

Sports

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Marshfield Pirates Favored In Hoop Series With Red Devils This Weekend

Coquille high school's luckless Red Devil hoopsters will be determined to stop the league-leading Marshfield Pirates this weekend when the Coos county schools meet in district competition in a home and home series.

Friday night the Pirates will be at Coquille while Saturday the Marshfield squad will be at home in the Pirates' sports palace. Game time will be at 8 p. m. with preliminaries set for 6:30 p. m. between the payvee squads.

The Pirates have won five and lost one in district competition while the Red Devils have split with Bandon for their only district rating. Marshfield's defeat came from the North Bend Bulldogs who set the Pirates back 51-50 in a thriller two weeks ago.

The season's record gives all the breaks to Marshfield as the Bruce Hoffine coached squad has won ten matches while losing four, however the North Bend victory gives a single statistic to the Coquille

Red Devil Fans To Enjoy Family Night For Season

Athletic moguls at Coquille high school have consented to continue the family night set-up for the remainder of the basketball season according to Wayne McMurray, principal.

A husband and wife attending the ball game may bring the children gratis under this policy. The plan was first carried out by Coquille high school last week at the Bandon game and it was so well received it will remain policy for the current season.

Fans will be able to enjoy the Marshfield, North Bend and Myrtle Point games without the added worry of baby sitters et cetera and the price reduction for admission from one dollar to 75 cents will also remain in effect.

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Red Devils Split District Openers With Snarling Bandon High Tiger

Coquille high school's Red Devils split their brace of district openers with the Bandon Tiger last weekend when the Red Devils turned back the snarling Tiger 46-41 at Coquille and the wounded feline came back in her own lair Saturday night to snap the Red Devil 53-41.

In the opening tussle Coquille led from the first whistle, but late in the fourth period Bandon rallied to breathe on the tiring Coquille five with a score of 41-39.

With less than a minute to go, Paul Clayton was the recipient of three fouls and he made five of his six free throws good to give his mates five points of security. Bandon's final basket was made by Al Prewett with about 30 seconds left in the ball game.

Score by periods placed both squads even at 11 up when the first horn sounded. At halftime Coquille had piled up a 24-18 lead and at the end of the third stanza it was 34-28. Coquille was using the free throw line to advantage

as the Red Devils made 20 out of 25 possible, while Bandon made 15 out of 22 possible.

Saturday it was a different story as Coquille managed to hold the Tigers to a 10-7 lead at the first quarter, but in the second canto, with Bandon making eight baskets to Coquille three, the host quintet left the Red Devils far behind at 31-18 for a half-time count.

During the last half of the ball game the Red Devils were valiantly trying to overcome this second period deficit and came to within eight points of the Tigers in the final period. In the third canto the Red Devils racked up 13 points to the Bandon 11, but Coquille needed a much better average to catch the wary Tigers.

Ocean Spray Hoopsters Garner Duet Of Loop Wins; Tip Evans, Jayvees

Ocean Spray's top flight hoopsters made it two in a row in the Southwestern Oregon Independent basketball loop last week as they tipped Evans and Marshfield Jayvees to boost their stock to the second rung in the district ladder.

The Coquille squad used a combination of Len Scolari, Ed Howe and Lynn Purvis to turn back the Evans Products quint 58-40 while the entire squad took turns pouring leather through the hoop to turn back the little Pirates 51-37.

Ocean Spray now has a record of three wins and one loss while the loop leaders share three way tie with three wins and no losses. Sharing this sunberth are Ripper's National Guard and Reedsport.

Against Evans the Cranberry quint took off to an early lead with baskets by Purvis, Scolari and George Litzberger to total a first quarter score of 12-7. Before halftime Curt Jarvis had dumped three buckets to help pull Ocean Spray out front 27-19.

During the third canto Coquille went way out front with Len Scolari leading in the scoring department with four baskets and sending the tally to 40-26. In the finale Ed Howe started to hit as he swished in a quartet of buckets to boost the final score to 48-40.

The Marshfield Jayvees played nip and tuck with the Ocean Spray five as quarter scores were 15-10, 27-24, and 35-33 all favoring Coquille. In the finale however Howe and Kind hit four and three counters respectively while holding the Marshfield squad to a singleton to make the final score 51-37.

Earlier in the week Myrtle Point Independents whizzed by Coquille 89-64 in a non league encounter at Myrtle Point.

League scoring last week gave Len Scolari 22 points; Ed Howe 19; Purvis, 19; Kind, 9; Jarvis, 8; Taylor, 5; Laird, 5; Millen, 6; Litzberger, 12; Allison, 3; and Wilson, 2.

Technical fouls occurred twice during the series. These are always disconcerting to the sportsman, but when the boys are playing a fast brand of ball it is easy to let a slip of the tongue pass unintentionally. The technicals were called on Wimpy Hastings, Bandon, who is a top hoopman on anybody's list and Alan Dungey who has been leading the Red Devils in offensive tactics this season. It is probably better to let it happen in the Coos county family so now we hope the lesson has been learned and it won't happen again.

A round of applause should be handed the current edition of Coquille high school pepsters and yell leaders for the gallant support they give the Red Devils. Even when the odds are tremendously in favor of the competition, as it was in the closing minutes Saturday night, the girls never lose heart as they yell encouragement to their team.

Sluggin' Along . . . Oregon State advances to sixteenth spot on (Continued on page 8)

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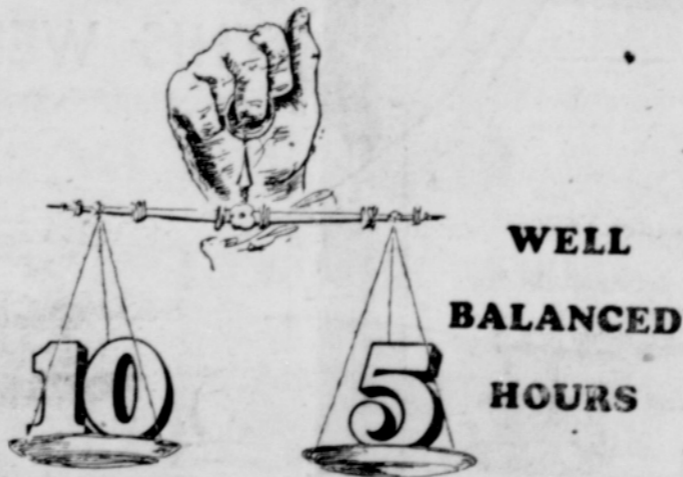
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SPOT
By Jim McMahon

Basketball still tops the list of winter treats for Coquille Valley sports fans although none of the south Coos county quintets appear destined for major tournament play while Marshfield, in spite of its defeat at the hands of North Bend two weeks ago, is rated fourth on the state sports poll this week.

Coquille fans will have a chance to see this smooth working five this weekend when Bruce Hoffine brings the Pirates to the Red Devil



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