

AHS Grapplers Journey To Phoenix Tomorrow

Matmen Seek Big Win

Grizzly grapplers will be seeking to better their win-loss record in the four-team Phoenix Tournament, tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Phoenix will host Ashland, Brookings and Medford in a mid-season tournament at the Pirates' gymnasium tomorrow morning, Coach Tim Brown said. "Phoenix and Medford will be tough. They both have good teams this year."

As of January 11, the Grizzly matmen had a 2-6-1 record, coming off of a poor showing against Grants Pass, 13-46. "We got slaughtered and we shouldn't have Grants Pass as a good team but not that good," Brown said somewhat disappointedly.

The lineup will remain the

same as it was against the Cavemen but "we will be tougher," Brown said about his team. "We are going to work harder... there won't be another Grants Pass," Brown added.



John Studebaker dominates his opponent in the 136 weight classification.

AHS Cagers Embark On Long Season

The Grizzley cagers opened the season with two convincing wins over the Crescent City crew. They then opened Southern Oregon Conference play with two stunning defeats at the hands of the Klamath Falls Pels and the Medford Black Tornado.

Senior Mark Wilson is leading the league in scoring at 27.7 points per game.

In Ashland's first two confer-

ence games the team did not seem to be hustling after the ball and they played with very little enthusiasm. Both Medford and Klamath controlled the backboards against the Grizzley five.

Although Wilson is scoring points for Ashland, he is not receiving any help from his teammates. With scoring help from his teammates the Grizzlies will win their share of games. After all most of the Varsity team

is made up of the same team that enjoyed a 15-2 ninth grade season.

Ski Team Competes In Bend Meet

Practicing five hours on Saturdays proved somewhat rewarding as the Ashland girl's ski team placed third in their latest meet.

The meet was held January 3rd at Bend. Sue Binkley placed fifth in the giant slalom and Terry Hald came in tenth.

The boys ski team did not fare so well as three of the top five skiers fell down on the course. Rick Saul placed seventh to lead the male skiers from Ashland.

At Ashland will be the sight of two high school ski meets this winter. The first will be held February 3 and is sponsored by Medford.

The second is March 3 and is

sponsored by Ashland.

The team practices several times a week at Walker School where coach Keith Kimball teaches elementary P.E. "We jump on the trampoline and play soccer to build the legs and keep the kids in shape," said Kimball.



Forward Mark Wilson (22) drives in on a horde of Del Norte Warriors. Wilson will be firing away at the Crater Comets tonight in the AHS gym.

Triumphant Lady Bears Host Eagle Point

Ashland High's girl's gymnastics team will have their last home meet of the season tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. against Eagle Point.

As the second varsity competi-

tion of the season and the third meet in eight days, Eagle Point should be less troublesome than Medford was on Tuesday. Medford has grown into a district contender in the last few years.

Lacks Personnel

Eagle Point, on the other hand, has lost its two all-around performers—Darlene Barton and Linda Troutman—via graduation, leaving the almost insurmountable task of replacing the mainstay of the Eagle Point gymnastics team. Displaying a new coach, Eagle Point's most promising prospect seems to be Troutman's sister, Barbara. The

younger Troutman gained valuable experience by competing last season.

Ashland Strengths

The Ashland Lady Bears will feature a much stronger vaulting contingent with Kerry Harder, Sharon Hill, Pam Hoffhuhr and Lisa Koch all working on hand-spring vaults. Floor Exercise, the girls' strongest event last year will be another strong point this year with Miss Harder, Miss Hill, and Miss Hoffhuhr spearheading the charge.

ATHLETES' FEATS
by Sharon Hill Sports Editor

One-man Teams

What happens to any athletic or academic team that depends on one star performer for the bulk of its points?

With such unbalanced teams, an off-night could play havoc with the competition. The star obtains such domination over his fellow teammates that the other performers lose confidence. Thus, the team can no longer be a competing unit.

Blame for such one-sided occurrences cannot be placed on the outstanding performers. Just because they have been endowed with exceptional abilities, does not mean its the athletes' fault. More often than not it is the coaches' exploitation of a person's talent that causes the problems.

Examples of such one-man teams are Jerry West of three years ago for the Los Angeles Lakers, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the present Milwaukee Bucks and Geoff Petrie and Sidney Wicks of the Portland Trailblazers. Basketball seems to accentuate this dependence quality more than any other sport. Closer to home, it seems that Ashland High's Mark Wilson is a prime example of such athletic exploitation.

Wilson is the primary offensive threat of the Grizzley basketball team.—The fact is that he is Ashland's only offensive threat. During AHS' first conference game against Klamath Falls, Mark scored 23 of Ashland's 28 points in a 68-28 shellacking. The following night against Medford, Wilson scored 27 points. Don Sorensen was the only other Grizzley in double figures with 11 points, in another embarrassment, 23-37.

Dependence on Mark for scoring has allowed the opposition to easily defend against the Bears' attack. By shutting off Wilson or just curtailing the rest of the team's scoring, opponents will have little trouble in disposing of Ashland.



All-around performer Pam Hoffhuhr prepares her bar routine.

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