Local Babe Ruth Sweep To Nationals Top Yarn

By BILL GOULD

Herald and News Sports Editor With the passing of 1963, an-other interesting and exciting with No. 1 merit. and rightly so-the record of sports year has passed into his-tory for Klamath County aththe Oregon Tech Owls on the basketball court as they added the third straight Oregon Collegiate Conference championship

In many cases the year was tilled with rewarding experiences and conversely in many cases the year will be recalled

as one of disappointment. Regardless, Klamath County pionships and appearances in the state playoffs in football, again produced some of the basketball and baseball. state's top athletes and teams gaining recognition at home and

The top sports yarn of 1963 top story of the year. could come from any number

of sports. It could be from the outstandpast year must be the outstanding Babe Ruth baseball season ing accomplishment of the enjoyed by local fans and the National League All-Stars. Klamath Falls National League All-Stars in Babe Ruth baseball

Or it could be the No. 1 ratig accorded the Henley Hornet basketball team throughout the 1932-63 cage season, with an undefeated skein of 23 games recorded.

Some would feel the third Ruth tournament, the Nationals place finish by the Klamath Falls Pelican wrestlers in the

Northwest which wasn't finished until they had reached the Na-Still others will single out-

and rewrote the record book

Or the Merrill Huskies com-

This group of youngsters did

more for this county on the

baseball diamond than a multi-

tude of chamber of commerce

In winning the district Babe

promotions might accomplish.

pleting a year of three cham-

tional Babe Roth finals. And only then, after facing some of the top competition from all parts of the Northwest and other countries, piling up an enviable won-loss record, did the Nationals falter and bow

The value of the public relations work by this group of athletes-diplomats cannot be measured in dollars and cents

Any one of these feats and Therefore, the No. 1 story of others are certainly worthy of 1963. The Klamath Falls Noconsideration in choosing the tionals' climb to the national finals Still, the No. 1 yard in Klam-

ath County sports during the

winners gave the county sports scene additional success. Individual winners in tennis, track, swimming, bowling and

team winners in baseball, track and other sports. The Medo-Bels winning the Northern California semi - pro baseball title for the second year and the Bonanza Antlers opping the county teams in the Class B track picture, or the Little League state tournament appearance by a local nine. These are just some of the

team success during the year. Individually, people such as Walt Smith of the KU track Other individual and team squad and a record beave in athletics in 1963-

cess of Severly Jennings. There are many other newsworthy accomplishments enjoyed by Klamath County ath-

letes during the past year. The aforementioned leats are just a small portion of the big sports stories of 1953. As usual, another year filled with excitement for some-dis-

appointment for others. Still, another year keeping Klamath County in the state spotlight through its multitude of talented athletes. Here is a sport-by-sport re-

view of Klamath County



THE CHAMPIONS - Winners of the district, state and regional crowns last summer were the National All-Stars PAGE-11A PAGE-11A PAGE-11A

Keck, Mike McNary, Dave Lyman, Steve Huettl, Arie DeGroot, and batboy Billy Pound. Second row, left to right, Dave Saks, Alan Mezger, Greg Brosterhous, Bob Williams, Rick Brosterhous, Coach Harold Howard. Third row, left to right, Coach Bob Moore, Nick North, Russ Smith, Bob Moore Jr. and Kim Badley.

Herald and News started an assault on titles in various sections of the state and HERALD AND NEWS, Klamath Falls, Oregon Wednesday, January 1, 1964

Klamath County Sees Big Success For Athletes In 1963 POAD Tournament at Portland ment, the 19th annual State

played.

1963

2833 total.

Elizabeth Dart

Honkers won, 62-49

BOWLING

The 23rd annual Klamath

Fails Women's Tournament and

the 19th annual Klamath Falls

Men's Tournament were the

biggest keg shows held during

The former found the Brown's

ARCHERY

The Klamath Archers' Tournament was conducted at Moore Park in July, with Gordon Land winning the men's instinctive trophy for the second consecutive year. The women's instinctive tro-

phy was taken by Audree Lund. while Dale Baxter won the freestyle division and Ann Baxter led the women for the second straight year in this division. The combined score of Audree and Gordon Lund won the husband and wife trophy, while the handicap trophy was taken by

Newt Weaver. In boys' action, Paul Thomp son won the intermediate trophy and Gordy Lund took peewee division honors. Weaver, Thompson and Lund won the titles for the second consecutive vear.

