

Sideline

By JIM VANCE, Sports Editor

Late as it's getting in the season, it's still too early to say how local teams will fare in earning their ticket to the state tournament this year. In fact, about this time of year the coaches who have teams in thick contention would just as soon forget all talk about state tournaments.

We will oblige by touching on the subject only long enough to point out some of the better possibilities, and how they compare to last year's record-setting list of Douglas County state tournament entries when four teams qualified from the local area.

AS OF THIS writing, the prospects of an all-Douglas County playoff final in District 6-A-2 look good with Glendale heading the heap in the southern half. The Pirates must get by Eagle Point, Illinois Valley and tough defending champion Phoenix.

In the northern half, the Myrtle Creek-Douglas battle promised in pre-season appears to have taken shape now that Fred Earwood shy-Riddle, the pre-league darkhorse is undermanned. On the Coast, Reedport, out to defend its District 2-A-2 trophy, rests in second place now behind strong Myrtle Point.

Drain, finishing far down the list in first half District 5-A-2, looks for a stronger showing the second half of the race, but evidently doesn't have the horses this year to make a successful defense.

In the Douglas B League, Yoncalla and Elkton will probably go down to the wire to decide who meets Powers, the western District 4-B leader which is rated above either of the two local out-fits in polls around the state.

ROSEBURG's current 2-1 standing in District 5-A-1 carries high hopes of a qualifying finish in the toughest district in the state. A lot of things can happen to swing the balance of power in a race such as this one and what one time appeared to be a Eugene-dominated league now finds the balance of power spread nearly from top to bottom.

That a lot of things can happen one only has to look as far as Eugene where a back injury to Charlie Warren, once regarded

only lightly, bids well to bench the big star for the rest of the season. Last we heard, Warren was in a Eugene hospital in traction for correction of what reports persist is "a badly sprained back."

Warren's return or not, and his condition upon returning, figure to go a long way toward deciding who goes where in the six-team derby. His status at the present time is uncertain as far as rejoining the team.

A COUPLE more ex-county athletes made the switch to college athletics successfully during this school year, taking the shorter hop into junior college playing ranks rather than trying to break into the four-year college athletic scene.

One of them, however, Skip Stillwell of Sutherlin, is back in town after having lettered on the Boise Junior College football team last fall. Stillwell has quit school for the present and his future is uncertain except that he has indicated he will head for the high seas with a Navy stint.

Stillwell has been seeing action with the Sutherlin Golden Rule ball club in the YMCA Umpqua Valley Basketball League the past week. He didn't turn out for the cage sport at Boise.

Another hoop star of a year ago, John Losey of Myrtle Creek, launched his college career at Oceanview Junior College in Southern California. No exact figures at hand, but Myrtle Creek Coach Bob Abrahamson says that he understands the big lad is off to a good start.

A-SCHOOL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Riddle	11	3	.769
Glendale	11	4	.733
Roseburg	11	4	.733
Myrtle Creek	11	5	.688
Douglas	9	7	.563
Reedport	7	6	.538
Drain	6	9	.400
Sutherlin	4	11	.267
Glide	2	6	.250
Oakland	2	11	.154

THREE STRAIGHT wins over the past week enabled fast-rising Glendale to move into a second-place tie in the Douglas County A-School standings with three weeks left in the basketball season. The Pirates beat two Rogue League opponents and the Roseburg Junior Varsity.

Roseburg stayed hard in the running to overtake Riddle in the race by winning its only contest as did the Irish (over Canyonville) to stay just percentage points ahead. Myrtle Creek, idle over the week, as was Glide, dropped to fourth, but still stayed in close contention in what shapes up as a four-team race.

Other than that there were no changes in the standings, but important games coming up this week could tell the tale.

Sports In Brief

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GOLF

TUSCON, Ariz. — Frank Stranahan, Bill Johnson and Manuel De La Torre tied for the first round lead in the \$15,000 Tucson Open with 6-under-par 64s.

BASEBALL

BOSTON — Ted Williams signed his 1958 contract for an estimated \$135,000, largest salary ever paid a ballplayer.

YACHTING

NASSAU, Bahamas — The 39-foot yawl, Finisterre, owned by Carleton Mitchell of Annapolis, Md. won the 184-mile Miami to Nassau race for the second straight year.

RACING

MIAMI, Fla. — Per Favor (\$14.30) scored handily in feature at Hialeah.

ARCADIA, Calif. — Stumbling Block (\$35.20) took headlines at Santa Anita.



SAM (BOOM) WHEELER, top showman in his 13th year of professional basketball, will be one of the many stars performing on the Roseburg High School maples Monday night, when the Harlem Magicians meet the Boston Shamrocks in an exhibition tilt starting at 8 p.m. Wheeler, 6-4 center, is one of the top point makers for the Magicians.



