

Western wins opener

Postmen Cliff Metaker and Godfrey Saunders combined for 55 points Thursday night at Edmonton, Alta., as the Western Montana Bulldogs tripped Lakehead University, 86-77, in opening round play of the Klondike Holiday Classic basketball tournament.

The four-day meet continues tonight with the Bulldogs matched against the University of Guelph while Lakehead meets the University of Alberta's host club.

Saturday's schedule pits Western-Alberta and Guelph-Lakehead in the round-robin tourney, which climaxes Sunday at 3 p.m. with the two best-record entries clashing for the championship trophy.

Thursday's opener between Western and Lakehead was a tight, fast-paced battle all the way.

Lakehead, ranked as the strongest Canadian contender, failed to solve the Metaker-Saunders blitz as the Bulldog duo dominated both board and basket throughout the well-played contest.

Metaker, a 6-8 senior transfer from Colorado State, netted 31 points while Saunders, 6-3 junior and two-time all-Frontier postman, added 24.

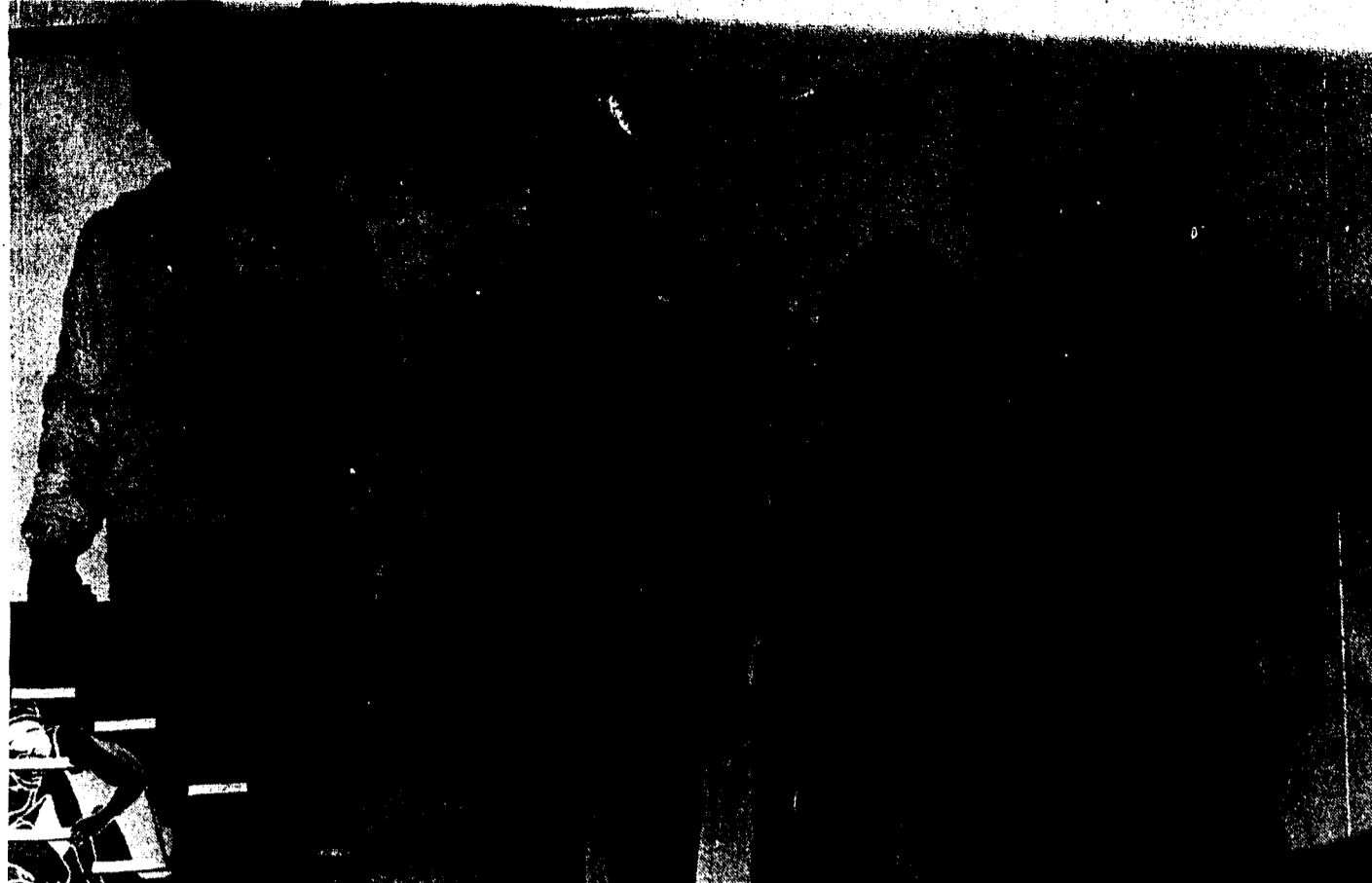
Leroy Armstrong contributed 12 counters, Kim Anderson 8, Ernie Carter 6, Ray Alexander

4, and Julian Brinson 1 in the Bulldogs' successful tourney debut.