BADMINTON

The annual Badminton Tournament sponsored by the Klamath Falls Parks and Recreation Department was held Feb. 2, with 15 players competing from Klamath Falls and Ashland in the one-day tourney. Y. S. Yee won the singles title

by defeating Dan Bulkey of Ash-Land 15-10, 15-4. Yee teamed with Earl Brocks for the doubles title as the two

defeated Bulkey and Popplewell, both of Ashland, 15-13, 1-15,

BASEBALL

Few will forget the 1953 baseball season in Klamath Coun-ty soon as it marked another appearance in National Champlonship play by a Klamath Falls club. It was the Nationals of the

Basin Babe Ruth League giving Klamath Falls, Klamath County and fans throughout the something about which to shout.

after winning the distric

lief work from Williams to celmeeting with the perennially lect a 4-3 win over Great Falls. This brought the once-defeat-" ed Nationals to the regional tihanded the Falcons. tle game against Abordeen.

Wash., and it was Moore with a two-hit situtout effort on the mound as a 7-0 triumph was taken and a berth in the National Babe Ruth finals as-

Some 1.500 fans were assembled to greet the new champions on their return to Klamath Falls from the regionals and to bid them well in their try for the national title at Farmington, N.M., Aug. 18-24. At Farmington, the Nationaals faced Joolin Mo in their

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first test and collected a 3-1 victory behind a three-hit effort by Moore and a two-run double by Greg Brosterhous. In the next fray, the Nationals tangled with Tulsa, Okla.,

and were on the receivng end of a 10-hit barrage as a 9-2 decision was lost. Oakland, Calif., was next for the Nationals and a 10-2 defeat

was handed them ending their national title hopes On the local Babe Ruth scene, Local Loan won the South Suburban League title gon third. July 15 by defeating South Sixth Oxygen, 12-10, and Met-

ler Brothers won the Eastern Dititle vision of the South Suburban League on a coin flip after a three - way tie had existed among this team, Town and a 9-5 mark. Country and Liston Aircraft.

The Crater Cats won the National League title. The District One Babe Ruth Tournament opened at Gem Stadium July 24, with the American League, National League, East and West All-

Stars competing, with the Nationals taking the title. Another state tournament team was fielded locally from River the Little League ranks as the South Suburban team won the District 6 Little Lengue tour-

strong Roseburg nine, with the first game at Legion Field in Roseburg and a 2-1 loss was

At Gem Stadium in the sec ond game of the district playoffs, Benson collected an 8-3 win, but in the final fray the hopes of the Falcons were ended as Roseburg's Dick Williams hurled a four-hit 2.0 shutout

Roseburg eventually won the state and regional titles and advanced to the national finals Semi-pro baseball found the Klamath Falls Medo-Bels winning the Northern California League title for the second year. this time on an 8-2 record and later adding the President's Cup for the second straight year on

an 11-5 win over Weed. The Medo-Bels went to the National Baseball Congress tournament

at Bellingham, Wash., and were defeated by Pasco, Wash., 2-1 and Tacoma, In prep and college baseball,

the Portland State Vikings won the Oregon Collegiate Conference title, while the Oregon Tech Owls finished fourth. Second place was taken by Oregon College, with Southern Ore-

The Medford Black Tornado copped the Southern Conference for the second straight year ending with a 13-1 record. The Klamath Falls Pelicans ended the counting season with

Two - time defending Rogue Valley League champion, Henlev, was unseated by the Rogue River Chieftains for the title as the Chieffains dropped the Hornets in the final game, 10-3. The Hornets ended with an 11-2 record - with both losses coming at the hands of Rogue

In Klamath B League play, the Merrill Huskies won the title in a season marked with rainouts and advanced to the District 6-B playoff game against Butte Falls, where a 3-2 setback was handed them

state show at Coos Bay and [posted an overtime victory over Elmira in their first contest, 61-59. But a 23-game winning streak

was smashed in the next tournament meeting as the Coquille Red Devils handed the liornets a 67-62 setback. And, finally a state litle dream was ended as the Vale Vikings stopped the Hornets 68-

Kent Gooding who won the Rogue Valley League scoring chase with a total of 318 points or an average of 24.5 per game, was named to all-state honors







with a 13-1 record by downing Gilchrist 81-70 in the final contest

However, the Merrill Huskies won the district tournament and the state tourney berth which accompanied that win as they defeated Paisley in the final district fray, 59-40.