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Riddle Hoop Star Changes To Myrtle Creek Spangles

Fred Earwood, the Umpqua Valley League's top scorer while at Riddle, has changed school spangles and will be playing for Myrtle Creek's Vikings when the latter team takes the floor against Douglas tonight for a key league contest.

Earwood, a 6-2 sophomore, transferred to Myrtle Creek from Riddle early this week and has been working out with Coach Bob Abrahamson's team all week. Abrahamson, surprised but naturally pleased with the addition of the scoring star, said Thursday night that he does not plan to use Earwood in a starting role Friday night anyway. His transfer to Myrtle Creek came at a crucial time in Umpqua Valley League play. Riddle, Myrtle Creek and Douglas, all had finished first round action with identical 4-1 records and the start of the second half race means that each must meet the other team once again. Myrtle Creek defeated Riddle, 46-18, in a first round game.



FRED EARWOOD changes jersey.

Riddle hopes hurt. While Earwood's transfer will undoubtedly bolster Myrtle Creek, his loss figures to hurt Riddle doubly. He was their leading scorer and topped UVL individual scoring through this week's games with a 16.8 game average for five games off an 84-point total.

Last season, as a freshman, Earwood was the Douglas B League scoring champion with an identical 16.8 average for 10 games for Riddle.

Idaho Refuses Okay Of Fuller Match

BOISE, Idaho. — The State Athletic Commission has refused to give its blessings to a proposed fight between Gene Fuller, ex-middleweight champion from West Jordan, Utah, and Mickey Rhodes of Boise. Chairman Edith Cole of the commission, reached in Pocatello, said Mickey Rhodes would be a suitable opponent for Gene Fuller. But Cole added such a fight might be sanctioned later. Rhodes proved to be in good condition and demonstrated it in one of three fights leading up to the fight. Rhodes, a veteran of 75 bouts, won his last outing last April by a knockout of a local contender in the eighth round. He is scheduled to fight for the lightweight Northwest title. He was to have been Fuller's opponent originally, but he lost his last four bouts.

The scheduled match came only hours behind the announcement that the fight had been arranged between Rhodes and Fuller. Mary

die while the Irish were still performing in class B circles. The transfer followed the Don Earwood family's move to Myrtle Creek over the weekend. The family decided to settle in Myrtle Creek, for the time being anyway, when a home was secured there. Don Earwood is employed in a mill in Dillard.

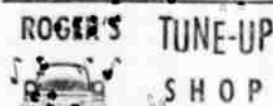
As for Fred Earwood's athletic future at Myrtle Creek, that still is not entirely definite. Abrahamson says the family has indicated they may move on to San Jose, Calif., in the near future.

In addition to being a top basketball prospect, Earwood was also a top-flight baseball pitcher at Riddle as a freshman and was an end on the football team.

Salem Views Candidates

SALEM, Ore. — The Salem Senators of the Northwest League may get a business manager Friday. The club's board of directors said they would meet Friday in an attempt to select a man for the job. The board said there now were only two candidates. One is Salem businessman John Enger, and the other is the club's 1952 business manager, Carl Gunnarson.

The board said two other men who had applied earlier withdrew their applications.



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Sports Calendar

FRIDAY
BOWLING: Junior Classic and Umpqua League, 7 p.m. Major Classic and City Classic Leagues, 9 p.m.
BASKETBALL: District 5-A-1: Marshfield at Roseburg, 8 p.m. Umpqua Valley League: Douglas at Myrtle Creek, 8 p.m.; Sutherlin at Glide, 8 p.m.; Riddle at Oakland, 8 p.m. Douglas B League: Days Creek at Yoncalla, 8 p.m.; Elkton at Canyonville, 8 p.m. District 5-A-2: St. Francis at Drain, 8 p.m. District 6-A-2: Eagle Point at Glendale, 8 p.m. ARCHERY: Oak-Rose Archers, Oakland Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m. WRESTLING: Sub-District Tournament, Sutherlin 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
BASKETBALL: District 5-A-1: Roseburg at North Bend, 8 p.m. Non-League: Myrtle Creek at Rogue River, 8 p.m. WRESTLING: Sub-District Tournament, Sutherlin, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Rugged Pair Of Weekend District Games Faced By Roseburg In Pirates, Bulldogs

DISTRICT 5-A-1				
	W	L	Pct.	PF PA
Springfield	3	1	.750	221 192
Roseburg	2	1	.667	172 152
North Bend	2	1	.667	142 137
South Eugene	2	2	.500	190 169
Marshfield	1	2	.333	142 143
C. Grove	0	3	.000	108 180

By BOB MONROE
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Two of the toughest games of the season await the Roseburg Indians basketball team over the weekend as it takes on the Marshfield Pirates and the North Bend Bulldogs in a pair of important District 5-A-1 tilts tonight and Saturday night.

