

5 Lettermen On Crater's Hoop Varsity

Central Point — The Crater high Comets, with a number of bright stars of recent years missing, carry on this season on the basketball court with five lettermen.

Back this year, as the Comets aim for their fourth straight Class A sub-district title, are Vern Parent and Fred Hogue, regarded as regulars in the 1953-1954 campaign, and Jim Higginbotham, a center alternate. The other two lettermen on the squad are Harvey Tonn and Kay Kelley.

Coach Leonard Warren's current varsity crew is rounded out with nine other players, most of them with junior varsity experience. He said that he may make a further cut of his squad but not until after the first tussles of the season.

Non-lettermen now on the varsity are: Nathan Douthitt, John Shama, Bob Gray, Gordon Tidwell, Donn Johnson, Harold Lefler, Don Von Buskirk and Ken Bailey, all with jayvee experience, and Willard Anderson, a senior.

Thirty-eight boys turned out for basketball at the start of practice. Of them about 20 are now on the jayvee squad.

The Comets have no lengthy trips slated this year. They open the season against Glendale at Central Point on December 3 and go to Glendale the following night. Two games each have been scheduled with Grants Pass. Regular season action will find the Crater going against Eagle Point, Phoenix and Illinois Valley in new Rogue League, which has succeeded the JDJ circuit.

The Comets were JDJ co-champs with Illinois Valley and Myrtle Creek last year before winning the sub-district, or Little Six tournament. They won one game and lost two to Grants Pass in the district play-off.

Regulars of last year's club missing are Gordon Carrigan, Larry Bigham and Bob King, who won four letters, and Marvin Bohner and Bill Boye, who picked up three monograms. Other lettermen lost by graduation were Peto Thompson, Gordon Mekvold and Howard Morris. Because of injuries, Mekvold and Morris did not finish the season. Another senior who won three letters, Herb Weber, transferred to a Seattle school in mid-season last year.

Marshfield, Salem Rated Even-Steven

Portland — (U.P.) — Marshfield and South Salem were rated even-steam today as the two prep powers prepared for their title battle in Multnomah stadium here tomorrow night to see who will replace Central Catholic as Oregon's A-1 high school champion.

Both teams are unbeaten, although South Salem was tied 6-6 by Corvallis. South Salem has scored 308 points to 67 for its opponents while Marshfield has rolled up a 300 to 65 advantage over its rivals.

Eugene was the only team each finalist played. South Salem downed the Axemen 18-7 and Marshfield won 30-13.

Top Condition
Coach Pete Susick of Marshfield and Lee Gustafson of South Salem reported their teams in top physical condition for the game. Rain fell in Portland today, making a wet field possible tomorrow night.

Neither team had won a state title, but South Salem is a new school. Marshfield was in the finals in 1950, losing to Grant 12-7.

Two other prep titles will be decided this weekend. St. Helens travels to Vale to decide the A-2 crown Saturday afternoon and Union and Monroe meet at Corvallis Saturday night for the class B 11-man title. Glide is the six-man champion, after defeating Culver last week.

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SPORTS



CHAMPS GET TROPHIES—Everett Kastner, Boys' League president, (left) is shown presenting trophies emblematic of the Medford high school horseshoe championship to Dan and Bruce Kellington. The two brothers were winners of the doubles tournament concluded recently at the senior high. Looking on from rear are Lee Ragsdale (left), physical education supervisor, and Alex McDonald, dean of boys and advisor to the Boys' League.

Stone, McCullough, Jacobs Head Tornado Statistic

Halfback Alton (Rocky) Stone, unanimous all-Southern Oregon Conference choice, led the district champion Medford high Black Tornado in total offense, rushing yardage, rushing average, scoring and pass interception during the 10-game 1954 season.

Quarterback Ed McCullough topped the Tornado in pass completions and pass yardage and shared honors in pass receiving with End Bud Kastner while Fullback Lorin Jacobs, mostly with placekicks, headed in points after touchdowns and did all the team's punting.

Statistics compiled by Joe Raabe, member of the Tornado squad and sportswriter for the high school, showed Stone in front by a wide margin in total offense with 1,103 yards. He gained 869 yards from rushing and averaged 7.62 yards per carry for 114 times with the ball.