Paisley had upset the Pan thers the previous night to end chances at a state tournatheir ment shot. The Huskies traveled to Bend

for the state show and were stopped by Cascade Locks in the first contest, 40-47. In their second outing, the Huskies were

Moose Tournament was conduct-ed in March, with Chris Chrisin February as they defeated North Bend Air Base, 70-55. And the annual grade school tianson and Ralph Black of Portbasketball jamboree was con-

land winning the doubles crown ducted Feb. 1, with 10 games with a 1269. The women's doubles title In other news, Dan Leahy of was taken by LaRayne Harris the Lakeview Honkers-currentof Medford and Tillie Mathis of

ly a member of the Oregon Tech quintet-set a Rogue Val-Klamath Falls with an 1198. Stan Beck of Eugene won the ley League scoring mark on Feb. 22 as he hit for 44 points men's singles crown with a 708 and the women's title was takagainst Sacred Heart as the en by LaRayne Harris of Medford. The men's teams were led by Shisler Food of Eugene with a 3042 and the women's teams by Wilson Screen of Portland

with a 25%5. In the men's all-events, Richard Neet of Eugene was tops with a 1913 and the women led by LaRayne Harris with an 1960. In the men's special events, high game scratch, Bob Tesch of Klamath Falls was tops with a 267 score.

The 4st annual Oregon State Junior Bowling Association tournament was held at Klamath Falls, with the Klamath F alls Junior Bowling Council making awards to Shannon Vinson for a 181 score in the Bantam event and Eddie Davis of Medford for a 175 score and a 190 in two and a 560 in the Bantam doubles event.

topped by the Pin-Wheels with a The Klamath Falls senior 2725 score collected by the team team of Dennis Graham, Bob of Rose Champlin, Reta Scott, Wold, Mike McFayden, Don Gra-Laura Barr, Lora Kougslie and ham and Mike Alford won the title with a 2913 total.

The Class A singles crown The junior boys' doubles tiwas taken by Mary Wilkinson with 644, and the Class B sintle was taken by Jim Gibson and Denny Watson with a 1064 gles by Mabel Wachter with 660. and the senior doubles title by Class C singles was led by El-Gary Schearer and Mike Craw en Doty with 618 and Class D ley with an 1180. The Bantam by Peggy Giacomilli with a 575 teams were paced by the girl team of the Strike Outs of Tule In doubles, Nancy Groves lake with a 2152 and the boys and Bert Warner combined for team, the Holiday Bantams of a Class A win with a 1235 total.

Klamath Falls with a 2208. In other bowling news, th Malin Explorer Post no 44 placed ninth in Region No. 2 of the American Junior Bowling Congress Mailographic Tournament, with the team of S h e r m Kalina, Terry Parker. Bob Tom Guthri Baster and

with 31 and Gilchrist with 83 year, the annual Punt, Pass I sented the county well during Bonanza was second in the District 6-A-2 and B meet, with and Kick Contest drew over 100 participants between the ages of and 11 to Modoc Field Oct Rogue River winning the title with 30 points and the Antlers 12 and the annual grade school second with 38. Phoenix third with a total of 71. grid jamboree at Modoc Field Oct. 3 drew its usual large

schools.

FOOTBALL

The Merrill Huskies led the county in the grid sport, as Gene Christensen's eleven rolled undefeated in six league contests to the Klamath B League title and a berth in the state playoffs.

rill head man Christensen in the East-West Class B-A-2 All-The Huskies ended the season with an overall record of 8-0 and in league action scored 191 Star tilt points while allowing 62.

Merrill drew a first-round bye in the state playoff and went into the semifinals against the Wasco Redsides at Maupin where a State Vikings won the Oregon 33-12 setback was handed the Huskies

The Rogue Valley League tiwas taken by a potent Phoe nix Pirate team with a record of 7-0 in counting action and the Bucs advanced through the playoffs to the state crown. with 733. The Henley Hornets ended league play with a record of 4-3, while the Lakeview Honkers were 1-6 and the Sacred Heart

Trojans 0.7. Five Hornets were named to the RVL all-star offense and de-fense teams in John Riggs, Kim Hale, Lyle Bergstrom, Fred Rodriguez and Dan Berry.

