

GRIZZLIES DIG IN FOR TOUGH GOING IN TILTS

A serious pack of Ashland high Grizzlies will journey to Grants Pass tonight to submerge the Cavemen deeper into cellar of the Southern Oregon conference. The Grizzlies also will meet Grants Pass on the junior high court here Saturday night in a return game with hopes of further increasing their present conference and district standings. Both Grants Pass and Ashland games are called for 8 p. m., with preliminaries starting at 7 p. m.

After the near upset at the hands of the greatly rejuvenated Cavemen, the Ashlanders will enter Friday's fray minus the extreme overconfidence they possessed in their first meeting.

Using the same lineup that has been starting recent games, Coach O'Connell believes his team has an even chance of winning. O'Connell, however, will not class the Ashlanders as favorites. He said "I was lucky in having my team win the last game and I don't expect them to win if they play as they did. The boys are going to have to work to win this game."

The Grizzlies will be handicapped on the small Grants Pass court but should be able to cope with zone defense of the Cavemen. Pritchett, high scoring Pass center, will be watched closely.

Should the Grizzlies win these two games, they would be established well in front of both conference and district races.

Tentative starting lineups:
Ashland Lee F. Burden
C. Warren F. Gilmore
Jones C. Pritchett
Fowler G. Madden
Scheiderer G. Clark



Pete Baltran

MURDOCK WILL MEET DRAGON

Another three-ply top-notch wrestling card has been lined up by Promoter Mack Lillard for southern Oregon's wrestling arena in the Medford armory Monday night.

First match will have plenty of promise of being a rough bout, with Pete Baltran, the Lithuanian with a New York address, lined against Al Christ, San Francisco rough and ready artist. Both boys have exhibited their wares in previous bouts here and are expected to give each other the works.

The middle main event will be a real test for both contestants, Frank Murdock—the Oklahoma four-star flash—and that man of mystery, the Black Dragon. Murdock, so far, has proven his ability to take all the punishment handed him and win by clean methods over rougher artists who seldom lose matches. The Dragon has appeared locally but once, and was not in action long enough to display all his wares.

The top main event matches a champion (at least he holds the belt) and a recently dethroned champ. Pete Belcastro, Pacific coast junior heavyweight champ, will meet Alvin Britt, former junior heavyweight champion of the world.

Britt's arm-breaker hold is one that must be seen to be appreciated, and Belcastro's lightning drop-kicks have made history.

The main event should be a clean, clever match unless Belcastro becomes angered, and then anything may happen, as it often does.

First match will be called to the ring promptly at 8:30 p. m.

Britt Overpowers Baltran In Armory Match On Monday

Alvin Britt, former world's junior heavyweight champion, set too fast a pace for Pete Baltran, New York Lithuanian, and took two straight falls Monday night in the top main event of Mack Lillard's weekly mat performance at the Medford armory.

Baltran held his own and matched hold for hold with the Kansas star during early period of the match, but became excited and started dealing out rough tactics. Britt promptly applied his Kansas arm-breaker hold that has tamed many a wild one and Baltran was forced to give up. Another breaker applied in the second frame took the deciding fall for Britt.

A new type of hurricane was introduced in the middle main event (or, perhaps, we should say tornado) to Pete Belcastro, the Weed Terror, and when he got through Pete resembled a mountain side that had been stripped of all its beauty. This flash of black calls himself the Black Dragon and gives his address as Somewhere. If he was equipped with horns and tail he could be mistaken for a visitor from the nether regions. Black shoes, black tights and a black mask completely covering his head, topped off with a black silk dressing gown with a huge golden dragon imprinted on the back, gives him all the atmosphere that is needed.

Belcastro took the first fall in about 30 seconds with his famous drop-kick and went in rough at the start of the second round but found the Dragon full of dynamite and brimstone. A Boston crab that had power behind it took the second fall for the Dragon and, as Belcastro was unable to return, the match.

Murdock took the first fall with a figure-four leg breaker. Christ promptly started roughhouse tactics and booted Murdock from the ring. Crawling back, Frankie suddenly pulled a "sling-shot" off the ropes and put Christ down for the fall and match.

