

Pels Open Sweet Home Series Tonight

Huskies Seeking First Victory Of New Season

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Thus far this year the Sweet Home Huskies' chief claim to fame has been the publicity surrounding their possibly dropping of the game of football.

However, this rumor was branded just this week by school officials as untrue.

In the game of basketball—the reason for the visit by the Huskies to Klamath Falls tonight—success has been difficult to find.

Kerry Moran's Huskies have been to the post three times this season. And three times they have been stopped.

And the past two-year mark of the Huskies has been just as unimpressive with a 3-17 record compiled in 1961-62, and a 2-18 mark last year.

But, if the Klamath Falls Pelicans feel the Huskies will be their "Country Cousins" because of this overall record, a second look by Al Keck's men would be wise.

"We think Klamath Falls might be looking past us."

"If they are, I feel we're capable of gaining at least a split in the series and perhaps even a sweep," Moran observes.

The Huskies' head man makes these statements not without a degree of foundation.

Look at the three games played:

Against Lebanon in the opener, the Huskies hit for 21 fielders against 19 for Lebanon. They lost the contest by 15 points—the foul line—the final tally, 69-51.

Against the Cottage Grove Lions, against the Huskies outshot the opposition from the field—but were defeated by nine points—the final, 60-51.

In the most recent outing against the Thurston Colts, the Huskies hit for 23 field goals as did the Colts, but Thurston converted 17 of 29 charity tosses for a 67-57 victory.

It's obvious the Huskies do have an offense and are capable of scoring well.

The defense used against the Huskies could be the key to any success found by the Pelicans in the series.

This would entail close checking of a five well-grounded in the art of screening and jump shooting. And it would also require top rebounding work, allowing the Huskies a minimum of field attempts.

The Huskies shoot well and often.

They'll take the good shots and in three games they've averaged 71 tries from the field per game.

All of the aforementioned items in the Huskies' history this year lend credence to Moran's comments.

Both clubs have had just one practice session this week with the Christmas holiday.

The Pels went Thursday—as did the Huskies—and KU worked defense, with individual defensive moves stressed.

Sure to give the Pelicans problems are such people as Delmar Johnson (6-1) at for-

ward) John Edwards (5-9) at guard and Gary Yunkers (6-1) at forward.

Johnson and Edwards both hit for 18 points against Thurston and Yunkers, after collecting 16 and 17 points respectively in the first two contests of the year, fell down to nine last weekend.

Johnson will bring a 16 points per game average in the series and a good jumper.

Edwards is one of two good drivers for the Huskies, with a good cross-over move which has sprung him often.

Yunkers has been deadly with his jumper.

If this isn't enough, the Huskies will toss a heavy 5-6 guard by the name of Kerry Hoffman at the Pels, another driver with good moves and quickness.

Add center Ron Pierson at 6-4 and the Huskies have dangerous potential.

Against this group the Pels will counter with Gene Kingsbury (6-7) at the post, with Terry Ash (6-4) at one forward spot.

This pair is leading the Pel scoring and rebounding figures and Kingsbury enjoyed his best game of the young season last weekend as the Pels upended Bend at Pelican Court.

Moving into the other forward post on the basis of his clutch play against Bend will be 6-2 Steve Baker.

And at the guard posts will be Lanny Guyer (5-8) and Bob Moore (6-2), with speedy Larry Binney (5-8) figured to see much action again in this series.

Binney also gave the Pels a much-needed shot in the arm against the Lava Bears last weekend with his steals and dunks.

Both teams normally go with a man-to-man defense and this is expected to be the tactic used by both in the series. Offensively, the clubs will run if the chance presents itself, or the Huskies will go for the mistake made by the Pels and capitalize while running their screening pattern attack.

The Huskies may throw additional height into the contest in an effort to counter the Pels' height, as 6-5 Dale Windsor and 6-4 Frank Stockert are ready in reserve.

This is the picture of the two teams set for a pair of contests at Pelican Court tonight and Saturday night. Tipoff time is 8 p.m.

In the preliminary contest, the Bonanza Antlers try the KU Wildcats both nights at 6:15.

Pelicans Host Four-Team Mat Tournament Saturday Afternoon

The KU Pelicans host a four-team mat tournament at Pelican Court Saturday afternoon as teams from Henley, Sweet Home and Ashland visit.

For the Pels and the Hornets, the meeting will mark the second such tournament the two teams have entered together. Previously, both teams competed at Grants Pass in the Cavenham Invitational Tournament.

In this action, the Pelicans ran second to the host Cavenham and the Hornets were second in the junior varsity division.

Last Saturday the Hornets hosted the Ashland Grizzlies in

the first dual match of the season for both teams and posted a victory.