Eddie Totals 459

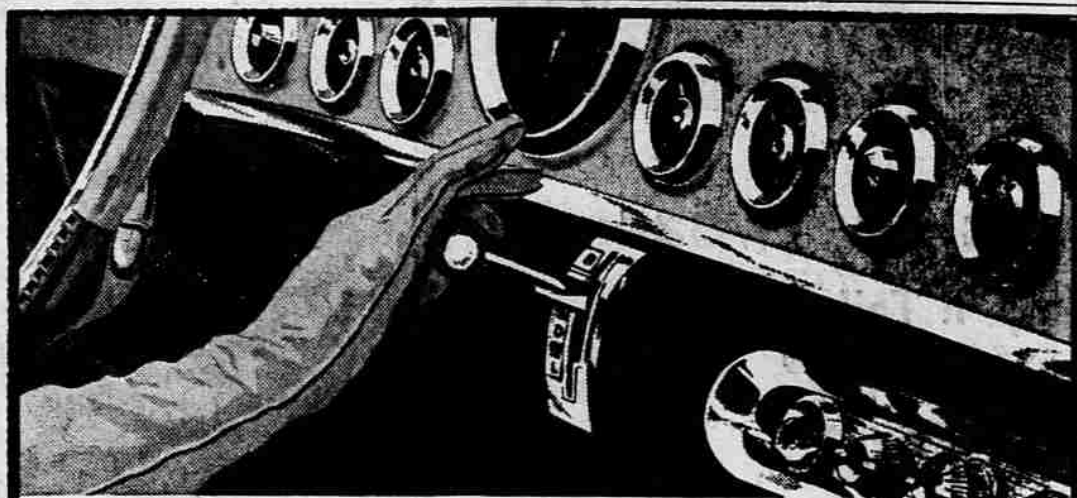
McCullough was runner-up in total offense with 459. Jacobs followed Stone in total ground gaining with 405 yards and among the heavy duty players had second best average with 4.82 for 84 carries. Bron Oglesby had a 4.93 mark for 13 times with the ball and John Bellack 6.25 for four tries. Mike Hawk-

Aschbacher Gets Beavers Honors

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Ron Aschbacher, star Oregon State tackle who has been chosen to play in the Shrine game this season, yesterday was named most valuable OSC player of 1954 by his teammates.

He also won the Otto-Sifton award, which goes annually to the outstanding lineman on the squad chosen by the class of 1912 and the Chrisman trophy for best down-field blocker.

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Fall Intramural Play Progresses At High School

The fall intramural program at Medford senior high school is well under way with a ping pong tournament currently the pivot of interest.

Twenty-four boys are participating in the tournament, the winner of which will receive a trophy donated by the Boys' League. Girls' intramural competition in volleyball and table tennis will start after the Thanksgiving holiday.

A horseshoe tournament already has been held with brothers Bruce and Dan Kellington emerging as school champions. Larry Anderson and Bill Bowling were runners-up.

Boys' League Sponsor

The intramural program at the high school is sponsored jointly by the Boys' League and the physical education department. The Boys' League furnishes trophies and handles the scheduling of contests, while the physical education department formulates official rules and provides the equipment. Contests are played before and after school.

The aim of the program is to provide recreational activities for as many boys as possible, especially for those who do not participate in varsity athletics.

Army, Navy Leaders in Total Yards

New York — (U.P.) — Every attacking weapon in the book will be at the full and expert disposal of both sides when Army and Navy clash in their climax game of the 1954 season at Philadelphia Saturday.

They are one-two in total offense among the nation's major colleges and have compiled an unusual record of versatility, NCAA Service Bureau statistics showed today.

Army has rolled up 459.4 yards a game, an average exceeded only four times in past years and one high enough to practically clinch the 1954 championship. Navy is second with 401.3 Texas Tech Third with 400.7 and Mississippi fourth with 399.

Army is also first in ground attack with 329.1 yards a game rushing, to 316 for Colorado, 298.7 for defending champion Oklahoma and 292.2 for Texas Tech. Navy is ninth in the department with 268.3.

Both Army and Navy are the only teams in the country ranking among the leaders in passing as well as in rushing. Navy is 10th, averaging 133 yards a game, Army 12th with 130.3.

Balance Shown

Furthermore, Army is at record levels in two pass departments, yards-per-try and yards-per-completion, a tremendous proof of balance for the No. 1 rushing team. And the Cadets are also on the verge of the second best yards-per-play record for total offense ever compiled.

And to top it off, both naturally rank high in scoring. Army's 33.9 points-a-game mark is the fourth best in the country, Navy's 32 is seventh best. The passing leader, however, is Purdue, and it seems likely to hold on to its honors. It finished with 177.3 yards a game to California's 172.

UCLA, which finished its nine-game season unbeaten and untied, is the undisputed scoring leader of 1954 at the moment and extremely unlikely to be caught. With 367 points, the Uclans averaged 40.8 a game. Second place Arizona has 381.

BOUT POSTPONED

Tokyo, Japan — (U.P.) — Tonight's world flyweight championship bout between champion Yoshio Shirai of Japan and challenger Pascual Perez of Argentina has been postponed until Friday night because of rain.



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