



# BEAR FACTS

Several boys played their first high school basketball game, February 26, in the Junior High School gymnasium.

Gregg Lininger, Bob Delman, Jim Jeffries, Bob Myrick, Bill Welch, Harvey Woods, Glen Ingle and Jerry Ward, will be graduating in June, so they were really determined to beat Grants Pass.

Although they played a good game, finally after two overtimes, the Ashland team was defeated by two points.

There were many memories for spectators on February 28 when the AHS Grizzlies played their last game on the old Junior High court, which was one of the finest gyms in the west when constructed in 1929.

For many years school authorities and townspeople wondered if the gym could be filled up because of its 1,000 person seating capacity. But as time progressed, so did basketball, and now the gym is filled to capacity almost every game. Next years games will be held in the physical education addition to the senior high.

The Ashland Grizzly track team will have to depect a great deal on some new talent. The only lettermen returning from last year's team are Ken Dailey, Ken Rogers, David Stemple, Kenna Gandee, Clarence Baker, Jim Jeffries, Larry James, and Ted Tenney.

Mei Johnson is again head track coach assisted by Gene Allison. The Grizzlies first competition will be a four way meet between Ashland, Grants Pass, Central Point, and Illinois Valley at Grants Pass on March 27.

## Grizzlies Murdered In 'Sudden Death'

It was in the second overtime, which is "sudden death" and the ball game was all tied up at 50-all. A sophomore guard, who had previously missed a pair of free throws which would have given the Cavemen the ball game. But he came right back to sink a ten foot field goal to begt the Grizzlies 52-50.

The Grizzlies started out with a rush to take a first quarter lead of 11-8 and a half-times margin of 20-15, but the Cavemen romped back in the third period to forge ahead 36-27 on a scoring spree paced by Bill Hansen, who split under-the-basket defenses wide open as the ball-hawking guard was uncanny in hitting the hoop five times from 15 to 20 feet out.

Ashland came back in the final quarter to even things at 42-42 and from there on it was first one team ahead and then the other. Jim Jeffries missed two shots from the free throw lane that would have led the contest for the Grizzlies.

## Initial Meet Set Today

Today Ashland High is having the first track meet to be held right after school. The meet is a three way meet between Grants Pass, Cave Junction and Ashland High. The events are as follows:

- 70 yd. hurdles—Ted Tenney, Jim Watrus, Larry James.
- 75 yd. dash—Clarence Baker, Kenna Gandee.
- 1/4-mile — Ken Rogers, Ken Dailey, Bob Lewis, Stewart Eldman.
- 330 yd. dash — Bill Bates, Willie Hinkson.
- Two hurdles—Jim Jeffries, Kenna Gandee, Larry James, Leigh Taylor.
- 660 yd. run — Ray Reed, Gary Lawson, David Stemple, Ralph Witt, Bill Bates.
- 150 yd. dash — Clarence Baker, Stewart Baker.
- Shot put—Bob Platko, Jack Herburger, Jim Jeffries, Don Hilderbrand, Richard Mitchell.
- Pole vault — Gary Lawson, Ken Dailey, Dave Herburger, Harry Johnson.
- Discus — Blackie Mitchell.

## TENTATIVE SPRING SPORT SCHEDULE

TRACK	BASEBALL	TENNIS
March 27—1/4 Meet	March 31	April 10
April 4	April 3	April 13
April 10—Rogue Relays	April 7	April 20
April 17—Hayward Relays	April 11	April 25
April 30	April 14	April 30
May 9—District Meet	April 20	May 4—District Meet
	April 23	
	April 24	
	April 26	
	May 1	
	May 5	
	May 8	
	Phoenix	
	Crater	
	Eagle Point	
	Medford	
	Medford	
	Grants Pass	
	Illinois Valley	
	Crater	
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	Klamath Falls	
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	Grants Pass	
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	Klamath Falls	



1953 Basket Team. Front row, from left to right: Jerry Mickle, Jim Jeffries, Clarence Baker, Bob Delman, Bill Welch, Bob Myrick, Manager Jimmy Smith. Back row: Coach John Rossi, Ted Tanney, Walt McCoy, Gregg Lininger, Jerry Ward, Harvey Woods, Glen Ingle.

## Hoop Stars Receive Letters

Wednesday morning, March 11, during activity period, Junior Varsity and Varsity letters were presented by Gene Allison and John Rossi.

The players who received J. V. letters were Jerry Mickle, Jim Watrus, Bill Bates, David Carter, Jimmy Hall, Bruce Hamilton, Doyce Lemley, Jim Sutherland, Dennis Lacey, Garry Taylor, and Manager Leslie Hodgins.

Those receiving Varsity letters were Gregg Lininger, Bob Jeffries, Jerry Ward, Bob Delman, Bill Welch, Glen Ingle, Ted Tenney, Clarence Baker, Walt McCoy and Manager Jimmy Smith.

- Craig Martin, Dave Herburger, Ray Shaw.
- High jump — Ted Tenney, Corwin Tobianson.
- Broad jump—Kenna Gandee, Jack Herburger, Larry James.
- Javelin throw — Jack and Dave Herburger, Rudy Brock, Walt McCoy, Willie Hinkson.
- 440 yd. relay—Kenna Gandee, Bill Bates, Clarence and Stewart Baker.

## Grizzlies Walloped Twice by Klamath

The Klamath Falls Pelicans dumped the Ashland High Grizzlies 68 to 40 to put the Pels into undisputed second place in the Southern Oregon conference. The Ashland loss puts the Grizzlies down in the cellar with Grants Pass, which was two-timed over the weekend by the Medford Black Tor-naades who cinched the league crown with its victory over the Cavemen.

At the beginning of the game the Grizzlies looked as though things were going to go their way, since they held a 14 to 11 lead by the end of the first period. But the Pels came back in the second quarter to lead 31 to 24 at the halfway mark.

Klamath built up a commanding lead in the third quarter, taking a 45 to 35 bulge as the period ended. In the fourth quarter the Pels provided a strong offense using a two-platoon system against the somewhat tired Grizzlies. Doug Pence took high scoring honors of the night with eight field goals and a free throw for a total of 17 points. Ken Young was close behind with 14. Ted Tenney led the Grizzlies with 10 points.

Ashland fell to Klamath Union High School after a disastrous last three minutes. The final score was 48 to 43.

At the end of the first quarter the score was 12 to 12. When the Grizzlies came out in the second quarter they poured it on and held the lead until the last three minutes.

Klamath came into the lead after two of their players bucketed field goals to make the score 43 to 42. Jim Jeffries was the only Ashland player to score in the last three minutes, and this was a free throw.

In the second quarter Ashland hit 4 field goals before the Pelicans could score. The rest of the quarter was a seesaw affair ending with a score of 27 to 23 in favor of Ashland.

In the third period Klamath narrowed the margin to 34-30.

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