



ATHLETES' FEATS

by Sharon Hill

Winning Isn't Everything

Competition is the way of life for man. He competes for his home, his family, his work and everything around him but success eludes him many times.

Athletics, itself, emphasizes competition that much more because athletics is winning. But is winning everything?

The late Vince Lombardi answered that question by demanding "winning isn't everything, it is the only thing." Lombardi's successor, George Allen, elaborated by saying "whenever one wins he grows a little (inside) but when he loses, a little bit of him dies."

These maxims promote an ultimate means to one end—winning. This type of winning emphasis produces positive thinking but with no alternatives. Winning, in the ultimate sense, is an unachievable status of perfection. Perfection is complete excellence—an abstraction people can always strive for but never attain. In this day and age, however, many athletic coaches are trying to literally apply Lombardi's maxims to their teams' motivation and performance.

That is wrong. . . . Agreed, the purpose of athletic competition is to win but to make winning paramount and to penalize the losers is without reason. Surely anyone wanting to lose should not be in athletics but by the same token those who cannot lose should avoid their competitive activities. One learns from his mistakes which in turn makes him a better person. Thus, moderation is the answer: one must seek to win but be able to learn and cope with his mistakes as well.

Did you know that in the Ashland-Anderson game, Dan Johnson's 58 yard touchdown scamper was nullified by a twelfth Grizzly on the field not because of roughing the kicking?

Host So. Albany Tonight

Bears Vie For Second Win

Grizzly fans will witness a new Ashland football team tonight at 8:00 p.m. at Walter A. Phillips field.

The team will be basically the same in personnel, but different in style and game strategy.

After two unimpressive efforts with a 12 to 9 win over Sunset, and an escape with a 12 to 12 tie with Anderson, California, last week, Coach Lance Locke commented, "that we had to change a few things around."

Locke said, "tonight we will be trying to get the ball to Dan Johnson," he added, "if that means throwing the ball, then we will do just that."

Quarterback, will again be a toss-up, with the decision between starting Ken Whyte and Kevin Drumbleck being made today. Locke said, "both boys have good arms, and are good runners," saying, "we'll just have to wait and see."

Locke said that South Albany, "is a good team, that concentrates on the pass." To contain the pass, Locke commented that, "we worked real hard on pass rushing and defense this week."



The Grizzly defensive unit keys in on a Sunset opponent in their initial victory of the season 14-9. At present, the defense is the mainstay of the Grizzly success.

Spikers Eye Initial Action

Bringing a new sport into high school requires a lot of preparation and twice as much confidence.

The confidence is there and the preparation has already begun as 21 girls work out for next Tuesday's ground-breaking volleyball match against Crater.

Coach Betty Kimball is quite pleased with the team that is being formed. The team has been conditioning and working on skills since the beginning of school.

"It looks good," says Kimball, "we have quite a bit of potential. Melinda Smith's height will be a definite asset to the team."

The competition in Southern Oregon was derived after a state tournament two years ago when

there was a representative from every district except District 6. Women coaches from the So. Oregon Conference got together to formulate teams.

Volleyball matches consist of the best two out of three games. Each game lasts eight minutes or the first team to fifteen points.

Coach Kimball has problems with referees. "We're going to try to use girls from SOC for the first few games."

Tuesday's match will be at Ashland at 6:30 p.m.

"We might not be too prepared for our first game," added Kimball. "But then again, being new at it too, neither will Crater."

Coed P.E. Offers Variety

Coed P.E. has long been looked upon as not belonging to a high school education program. This year through the cooperation of the students and the teachers a new selective coed program will be tested.

Students will have their choice of two or three athletic areas during a nine week period. Some of these classes will be mixed, according to the teacher's discretion.

For instance, the girls may have a choice of flag football and speed away or body conditioning. The later is coed. The boys may then be offered flag-football and

team-handball or coed bicycling and archery. Students will spend, for example, 1½ weeks on bicycling, then the last of the nine weeks on archery.

P.E. teachers, Betty Kimball, Sara Larson, Tim Brown and Dick Copple, are given the opportunity to teach the class they are interested in and wish to pursue.

Commenting on the selective system Brown said, "it gets rid of the repetition for the students and enables them to specialize in the areas they are interested in pursuing. Brown said, "the system also give the teachers an opportunity to break from the boredom of always teaching the same classes."

Brown said, "the coed system will be interesting, and a good social experience."

Boys P.E. Gains Aides

SOC seniors Marty Popp and Rick Waddell are acting as student teachers in the Boy's P.E. department.

Popp, a Coos Bay resident through high school, was named MVP in the 1969 Shrine football game. He also made All-State two years in both football and basketball. Popp is now a four-year letterman in basketball at SOC.

Waddell, 21, a lifelong Ashland resident, a 11 e n d AHS and lettered as a center, linebacker and placekicker in football; center and guard in basketball; and utilityman in baseball. He will graduate from SOC during the winter term.

Popp and Waddell will be serving as student teachers for the early part of the school year.

Both are hoping to teach health class after graduation.

Looking at how he could improve coaching at AHS, Waddell says, "The idea of young coaches is fine. I prefer the coach-athlete division, like John Wooden's of UCLA, rather than the buddy-buddy relationship."

Popp was less specific. "There are some things I see that I don't like, but as a student teacher it's not my position to scrutinize."

"The attitude of the individual has changed," added Waddell. "Athletics don't mean the same as they used to."

Both aides would prefer to coach somewhere in Oregon — Waddell, who cites himself as "a faithful Grizzly follower," would like to coach in Ashland.

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