The Klamath Falls Pelicans suffered through a long season before a 1-7 final record was posted. Bob Williams' club tained its lone win in the seventh game of the season as they hosted the Ashland Grizzlies at Modoc Field and won. land.

Despite the poor record, five Pels were named to the Southern Conference all-star team in



GENE CHRISTENSEN

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Known as the Pistoleers, the group attended top functions throughout the state and posted

high scores. The Pistoleers were crowd to witness the play of in the Siskiyou County Cham-12 teams from seven area grade pionships and captured 14 individual awards.

The annual Shrine All - Star They also competed in the games at Portland and Pendle-Oregon Championship matches ton called upon county players, as the Pels' Ron Hitchcock was at Salem in August as well as other top matches. chosen for the A-1 All - Star game and Jim Thompson of Merrill and Al DeBortoli of Chil oquin were picked to join Mer-

SOFTBALL In July, the Klamath Falls

team competed in the Colum-bia Squires tournament at Mil waukie losing two straight contests.

Gresham defeated the local team in the first contest 473 and the Woodburn nine won the

Collegiate Conference title in second fray, 84. Pitchers Jerrie Britton and four-man team play, with a 36 Tom Schiff were named to the hole total of 616. Southern Ore-All-State team.

gon was second with 668, Ore In Peewee softball action, th gon College third with 680 and the Oregon Tech Owls fourth Sunset League title was taken by the Payless Drug team over Aralum Windows by a score of Oregon Tech Owls fourth

The President's Cup was tak-9-5. en by Dick Kranenburg at Reames Golf and Country Club The Payless team ended league play with a 941 record in July, with a 54-hole total of 207, Carl Bartlett was second

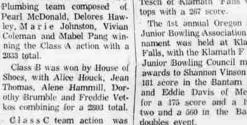
GOLF

In golf action, the Portland

with 208. SWIMMING The Spring Handicap at the club was won by Dick Wendt During the summer, the as he defeated Bill Bradshaw, Klamath Falls swim team com-Tom Wood won first flight honpeted in a number of meets. ors over Bob Harrahill and Frank Tarr edged Jim Johnson In the first of these in July, the local team traveled to Lakeview for a three-team meet for second flight honors. Nick Carter was third flight winner over Adolph Zamsky and Ron and was third. Bell won the fourth flight, Med-Bend won the meet with 233 alist honors went to Bob Strick-

points, followed by the host Lakeview team with 214 a nd Reames pro Jim Warner ad-vanced to the quarterfinals of Klamath Falls with 87. On July 20, the Klamath the Oregon Professional Golfers Falls team posted a win in 3 Association tournament at IIthree - team tank test as a downed Lakeview and Malin lahe Hills Country Club in Port-Klamath Falls scored 358 points land in July and in the Southern Oregon Junior Golf Tournament to 297 for second place Lake at Medford July 30, Reed Morview and 68 for Malin. rison won the Peewce boys*

Klamath Falls swimmers alified for the stat Jerry Kramer, Chester Aubres and Steve Kramer all qualified individually and the 13-14 free style relay team composed Kramer, Mike Thornton, J e f Molatore and Bruce Winterhal der also qualified.



tourpament on an 8-2 victory over the West All-Stars of the South Suburban League, the National All-Stars advanced to the state tournament at The Dalles.

There the Klamath Falls nine opened with a 7-6 victory over Jeffersin of Portland behind the pitching of Bob Moore. In the second state tourney ontest, the Nationals faced the pre-tourney favorite Pendleton, and received a no-no mound effort from Bobby Williams as a 9-0 victory was recorded. Mike North hurled the Na tionals to their third straight tournament win in the next out-ing against Myrtle Creek, 13-3. And the Nationals wrapped up the state crown the following game with a repeat win Jefferson, this time 3-3 with Moore again on the

The next step for the now the champions was Kellogg, for the Babe Ruth Re-Idebo; ional Tournament. Here the Nationals opened

with a victory over New West-minster, B.C., 14-2, followed with their first setback after nine consecutive playoff triomphs as the Great Falls. nine posted an 8-1 win. But, the Nationals came back prist a 3-4 victory over Walace, Idano, in the third frav and a 3-1 win over previously indefeated Aberdeen, Wash., in

the fourth fray, 41. In the fifth tourney contest.

he Nationals received top re-

ty and Lakeview All-Stars in the district tourney at Mills Park, with South downing Jefferson County 18-1 and the City All-Stars defeating Lakeview, 8-2.