The victory boosted Coach Casey Keltz' club to a 5-2 season mark.



SALMON WRESTLER—in action during Dillon Invitational Wrestling Tournament championship matches was Jack Jakovac who went against Jim Robertus of Laurel in the 138 class, Jakovac was in second place in the championships at his weight. (Sue Terrill Photo)



DILLON INVITATIONAL WRESTLING CHAMPION—at 126 pounds, Lynn Taylor successfully came through the matches during the past weekend, with his ability challenged but undefeated. He is shown with other young men from the schools competing in the two-day invitational, on the Olympic type

stand, where they received awards in order of their standing in the tourney after being escorted across the Beaverhead County High School gymnasium by BCHS wrestling cheerleaders, who presented the awards. Shown from left are Taylor, Leonard Wombolt of Laurel, Vince Arkell of Whitehall and Tom Fultz of Fort Benton. (Sue Terrill Photo)

Ration coupons like dollar bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — It looks like a shrunken dollar bill but it could become more valuable than the real thing if the government rations gasoline.

The ration coupons, being readied for that doleful day, bear the picture of George Washington and the inscription: One unit of gasoline. There is a place for your state, your license plate number and your name.

If you are age 18 or over and a licensed driver you'll get a month's supply of coupons for \$1. You can sell the coupons for whatever you can get if you don't need them. You can buy them at the going rate if you need more.

That, in essence, is how it will work. A coupon might be worth five gallons one month, six gallons the next. Energy Chief William E. Simon estimates that the monthly average per driver will be 32-35 gallons.

But how many coupons you will get for your initial dollar will vary, depending on whether

you live in a densely populated area or not, on how much mass transportation is available and other factors.

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The coupons will be printed in a different color each month, but are spendable over a 60-day period. There will be announcements of how many gallons you can buy with them, and changes could be made month by month.

Your service station will collect the right number of coupons and turn them in to a bank to account for the number of gallons he's sold.

Howard Hughes indicted

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Hughes, who faces criminal charges for the first time in his much-publicized life.

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In it, Hughes and three of his codefendants are accused of conspiring to pressure directors of Air West Airlines to sell out to Hughes by depressing the value of the airline's stock and then threatening lawsuits against the directors.

The indictment came one week after Hughes secretly left London.

He reportedly flew immediately to the Bahamas, and took up residence on the top two floors of a hotel owned by another publicity-shy billionaire.

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Legal maneuvering in the case was expected to begin quickly, as the U.S. attorney in Las Vegas said he wanted arraignment of the defendants in two weeks. That would presumably mean a trip to Las Vegas and public exposure for Hughes.

Named with Hughes in seven counts of the indictment were Robert Maheu, former head of Hughes' Nevada operations; Chester Davis, general counsel for Hughes Summa Corp. and a member of its board of directors; and David B. Charnay, a former Air West stockholder. James H. Nall, a Hughes employe and former Air West stockholder, was named in three counts. Listed as indicted conspirators were H. M. "Hank" Greenspun, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun, and George Crockett, a New York businessman.

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CONSOLATION WINNER—in the 145 class was Gary Allen of BCHS. Shown are the winners of the class, from the left, Gurn

Kelley of Laurel, whose team won the tournament, Jim McCready of Ronan, Allen and Vance Brodock of Fort Benton.

Son of novelist washed overboard

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The son of novelist Ernest K. Gann and the captain of an oil tanker were washed overboard and are presumed dead, the Coast Guard said.

A Coast Guard spokesman said First Mate George K. Gann, 38, of Belvedere, Calif., and the skipper of the Chevron Mississippi, C.W. Pemberton, 50, of Seattle, were lost in heavy seas Thursday.

The Coast Guard said the ship steamed into a storm 390 miles southeast of Homer, Alaska, while carrying oil from Cook Inlet, Alaska, to El Segundo, Calif.

The spokesman said a third man, seaman Mario L. Romersa, 51, of San Francisco, died aboard the 70,000-ton tanker of injuries suffered in an accident while the ship plowed through 18-foot seas, battered by 40-knot winds.

The elder Gann has written many novels about flying, including the best-selling "The High and the Mighty" and "Twilight for the Gods."

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