

Grizzlies Cork Season With 7 - 15 Tally

If the basketball season would have been about 20 games longer the Ashland Grizzlies may have had themselves a playoff berth in the state tournament.

Ashland started playing good basketball three weeks ago and since then Ashland has had a record of 3-3. During this three week period the Grizzly five have defeated Klamath Falls for the first time in 10 years. Crater and

Grants Pass also became victims of the Ashland crew.

Last Game for Senior

Seniors Craig Siebenlist Vince Oredson, Jay Coldwell, and Mark Wilson played their last game of their high school careers last Saturday night at Crater. Crater won 68-52. The night before they played their last home game before a full house and came home a winner by defeating the

Grant Pass Cavemen 69-52 in front of an hysterical home town crowd.

Numerous records broken

The 1972-73 season saw records fall as Mark Wilson scored 34 points in one game to break his previous record of 31. He also became the first Ashland player to score over 1000 points in his career. He ended his season with point in one game to break his previous record of 31. He also became the first Ashland player to score over 1000 points in his career. He ended his season with 412 points also and a new Ashland record. Wilson finished his three year career with 1190 points.

Vince Oredson broke Scott Toll's record of 22 rebounds with a game high 23 in his last home basketball game.

The season also had its bad times when Tony Testerman was injured in the middle of the season. Testerman had to sit out the rest of the season with a blood clot in his arm.

All in all the season seemed disappointing but the team did improve greatly. If only the season was longer.



Assistant Coach Dick Krommings talks strategy with head coach Dick Coppel at halftime.

Sports Briefs

Boys Track & Field

Coach George Keil's cindermen are preparing themselves for the Ore-Cal Relays at Southern Oregon College, March 31.

As defending district track champions, the Grizzlies do not look promising due largely to "poor, early season turn-out." Many former tracksters have switched to the baseball team. Even so several district prospects have returned from last year's team.

State qualifier, Hugh Hück, will head the pole-vaulting contingent. Kim Laird and Ted McDowell fill the hurdling positions "adequately." As was the case last year, the distance crew, coached by Bob Julian, will be the mainstay of the team with seniors Jay Holland and Scott Studebaker taking command.

Although Coach Keil has a few accomplished sprinters, AHS lacks the power of depth that such speedsters as Mark Wilson would provide.



Don Sorenson (35) penetrates Medford's defense for an easy basket.

Season Stats

	Total Points	Avg.	Rebounds	Fouls
Wilson	412	19.7	175	71
Oredson	184	8.4	221	52
Siebenlist	147	6.6	47	34
Coldwell	118	5.3	89	51
Sorenson	117	5.2	79	61
Jones	41	2.0	49	24
Testerman			38	29
Team	58			
Totals				
Team	1072	48.7	688	322
Opp	1218	55.5		

BASE BULL

by
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Designated Pinch-hitters

Baseball players now have something more to chew over than tobacco and bubble gum—the tenth man in the American League, the designated pinch-hitter (DPH).

Although the debate has just begun over it in the major leagues, the appearance of the DPH has already filtered down into a few colleges, the University of South Alabama, for example. Someday, high schools may be faced with it.

DPHs in Majors

Much to the bewilderment of coaches and chagrin of pitchers, the DPH rule will be on a swim-or-sink basis in the American League for the '73-74 season.

The rule states that a tenth man will be added to the roster who is "designated" to bat for the pitcher. At this time, for it is under re-examination, the DPH cannot be used on defense. Therefore, the hitting pitcher and the fielding hitter may soon become extinct.

If this change becomes popular, it may be varied and used in other pro sports. Perhaps, a designated pinch-free throw shooter for Wilt Chamberlain is in the offering.

Nevertheless, the majors are blessed with prospective DPHs such as Rico Carty, Tony Oliva, Al Kaline, Frank Robinson and Matty Alou whose bat power has given many fielders sleepers.

DPHs in High School

It's an accepted fact that in the major leagues a pitcher is specifically that—a pitcher, not a hitter. With the exception of Catfish Hunter and a few others, most hurlers are a disappointment to the crowd when they go to bat. But this rule does not apply in high school baseball.

Majority of high school pitchers can also hit—some are even used in the clean-up slot instead of as the ninth batter.

The DPH rule would have little or no relevance in high school league baseball. The pitcher who can also hit deserves his chance at bat.

Whatever the outcome of the DPH rule, the next two years will be baseball's resurrection. Even now, as the prosecution is closing its remarks to the jury, it is inevitable that the defense will have its turn at bat.

The Ashland High Lady Bears concluded another successful season by capturing the district crown for the second consecutive year and placing tenth at the state meet.

Hoffbuhr Places At State

Concluding a victorious 9-2 dual meet season, Kerry Harder, Sharon Hill, Pam Hoffbuhr and Lisa Koch travelled to Portland State University as Ashland's representatives to the state meet. Miss Hoffbuhr was the lone Lady Bear to qualify for finals as she ended her high school gymnastics career.

Miss Hoffbuhr finished preliminary competition as the sixth place all-around gymnast. She was just four points behind the champion, Cindy Wacker of the Dalles, which won the team title. Miss Hoffbuhr entered the floor exercise finals in a tie for eighth place but scored a personal best of 7.85 to collect the sixth place medal.

Ashland as a team placed tenth out of the 39 teams represented with a total of 29 points. Though

Miss Hoffbuhr tallied all of the AHS' points, Kerry Harder scored a personal best of 7.25 on the floor exercise. Miss Koch defeated Southern Oregon vaulting champion Sandy Herbert of Klamath Falls, with a score of 5.85 as teammate Miss Hill tied Miss Herbert at 5.7.

Retain District Title

The district meet, March 3, had been billed as a "close two-team

meet between the defending champions and a strong challenging team from Medford." As it turned out, AHS won, going away, 196½ to the Tornados' 156½.

Both Medford and Ashland dominated the finals, each entering five girls in the elite competition and each school, in turn, qualified four girls for the state meet held in Portland, March 10.

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