ACTIVIANS PLAN PARTY
Ashland's Active club members have planned original entertainment for Thursday evening, January 28, when a dinner and theater party will be enjoyed. Jean Eberhart, SONS coach, spoke on basketball at Wednesday evening's meeting.

SONS TO MEET MOUNT ANGELS

With the Southern Oregon Normal school's crippled warriors nearly healed, Coach Jean Eberhart has planned a five-day barnstorming trip which will include return games with Mount Angel college tonight and Saturday at St. Benedict and Don Faber's Albany college Pirates at Albany Monday and Tuesday nights. The quint will return home Wednesday.

The traveling squad of nine will take the trip in two cars, driven by Eberhart and Dr. Taylor of the normal faculty. Eight members of the trippers definitely have been decided upon but Coach Eberhart will reserve final decision on the ninth until last minute. Those certain of making the trip are Bob Hardy, Bill Hoxie, Darrell Leavens, Ted Schopf, Arba Ager, Cliff McLean, Walt Sether and Howard Scroggins. The ninth man will be either Kenneth Schilling or Parker Hess, former Ashland high stars.

Walt Sether, husky center, has definitely broken into the lineup and will start games at center with Hardy playing a forward post.

In this week's practice Eberhart has worked out a new offense which he hopes will be more disastrous to opponents than previous plays. Instead of having Hardy as pivot man and working all plays from him, Eberhart has put Hardy on one side of the basket and Walt Sether on the other, thus having two pivot men from which to work plays. He also will have two backboard artists in close to put through shots missed by other members of the team. This maneuver should make the Sons an even higher scoring aggregation.

The Sons will face a tougher bunch when they meet Mount Angel on their own new court. The Angel's mammoth center will be in shape for both games and should add a lot to his team's chances.

Little is known of Don Faber's quint. Any team coached by Faber always is dangerous, however. Albany barely was nosed out by Whitman college in a recent Northwest conference game. The Faber boys also were defeated twice by the Sons in Ashland in previous meeting early this year.

Sons' starting lineup will be with Sether at center, Hardy and Schopf at forwards, and Leavens and McLean in the back court.

SONS Take Series From Mount Angel Over Week-End

Opening first of a two-game series with Mount Angel college, a badly crippled Sons quint downed the Saints 41-31 in the normal gymnasium Friday night to add to their string of victories.

Capt. Bob Hardy, who has been suffering from a knee injury sustained in a recent Linfield college game, started scoring for the normal and continued by ramming through his team's first eight points. Hardy's knee injury was noticeable throughout the fray.

Walt Sether held down the pivot post and contributed four goals for eight points while Hardy amassed 12. Ager, who took over Scroggins' guard post, turned in an outstanding performance. The Sons surprised local fans with their close-knit teamwork.

Fred Galer, coach of Mount Angel's quint, substituted frequently in his search for a winning combination but had little success in quelling the Sons' victory rush. The Angels threatened late in the second half when Coach Eberhart injected his frosh quintet, who played fast ball but were unable to handle the speedier Angels. The visitors were handicapped by loss of their six foot, five inch center, who contracted flu on arrival in Ashland.

SATURDAY NIGHT DETAILS
Led by big Walt Sether, the Sons trounced Mount Angel college Saturday night, also, 44-30, for their second consecutive win in the new gymnasium.

Mount Angel proved less difficult to handle in the second game. Loss of their center weakened the

A Hawk-Eye View of Sports

By RAY HAWK

FOLLOWING one of its most disastrous seasons, the University of Oregon seems determined to produce a winning football team. Prink Callison, Oregon's head football mentor, has assembled a great array of football talent for the 1937 season. Most of his outstanding prospects will be juniors next fall and will have one more year of competition, thus insuring Callison a top team for 1938.

Known as the Passless Wonders, the university squad held complete possession of the cellar spot this past year. Going further, they scored but one touchdown against conference competition and did not win a single game. By tying Stanford 7-7 they saved themselves from being blanked for the season.