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with the City, Jefferson Coun-

In the title game, the South team downed the City team 13-4 as a barrage of home runs was leveled against the City

The South Suburban team collected 12 homers in the title route.

The state tournament was next in Portland - a single elimination affair - and the South All-Stars were downed by Ontario 6-5 to end the local bid for a state crown.

In American Legion Junior baseball action, the Klamath Falls Falcons ended the regular season tied with Medford, after Medford had defeated the locals. 5-0. In the ensuing playoff con-

test for the right to continue into the District 4 playoffs, the Falcons collected a 4-0 victory behind the two-hit pitching of Gary Benson.

The first state meeting was against Brookings at the coastal city and the Falcons received sound hurling from Jim Jack-

son and belted Brookings pitching for 16 hits in recording a 10-4 win in the first fray of the two-out-of-three series, Returning to Gem Stadium for the second fray, the Folcons re-

ceived another two-hitter from Benson and 17 strikeouts as a 14-1 victory was taken.

BASKETBALL Klamath County has long

een a supplier of outstanding basketball teams and 1963 was no exception.

Two county prep teams and he lone collegiate team in the area wrapped up league titles and two other prep teams collected district crowns and a

state tournament berth. Jim Partlow's Oregon Tech Owls won the third consecutive Oregon Collegiate Conference title and the second under his guidance, as they rolled to a 5-1 conference mark Ducks.

In so doing, the Owls set a earn scoring mark for one league season with 1,383 points allied in 16 games. This topped the old mark by 242 points and the high-scoring Owls posted a per game average of 86.4 anoth or new mark bettering the rec-

ord set by the 1958 Owls by 15 points per game.

Sammy Smith, Hewett Nash and Willie Anderson were the guns of the Owl team and this trio received OCC All-Star hon

In prep ball, Jerry Johnson's

Henley Hornets rolled undefeated to the Rogue Valley league title with a 20-0 record and added two other victories and

the state A-2 berth from District 6-A-2 with wins over Eagle Point and Douglas in the district

tournament. The Hornets were the No. 1

Next for the Falcons was a rated A-2 team heading into the The Kingsley Jets won the

handed a 69-39 setback by Mc-Ewen.

The Klamath Falls Pelicans' hopes were dashed by the upstart Crater Comets 78-60 a Medford and Grants Pass went

on to tie for the Southern Conference crown with 11-5 records. Crater ended with a 9-7 mark and the Pels were 7.9 in counting play. The Tornado and the Cavemen represented the conference in the state tournam In the Pacific Coast Indian Teurnament at Chiloquin, the Chiloquin Red Foxes and Toppenish, Wash., won berths in the National All-Indian Tournament

along with the Sprague River And in the 10th annual All-In-

dian cage tournament at Chiloquin March 21, the Toppenish Papooses won the title over the Warm Springs Magpies, 96-74. The Chiloquin Red Foxes won third place over Lapwai, Idaho, 87-63. The Victory League title was

taken by the Maury Macs with a 13-1 record and in the YMCA Church League, the high school trophy was won by the Hope Lutheran team while the unlim Ited division was taken by Mt.

Laki The annual Elks Free Throw contest found Eddie Johnson, an eighth-grader at Altamost Junior High defeating Mike Keck, a seventh - grader at Booseveli school for the title. In the finals, Johnson hit 51 of 73 chances and Keck 47 of

1792 and the all-events scratch by Eldina Greenwood with a 1643 total.

In the 19th annual Men's Tournament, learns were led in the Class A action by the Crater Enterprises team composed of Doug Baldwin, Eorl Tabor, Frank Beard, Stan Larson and Al Samples with a 3129 total Class B teams were topped by the Elmer's Texaco team with a 3151 total and the Class C by the Tulelake Cabine! team with

while the team of Ardis McMa-

hon and Joan Hardman won the

Class B with 1164. Class C was

taken by the team of Sue Bar-

ry and Margaret Heaton with

1173 and Class D by Ida Hunt

The all-events handicap was

and Coral Baker with 1183.

