

Raiders Ahead in Pre-Season Tilts; Wade Continues to Lead in Scoring

The Red Raiders from Southern Oregon college have now won six and lost four contests in their first 10 starts of the basketball season.

Swinging coastward on a northern trip the Raiders ran head-on into Linfield's strong team at Coos Bay. With both teams somewhat hampered by a new floor and new type backboards, the Linfield five came out on top by the score of 67 to 60. SOC's center Keith Wade again was high man for his club and the game with 15. He fouled out early in the second half.

Motoring on to Portland, the local club lost by seven points again, 68 to 61, when the Pioneers from Lewis and Clark came from behind to raid the Raiders. SOC led at the half by one point but soon fell behind. As usual, Wade dominated the individual play by racking up 26 points for high game honors. He was followed closely by the Pioneer's Ed Reid who had 22 counters.

With two losses so far on their trip the Raiders had vengeance with the Vanport series. The first game found a high-scoring contest ending in the Raiders' favor, 79 to 76. For a change, Bill O'Neal of the SOC club was high man with 29 points. Center Wade was still around with 18 counters. Vanport's guard Ben Pitzer was high for his team with 21 points.

The second game with Vanport saw SOC hold onto a lead and win 48 to 43. With 64 fouls

called, the game was rather rough. The infractions were about evenly divided with SOC having the edge, 34 to 30. SOC lost three men for five fouls and Vanport lost four. The most interesting thing about the game was that SOC's ace center, Keith Wade made only two points. O'Neal, the leading scorer for the first night's game, was held to nine.

In its first 10 games, SOC has scored 586 points to its opponents' 550. This gives them a 58.6 game average. Wade is still going strong with a 19.2 points average a game with a 10-game total of 192 points.

This week the Raiders will finish up pre-conference play by taking on Willamette and the OTI Owls again. Next week they meet the strong Chico State club for their conference opener.

Talent High to Adopt Tryouts for School Plays

Supt. R. B. Parr recently announced that Talent high school would go back to the old plan of student tryouts rather than faculty selection of casts for high school plays.

The change is to stimulate more interest in theatrics and place casting upon a competitive basis with everybody allowed to try out for the part of their choice.

The time for the next play try-out will be announced later by Supt. Parr.

Talent High Edges Past Alumni Team

The Talent Bulldogs barely edged out an alumni basketball team last week 41 to 37.

With Jerry Montgomery providing the big gun for the high school attack, the prepsters had a tough go. Montgomery scored 19 points, and Joe Fenton and Otto King scored 12 and 10, respectively, for the grads.

The breakdown for the scoring was:

Talent (41)	Alumni (37)
Montgomery (19) F	Fenton (12)
Henry (2) F	Nichols (7)
Smith (4) C	King (10)
Parrent (6) G	Baylor (3)
Newton (5) G	Marshall (0)

Subs: Talent, Quackenbush (2), Zumwalt (2), and Sullivan (1); Alumni, Straus, Cowdrey, and Goddard (3).

Talent Community Tree Program Attracts 350

The Community Tree in Talent was attended by 350 people last Friday night on the city hall grounds.

The program, under the direction of Mrs. Jack Suksdorf, was presented to an appreciative audience. After the program, Santa Claus arrived and treats were given to everyone present.



ALL-STATE . . . Jerry Langer has been chosen this year to both the UP and INS all-state high school football first teams. During eight games he scored 106 points for an average of 13.2 a game. He has switched from fullback to forward for the current basketball season. (Courtesy Rogue News)

Commercial Classes to Enter National Contest

Talent high school's shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping classes will enter the National Commercial contest this year for the fifth consecutive time.

In past years, Talent has placed several winners. In 1946, Carolyn Brannon won first place in the unlimited typing division. While last year Virginia Peters took third place in the shorthand 100-word division. Added to these winners are the many students who have won proficiency certificates.

Two Boys, Girl Achieve Four Year Athletic Honor

Three Talent high school athletes are now sporting four orange stripes on their black letterman sweaters.

Edna Peters is the only girl in school that has achieved this honor. Her fourth-stripe award came from participating in hiking, biking, skating, and social activities.

Fat Henry and Jerry Montgomery have proved their merit in three sports for four years. This twosome tackled football, basketball, and baseball for their honors.

