

Southern Conference Basketball Race Due Openers

Coaches Give Tornado Nod For Repeat Title

MEDFORD

The defending champion Black Tornado again is considered the team to beat in the Southern Conference race.

Frank Roelandt's five has good balance in both scoring and rebounding and depth to spare.

Last year the Tornado tied Grants Pass for the league title with an 11-5 record and posted a season mark including state tournament play of 19-7.

Returning for another year are two-year letterman Mike Barnes, a senior guard at 5-10 and one-year men Larry Vowell (5-10) and Bill Houston (5-11).

Another letterman is available in transfer Hal Holman (6-3) who last year was with the Klamath Falls Pelicans.

The Tornado has height in 6-4 Larry Stockman, a junior center; 6-4 Bruce Bertrand, a sophomore forward; Steve Davis (6-3), a junior center and Bill Enyart (6-3), a junior forward.

Both Bertrand and Enyart have been outstanding for the Tornado in pre-conference action, with Enyart shifted to the post position and becoming the top Tornado rebounder with 73 and one of the top scorers.

Bertrand has gained a starting berth on the Tornado five as a sophomore and is one of the top men in the scoring work.

Vowell and Barnes have given the Tornado tremendous outside punch in the pre-conference action, with the former hitting a total of 95 points in six frays and Barnes 89.

Holman has been slow in coming around for the Tornado following a sprained ankle sustained in one of the early games followed by a bout with "infected feet," however, he figures in the Medford plans.

Two of the smaller members of the Tornado quint seeing early action and performing well are 5-10 senior Rich Knight and 5-7 senior Jimmy Allen.

This is the 1963-64 edition of the Medford Black Tornado — the team coaches see as the winner.

The Tornado ended pre-season action with a 3-3 record, with losses coming at the hands of the Linfield and Willamette junior varsity teams and one loss to South Eugene — the No. 1 rated prep team.

Victories were posted over South Eugene and a pair over the Willamette Wolverines.

standing 6-0 and a senior forward and Bill Hock (5-10) junior guard.

Missing from last year's state tournament team is Gary VanKoten who decided against joining the cage wars this year in favor of shooting for a national pole vault title in some of the winter track carnivals.

The Cavemen go into counting play with a 3-3 record, but the deception in this mark is the fact the Cavemen have taken on a pair of college junior varsity quints in Linfield and Willamette.

A pair of victories have been recorded over Tillamook of the TVY and a split in a two-game set with Roseburg was recorded.

"If Sparlin is 'on,' he's one of the best scorers in the state. McCormack has been scoring well for us, also.

"Our problem may be in the backboard work," the Cavemen head man states.

Prehm, a graduate of Washington State University, is an advocate of the pattern brand of ball, however, the Cavemen run when given the opportunity. Defensively, the man-to-man alignment is used for the most part, however, on occasion, the Cavemen will move to the zone defense.

In a poll of the conference coaches, just one saw the Cavemen as winners of the title — not Prehm — however, the Grants Pass five must be figured in the battle for league honors.

ASHLAND

It's a young, inexperienced club fielded by the Ashland Grizzlies as the 1964 Southern Conference gets underway tonight.

Coach George Keil, entering his third year as head man of the Grizzlies, counts two returning lettermen from the team of last year which posted an 8-14 overall mark and a 2-14 counting record.

The Grizzlies have both height and experience in senior veteran Jeff Trost at 6-4 and a good floor leader in 5-9 senior guard Dean Samuelson.

Teaming up with Trost underneath are Bill Jury (6-0) and 6-1 Dave Barger, both juniors, and outside is 5-9 junior Dennis Ekwall.

Both Ekwall and Jury have scored well for the Grizzlies in pre-conference action as has 6-3 sophomore candidate Dwight Morrow. Additional height is available in 6-4 sophomore Randy Nelson and 6-4 Bart Kapteyn — a senior.

"We have good speed and fair height and we could come on in the second half of league play," Keil notes.

erably in the tough Southern Conference race.

