

Review of Pointers Basketball Season

Now that the 43-44 basketball season is over, a review is in order to show just what the Central Pointers did achieve this year.

The Pointers opened their season at a slow gait but as the conference came near the Pointers started to round into shape. They opened the season with a defeat at Grants Pass, the score being 35-18. This game is considered the roughest of the season.

The following day the Pointers met Prospect on the home floor, and downed them 27-19. In this game Glenn Shrier scored 17 of the total points.

The return game with Grants Pass was a little more successful with the Pointers losing by only two points. This game was closely followed by an afternoon practice game with Medford High. In this game the Pointers were leading up into the fourth quarter when the team began to tire and let the Tigers close in and go on to win by the margin of 34-29.

The first conference game was played on the home floor with the Gold Hill Beavers. With a brilliant second half come back the Beavers were downed 28-25.

The following Tuesday there was another home game, this time with the Talent Bulldogs. The Bulldogs ran the locals to death and beat them out 25-19. This defeat did not hurt the Pointers standing as this was only a practice game.

Then came one of the easiest games of the season, when the Pointers journeyed to Phoenix and crushed the Pirates 48-10. In this game the entire squad of 14 men had a hand in dealing out the defeat.

Then came one of the most important games of the season at Rogue River. After trailing four points at the half the Pointers came back a rejuvenated team. They fired in 4 quick field goals to take the lead which they never relinquished through out the remainder of the game. The game ended 34-33 in favor of Central Point. This was the first time in six years that the Pointers had defeated Rogue River on the opponents floor.

Next on the schedule was a non-conference game with Jacksonville. After a bitterly fought game the Redskins came out on the long end of a 35-32 count.

Starting the second half of the season Central Point traveled to Gold Hill and administered a 45-30 drubbing to the Cement Mixers. Wilson was high point man in this battle, with 18 points.

Next in order was a return game with Talent. The Pointers evened things up with the Bulldogs by nosing out a 33-31 win. The next game being played against Phoenix was at home. The locals succeeded in handling the Pirates a 55-10 shellacking.

Then the Pointer quintet journeyed to Prospect where they received a 23-19 setback. This did not lower the Pointers position as the leaders of the division as it was a non-conference game.

The return game with Rogue River on the home floor proved to be a thriller. The half-time score was 17-7 and it looked like a clinch for the Pointers, but in the last quarter the Chieftains went on the warpath and almost overtook the leaders. However the Pointers managed to squeeze out the victory 30-29.

With the conference over Central Point was still at the top of their division. In the seeding of the games for the tournament, the Pointers drew Phoenix.

After easily defeating Phoenix 47-3 in the opener, the Pointers hit a slump and lost to Talent in the semi-finals 26-13. The team was weakened during the tournament due to the fact that Dale Childress had had the flu and was not fully recovered. The game for third or fourth place was also lost, the Jacksonville Redskins outplaying the Pointers and winning 27-19.

In review of the complete season the Pointers were found to have scored 479 points to the opponents 415. Though the season was not a complete success the Pointers did prove to be a team to be reckoned with, and up until the time of the tournament were tops of their division.

The individual records of the players are as follows:

	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
Glenn Shrier	70	21	27	161
Dean Wilson	33	14	27	80
Tom Colley	20	18	35	58
Dale Childress	21	6	17	48
Jack McCoy	14	4	9	32
John Freeland	9	5	14	23
E. Robison	10	3	2	23
Don Holland	6	2	6	14
Don Mang	7	0	5	14
Melvin Anhorn	5	0	6	10
Dan Sage	3	0	1	6
Bill Saxbury	3	0	2	6
P. Blumenstein	2	0	1	4

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Former Students Home on Leave

Since the last issue of the paper, several former students have been home on leave from the Navy.

Two members of the class of '40 were among the visitors. Ronald Pinkham, who starred in all sports in '39 and '40, and is now a signalman in the Navy was home for a week. He has been in Alaska and other places at sea. Keith Copinger, also of the class of '40, and winner of the citizenship award that year, was home for a short leave. He is stationed at Farragut and has just finished his boot training.

Edwin Froehlich, class of '43, and a star of last year's championship basketball team, was home last week on delayed orders awaiting to ship out from San Francisco as a radio man. He has been at a Radio school at Farragut Idaho, the past few months. Edwin was last year's student body president and winner of the Honor Cup award.

