

Grizzlies Travel To Redding Calif.

Next week the Ashland High Grizzlies will play Phoenix Oregon in a non-conference bout. Phoenix is in the A-2 conference while Ashland is an A-1 school.

Friday night the basketball game will be played on the Grizzly maplecourt, and the following night, on the Pirate court.

On December 8 and 9, the Ashland Grizzlies traveled to the home of the Shasta Wolves at Redding, California.

In Friday night's game, the Grizzlies took an early lead, and ended the first quarter by a 9 to 5 score.

Shasta managed to overcome the lead with the help of Grizzly had passes. They were in front 20 to 15 at halftime and kept a lead all through the rest of the game. Shasta ended the three-quarter mark by 33-19, but the Grizzlies came back in the fourth quarter to narrow the gap to six points making the final score 41-35 in favor of the Wolves.

For Shasta, Larry Gardner scored 14 points, and Mike Perkins, 13 points. Gale Tepper led the Grizzlies with 12 points.

Following Night

Saturday night's game was a different story. Ashland defeated the Shasta Wolves on the Wolves court 48-32.

The Grizzlies led all the way with quarter scores of 11 to 8, 17 to 15, 34 to 22, and 48 to 32.

Larry Pierce was high point man for the night, and the Grizzlies with 17 points.



Mike Cotton is shown getting ready for the center toss on the Grants Pass game Friday night, January 12

Cavemen Subdue Ashland Grizzlies

Grants Pass topped the Ashland Grizzlies in Friday night's action by a 51-43 score. It was the second win in four tries for the Cavemen on the Grizzlies fourth loss in conference games.

Ashland had a first quarter lead of 16 to 15. At the second and third quarters, Grants Pass lead 31 to 24 and 44 to 33 respectively.

Dave Hannis of Grants Pass was the game's high point man with 12 points. His teammate, Rich Benner, and Rick Pierce of Ashland each had nine points. Lynn Merriman of Ashland followed with eight points. Grants Pass outshot the Grizzlies 380 to 290 from the field and had a rebound edge of 51 to 41.

In Saturday night's action, the Grizzlies took on the Medford Tornado team at Medford. The Grizzlies were trying for their first win in conference action, while the Tornado's were trying to increase their bid for first place in the conference. As stand-ins show, the Tornado is in a first place conference tie with Klamath Falls.

Tornado Wins Over Ashland

On December 29, 1961, the Medford Tornado, walked by the Ashland Grizzlies in this season's first conference game for both basketball clubs. The state champion Black Tornado team of last year came out on top by a 59-47 score.

Ashland drew first scoring honors in the opening minutes on a pair of free throws by Dan Dixon. From then on, the Tornado team led with a six to 14 point margin throughout the contest.

Quarter scores were: 16-7, 24-13, 42-29, and 59-47, with Medford out in front at all divisions. Much of the scoring was accounted for by foul shots. Ashland made 25 of 37 attempts, while the Tornado team dumped in 13 of 18 tries.

Scott Eaton, Medford forward, was high scorer with 17 points, while George Clearwater, his teammate, and Tod Hess of Ashland each had 12 markers each. Gale Tepper of the Grizzlies was the only other player in double figures with 10 points.

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Crater Triumphs Over Ashlanders

Central Point defeated the Ashland High Grizzlies third conference game of the season by a 59 to 47 margin. This win by the Comets put the Grizzlies down into a last place division in the conference.

Crater had an edge at all the quarter margins with 15 to 6, 28 to 12, and 50 to 22 scores. Crater had a 400 shooting average, while the Grizzlies had a 197 average.

High scores for the Comets were Louis Alvarez with 22 points and Jeff Anhorn with 11. Rick and Larry Pierce had 14 and 12 points respectively for Ashland.

Next week Ashland will play Grants Pass at Grants Pass on Friday night, and Medford at Medford on Saturday night. Grants Pass is down in the cellar with the Grizzlies, while the Medford Tornado team is trying for top honors in the conference.

Klamath Falls Trips Ashland

On December 30, 1961, the Ashland High Grizzlies traveled to meet the Klamath Falls Pelicans in the second conference game of the season for both clubs. The Pelicans toppled the Grizzlies by an 87-52 score.

Klamath, the No. 1 rated prep contingent, took an early lead in the game, and stayed in front all the way with quarter scores of 27-8, 46-24, and 66 to 30 at the third quarter rest.

Kent Hunsaker was the big offensive gun for the Pelicans scoring 36 points. His teammates Patzke and Allen followed with 11 points each. Top scorers for the Grizzlies were: Rick Pierce, Gale Tepper, and Bob King with 11 points each.

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