Prior to taking over the reins at Ashland, Keil was head man at Nampa, Idaho, and attended the University of Utah and Idaho State.

The Grizzlies are seen as a year away by most of the loop coaches and by Keil, however, they have the ability and the size to be the troublemaker of the league this year.

The Grizzlies go against the Medford Black Tornado tonight and host the Klamath Falls Pelicans Saturday night.

CRATER

Just one veteran is counted by Crater's Lloyd Hoffine as the Comets make ready for the start of Southern Conference play, with 10 lettermen missing from last year's roster.

The Comets ended counting action in third place last year with a 9-3 record and start conference play Saturday night at home against Medford with a pre-season mark of 4-2.

Returning from last year's five is two-year letterman Dar-ryl Summerfield, a senior forward standing 5-10. Summerfield is considered one of the better board men and scorers for the Comets and described by Hoffine as "... real strong."

Joining him in a starting unit thus far has been Larry Pepper a 5-9 senior and Bob Turner a 6-0 senior, both at guards; and forward Mike Turner (6-2) a junior and center Bob Stroh (6-4) a senior.

Summerfield and Mike Turner have paced the Comet scoring the games played thus far, with Summerfield having a total of 83 points in six outings and Turner 83.

Stroh has been the top rebounder with a total of 65. "He's doing a good job for his first year of varsity ball and he's still growing," Hoffine comments.

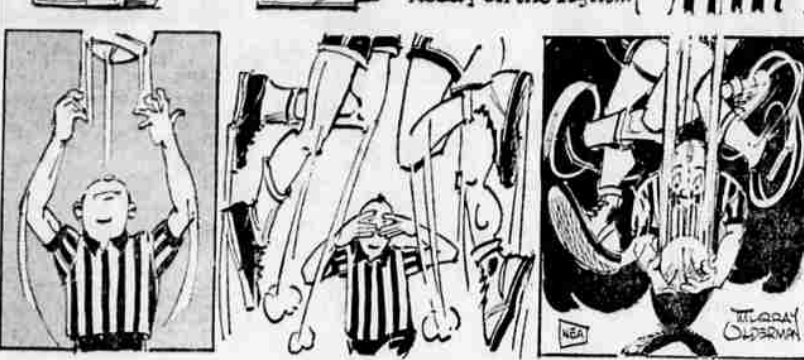
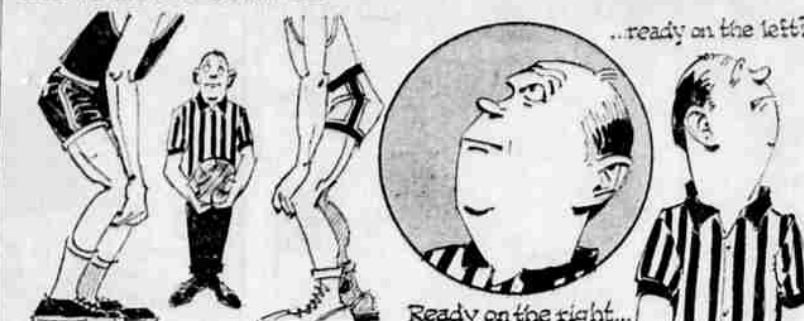
Mike Turner is second in the board work with a total of 39. Figured to see action for the Comets, also, are Vern Swanson (5-11) a senior forward and Dave Tweedell, also a senior forward and standing 6-0.

In compiling their mark of 4-2, the Comets have faced Fortuna, Calif., and won one game, with single victories also coming over Eagle Point and Douglas. The Comets split a pair with Lebanon and have also dropped one fray to Cottage Grove.

"We have been running but perhaps too much, because we have thrown the ball away too many times. How Medford does against Ashland tonight will determine what we do against Medford Saturday night offensively.

"We'll use a man-to-man defense mostly, although we will try the zone occasionally. We used the zone against Lebanon."

CENTERS JUMPED



Herald and News SPORTS

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Slim Sports Schedule Set For Local Preppers

Seven basketball contests — four of these counters — and a pair of wrestling tests dot the small prep athletic calendar as the new year starts for local area teams.

