

Tornado Vies At Roseburg Friday Night

Medford senior high's cagers travel to Roseburg for a non-conference clash with the Indians at 8:15 p.m. Friday and both teams are slated to play each other on the Black Tornado's floor at the same time Saturday evening.

Coach Frank Roelandt has been working his team out each morning this week in preparation for the games with drills held then instead of late in the afternoon because of school being out.

The local coach said his boys looked pretty good for the first few minutes of the game against Central Point last week but then for some unexplainable reason had more than a little difficulty in hitting the basket for points. Medford won the conference game 31-25.

Chances are that the usual lineup of Connie Holzgang and Jack Morris at guards, Don Denman or Don Wilkinson at center and Bob Shores and Larue Smith at forwards will start.

Bob Hamilton Called Scoring Sensation Of Canadian League



Hamilton

Lethbridge, Alta., Feb. 2—(U.P.) Bob Hamilton, former University of Oregon hoop star and coach of Medford high school, was hailed today as the scoring sensation of the nine-team international basketball league.

In 12 games, the wavy-haired, handsome, 27-year-old playing-coach of the Lethbridge Green Acres had tallied 262 points.

His record, however, wasn't proving that he found the Canadian and Montana teams in the loop a push-over. Less than 15 baskets behind him was Kay Jensen, of the Cardston, Alta., squad.

Canadians Rated Good

Hamilton told United Press that "Canadians are every bit as good" as American basketball players.

"The boys in this independent loop," he said, "play a wide-open type of basketball. And when I came up here, I didn't expect such tough competition."

I'm surprised that their playing is so good."

He was just as pleasant a surprise to the people of this town when he came here as coach at the beginning of the season. He was considered one of the top men to work with a local team. And the townspeople liked his expansive personality.

Some Fans Critical

Some basketball fans, however, were critical of him for not playing the Green Acres in the wide-open manner to which southern Albertans are accustomed. They said he built the whole Lethbridge attack around himself and one or two other players on the squad, instead of letting each man play as independently as possible.

"If Hamilton or one of those other fellows were to ever get sick," one sportscaster said, "it'd be tough on the Green Acres."

Hamilton, who intends to return to the University of Oregon next spring to start working towards a master's degree in physical education, said he was not used to the wide-open type of play featured in the international loop, which is composed of three Albertan and six Montana teams.

Average 65 Points

"We score an average of 65 points per game in this league," he said. "And brother, that's a lot."

Hamilton found that Canadian players had "more stamina" than their American counterparts.

"These Canadian kids," he said, "are tall, big, and fast. And where Canadian basketball players have had the proper training, they're every bit as good as those in the States."

Hamilton believed that in the past, Canadians had not been getting the training received by American basketball players "but they're getting it now, and they're coming along."

Played Against Pros

Hamilton's Green Acres have played against American professional teams in exhibition matches and the "team stands up very well against the pros. We've won more than our share of the games."

He said the team would enter the Canadian amateur basketball championship tourney which begins the end of February.

He added that he was tentatively planning to return to the Green Acres next year.

Medford Sports

A Conference Games Dated

Only one Southern Oregon conference-district 4 basketball game will be played in the Medford area Friday night and but a single such game Saturday night, a look at the schedule revealed today. Medford plays non-conference games with Roseburg both evenings.

Friday's conference-district clash will put Eagle Point at Ashland high against the Grizzlies while the Saturday get-together that will count will send Ashland high to Central Point.

Other district-conference week-end games send Kerby to Klamath Falls for Friday's out-of-town tussle and Saturday night Grants Pass has a date at Klamath Falls.

Eagle Point's game at Ashland tomorrow evening should be the best game that night while the clash at Central Point between the Grizzlies and the Pointers should be close.

Name Weber Club Leader

Ed Weber was elected president of the Medford Gun club when directors met last night after the organization's annual dinner meeting and election of directors held at the clubhouse.

About 50 members and guests attended.

