

Stan's Stand From the Stands . . .

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Pirates Hijacked

Struggling through an obstacle course of unheeding cheerleaders who were finding the gym floor a playground for ill-timed yells, the Nyssa Bulldogs dumped in a basketful of points to give themselves a 47-24 grin-filled win over the visiting Payette Pirates Friday night.

The ball seemed allergic to a metal rim as time after time puzzled shooters stared in disbelief when their favorite shot would snub the basket and hurry into the hands of the other team. The scoreboard was having it easy, with an 8-4 score in favor of Nyssa ending the first quarter.

The two teams nestled around their coaches and watched a detailed play being drawn with a stubby finger on the varnished floor. The two men in black and white striped shirts listened to suggestions shouted from the crowd until someone finally pressed the buzzer button for more action.

The Nyssa boys and the Payette Pirates responded and soon tangled themselves into a 15-15 toss up at halftime.

Seeing there was once again no halftime entertainment, the long and boring half slowly passed. If just a fraction of the energy used to rattle the windows and deafen ears were turned into some creative halftime entertainment, the basketball games would take on a look of big time.

Finally the dressing room doors opened and the two teams poured onto the floor, bouncing all kinds of basketballs.

Someone awakened the referee and together with his colleague he found his way to the middle of the floor. A few hundred eyes watched the ball hovering above two high reaching hands, and rubber soled shoes clapped the hard floor unmercifully once again as the uniforms chased back and forth.

And there were the cheerleaders, parked under the basket, feet protruding over the foul line into fair territory. What has happened to the sacred gym floor. Now these young girls can stand and walk where they please, using discretion or not, regardless of play. They are permitted to stand directly under the basket a few feet away from a player shooting a free throw, and shout right in to his face.

Several times these girls have been bumped by players. Must someone be hurt before a person of some official capacity realizes the playing floor is the basketball players' working ground and that anyone standing in the way is a hindrance, not a helper. Cheerleaders, give the ball players a break and give them some room to play the game in. Remember, the only reason you have the privilege of being on the floor at all is to direct yells, using some kind of judgment, please, and not to be a personal hazard to the players.

Play resumed and it was Nyssa all the way, gaining a good lead in the last quarter.

The empty bleachers on the Payette side weren't much encouragement for the Pirates as the boys filed into their dressing

room. Jovial noisemaking filled the Nyssa locker room as the Bulldogs washed off their hot sweat and headed downtown for a hamburger.

NYSSA JV TEAM LOSES

The Nyssa JV's walked a short plank and lost 38-27 to the young Pirates. It was a close game until the fourth quarter, but from then on the Bullpups couldn't buy a basket.

Wolverines Win

The Bulldogs were invited to Weiser Saturday night, then were handed a 45-37 loss. Highly unsociable, those Wolverines.

The long drive through fog and over slick roads kept attending fans to a minimum. The fog was so thick the highway department was using a snow plow to move it to one side. One fellow grabbed a handful of the fog, took it home and put it into his refrigerator to show visiting relatives just how thick fog can gather around the Snake river.

The Weiser boys proved to have a desire for rough-housing and rough talk. A player getting angry during a game hurts no one but himself and his teammates. A mind cluttered with "getting even" plans can't click with the coolness needed for clear decisions.

The Bullpups ended up on the other end of the scoreboard themselves.

Wrestlers Meet Boise

The Nyssa wrestling team was host to Boise Thursday night. The match was held in the gym, with the mat placed in the middle of the floor. A modest crowd sat to one side and watched the torturous writhing and twisting on display as Nyssa fell behind and finally became the loser.

"But the boys are improving, and we're having a good year. Reserve material is being developed to give our high school continuous good wrestling," said Coach Mel Calhoun.

JUNIOR HIGH TAKES VALE

The Nyssa junior high basketball team traveled to Vale Friday and dealt a 34-33 photo-finish blow to the ego of the young "soon-to-be terrorists."

Adrian Wins Two

The Adrian Antelopes galloped away with honors in a 58-31 dribble contest with Wilder Friday night. Many second stringers got their hands on the ball before the game was over.

McDonald and Costley totaled up 15 points apiece as Adrian mopped up New Plymouth in Antelope territory. The runaway game ended with a 73-37 score. This gave Adrian a 5-1 record and a tie for first place in the league.