Tonight the Indians will play Marshfield on the Roseburg maples, then take the road against North Bend Saturday. Each of the weekend opponents have rolled up

a total of 12 wins against only three losses, one better than the 11-4 record for the Indians. This means that the three teams have a combined record of 35 wins against only 19 losses for the year.

In league play both Roseburg and North Bend have 2-1 records, while Marshfield is 1-2. Tonight's game against the Pirates might be the toughest of the two, as the Indians will have to find a way to stop big 6-8 Terry Counts of the Pirates, who leads the club in both rebounds and scoring. The Pirates have dropped league games to North Bend and South Eugene, while edging Springfield.

Spurgeon Rated High

Hardy Spurgeon, 6-3 senior forward for the Pirates is also rated as one of the top rebounders and scorers in the league and will give the Indians plenty of trouble.

To offset these two members of the Pirates, the Indians will field one of the few teams in the state with all five starting players scoring 100 points or more for the season.

Larry Sloan, 6-2 senior forward, leads the team with a total of 221 points in 15 games and a 15.8 average. Bob Steele follows Sloan in the scoring with 153 points in 16 games and a 10.2 average. Tom Barrong, 6-5 center, is third on the list with 134 points in 16 games and an even nine-point per game average.

Wes Jackson, with 128 points in 13 games, has the third best average per game with 9.8, while Gary Cripps with an even 100 points and a 6.7 average in 16 games rounds out the top five scorers.

In the 15 games played so far, by the Indians, they have rolled up an average of 33.6 points per game, while holding the opponents to a 45.6 average.

Rebound Record Good

In rebounds, the Indians hold a large margin over other teams, with Barrong grabbing off 241 to top the team. Jackson and Sloan both are close to the 200 mark, to give the Indians three well-balanced rebounders.

Newcomer Dave Flury, 6-3 junior transfer, is slowly becoming acquainted with the Indian's style of attack and might be a valuable assist to the team during the remaining portion of the season.

This will help offset the loss of 6-0 senior center Fred McKean, who moved the Jacksonville early this week. McKean has been used in several games this season and has dropped seven points through the hoop.

Individual scoring for Roseburg is as follows:

Name	G	Pts.	Avg.
Larry Sloan, F	14	221	15.8
Bob Steele, G	15	153	10.2
T. Barrong, C	15	134	9.0
Wes Jackson, F	13	128	9.8
Gary Cripps, G	15	100	6.7
D. Bradley, F	15	20	1.4
Ron Beamer, F	15	17	1.1
R. Hoenisch, G	15	11	.8
Dave Flury, F	5	7	.5
Fred McKean, C	15	7	.5
D. Meredith, G	12	6	.5
Bill Myers, G	15	2	.1

NWC Action Slated

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Linfield, the leader in the Northwest Conference basketball title chase, gets back into action this weekend for the first time place Pacific at McMinnville Saturday night.

The Linfield-Pacific tussle is one of three conference games on tap for the weekend. Whitman plays College of Idaho Friday night and Willamette tangles with Lewis and Clark on the Willamette court Saturday night.

Whitman meets Northwest Nazarene at Nampa Saturday night in a nonconference affair.

GARY CRIPPS ... over century mark.

Cal, UCLA Set For Payoff Tilt

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California and UCLA, both tied for first place in the Pacific Coast Conference, will be looking over the shoulders of their opponents Friday night.

Oregon plays at Oregon State, and the game is one the Beavers must win to retain much hope of getting to the top in the conference race.

The two top clubs meet Saturday night and Friday night the Cal Bears take on Southern Cal while UCLA meets Washington State in the first of two double-headers at Los Angeles. Washington State and Southern Cal meet Saturday.

Cal, the surprise team of the league has been winning its games because of a stout defense. The Bears have allowed opponents an average of only 45 points a game while shooting an average of only 52.8 themselves.

UCLA, which won two close ones from the Southern Cal Trojans, has a 62 point defensive average but has been scoring an average of 65.7 points an outing.

The Trojans have a 65.9 average and a 67.7 offensive mark. Both Cal and UCLA have 5-1 records while the Trojans are 4-3 and Washington State is 1-6.

Idaho, in third place with a 5-2 record, plays at Washington Friday night and at Oregon the next evening. Monday the Idaho Vandals move to Oregon State.

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