The Southern Conference and the Klamath B League both have important counters on tap as the teams return to action following the holiday lull.

Klamath B League resumes action with two games tonight and the leadership of the league is the winner's at Chiloquin when the Bonanza Antlers visit for the showdown.

Bob Freirich's Antlers take a 2-0 league record to Chiloquin against the matching counting mark of Dave Sigado's Panthers.

For the season, the Antlers are 2-4, while the Panthers are 4-1.

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Suspension Lift Asked

LOLLYWOOD, Fla. (UPI) — The National Football League Players Association recommended Thursday that Commissioner Pete Rozelle lift his suspensions of Paul Hornung and Alex Karras.

"We feel that if they are not reinstated, another year out of action might preclude their ever getting back into competitive shape and kill their careers," the Philadelphia Eagle player added.

"Lakeview (3-3) is at Lassen, Calif., for a non-counter two-game set tonight and Saturday night.

Saturday night will see the Pelicans enter the second counting fray of the season as they travel to Ashland, while Bonanza travels to Henley (3-2) for a non-counter.

A pair of wrestling tests are on the Saturday sports agenda as the Henley Hornets travel to Lakeview for a dual test and the Klamath Falls Pelicans are at Roseburg for a mat tournament.

This is the slim lineup of sports activities for the local area preppers as the teams await the first full slate of the new year next weekend.

Defending Champions Invade Pelican Court

By BILL GOULD

Herald and News Sports Editor

The play for fun is over.

The race for the conference marbles begins tonight.

For the Klamath Falls Pelicans the important action starts at Pelican Court as the defending Southern Conference co-champion Grants Pass Cavemen visit.

Gordy Prehm's Cavemen bring a 3-3 pre-season record to Pelican Court, however, this record is deceiving as the Cavemen have lost those three games to stiff competition.

The Cavemen opened with losses to the Willamette and Linfield JVs, followed with a split of a two-game series with Roseburg and ended pre-conference action with a sweep of a two-game series against Tillamook.

At Keck's Pels have moved to a 5-1 non-counting record, downing Roseburg twice in the season opening pair, followed with a split of a series with Bend and last weekend completed a sweep of a two-game set with Sweet Home.

A pair of lettermen return for both clubs and figure to be a thorn in the side of the other club in the contest tonight.

For the Cavemen, it's floor leader Tom Sparlin, a 5-11 senior guard with a per game scoring average of 14 points; and post man Marty Bauer, a 5-11 senior who leads the Cavemen in rebounding and is one of the top scorers on the club.

This pair gives the Cavemen a large start toward repeating as league champions.

For the Pelicans, it's 5-8 sen-

of the two clubs due action tonight, with both teams looking to additional help from top new men.

The Cavemen have Jerry McCormack, currently their No. 1 scorer, a senior forward standing 6-1, and Steve Newman, a junior at the other forward spot and standing 6-0. Holding down the other guard position is Pat Duchien, a junior standing 5-10.

The Pels have their top scorer and rebounder in 6-7 transfer letterman Gene Kingsbury.

Kingsbury has paced the Pels in both departments through most of the pre-season contests and has a 19.1 scoring average and has picked off 100 rebounds.

Seeing action also is Steve Baker at the other forward post, a 6-2 junior, while the other guard position could be handled by either John Jendrzejewski (6-2) and a junior, or Bob Moore (6-2) and a sophomore.

Baker, Jendrzejewski and Moore run four, five and six in the Pelican scoring and are high in the rebounding totals.

Last year the Cavemen came to Pelican Court and downed the Pels on the home floor for the first time in several contests over a period of years.

Pelican workouts this week have seen much work on individual defense against Sparlin, Bauer and McCormack.

"We know something about them, but we know nothing of Duchien and Newman," comments Keck.

The Pels have completed good sessions this past week in preparation for the Cavemen, with scrimmages displaying plenty of hustle.

