

Jamboree To Be Held Dec. 8; Cagers Ready



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Sports Eligibility Protests

The issue of late-season protests has appeared in Oregon prep football this year. The eligibility of a football player has marred the Class AAA playoffs. Even though the issue was taken before a circuit court judge for an appeal, the Oregon School Activities Association is still protesting the residency requirements of Grants Pass lineman, Jack Peters.

The irony of the whole situation centers around the protesting team—Medford. Unable to defeat Grants Pass for the Southern Oregon Conference Championship, Medford filed a residency protest against former Medfordite, Peters. More irony appears when the fact that Medford would represent the SOC in the Class AAA playoffs if their protest was upheld.

Amateur sports competition—high school and interscholastic both—has become so serious-minded that protests are very rarely presented with the idealistic aim of enforcing the rules. Rather, they are usually brought up for personal gains, as is this case.

Agreed is the fact that rules must be made and enforced to preserve fairness in competition and at the same time prevent immobilization of activities.

In this case the hassle is the timing of the protest itself. It followed the defeat of the team (Medford) who then filed the protest against the victor (Grants Pass). The only solution to such incidents would have to include some sort of time limitations. If a protest is warranted, it should be presented prior to game time and preferably at the beginning of the season.

This solution also presents problems but if each school set up their own rules for eligibility provided they followed some general restrictions set up by the OSAA. Thus, the individual schools would be responsible for enforcing their own rules.

Hopefully, being sole judge of their students' eligibility, hostilities and ill-feelings would reside. Actually, I am not too anxious for next year's football season to come. The rivalry between Medford and Ashland is bad enough but can you imagine the hostilities between Grants Pass and Medford?

Action must be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future. Solutions must be found to combat vindictive reactions.

Time limitations for filing protests and less stringent rules for eligibility by the OSAA could be the answer to the problems.

At Soccer?

Ski Team Undefeated

Skiers will soon be flocking back to the mountains and the members of the AHS ski team will be among them.

There is enough snow to ski on



Goalie Greg Williams kicks the soccer ball away. He is also a ski team member.

but according to Coach Keith Kimball they won't have a regular practice until the lifts start running.

Even though they haven't displayed their skiing prowess yet, the team has been getting in shape. Tuesdays and Thursdays they meet at Walker School

building up their skiing muscles. One of their most beneficial activities is playing soccer.

After five games the ski team is undefeated in soccer competition. Their first game, against Bend, ended in a tie. The last four games, all with Medford, have resulted in two wins and two ties. They will play at least one more game with Medford and hope to remain undefeated.



Brad Mix controls the soccer ball as he nears the goal.

Matmen Prepare; Lack Experience

Coach Tim Brown's wrestling team will be young and very inexperienced in 1972-73. The matmen have only five returning letterman from last year's wrestling squad. There are 36 wrestlers turning out for the team. These 36 wrestlers will be competing for one of the 13 varsity spots on the team.

Returning lettermen are Charlie Taylor at heavyweight, Mark Walter, 168 pounds, John Studebaker, 136 pounds, Rick Sinclair, 123 pounds and David Ellis, 106 pounds.

Roundballers Anticipate Good Season

The newest version of Ashland High's maplecourters is now working out seventh period and after school.

Coach Dick Cople is preparing his troops for the December 8th Jamboree held at Ashland.



Casey Dale dribbles the basketball as he prepares for a free-throw.

Cople has been emphasizing rebounding in drills. Ashland will sport a small, quick team this year.

Returning from last year's much improved team are Seniors Mark Wilson, Craig Siebenist and Jay Coldwell. Moving into the center slot left vacant by Scott Toll, will be 6-6 Vince Oredson.

Oredson is reportedly improved over last year when he was a JV regular. Siebenist is still recovering from a football injury and will be out a few more weeks.



Jay Coldwell shoots over a defender as basketball practice proceeds. Varsity and junior varsity hopefuls look on.

Ashland will be trying to improve its 6-16 overall record of last year. The Grizzlies were a better team than their record indicated.

Cople's squad lost six games by four or less points. The club played three overtime games and lost them all. Who will join Wilson, Siebenist, Coldwell and Oredson on the starting five is unknown? Battling for the position are Senior Dave Hill and Junior Bob Silver.

Harriers Finish Fair Season, Are Optimistic About Next Year

Grizzly harriers terminated their season a little earlier than expected this year.

As the defending state cross-country team, the Grizzlies tied for second at district. That enabled them to compete at the Regional Meet, November 2. Regionals was a "second-chance" for teams and individuals to qualify for the state meet, November 11, at Lane Community College (LCC) in Eugene.

The second-opportunity still was not enough for the AHS runners. Their fourth place finish at the Roseburg regionals assured the Bears of a trip back to Ashland but no journey to Eugene was included.

Holland Goes To State
Jay Holland was the only Grizzly to represent Ashland High at LCC. He had taken individual honors at district and finished 16th at Roseburg. At the state-wide meet, competition and pressure proved to be too much for the Ashland senior. He finished far back in the standings.

Even so, the honor of representing AHS and the district as a whole had been his to have.

Optimism For Next Season
Looking forward to next season, a strong nucleus of four varsity team sophomores will brighten the Grizzly hopes for a successful year in 1973. Mark Farrel, Roy Reeder, Mark Simmons and Brad Studebaker. All ran on the varsity team for Ashland at the regional meet. All four finished under 35th place which is an accomplishment in itself.

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