

# Unmarried "Lady Bears" Challenge Crater's Best

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## Gymnasts Maintain Unbeaten Record; Grizzlies Host Tournament; Travel To Crater, Thurston Feb. 8 & 9 Close Out Season At Home

The Lady Bears will be risking their unblemished record of 4-0 next week against Crater of Springfield in two dual meets.

The gymnasts will invade the Comet gymnasium for an after-school meet February 8 with a strategy-minded Crater team. Then on February 9, the Ashland High girls will travel to Springfield as guests of the Thurston

Teresa Smith, last year after a knee injury suffered during vaulting competition this year Miss Smith has competed on the floor exercise area only.



Kerry Harder strikes a pose on the balance beam.

An upcoming uneven bar specialist Kim Jost (Crater) should challenge Ashland's Pam Hoffbuh in that event but Miss Hoffbuh should dominate the competition overall. Kerry Harder and Sharon Hill will combine with Miss Hoffbuh for a large portion of Ashland's performances.

Next Friday evening, the Ashland High gymnastics team will journey north to be house-guests of Thurston's gymnasts. "It is more of a social event rather than just a gymnastics meet," Coach Betty Kimball said about the event.

With Ashland's added depth this year, no major problems are foreseen, even though Miss Hill and vaulter, Lisa Koch, may be unable to make the trip. Kathleen

McClure and Lin Skinner will combine with Miss Harder and Miss Hoffbuh on the uneven parallel bars. The latter two gymnasts will accompany Terry McClure and Andi Newcomb to the balance beam area.

### Problem Areas

Floor Exercise had been Ashland's top even in the past two years despite facilitation problems, but this meet may be different. Two junior varsity gymnasts will assume positions alongside Miss Harder and Miss Hoffbuh in floor exercise. Karen Bertleson, a regular varsity floor exercise performer so far this season, will be challenged by Judy Hicks. Andi Newcomb and Cindy Wienecke for the two remaining mat positions.



Terry McClure poses before a forward roll on the beam.

Ashland High grapplers will host the first in a series of three home meets February 10, which will conclude the dual meet season.

Next Saturday the Grizzlies will entertain Klamath Falls, Medford and Rogue River in the AHS gymnasium. As the final Tournament prior to the district meet, March 2-3, the Bears will have to forfeit two weight classes, which is equal to six points apiece, prior to every meet. Coach Tim Brown feels the Grizzlies "will have to forfeit at both 100 and 191 for the rest of the season" even though Curt Wine has been contemplating a move

from his normal junior varsity position (115) to 100.

### Tough Competition

"We are tough but we will have to be even tougher, especially against Medford, who will be our hardest competition," said Coach Brown. Against Klamath Falls this season, Ashland has won one and lost one so each team will be out to break that deadlock. Rogue River, featuring former Ashland wrestling coach Brian Richards, will lack the strength of a team like Medford but it may prove to be a sort of homecoming for both Richards and Ashland transfer Joe Sutton.



Lin Skinner, uneven bar specialist prepares for a mill circle.

High gymnastics team and compete the following day, February 10.

Crater Meet Crater has encountered a few personnel problems this season, especially in the all-around department. Having been a methodically strategic team in recent years, the Comet gymnasts lost their all-around performer,

## Anderson, Sullivan Begin City League Students Get Chance To Play Ball

A couple of Ashland High School students got together a few weeks ago and came out with a basketball league.

Dave Sullivan and Doug Anderson got together with Athletic Director Bud Silver, George Findley, and Garth McGuire and formed a city league for high school students at Ashland High School who are not participating in basketball at this time may play in the league.

Games in the league started January 16. Games are played every Tuesday between 7 o'clock and 9:30 p.m. at the high school and at the same time every Thursday at the Junior High. Craig Siebenlist and Mark Wilson are the referees for the games.

## Taylor Seeks District Mat Crown

by Kevin Gandee

Senior heavyweight Charlie Taylor first started wrestling in eighth grade to build his knee up after a football injury.

This year he is one of the top contenders for the district crown.

Taylor is small for a heavyweight, but is also one of the quickest in the state. Last year Charlie wrestled 191 at district after wrestling heavyweight all season and it hurt him in the meet. This year he plans to wrestle heavyweight.

Since Charlie started wrestling in eighth grade he has compiled a 71-25-2 win-loss mark not including 15-1-1 records this season. Charlies feels that people that he has wrestled this year are inexperienced with the exception of Larry Monagon of Aloha. He tied Monagon who was third at state last year.

Charlie says, "I enjoy wrestling very much and it comes natural to me, so with working with Mr. Benton and the people from COC I learn new moves and get stronger which helps very much. I think state is a good possibility; Ray Todd from Rex Patnam will be my only real tough competition. He was second last year, and we tied at 3-3

when we wrestled." Taylor shows great dedication to his sport by practicing two hours everynight and during the off season whenever he can.



**ATHLETES' FEATS**  
by Sharon Hill Sports Editor



### Apathy Toward Wrestling

It is difficult to understand the sudden disinterest in the winter sport of wrestling. Coach Tim Brown had a preseason turn-out of approximately 36 boys. Before competition had begun, one-third of them had dropped off of the team. As a result, vacancies were left in the lineup at both the 157 and 191 pound weight classes.

Forfeiting 12 points before each match is difficult to overcome. This Coach Brown sought replacements for the open positions. He struck gold in Mike Schmalz, who has assumed the lighter 157 class but 191 remained empty. Line-up shuffling was a possibility but it proved to be a futile effort. Another problem arose in the shadows of a solution to the 191 weight class vacancy: 106 lb. became unoccupied.

Brown had just discovered the possibility of Mel Winner replacing Charlie Taylor at the heavyweight division and moving the latter grappler down to 191. The possibilities for such a move are slight but at least there is an alternative to forfeiting six points each meet. Another problem lurks in the past experiences of Taylor at a lighter class. Last year at the district competition he was moved to 191 and did not fare so well.

This disinterest in wrestling must be disappointing to the coaching staff. Brown admittedly said he could not understand it. The fact remains that more boys are becoming less interested in sports. But why? Changes in attitudes by both the athletes and the coaches are apparent. This column will investigate these transitions in upcoming issues.

### Scoring Phenomenon

Congratulations are in order for Ashland High's scoring phenomenon, Mark Wilson. With the season not yet half over, Wilson has become the first AHS athlete to score over 1,000 points in a high school basketball career. The field goal that put him over the 1,000 level proved to be the winning basket in only the second conference victory Ashland has had this season.

Wilson easily disposed of Brian Keeling's career scoring record of 776 and with a hot 20-plus point average this season. It will be interesting to tabulate his final career total.

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