Both the Pelicans and the Sweet Home Huskies have long been powers in the mat competition and as a result the favored role in the local show is shared by the two teams, however, DeLance Duncan's Pels must be given a slight edge to take all the marbles.

This is based upon a fine showing in the Tournament of Champions in the first meeting of the year at David Douglas in Portland where the Pelicans gained second place among

some of the top wrestling squads in the state.

This is the final action for both the Pelicans and the Hornets prior to the start of conference action in January.

The Pelicans will open counting work Jan. 3 against the power of the Southern Conference, Grants Pass, on the Cavenham mats.

And the Hornets will swing into dual match Rogue Valley League action Jan. 4 at Lakeview.

The KU tournament is slated for a 1:30 p.m. start Saturday afternoon at Pelican Court.

In other action this weekend a slim slate is offered as the Bonanza Antlers return to cage action tonight against the KU Wildcats at 6:15 p.m. at Pelican Court in the preliminary contest to the Sweet Home - Klamath Falls fray.

Bob Freirich's Antlers are undefeated in Klamath B League action and take a 2-2 record into the game.

Bill Mansfield's Wildcats have moved to a 4-2 record including winning the recent Tulelake Kiwanis Club Tournament.

The two teams meet again Saturday night at Pelican Court.

In other basketball action, the Lakeview Honkers host Kuna, Idaho, tonight and Saturday night. The Honkers are 2-2 for the season.

This is the slim lineup of sports activity set for this weekend before all teams in the area return to full schedules after the new year arrives.

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THE COMPLETE BOWLER

12-4th Step

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Newspaper Enterprise Assn.



Therm Gibson's right foot is perfectly straight.

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And, as we have learned from studying the bowling stars, the more effortlessly a thing is done in the sport, the more productive it becomes.

Bowl Game Odds Give Illini, Navy Top Role

Editor's Note: Football fans are reminded of the Bowl game Contest to be conducted in the Herald and News. Entry blanks will be found in today's edition.

By OSCAR FRALEY
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MIAMI (UPI) — The final edition of Fraley's fannies and the bowl game "winner" — just to prove that even a blind pig can find an acorn once in a while.

Briefly:

Rose Bowl — Illinois 28, Washington 7.

Orange Bowl — Auburn 21, Nebraska 14.

Cotton Bowl — Navy 14, Texas 6.

Sugar Bowl — Mississippi 21, Alabama 29.

Gator Bowl — Air Force 28, North Carolina 21.

Rose Bowl:

It's fairly obvious, at least from the score we've posted, that the Illini should bounce out and bounce the West Coast opposition with some ease. This despite the grunting of Pete Elliott that his pore 'Fie Midwesters fellers have looked nizzable in practice.

The West Coast, for some vague reason, hasn't come through this season with a very sterling record in inter-sectional competition. Actually, its record in such affairs, hasn't even been silver plated.

Pete's brother, Bump, who handles Michigan, got his ears pinned back in the recent North - South game and something like this happening to both members of the family in one close span doesn't sound likely. Pete has been acting like a brone with a burr under his saddle and it bodes ill for the Washingtons.

Orange Bowl:

Nebraska coach Bob Devan-

ey also has been acting like a fellow with 10 broken nails and a mosquito bite to scratch. But his reasons would seem to be quite some different from those of Elliott. Devaney has a big team which can match muscles with most. However, he probably has nightmares about a speedy Auburn team running right around his behemoths under the able direction of Jimmy Sidle, one of the better quarterbacks. The War Eagles are out to can a little corn, have firm belief in their own capabilities and figure from one man's seat to get the job done with dispatch.

Cotton Bowl:

This one will prove whether Roger Staubach deserves all those awards. The Texans were mythical national champions and should be the logical choice. Yet there is a persistent feeling in this corner that Staubach and the Mid-dies, including a fine back named Pat Donnelly, will get the job done.

Sugar Bowl:

This looks from here to be the chanciest game of the lot. Both clubs can go and both can stall. You flip a coin and it comes out any way your little heart desires. For those on the fence, give a rebel yell and you won't get into any trouble at all.

Gator Bowl:

Terry Isaacson of the Air Force was one of the year's top quarterbacks. It's tough to come down from that Colorado altitude to sea level but it's even tougher when you go the other way.

Maybe you wonder why the Falcons, with a mere 7-3 record, were picked over a Pitt team with a 9-1 mark. Me, too. But anyhow the fly boys still look good enough to win.

Ducks To End Drills

EL PASO, Tex. (UPI) — Oregon's football team arrived here by plane Thursday to finish off drills for next Tuesday's Sun Bowl football game against Southern Methodist.

Coach Len Casanova sent his Webfoots through a workout in the new Sun Bowl stadium after arrival.

A crowd of about 1,000 persons was on hand to greet the Webfoots.