Eagles' Wishbones First Half Winners In Bowl Competition

Last Thursday evening at Bye Lanes was the first game of the second half of season play for members of Nyssa Eagles bowl-teams.

High single game score went to Dick Butcher with 217 pins. High individual game series winner was Don Hatch with 543, scratch. High three game individual tally, plus handicap, went to Lloyd Mackrill with 623 pins.

High single game team for the evening was the Beaks with 858 pins and high team for game series was Wishbones with 2389.

Team standings at end of the first game of second half of season play are as follows: Wings, 4 wins, no losses; Wishbones, 3-1; Near Misses, 3-1; Renegades, 2-2; Beaks, 2-2; Tail Feathers, 1-3; Bald Eagles, 1-3; and Claws, 0-4.

At the end of first half of season play team standings were Wishbones, won 37, lost 19; Near Misses, 34-22; Tail Feathers, 33½-22½; Renegades, 28-28; Beaks, 27-29; Claws, 24-32; Wings, 23-33; and Bald Eagles, 17½-38½.

Captain of the winning Wishbones is Robert Allen. Other team members are Lloyd Mackrill, Harold Brendle, Asa Winchester and Dale Garrison.

Individual first half winners were: high scratch series, Don Hatch, 593; high handicap series, Bert Ross, 699; and high scratch game, Dale Bingman, 234.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Butler and Shirley and Bill Gifford of Nyssa were Tuesday evening dinner guests at the Ray Edmondson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Heilig of Moses Lake, Wash., visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Sage.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wild, the Rev. and Mrs. Omar Barnhouse and family were Sunday dinner guests of Marie Coate and Gertrude Allmon.

Oxnam and Butcher Win Weekly Trophies In Lady Eagles Play

Lady Eagles bowling league met at Bye Lanes in Ontario for the last game in first half of play Thursday evening. Two ladies received small trophies for bowling over 200 in a single game without handicap—Rosella Oxnam, 210, and Sadie Butcher, 220.

High scores in single games plus handicaps went to Irene Bartron with a score of 247, Rosella Oxnam 244 and Marjorie Brewer 222. High series plus handicap were Irene Bartron 604, Sadie Butcher 601, Marjorie Brewer and Stella Ross tied with 595.

Team standings are as follows:

LEGIONNAIRES TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES JAN. 29

According to Post Commander C. M. Pounds, members of American Legion post 79 will attend Faith Lutheran church Sunday in a body in keeping with the Legion's "Back-to-God" movement. Those planning to attend should meet at Nyssa community hall at 10:40 a.m., Pounds said.

All Legionnaires and auxiliary members are invited to participate in this church visit.

Wednesday Teams Begin Second Half

Wednesday bowling group met last week at Bye Lanes in Ontario for their first session of play in the second half of the season.

New standings for teams are Leuck's Signs, won 3, lost 1; First National Bank of Ontario, 3-1; Courtesy Corner, 2-2; Malheur Memorial hospital, 2-2; Emblem club, 1-3; and Palomino cafe, 1-3. Emblem club team had high single game score with 725 and Leuck's Sign team was high for three game series with 1993 pins.

Ann Richter had high individual single game score with 179 and Marie Moggridge and Frances Walker tied with 470 for high in three game series.

Nyssa First Ward Downs Owyhee In Hoop Tourney

Nyssa LDS stake basketball tournament got under way Tuesday evening with Nyssa First ward defeating Owyhee by a 56-21 score.

Boyd Blair was high point man for Nyssa First with 32.

Parma defeated Vale in a thriller, 49-45.

Next Tuesday night, Nyssa Second ward will meet Ontario at the Owyhee ward in the second series of tournament play. Game time will be at 7:30 p.m. Owyhee will meet Vale in the second game.

No Winners Present At Tuesday Drawing

Names drawn this week at Nyssa Bank Days event were Wallace Strate, route 2, Parma, \$50 jackpot prize; Dolly Fenn, 309 Good Ave., \$10 second award; and T. A. Gall, 305 North Fifth street, third prize of \$5. There were no winners on hand to claim their awards.

Next week the jackpot prize will advance to \$100.

ATTENDS CO-OP MEETING

Ernie B. Metcalf, manager of Nyssa Co-op Supply, attended a Pacific Co-op regional development meeting Jan. 16-17 in Twin Falls, Idaho.

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