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a 3118. The Class AA singles title way taken by Larry Jones with a 699 and the Class A singles by Bill Dale with a 701.

In Class B singles Murel Long was first with 685 and Class C singles won by Earl Cullimore with a 662.

Larry Jones came back for a win in the Class AA all-events with an 1880 total and Bill Pickett took the Class A title with a 1945 Class B all-ovents was led by Perry Budson with a 1964 and a 1949 total was good for first in the Class C all-

events. Class AA doubles was topped by the team of Al Hakenworth and Bill Hawley with a 1214 and the Class A doubles by the duo of John Quinn and Jim Dyer with 1254 The Class B doubles title was taken by the team of

Bob Harshbarger and Me Jime nez with a 1355 and the Class C doubles crown by Norman Unis and Cy McColgin with a

1293

In another bowling tourna- points followed by McKenzte

The Cancer Bowl in April was won by Andy Anderson of Tule lake with an 887 total. The Kingsley Field United

Fund singles classic was birwled from Aug. 1 through Sept. 30 and the Southern Oregon all events title was taken by M Sot Wally (Panny) Palezew ski with a nine-game total of 1956 and he was fourth in the singles with a 704

CROSS COUNTRY

In October the Klamath Falls Pelicans won the District 6-A-1 cross country title for the secad consecutive year at Medford as they scored 53 points to 57 for runnerup Medford. Grants Pass was third in the district with 64 points, followed by Ashland with 66 and Crater with 90.

Coach Phil Harder's composed of Merkel Britt, Dave Vaagen, Bob Scholl, Bob Robside of 1-5. Ralph Totten, Gary Maw

and Terry Metler later attendof freshman gridders the Owls ed the state toornament in which an 11th place finish was ended Oregon Collegiate Confer-ence play with a respectable gained 2-2 mark

Grant won the state meet, with Medford finishing 16th behind the Pels.

Gilchrist gained third in the District 5-A-2 and B meet at Pleasant Hill, with the title tak-

en by the host team with 35 ard

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HANDBALL

The YMCA Fall Invitational Tournament found Dave Vincent winning after having placed second the two previous years, Richard Berg was ond and Dennis Johnson third.

Berg and Vincent competed in the YMCA Sports Festival at Yakima, Wash., in March, with Berg taking first place in the Class C handball play by defeating Vincent.

MOTORCYCLE RACING

Medford won the conference A pair of Klamath Falls riders competed in various Pels ended counting action with scrambles" throughout the state during 1963, scoring nu-In collegiate play, the Oregon merous heat victories and post-Tech Owls gave fans many moments of excitement with their ing top finishes.

Steve Nason and Doug Kohler interesting brand of ball despite an overall record on the losing both posted heat wins in the scrambles at Powers and Nason was second in the Class A main Composed for the most next

The two also finished high in the main races and posted heat victories at Grants Pass And the highlight of the seaand other races during the sea-

son was the naming of Boll The Buildoger) Battle to A8-Coast honorable mention.

Portland State College won its first OCC title with a 4-0 rec

In other grid action during

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The Klamath Falls team also participated in the Lakeview Le ons Club Invitational and placed Inst.

First in this meet was Medford with 2029 points, followed by Lakeview with 107, Bend with 103 and Klamath Falls with 60 On Aug. 14, some 30 swim mers participated in the am Malin swimming meet, with

entrants from Tulelake, Newell Merrill and Malin.

In high school swimming Coach Adolph Faller's Kinmat Falls Pelicans were fourth J the girls' competition in t h's District 4 meet at North Bend and the boys' team also fourth In the girls' swimming North Bend won with 30 points followed by Medford with 589 Marshfield with 32, Klama

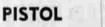
Falls with 1815, Reedsport with 14 and Toledo with 12

In the boys' action, Reedspart was first with 99 points, f of lowed by North Bend with 31, Mediord 48, Klamath Falls 40, Toledo 11 and Marshfield with two points.

The Pelicans qualified eighboys and three girls for the state prep tournament.

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A pistol team from Kingsley Field was farmed and repre-