
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