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A LOOK AT
SPORTS

Local basketball unknown factor...

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Well... basketball season is here. Maple court action opens this weekend.

Friday night will see all of the Central Oregon Class A-1 schools commence their 1963-1964 seasons at Prineville. It's the Central Oregon tip-off tournament, and Saturday night the action moves to Bend.

With the contests starting this weekend, it's time to take a look at the who's-got-what situation.

A single glance into the void told the sportslooker that none of the teams in Central Oregon can be expected to rise very far above the mediocrity mark.

Up at Madras the Buffs under new mentor Bob Allard show a definite lack of height. The Buffs, however, are a bunch of hustlers and can scrap and scramble enough to make it tough on teams planning to have comfortable evenings.

Shooting Off

Though it is too early to tell, none of the teams in Central Oregon have demonstrated that they have their shooting eyes. This includes the Buffs, who for all of their lack of height, may have to depend on their long-distance bombing accuracy to pull them through.

Allard isn't boasting any of his athletes. He, like the other Central Oregon coaches, hasn't arrived at any starting five, and probably won't announce same until game time Friday night.

However, the Buffs have veteran guard Larry Barnes, a junior, who saw considerable action last year as a second unit man. Later in the season, however, saw Barnes take over one of the starting guard positions as a sophomore.

Barnes may be one of the leading hopes for the Buffs this year. An all-around athlete, Barnes is quick, agile and has a good pair of hands.

Barnes, Multi-Sporting

He was the Buffs' quarterback last fall during football season. Barnes plays baseball, basketball and, though really too small, football about equally well.

At the other guard spot, Allard may go with veteran Ralph Minnick, a fast court man and a bearcat after rebounds. Minnick, though much faster than Barnes, was the latter's substitute at quarterback in football. Minnick, however, was a defensive halfback and proved to be one of the better ones in Central Oregon.

Over at Prineville, Wayne Lunde, veteran Cowboy coach, isn't too happy about the situation. Some disciplinary problems before the basketballers even donned suits cut his potential in half.

Minus A Few

Were Lunde's squad to be at full strength, Prineville would have been the dopsters' favorite. The Cowboys, even with these veterans, wouldn't have been loaded with talent, but they would have the edge on other Central Oregon schools in experience.

Upon the current situation, Lunde doesn't know really what he has. Joining the cautious pre-season attitude of the other coaches, Lunde has no idea what his boys can do and has offered no prediction on how the Cowboys will fare in relation to the other mid-state aggregations.

Were one to consider height a definite advantage (and give no consideration to experience), Coach Chuck Hudson's Bend Lava Bears would be the number one team on the docket.

Sophs Look Good

Bend, however, will have an extremely young squad with several sophomores up from last year's freshman squad battling for starting berths.

Hudson, with his tall timbers alone, admits that his casabamens must rate at least as a dark horse. Hudson, in his third year at the Bruin helm, has had two bad seasons.

He took over at Bend when the basketball talent (everyone says it) was at an all-time low. He, this year, is looking forward to his first "better" season. Hudson, however, is cautious. He is somewhat worried about his lack of experience.

"I just hope I can bring them (sophs) along far enough and early enough," he offered. Bend has been working hard this week getting ready for Friday's season inaugural after a four-day layoff during Thanksgiving vacation.

Kauffman Cautious

Up at Redmond, Coach Buck Kauffman isn't saying much.

"I'll just have to wait and see," he said, "...these are a swell bunch of kids, and though they aren't smooth or experienced now, they may come along."

Kauffman is left with a void this year. Gone from the Panther maple court ranks are Don Watrous and Ed Sturza, last year's 1-2 scoring and rebound punch.

Redmond has no giant claims to height. Kauffman's squad, however, won't be on the short end when it comes to scrap. There are some big men. Bill Hughitt and Kerry Parkinson stand over six feet and may turn out to be a husky pair to deal with under the boards. Wayne Marquess, a sophomore surprise at quarterback this past grid season, has shown considerable agility, speed and fight.

