

Prospects Look Good

Glovesmen Forsee Good Season

by Joseph Hawk
Baseball players at Ashland High are getting in shape for a series of exhibition games during spring vacation.

Coach Arlan Foote's varsity fielders have eight exhibition games scheduled. Jackson High of Portland will play a game against the Grizzlies at Miles Field in Medford on March 17.

"The upcoming season," said Foote, "will depend on our pitching; there just aren't many pitchers out." So far, Jay Caldwell, Paul Cox, Jess Dunlap, Joseph Hawk, Bob Jeffers and Guy Lewis are good mound prospects.

Returnees to the varsity squad

this year include hurler Guy Lewis, prospective first baseman Steve Taylor and outfielder Mark Wilson.

Junior varsity glovesmen.



Guy Lewis attacks the ball during one of last season's games.

from last year, Kevin Barger, Jay Caldwell, Jerry Cullo, Brent Jensen, John Rogers and Dave White are also searching for varsity niches.

"There are some good sophomore players," added Foote, "that we may bring up—Jess Dunlap and Jeff Jenkins are two prime examples."

"Our main concern, as of now, is finding qualified second and third basemen to fill a few



An integral part of baseball, the pitching requires much practice.

vacancies," said Foote. "Everybody who tires out will be given a fair shake—seniors, juniors and sophomores."

Players are anticipating a prosperous season. Current hopeful Brent Jensen said, "We're a relatively inexperienced team that wants to win."

A doubleheader with Albany, here, on March 21; a doubleheader at Eagle Point on March 22; and two single games with Phoenix on March 23-24 characterize pre-season activities.

SPORTS

Taylor Triumphs At State; Becomes 2nd AHS Champ

Senior Heavyweight Charlie Taylor brought home the second state championship ever by a wrestler at Ashland High.

Taylor beat a sophomore from Sunset named Ed Ritt 6-3 in the final match. He pinned Ritt earlier this year but the 240 sophomore has improved greatly.

Second State Champ

Charlie became only the second Grizzly wrestler to become a state champ. Frank Goodlett was the other state champ back in 1969.

On the way to the state crown Taylor broke the records for pins and takedowns. He had 23 pins which broke the record of 15 and he had 50 takedowns to break the previous record of 36. Both records belonged to Goodlett.

In the opening round of state competition Taylor pinned the second seed from Eugene in the first round.

Outstanding Season

Charlie had a season record of 30-1 with his only loss coming at the hands of Mike Reins of

Klamath Falls. Taylor pinned Reins a week later.

Of Taylor's 30 wins 23 came by pins. The other seven were the result of decisions. Three of Charlie's decisions came at state, it's easy to see how he dominated the league.

On the district level of competition Taylor pinned all four of his opponents and was named the



State Champion, Charlie Taylor, awaits the referee's decision on one of his 33 pins.

Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.

ATHLETES' FEATS
by Sharon Hill Sports Editor

Sports Participation

Poor participation in athletic activities has been a subject once before—during the wrestling season—but now it has plagued the Spring sport of track and field. This apparent 'lack of interest' was also present in the basketball squad as it rounded out a 7-15 season with a win over Grants Pass and a loss at Crater.

Wrestling and basketball both suffered as a result of unavailable depth at key positions. Coach Tim Brown's grapplers were forced to forfeit 12 points every meet while basketball coach Dick Cople searched the ranks of junior varsity boys Dick Kromminga's squad to find reserve power. Even then the teams obviously lacked depth.

As track and field participants are training for the Ore-Cal relay March 31, Coach George Kell's turnout looks dismal indeed as the turnout has failed to surpass 20 boys yet.

The Question Arises:

Is it the coach-athlete relationship that has turned many boys away or have they just lost interest in athletic competition? Would an intramural program such as the City League Basketball competition prove more effective?

Fleetfeet Prepare For G. P. Relays

Ashland's girls track team will be featuring several young faces as Coach Betty Kimball prepares them for the annual Grants Pass Relays, March 31.

Although there will be several seniors on the team this year, Miss Kimball feels that "there should be a good bunch of girls from the ninth grade coming over here" but it seems that she has had problems in previous years of "lost interest."

Replacing Graduates

Julie Davies & Ellen Reynolds left significant gaps in the lineup. Miss Reynolds as a sprinter,



Pam Hoffbuhr seeks to defend her hurdling title again this year.

anchored the district champions 440 relay squad but Coach Kimball is eyeing a freshman to replace her. Miss Davies, on the other hand, presents more problems. As a hurdler and high jumper, Miss Davies complemented a 1-2 punch in the 100 meter hurdles and a three-way powerhouse in the high jump. Even if prospective jumpers and hurdlers are found, it is doubtful they will be as strong as Miss Davies.

New Changes

Several new changes may be instigated into girls track this season. The most significant change would be to the metric system of measurement but "the boys must also agree on the change—throughout the state—or else it would be too confusing," Miss Kimball explained. Another switch may occur as a mile relay team would replace the 800 yard medley relay. Also, thoughts are in for a re-establishment of the 200 meter hurdles. These reforms, if not accepted this year, will be reviewed for the 1974 season.



AHS Racquetmen getting ready for court action.



Charity Wood, a 1972 state javelin competitor, returns to head the throwing events.

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