



BEAR FACTS

Spring sports are well under way with tennis, track and baseball sharing the spotlight.

This is the first year for tennis as a major sport, and there is much enthusiasm among the students. There have been two matches so far. The first was over at Grants Pass with the Bears losing 6-1. The second match was closer, with Ashland losing to Medford 4-2. Merle Deets was the only match from Grants Pass, while Bob Kramer and Dale Campbell won from Medford. Kramer and Campbell also tied the Medford doubles team.

The baseball team is also improving, having skunked Rogue River 7-3.

Hayward Relays are on top for the track team this Saturday April 18. Coach Mel Johnson reports that Crater is loaded and will be the team to beat. Ashland has a tradition of showing up well at Hayward, and we are looking forward to good tidings when they return.

Spring Sports Poem

April and spring, at long last they are here.

Baseball, track, and tennis begin this time each year.

To have rain and snow from now till next year.

Let's have our matches, meets and games. The weather will be clear.

Warm and sunshine, the weather forecasts say.

But guess what always happens when it comes Saturday!

The baseball and track fields are sloshing wet, and muddy.

Tennis courts are swimming pools, and the weather's strictly "cruddy."

It rained last night, today it's freezing.

All week was fine, but now the cold's increasing.

Don't be surprised if someday you may hear

The weather man has disappeared for predicting, "Tomorrow 'll be clear!"

—Winton Miller

Tennis Players' Tempers Tried by Various Troubles

Ah, summer is well on its way now, and with it the urge to get the old tennis racket down and take out for the nearest tennis court comes back.

You leave in plenty of time so that you will get there ahead of everybody else. But what's this? When you arrive you find that about a million other kids and their dogs got there first, so you wait around a couple of hours to get the court.

Finally you and your partner get out on the court. By this time the afternoon is nearly gone. You rally for a little while, and just as you get ready to serve, some little children on roller skates invade the courts. Now you have to play with them skating on the court, because they will take your balls or tell their mamas if you try to put them off by force.

Then come the dogs, and they make off with a few of your prize balls. Oh, well, who cares — balls only cost about a buck apiece.

Despite all these difficulties your partner finally manages to deliver you a blazing fast ball and you lay into it with all your might. Boing! Now no strings, and it costs \$5 to get the racket restrung.

By the time you get the money for new balls and restringing the racket, autumn is here and there isn't any chance to play then because you have to go to school.

Grizzly Trackmen Take Third Place

In the first track meet of the current season, a quadrangular meet with Grants Pass, Crater High, Ashland, and Illinois Valley, Ashland took third place with Crater High edging out second place and Grants Pass first.

In the field events Ashland tied for first in the high jump and in the pole vault. The Bears also took a third in the pole vault.

In the hundred yard dash the Grizzlies took third place. Ashland also placed second in the 660.

Although Ashland Grizzlies did not make too good a showing in their first meet, the Grizzlies have good potentialities. They are especially pointing towards the Hayward Relays to be held April 18 and 19 in Eugene, where they hope to win another trophy.

AHS Baseballers Bounced Twice

In the first two games of the season the Grizzly baseball club, although taking two sound lickings, has shown promise for the warm-weather sport of the season.

After only three practices the Bears went to Grants Pass and were dumped 10-3 by the Cave-men, who had already played a couple of ball games. A few days later they played Crater High and were trampled 13-4.

The Eagle Point baseballers squeezed by the Grizzlies 9-8 in an extra inning game on the Pointers' field April 11. Minus ace outfielder Wayne Johnson, their hardest hitter, the Bears lacked the punch to grasp the game.

Jim James led the Bears at the plate with 2 for 3, and Walt McCoy led 2 for 4 against three Eagle pitchers.

Ashland Trackmen Win Seven Firsts; Place Third in Meet

The Ashland trackmen came out third in a triangular meet held April 5 with Klamath and Crater High, although Ashland took more first places.

The Pelicans from Klamath had 63½ points and took six firsts; Crater had 44½ points with five wins, and Ashland had 42½ points with seven firsts.

The complete results were: 880 yard relay — Klamath, Crater, Ashland; time 1:37.5 min.

Broad jump — Dougherty, GANDEE, Abraham, Jantzen; distance 19' 11"

High jump — TENNY, HOLLINGSWORTH, Crawford, Johnson; height 5' 8"

Discus — Spence, King, Vanderhellen, Schultz; distance 119' 9"

Pole vault — Johnson, Watson, HAYNIE, King; height 11' 6"

Shot put — Spence, Chatfield, MILLER, Schultz; distance 40' 10½"

880 yard run — STUCKEY, Simmers, Blood, Crawford; time 2:11.4 min.

220 yard dash — BONDS, Bigham, Miles, French; time 23.7 sec.

110 yard hurdles — Gibbard, Newnam, Dew, Bevon; time 14.7 sec.

440 yard dash — BATES, Mills, TAYLOR, Gordy; time 54.8 sec.

Mile run — Pitts, Wells, Tucker, Balch; time 5:06.6 min.

100 yard dash — BAKER, Bingham, Mills, BONDS, Gordy;

10.8 sec.
High hurdles — Chase, Johnson, T. JAMES, WATRUS; time 17.8 sec.

Javelin — DELSMAN
The seven Grizzlies who took firsts were: Baker, Bates, Bonds, Stuckey, Tenny, Hollingsworth and Delaman.

The rest of the Grizzly track schedule is as follows:

April 12 — Rogue Relays — Medford

April 19 — Hayward Relays, Eugene

April 23 — Dual meet with Medford, Medford

May 3 — Dual meet with Grants Pass, Ashland

May 10 — District Meet, Klamath Falls

May 16-17 — State meet, Corvallis

May 24 — Southern Oregon-Portland, All Stars

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