Starters Unpicked

Kauffman, however, isn't naming any of these players to his starting unit, yet. "Quite frankly," Kauffman said this week, "I don't know what I've got. I simply can't name a starting five now."

It's the sportslooker's guess that Kauffman will shuffle his lineup around considerably as the season progresses. Without any proven athletes to fill in the void left by Watrous and Sturza, Redmond can't be considered a tourney favorite or even a strong possibility for league honors.

Like football, most of the power this year seems to lie in the eastern half of the conference. Pendleton's Buckaroos, by far the more superior in football, still loom as the number one candidate for the loop casa-ba title. Though the Bucks are not supposed to be loaded with talent, neither are they shy on veterans... and they are defending champions.

Little is known about Hermiston, the number two team last year. Coach George DeLap, however, does have returning lettermen Jack Thomas and Bob Webb, plus Jim Lynch.

Until they are proven poor, the Hermiston Bulldogs loom as the top candidate to topple Pendleton. The Dalles is expected to be anything but shy of talent, and little is known about La Grande and Baker. Mac Hill of Millon-Freewater is not considered to be a top threat.

Church league slates pow-wow

All churches intending to register basketball teams in the Junior High Church League must send a representative to a loop pow-wow Thursday evening, City Recreation Director Vince Genna announced today.

It will be at 7 p.m. in the city recreation office at Bend City Hall.

A previous meeting was poorly attended, Genna said, and nothing was accomplished. Practice schedules, he added, should already be underway, "and there are many problems to be ironed out prior to the regular schedule which will begin approximately January 6."

Games will be played at the junior high school gymnasium.

Liston-Clay tiff near actuality

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — The last barrier to the Feb. 24 Sonny Liston-Cassius Clay fight was removed Tuesday when the Nevada Athletic Commission granted a license to Intercontinental Promotions Inc.

Intercontinental Promotions Inc., headed by Liston, was granted the out-of-state license when three of the five-member commission voted to approve the application. Two of the members were not present.

The commission had asked the state attorney general for an opinion prior to the vote as to the legality of granting a license to a company headed by a professional boxer. The attorney general's office said such action was legal.

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MOVING UP THE LADDER—Sisters High School basketballers will try to move up the district ladder this year after two so-so seasons. Finding it easier to do it via Outlaw methods, Coach Roy Runco's basketballers will try to get the ball into the net any way they can. Dropping ball from atop ladder is Pat Hammack. Others are from left, Rick Jacobsen, Wayne Rowe, Steve Shehan, Bronson Burdick and Dennis Barclay.



CAT HOPEFUL—Jim Penhollow, a 6' senior forward, may be one of Redmond's leading hopefuls this year as the Panthers have a 1-2 punch void left by Don Watrous and Ed Sturza who graduated last year. Redmond joins other local squads in a Central Oregon tournament this weekend. It is the first basketball action this year.

Griffith, Markson get boxing's greatest honor

NEW YORK (UPI) — Welterweight champion Emile Griffith and promoter Harry Markson of Madison Square Garden have been voted the fight game's highest honors for 1963, the Boxing Writers' Association (BWA) announced today.

Twenty-five-year-old Griffith of New York, who unprecedentedly won the 147-pound crown a third time on June 8, gets the Edward J. Neil award for "Fighter of the Year."

James J. Walker plaque for long and meritorious service to the sport during his 32 years as fight-writer, press representative and promoter.

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RUGGED PANTHER—Though Redmond isn't expected to be the team to beat in mid-state basketball this year, IC teams will have to contend with rugged, 6-2 Bill Hughitt, a possible Cat starter at center. Hughitt was one of the Cat mainstays in football. (Nate Bull photos).

Buckaroos nip Seals 5-1, Blades in first place tie

By United Press International

It looks as though San Francisco Seal coach Bud Poile was right when he said the only thing sure about this year's Western Hockey League race was that two fine teams would not make the playoffs.

