

SPORTS

Grizzlies Split Action With Crater And Klamath In Exciting Weekend Action



Jay Coldwell prepares for a baseline jumper during the game against Crater. Keith Wentela's clutch shot sank the Comets as the buzzer sounded, 43-48.

Friday night was an exciting one for the Ashland Grizzlies but Saturday night was a different story. Keith Wentela's last-second Friday night heroics pulled out a 45-44 victory over the Crater Comets but Wentela and the rest of the Grizzlies could not repel the Klamath Pelicans the following evening. Klamath was victorious 60-45.

Behind the entire ball-game against Crater, the Ashlanders overcame a 12 point halftime deficit to overtake the comets with 2 seconds left on the clock. Wentela canned a 15 foot jump shot as time ran out. Plagued by offensive woes, the Grizzlies could muster only 10 points in the first half, but came back with a 35 point performance in the second half.

With 20 seconds left,

Mark Wilson managed a tip-in to cut the Comets lead to 44-43. The Grizzlies fouled Ray Carrigan of the Comets with 10 seconds left. Carrigan missed the charity toss, Wilson grabbed the rebound and called time-out with 8 seconds remaining. The Grizzlies brought the ball down court and Scott Toll hit Wentela with a pass that set-up Wentela's heroic shot. As the ball split the net the buzzer sounded and Coach Cople's Grizzlies had their fourth victory of the campaign.

On Saturday evening, the Grizzlies were about as cold as the Klamath air but the Pelicans warmed things up a bit as they connected on approximately 45% of their shots. The Grizzlies were a cry from that as they shot approximately 30%. Keith Wentela was the only bright spot for the Grizzlies as the senior forward bucketed 14 points for the Grizzlies. Mark Wilson contributed 12 points although shooting a cold 4-16 from the floor. Jeff Bradford had 17 game-high points for the Pelicans.

Against Medford and Grants Pass

JV Prepares For Weekend Action

Grants Pass Medford

By Kevin Gauder

J.V. Coach Dick Kromminga plans to start Charlie Lewis, Vince Oredson, Tony Testerman, Jay Coldwell, and Bob Silver against Grants Pass tonight in the Caveman gym. Del Jordan Grants Pass J.V. coach plans to start Larry Winkler, Ron Goss, Ken Berg, Lany Lewis and Greg Owens. Coach Jordan states that his teams strength is "discipline and team defense."

Coach Kromminga states his teams overall strength lies in their quickness.

Kromminga stated "We will have to stop Grants Passes fast break and their big center Ron Goss to win." Grants Pass beat the Grizzlies on their fast break.

"We can't play with pressure, we fall apart in the fourth period. This is due to lack of experience, with more games we will correct these errors," states Kromminga about tonight's game with the Cavemen. "We must sustain an effort, put the offensive pressure on them and keep the pressure off of us."

Tomorrow night in the Ashland gym the Medford J.V. coach is starting Mike Rians and John McLaughlin at Forwards. Bill Cunningham at Center and Steve Holbrook and Mike Smeltz at Guards against the same starting lineup that Coach Kromminga is throwing at the Cavemen tonight.

The Bears will be trying to avenge a 49-43 loss that Medford handed them two weeks ago. In that game the Ashland five led 28 to 11 at the half.

Kromminga feels that his team must contain Medford's John McLaughlin to win. McLaughlin scored most of the points against Ashland last time. On offense the team will try to work the ball in to Vince Oredson because he is a bigger center than Medford's Bill Cunningham. Oredson is 6'3" and Cunningham is 6'1".

"John McLaughlin, Bill Cunningham, and Mike Rians are our best players, they will probably have to be played fairly tough defensively," stated the Medford coach.

Is Astro-Turf Good?

Coaches Suggest Injuries Increased

Note: Reprinted from The Sporting News October 16, 1971.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The Monsanto Company has branded as "irresponsible and completely without basis in fact" charges attributed to the National Football League Players Association that there has been an alarming rise in injuries on artificial turf.

Monsanto, the leading producer of synthetic turf, denounced demands by the NFL Players Association for a moratorium on further synthetic turf installations pending completion of an injury study by Dr. James G. Garrick of Seattle.

The association referred to a one-season study, conducted by Dr. Garrick in 1970, of football injuries experienced by 26 high school teams in the Seattle area. The NFLPA is paying Dr. Garrick, an orthopedic surgeon, \$8,000 to complete his one-year study.

Injury surveys were first evaluated by Monsanto during the 1967 football season. Shortly afterward, the company said, "It was determined that any data collected evaluated and distributed by a manufacturer on his product would be considered self-serving and received with

skepticism. "We further learned that responsible independent groups, such as the NCAA, staffed by team trainers, physicians and orthopedic surgeons, were conducting much broader surveys based on sound epidemiological principles," Monsanto said.

Only a Start

"A preliminary report of this study was given at the National Athletic Trainers Association meeting last summer and suggested little, if any, difference in the frequency or severity of injuries as they relate to the surface played upon."

The full report is expected to be released in January, 1972. Dr. Donald Cooper, chairman

of the Committee for Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports organized by the NCAA, said it was foolish for anyone to make an immediate judgment concerning the safety of synthetic turf.

Dr. Cooper, who also is medical consultant for the NCAA Football Rules Committee and team physician at Oklahoma State University, said a meaningful study would require years.

He said data collected by the NCAA from 60 member schools in 1970 is being fed into computers at the University of Nebraska. "But even when we have findings from that, we won't have anything but a start on a real study," Dr. Cooper said.



A member of the Japanese National Wrestling team grapples with Junior John Studebaker.

	F.G.	F.L.	F	T.P.
Wilson	3-4	4-8	4	10
Keeton	2-3	0-0	1	4
Toll	2-8	3-7	3	7
Wentela	4-6	6-6	3	14
Siebenlist	3-6	0-3	2	6
Leyhold	0-1	0-0	4	0
Lewis	0-1	0-0	0	0
Coldwell	2-3	0-0	0	0
Fagan	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-48	13-24	19	43
Crater	8	14	15	44
Ashland	2	8	15	20

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