Long known as a great defensive powerhouse, the Lemon and Green allowed few touchdowns but when it came to scoring, they bogged down. In midfield the Callisonites looked like world beaters but when they neared opponents' goal they were held in their own quagmire. Some claim this was due to poor backfield coaching. Johnny Kitzmiller resigned from the backfield coaching post a year ago and since that time the squad has been weak in backfield ability. The 1937 season will prove whether it was the coaching or lack of adequate material, for the

invaders, but they never gave up trying. They were fighting as hard to win when the final gun sounded as when the series was started. Much credit was given them for assembling one of the pluckiest assemblages of hoop talent seen in this section.

Hardy again proved his salt by scoring 10 points before retiring on fouls. Developing fast is Bob's understudy, Walt Sether, who scored 16 for high in the game. He was followed by Nolan of the Angels with 11.

The St. Benedict quint threatened early in the second period when they tied the score 18-18 but their spirited rally was cut short by a Sons' spurt which left the Angels safely to the rear. The visitors used a merry-go-round style of play in their effort to crack the impregnable defense of the fast-breaking Sons, but with little success.

In commenting on the games here, Galer said "The only difference between the two ball clubs is that Sons have a Hardy and the Angels haven't." He added that a surprise was promised for the Southern Oregon Normal boys when they visit St. Benedict for tonight and Saturday evening's

University of Oregon athletic department has hired Mike Mikulak as their backfield mentor.

Doubtless most of you have heard of, or remember, Mikulak. He is the human juggernaut that at one time cavorted over gridirons of the coast. He was all-American fullback from the University of Oregon in 1933 and more recently has been Bronko Nagurski's chief rival for all-star rating in professional ball. During his college days Mikulak was the key man in Callison's famous double-cruncher play which has been claimed the surest for a few needed yards ever used by a coast team. This play was employed when the Webfeet had but a few yards to go for a touchdown. With Mikulak carrying the ball the play seldom failed. With a backfield coach who understands the game, there is no reason why the university should not have a powerful backfield next season.

CITY COUNCIL ENDORSES PLEA FOR GAS TAX SPLIT

The Ashland city council, meeting Tuesday night, endorsed plan of Oregon cities to share in gas tax revenues for the maintenance of city streets, and listened to both police and fire department reports for 1936.

The fire department, in its annual report, showed a property loss of but \$1,967 compared to a loss of \$6,034.50 for 1935. A total of 66 calls were answered during the year.

The council also put five city employes on a salary basis instead of hourly wage rate, and gave its official seal to naming Boulevard Siskiyou boulevard.

L. F. LOZIER REPORTS TO TOWNSENDITES FOR BANTA

Ashland Townsend club meeting held Tuesday night was well attended, at which time chairmen of several committees were elected.

The congressional board meeting held recently in Portland was reported to club members by L. F. Losier of Medford, who acted as proxy for C. W. Banta, who was unable to attend the meet. Banta suffered an auto accident at the underpass just north of Ashland last week-end as he started northward to the convention. His car was completely wrecked in a skid, while Mrs. Banta suffered three broken ribs, but is recovering from the ordeal.

Harold Beswick is entertaining Bill Wells and Rex Logan of McMinnville for a few days.

GRIZZLIES EKE ONE-POINT WIN OF GRANTS PASS

Winning conference games by one point is no longer a novelty to Ashland high's Grizzlies, but a habit. They eked out their second conference win by submerging Grants Pass 22-21 Friday night in the normal school gymnasium in a preliminary to the Sons-Mount Angel fray.

The locals took to the maple court looking like champions. With the scoring well divided among all members of the team, Ashlanders ran up a first quarter advantage of 10-3. From this point on the Cavemen gradually overhauled the over-confident Grizzlies.

The Lithians were superior, but the trouble evidenced was an apparent lack of fight shown in previous games. Grants Pass outfought the Ashland quint all the way and, except for the intervention of Dame Fortune, likely would have won the fray.

From fans' point of view the game was a thriller, but from players' angle it was one of the poorest displays of basketball prowess turned in by the Grizzlies for some time.



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