Talent Girls to Enter Basketball Competition

Girl basketball players of Talent high school will enter into competition this year under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Coffin.

Out of the P. E. period practice sessions on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the following teams will be chosen: junior-senior, freshman - sophomore, and all-school.

The participants can earn 10 points towards the Girls' Athletic association.

Girls' Pep Squad Plans Half-Time Drill Show

Talent's first home game with Prospect will find the newly-uniformed Girls' Pep squad drilling before the half-time audience.

This drill is possible because of a recent student council money appropriation for material to make the girls' skirts and the members sewing their own.

The club has already started practicing their formations in preparation for half-time festivities.

Grizzlies Suffer First Loss of Current Season

The Ashland High Grizzlies lost their first basketball game of the 1950-51 season last Friday when they were shaded by Myrtle Point 54 to 53. Their season's record now stands at six won with one loss.

They came back for a victory the next night, however, when they took Coquille for the second time this season, 47 to 40. In the Friday night contest, Myrtle Point was led by the accurate shooting of Al Cunningham and George Dayton who made 25 and 19 points, respectively, for their team. Smith was high for Ashland with 17.

The game was close throughout with the Grizzlies holding onto a 31-27 halftime edge. They couldn't stop the sharpshooting of Cunningham as he poured 'em in the hoop.

The Coquille game found the Grizzlies coming from behind in the fourth quarter, 35 to 31, and roaring ahead with the combination of Dick Smith and Jerry Langer who accounted for 36 of their team's total points. Smith scored 20 and Langer 16.

Ashland's five will get a chance to even its loss from Myrtle Point this Friday when it meets its lone red mark on the local junior high court.

In their first seven games, the Grizzlies have outscored their opponents, 332 to 268. They have averaged 47.4 points a game.

The run-down on the Coquille game follows:

Ashland (47)	Coquille (40)
Langer (16) F	Ostrander (6)
Grossman (2) F	Howe (2)
Smith (29) C	Scalari (7)
Hofswirth (5) G	Swientfurt (2)
Tenney (3) G	Wilson

Subs: Ashland, Fowler (1), Metz, Johnson, Woods, Weitzel; Coquille, Duncan (5), Simpson, Jeub (11), Perry, Robison (1), and Purvis.

Rolly Hartley Undergoes Operation on Injured Knee

Rolly Hartley, Talent hoop star, underwent surgery for the removal of a knee cartilage last week in Medford.

Hartley has repeatedly injured his left knee cap while playing athletics for Talent high. Hartley was supposed to be released late last week from the hospital.

Coach George Bray hopes to have Hartley able to suit up for the county tournament February 22, 23, and 24 when he will be a valuable asset to Talent's hopes for a possible tournament victory.

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L. C. Ostrander New S. P. Agent

L. C. Ostrander, 126 S. Pioneer, has recently become the new Southern Pacific freight and passenger agent for the Ashland depot.

Ostrander succeeds H. H. Mayberry. He has been employed with the railroad lines for 33 years, and has been in the Ashland office since 1937. Prior to coming here he was the agent in Chemult, Ore.

Deputy Collectors To Help Farmers

Deputy collectors from the Portland office of the collector of internal revenue will be at the Ashland city hall January 4 and 5 to aid farmers in preparing their tax statements, according to an announcement from the Portland office.

The deputy collectors will assist in preparing and filing declarations of estimated tax for the calendar year 1950 which must be filed prior to January 31.

They will also be at the federal building in Medford January 12 through 15.

Drivers License Examiner Scheduled Here Monday

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Ashland on Monday, January 8, at the city hall, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay, said Secretary of State Earl Newbry.

Wyant Dairy Herd First for Month

R. L. Wyant, Ashland, was the owner of the highest producing herd in the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association for November, according to the county agent's office.

Wyant's herd of 23 cows gave an average of 42.1 pounds of butterfat. The average cow in the association gave 533 pounds

and 25.9 pounds of butterfat. Maisie, high producer of the herd, gave a total of 1,289 pounds of milk, containing 77.4 pounds of butterfat during the month.

The tenth best cow in the association, Blossom, gave Wyant 828 pounds of milk and 55.2 pounds of butterfat.

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