Basketball on the Air THIS WEEKEND

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Saturday
FOOTBALL: Gator Bowl, Air Force vs. North Carolina at Jacksonville, Fla., 10:30 p.m.; KOTI, Channel 2.

East-West Game, San Francisco, 1:45 p.m., KOTI, Channel 2.

Sunday
FOOTBALL: NFL Championship, Chicago Bears vs. New York Giants, New York, 9:45 p.m., KOTI, Channel 2.

Hula Bowl Offers UO Grid Flavor

HONOLULU (UPI) — The North team in the annual Hula Bowl Classic here Jan. 4 will have a strong University of Oregon flavor.

Oregon coach Len Casanova and Jack Mollenkopf of Purdue coach the team, while four Webfoots are on the squad. They include end Dick Inwalde, tackle Milt Kanehe, guard Dave Wilcox and back Larry Hill.

Oregon State's Vern Burke also is on the north squad.

One of Casanova's former assistants, Johnny McKay, now head coach at Southern California, heads the South team along with assistant coach Johnny Johnson of UCLA.



Huge Linemen Featured In East-West Shrine Classic

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — This is the year of man-eating lions (not lions) in the 39th annual Shrine East-West game.

And despite Rudyard Kipling's classic claim that "ne'er the twain shall meet," there'll be a lot of head-on collisions in the forward wall on the lawn at Kezar Stadium Saturday.

In fact, some of the bone-banging charges may be heard clear up in the 60th row—if you can believe what some of the coaches and players have to say.

"That Carl Eller of Minnesota," said a pro scout watching from the stands during practice, "is so tough that he sweeps aside a whole line when he charges. Man, he's going to be a great one in the pro ranks."

"I'll betcha he eats live wildcats for breakfast and spits out the claws."

Eller stands 6-6 and weighs 250. The pros think he'll finally round out to a nice solid 290 in the pro ranks when he reaches maturity. He is 22 now and already has been signed by the Minnesota Vikings.

legiate season. He not only is a deadly tackler, but is reputed to be one of the fastest forward wall men in the business.

And when it comes to defense, the four starting ends are rated in the "eat 'em alive" category.

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For the West it will be Mel Profit, a towering 6-5 229-pounder from UCLA; and Jim McNaughton, 230-pounder from Utah State.

These four won't draw the headlines that the offensive ends, such as Jim Kelly of Notre Dame; Vern Burke of Oregon State and others will. But they'll get the job done.

There isn't a short, fat lineman on either squad.

But there is the belief in the training camps that this boy Eller may put all other line performances to shame with a "super-man" showing that could sweep the East to victory.

Other Stars

Some of the boys who may be playing opposite him aren't exactly pushovers, however. One of these is Gary Kirner, a 218-pound tackle from University of Southern California. Kirner was the outstanding lineman in the West during the col-

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Charger Best In AFL Wars

NEW YORK (UPI) — Lance Alworth, the flashy flanker playing his first full season of pro football, today beat out two of his San Diego Chargers teammates for the United Press International 1963 American League player of the year award.

Alworth out-pollied quarterback Tobin Rote and fullback Keith Lincoln of the Chargers for the honor in a close vote of 24 AFL writers who determined the UPI post-season award winners.

Alworth received seven votes, compared to five each for Rote and Lincoln. Clem Daniels of the Oakland Raiders, the league's record-breaking rusher, was the choice of three voters. Four other players each received one vote.

The speedy, 165-pound Alworth had to wait more than a year after his graduation from Arkansas to prove himself as a pro star. He won a regular job with the Chargers last year but missed 10 of the 14 games because of a pulled thigh muscle.

This season, in his role as a flanker back and kick return specialist, Alworth proved one of the most dangerous breakaway running threats in the AFL.

Rodriguez In Vital Ring Test

MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Former welterweight champion Luis Rodriguez, fighting his way back up, takes on young Wilbert (Skeeter) McClure in a 10-round middleweight fight here, tonight.

The bout, which will go on national television from the Miami Beach Auditorium at 10 p.m. EST is important for the former champion, who is trying to break into the middleweight ranks, and for the young teacher-turned-puncher who is on his way up for the first time.

McClure has 14 wins in 15 pro fights. The only loss was to Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, a dancing delight who escaped from Communist Cuba several years ago and now makes his home here, sports a 32-3-1 record which pits him as the favorite in tonight's bout.

An avid dancer in his off-hours, last year Rodriguez added a solid job to his arsenal of antics and the "powderpuff" title — conferred by many — has been dropped from his name.

McClure, from Toledo, Ohio, took a degree in education from the University of Ohio and plans to go back into teaching when his boxing career ends.

He brings to the fight impressive wins over such boxers as Farid Salim, Gomez Brennan and Teddy Wright.

Rodriguez, born in Camaguey, Cuba, has beaten Ace Armstrong, Yama Bahama, Denny Moyer and McClure.

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