"We've looked better this week than we have all season, with a lot of spark and hustle. The kids have worked real hard. They know this will be a tough one."

Prehm sees the Pelicans as offering "... the stiffest board test we've had this year. Their (the Pelicans) height could hurt us."

Both coaches are mum to the type of offense and defense to be run, however, both are expected to start with a man-to-man defense and use the pattern offense, with fast break employed when possible.

After this initial conference test, the Pelicans return to counting play Saturday night as they travel to Ashland for the first meeting with the Grizzlies.

Ashland is currently 1-3 and tonight is facing the Black Tornado at Medford.

Grants Pass draws a bye Saturday night.

Tipoff time tonight is slated for 8 p.m., with a preliminary contest slated between the junior varsity clubs of the two schools.

TV-RADIO SPORTS MENU

FRIDAY

RADIO: Klamath Falls vs. Grants Pass, 7:50 p.m., KFLW.

Oregon State vs. Cincinnati, (following KU game, KFLW.

SATURDAY

TV: Senior Bowl (North vs. South), Mobile, Ala., 11 a.m., Channels 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13.

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SUNDAY

TV: AFL Championship, Boston vs. San Diego, San Diego, 1:30 p.m., Channels 6, 7, 9, 40, 12.

NFL Playoff Bowl, Cleveland vs. Green Bay, Miami, Fla., 11 a.m., Channels 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13.

Film Showing Slated Tonight

A special showing of the Oregon-Indiana football film will be shown at the Winema Motor Hotel tonight at 7:30 by the Rotary Club.

All interested fans are invited.

MAHAFFEY INKS CONTRACT PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—ART MAHAFFEY, ace righthander of the Philadelphia Phillies who was plagued by injuries last season, Thursday signed his 1964 contract. Mahaffey, 25, had a 7-10 record last season and an earned run average of 3.99.

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Team	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	RB	TP	Avg.
Roseburg	58	19	27	19	12	42	37	37.0
Roseburg	64	29	26	14	18	51	77	45.5
Bend	63	21	19	8	20	43	50	39.6
Bend	88	20	24	12	15	34	73	48.0
Sweet Home	79	23	24	16	22	51	82	70.8
Sweet Home	80	29	31	18	25	48	76	71.6
	416	141	151	87	112	290	430	41.4

Team	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	RB	TP	Avg.
Roseburg	45	19	19	11	18	21	49	49.0
Roseburg	63	28	18	15	20	35	55	52.0
Bend	65	17	31	11	15	20	55	32.0
Bend	52	24	24	15	18	40	43	55.5
Sweet Home	44	17	28	18	25	48	52	54.5
Sweet Home	55	23	33	20	26	41	66	56.6
	334	118	163	104	115	158	340	54.6

Player	G	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	RB	TP	Avg.
Gene Kingsbury	4	113	49	28	19	20	100	117	37.1
Terry Ash	6	93	33	24	17	16	80	83	33.8
Lanny Guyer	4	57	24	22	17	14	20	11.6	
Steve Baker	6	21	12	12	4	18	33	3.5	
John Jendrzejewski	6	34	12	8	3	4	19	27	4.5
Bob Moore	3	11	5	3	6	6	13	4.3	
Oren Teater	3	11	5	4	4	19	19	2.6	
Larry Binney	5	23	9	10	4	8	7	22	4.3
Jim Patzke	5	23	9	9	4	10	12	12	2.4
Bud Lummas	3	7	0	0	0	1	1	1	1.3
Rick Jackson	3	5	1	0	0	3	0	2	0.4
Sander Vincze	4	13	2	0	0	3	15	2	1.5
Jack Bauer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	416	141	151	87	112	290	430	71.8	

for Lanny Guyer at guard and 6-4 junior forward Terry Ash. Guyer is currently the No. 3 scorer on the club with an 11.6 points per game average and Ash ranks second in the Pel scoring chase with an average of 13.8.

Ash also is second in rebounding with 80 hauled down in six outings.

These are the four veterans from last year's Southern Conference campaign on the roster

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