Robert Colley, class of '43, who is now stationed at the Naval Air Base at Klamath Falls, has been a frequent visitor.

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Student Body Hears Evangelist McNeill

The student body was entertained by Evangeline and Archie McNeill, evangelists, in an assembly Tuesday, February 29.

Mr. Jewett introduced Mr. McNeill who in turn introduced Mrs. McNeill with comparison of their nationalities. Mr. McNeill remarked that they were an alarming combination since he was Scotch and she was Irish.

Mrs. McNeill played 2 selections on the vibra-harpe: "Going Home" and a melody consisting of "Londonderry Aire" and "Mother McCree." She also gave a short talk on the History of Ireland and how North Ireland was settled by immigrants from Scotland and Ireland proper was where true Irishmen came from.

Mr. McNeill then gave a brief outline of the work he had done as a director in a large Portland Service Center and he also gave the students an idea of what the Service Center was like. He told of one marine who was back in the United States after 3 years of foreign service and upon going into the Service Center ate ten waffles before he was satisfied.

At the close of the program Mr. McNeill invited all the high school students to a special service on the following Friday night.

The following Thursday, the McNeills entertained the grade school with a similar program.

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G.A.A. Plans Tourney

The Girls' Athletic Association is making plans for a volley ball tournament. The games are going to be played at noon between the different teams composed of the girls belonging to the G.A.A. and also any other girls who are interested. The girls are able to make certain points required for G.A.A. while doing this.

Plans are also under way for a play night to be sponsored by the G.A.A.

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Ernie Hawley arrived in San Diego the 11th and is taking his boot training there.

Letters to Nephews

By Ella H. Leonard

Dear nephew:

Bale rope drooping from the rocker's posts. Cracker crumbs on the floor. A wool mitt on the screen porch. A dollbuggy at the back yard walk with a dirty robe on it that has been dragged all over the yard by a corner. (A boy running to me saying, "Good morning, friend." Interested in this mechanism. A girl coming, too. Both climbing in the big rocker and snuggling up, with Sissy's cimple in evidence. Sissy getting Robin excited about mommy taking them to town. "No, not today. Some other day.") Clattering in and out of the house, leaving a door opened. Muddy feet in a chair drawn close to watch whatever is being done. "Please, may I have a piece of potato?" Mud pies. Dirty hands pushing back the window curtain and straining the curtain rods. How many of your mothers are crying. "If I could only call those days back with him, I'd never again scold about a mere house."

We had a cold night last night. A little coarse snow. It is cleared with a bit of light fog for resting on the range east. A truck runs by with a shrub on it for planting. Spring work is at hand with no help to be had. The children and I have done some pruning, tho we know nothing about it. A neighbor said, "I just cut." The roses have grown pretty high. Should they have their

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thick stems cut back low? or just their branches pruned? Oregon grape branches which overlapped the walk were cut out. A short stem on one had been covered with soil. It looked as if it might take root. Would it make a new plant that way? The firehush the birds picked so neatly and quickly last summer, has shot up to the second story. I'm wondering just how to cut it off without having a weight of thorns fall on me. It might be a needful reminder of the season at hand.

Which brings to mind the question, "What is preaching?" That is a word often said to me. Quite some thought has been given to what it does mean. Men have been heard to say to a kid or kids, "Get away from there. If that limb fell on you it would mash you flat." "What do you want to be hanging around here for,—you want this horse to kick your head off?" "Get away from the anvil. Suppose this piece of iron should fall on your foot. Or a piece of steel fly in your eye." "Goddammit! You've got to have your nose in where you've no business to be. That cow might run a horn through you. You've got to see. You haven't got sense enough to know the danger. . . ." Preaching? Is it? Warning against danger that is not recognized by the ones spoken to? Because of violent concern that is felt in those kids.

Last night at a joint service of Methodist and Presbyterian, there was an attendance of less than 25. The membership of the Methodist is near 600.

"But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are

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revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart. Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season; he reserveth unto us the appointed harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you." "Amend your way and your doings," saith the Lord of hosts. "The Lord our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the Lord." Is this a time of apostasy? What is to be done about it?

"Abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death." Is that what liquor and child delinquency is doing? Should we keep still? or should we "preach", warn, try to save. I have no faith in fox-hole prayers made just to save a skin. (Juo. 9:31.) It's the soul that needs the saving.

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