Proof that there are no easy marks this season was again supplied Tuesday night when fifth-place Portland bopped the Seals 5-1, and sixth-place Vancouver dumped Seattle 3-2. Los Angeles moved into a first-place tie with Denver with a 3-2 win over the Invaders in the night's other contest.

Center Art Jones led Portland past the Seals with a pair of tallies. Tommy McVie, Gerry Goyer and Dallas Smith also blinked the red light for the Bucks.

Smith and Larry McNab of the Seals dropped their sticks and engaged in a bare-knuckle brawl in the second stanza. Both wound up with seven minutes in the penalty box and a few bruises.

Vancouver got a pair of tallies from the league's leading goal-producer, Buddy Boone, and a third from Roy McCusker.

of the losers' goals, was ejected for 10 minutes after arguing with the referee over a holding penalty given to teammate Don Ward.

Attendance at Vancouver was below the 1,000 mark and there are fears for the city's future in the loop.

Los Angeles showed Denver it meant business when Gordon Haworth scored after just 58 seconds of play. It was 2-2 after a wild first stanza, but then Maurice Otebor scored late in the second period and that proved to be the last and decisive tally of the game.

Both clubs emerged with identical 12-7-2 records. Los Angeles hosts Portland tonight and Denver comes calling on the slumping San Francisco squad.

Centralia tops Lower Columbia

CENTRALIA (UPI) — Mike Smith with 25 points paced Centralia College in its 95-62 basketball victory here Tuesday night over Lower Columbia Junior College.

Centralia led 52-28 at half-time.

Dose shines as Stanford takes Oregon, 83-65

WEST COAST BASKETBALL
By United Press International
Stanford's Tom Dose was fourth highest scorer in his school's history today, and the big center still has almost the whole season to play.

Dose fired 26 points and dominated both boards Tuesday night as Stanford blitzed Oregon 83-65 in an awesome display to sweep their two-game series.

Dose thus passed both the 1,000-point mark and mighty mite George Selleck of the Stanford mid-50 teams with his outburst. Still ahead are Bill Bond (1,013), Hank Luissetti (1,291) and Ron Tomcic (1,416).

Soph Jim Barnett led Oregon with 19 points.

Stanford was not the only Far West powerhouse to flex its muscles Tuesday night.

Oregon State bopped Washington State at Pullman for the second straight night. The score was 75-58 as big Mel Counts again was a standout with 24 points.

University of San Francisco crushed Sacramento State, 77-39, and another big center, Ollie Johnson of the Dons, was the high point man with 15 tallies.

And Arizona State, which could wind up in the NCAA regionals with Oregon State, USF and Stanford, crushed Western New Mexico 121-79 as Joe Caldwell bagged 28.

Elsewhere along the coast cage front, San Francisco State of the Far Western Conference stunned Santa Clara of the bigger West Coast Athletic loop, 78-70. Brad Duggan had 32 for the winners and Russ Bankovich 24 for the Broncs.

Montana State's well-balanced attack ground out a 68-54 decision over Nevada although the losers' Bill Robinson led all scorers with 20.

Other scores: College of Idaho 93 Eastern Oregon 81, Adams State 113 Arizona State (Flagstaff) 97, Upland 65 Cal Tech 57, Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo 81 Whittier 72, San Fernando State 83 Westmont 82, Pomona 94 California at Riverside 77, Southern Oregon 61 Humboldt State 47.

Burke, Hill Wilcox make East-West tilt

PORTLAND (UPI) — Two players from Oregon and end Vern Burke of Oregon State have been picked to play in the annual East-West Shrine game, it was reported today.

Guard Dave Wilcox and halfback Larry Hill are the Webfoots selected, according to the Oregon Journal. Hill was listed as a replacement for Mel Renfro, who injured his wrist in an accident at this home.

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