Re-elected vice president was Henry Niedermeyer, treasurer was Billy Young and Ed Penne was re-elected secretary for the 19th year. The directors voted to install a new rifle field this year for which materials already are on hand at the club.

At the dinner meeting with President Jim Moore as toastmaster, gun club members heard brief talks by Jim Morris, secretary of the state trapshoot association, and Hank Green, sports editor of the Mail Tribune.

The "blues" team captained by Wilton White which lost the team match Sunday to the "reds" served the dinner.

Eagles Play Ashland Friday, MP Saturday

Eagle Point, Feb. 2—Eagle Point high will travel to Ashland for its Southern Oregon conference-district 4 basketball game Friday night and Myrtle Creek will be at the Eagle Point gym for a J-D-J league game Saturday night.

The Eagles currently are undefeated in the J-D-J conference and are among the leaders in the Southern Oregon conference and district contests also.

OAK GROVE BASKETBALL

Oak Grove school's gym will be the scene of two grade school basketball games Friday when the Grovers play Lone Pine school five starting at 7 p.m. The fifth and sixth grades combine to play at 7 p.m. and the seventh grade quintets will clash starting at 8:15.

Junior High Plays At K.F.

Medford junior high varsity and eighth grade basketball teams travel to Klamath Falls for games Friday starting at 4 p.m. as the two local quintets go out for the second victories of the week and attempt to keep in the running for southern Oregon junior high honors.

Tuesday night the local varsity or ninth grade team defeated Ashland's junior high ninth graders 35 to 29 while the same evening the local eighth grade quintet downed Ashland's 30 to 10 in games played here.

Coaches Mel Boldenow and Chief McLean of the local varsity and eighth grade teams respectively are not taking tomorrow's clashes in Klamath lightly for they saw several weaknesses show up in the games against Ashland despite the local wins.

Klamath always proves a tough foe for the Bulldogs as well as their senior high counterparts and two tough battles are foreseen. There will be no seventh grade game Friday.

Wade Sixth In Scoring

Chico, Cal., Feb. 2—Keith Wade, high-scoring center and captain of Southern Oregon college basketball team, ranks sixth among Far Western conference scorers according to latest official statistics here.

Wade has tallied 36 field goals and 23 free throws from the foul line for 95 points in six games or an average of 15.9 points per game. He ranks sixth in total points scored and third in his average points per game.

John Barger of SOC is eighth in the conference with a 68 point total in six games or 11.3 points per game while Gordon Neidigh of the Red Raiders is 10th with a 53 point total in six games and an 8.8 average.

Donkey Basketball Due Here Wednesday, Feb. 8

Medford will not be without its donkey basketball game this season as the Elks lodge announced today that they will play a team to be announced later in a donkey basketball game Wednesday evening, February 8, at St. Mary's school gym.

These always popular games are full of fun for players and spectators and always draw large turnouts.

Raiders Play Friday Night Ashland Gym

Ashland, Feb. 2—Southern Oregon college basketball team plays Oregon college of Education in the SOC gym Friday and Saturday nights in Oregon Collegiate conference games. Tuesday night the Red Raiders downed Oregon Tech in a conference tilt.

The Red Raiders currently are leading the Oregon Collegiate conference, recently organized league, with six wins and two losses while OTI has three wins and four defeats. Vanport and Eastern Oregon have two victories and two losses, and Oregon college has two victories and five losses.

SOC have won three times and lost twice to Oregon Tech (OTI), taken a pair from Eastern Oregon and splitting a pair from Oregon college (Monmouth).

In Captain Keith Wade the Raiders have one of the four top scorers in the conference and a youth considered by many observers to be one of the finest basketball players who has ever played at the Ashland institution.

Ford Leading Scoring Rush

Several changes in the standings of leading scorers in the Southern Oregon conference were noted today as unofficial statistics put Pat Ford (Grants Pass) in the lead with 44 points in four games for an average of 11 per game so far.

Last week's unofficial statistics gave Eagle Point's Lloyd Hale the lead. This week finds Hale dropped to 11th in the race as he has 32 in four games for an eight average.

Second to Ford is his teammate Vern Craft with 41 points in four games for a 10.3 average and is tied with Pat Simmons, Eagle Point, who has made the same total and similar average.

Dick Smith, Ashland, is next with 37 points in six games, Jack Morris (Medford) was 47 in five games, Jerry Langer, (Ashland) 56 in six games, Tom Schubert (Klamath) 55 in six, Bob Shores (Medford) 45 in five and Mike Trautman is ninth with 43 points in five contests.

Albany Hi Cage Coach Quits Job

Albany, Ore., Feb. 2—(U.P.)—Bob Buchanan, Albany high school basketball coach, has resigned, effective immediately.

Buchanan yesterday submitted his resignation to the Albany school board. He explained: "I feel the division of my time between basketball coaching and my work as head of the biology department and jurisdiction over 200 biology students does an injustice to both activities."

Klamath Superintendent I. R. Halseth said no successor had been named.

Albany's basketball team has a season record of 15 defeats and one victory.

Pointers Slate Home Games Saturday Night

Central Point, Feb. 2—Central Point high's basketball team will travel to Myrtle Creek for a J-D-J conference game Friday evening and will be host to Ashland high in a Southern Oregon conference-district 4 clash Saturday night.

The Pointers have lost but one J-D-J league game and that went to Eagle Point which to date is undefeated in this conference. Central Point has failed to win a game in Southern Oregon conference and district competition so far.

BOWLING

W. Kurth of Werner's Bricklayers team in the Commercial Bowling league took high series and high game honors for individuals last night when the loop bowled at the Medford Bowling lanes. He rolled a 822 high series and 216 high game.

Werner's Bricklayers team won high team series with a 2,510 pinfall and high team game honors with a 909.

LADIES LEAGUE

Audrey Swoope captured individual high series Tuesday night with a 495 when the Ladies' Bowling league rolled at the Medford Bowling lanes, while Lois Leaming's 191 was high individual game for that night's bowling.

Western Thrift store took high team series honors with a 2,142 pinfall and high team game with its 749.

BOXING AT SOC TONIGHT

Ashland, Feb. 2—Southern Oregon college will be host to San Francisco State's boxing team in an intercollegiate team match tonight at the SOC gym with six or seven bouts on the card. The States are rated among the best college boxing teams on the Pacific coast.

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A showing of 1950 lines of Frigidaire household refrigerators, ranges and other products will be held here next week at the Leonard Electric company. It was announced today by Morris B. Leonard. Leonard inspected the new models during a special preview held recently in Portland.

The new refrigerator line includes three distinct types of refrigerators in four series and 10 sizes. Food storage capacities range from 4 to 17 cubic feet.

A new idea has been incorporated into the low-priced electric range design, Leonard said. There are two compact 30-inch "thrifty 30" models equipped with what Frigidaire says are the largest ovens in household ranges. Other new products include food freezers, a dehumidifier, room air conditioners, and specialty items.

Ashland Council To Meet With Copco Men

Ashland, Feb. 2—The Ashland city council has scheduled a meeting for 8 p.m. today with representatives of the California Oregon Power company for discussions regarding possible purchase of Bellview annex power rights. Ashland expects to receive additional revenue if it could control the Bellview area.

The council is also planning meetings with Bonneville Power administration officials to discuss the relative merits of Copco and BPA power on the possibility that Bonneville power might eventually be brought into this region.

CAGE GAME POSTPONED

The Crazy-Swayze vs. Rogue River town basketball tilt slated for tonight at the Rogue River gym has been postponed so members of both teams can view the Globetrotters-AAU all-stars team game tonight at Medford.

Southwest Airways Gives January Figures

Southwest Airways reported today that in January 216 passengers boarded its planes at the Medford airport. No record was available on how many got off here.

The local office said that 644 pounds of mail were put on board Southwest planes here and 873 pounds were received. Express totaled 610 pounds going and 711 coming while freight boarding planes here totaled 3,896 pounds compared with 4,662 pounds received.

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