

Ashland May Use Random Attack in Tilts With Black Tornado on Friday, Saturday

A random running and shooting attack may be the method by which the Ashland high grizzlies will try to spill the high-riding Medford Black Tornado this week-end as the second half of the basketball slate gets underway in the Southern Oregon Conference.

That was the possibility as the two clubs did their final tuning today for engagements Friday at the Hedrick gym here and Saturday on the Ashland senior high floor.

Stuart Baker, one of the Grizzlies big men, has missed two practices this week because of illness and may see only spot duty, Coach Al Simpson said this morning. With Baker on the sidelines Simpson said it is possible that his club may rely on the speed of its smaller, quick, sharp shooting cagers and try a hard-running, driving game. Two Big Men

Ashland's probable line-up includes two big men, Gene Parent and Phil Swind, both of whom have been coming along rapidly in scoring and rebounding in recent weeks. The smaller men are Dave Woods, Harry Johnson and Lance Locke with Jack Eberhart the No. 6 man and slated to see quite a bit of service. Johnson is back after being benched for a week after the Grizzly trip to Klamath Falls.

Simpson reported that his

Grizzlies were coming along fine until last week-end when they lost scrapes to the Southern Oregon college junior varsity and the Yreka, Calif., quint. The mentor figured the collegians stronger but was not too happy over the Miner mix. Efforts this week have been aimed at getting Ashland back on the beam. The

Ashlanders are largely a veteran club with Swind, Parent, Johnson and Baker all regulars last season.

Medford's Black Tornado surprised a lot of fans by sweeping through its first six conference scuffles without a setback. The crew is in the best position of the four loop members to go on

to the title and it proved its ability in the first round. However, it expects its opposition to be improved and tougher in the second time around. Ashland is not regarded as an exception.

Medford Hobbled

And Medford has its own sickness and injury woes. Neil Plumley who sprained an ankle against Roseburg last Saturday was outstanding with the squad last night but can't run or jump on his injured limb. Coach Frank Roelandt remarked that the ankle is going to have to make a quick recovery if Plumley is to play against Ashland.

Dick Copple, who has been on the sick list, probably will be on hand for duty but his action could be limited. His only drills this week have been light. An ankle injury still bothers Larry Perkins.

Roelandt said about a Tornado starting line-up Friday, "I don't know. It depends on a lot of things. The possibilities are Lloyd Cearley, Bob Tisdell, John Foust, Dick McLoughlin and Copple. Ed Reinking could be in Copple's spot."

Jayvee teams will play at 6:45 p.m. with varsity action about 8:15 p.m.

Grants Pass plays at Klamath Falls this week-end in other conference rivalry.

Hedrick Nips McLoughlin Wrestlers

Hedrick junior high defeated McLoughlin 28 to 25 yesterday in an intracity wrestling bout at the Hedrick gym.

The Hornet matmen won six of the bouts while McLoughlin grabbed five.

Hedrick's Jim Hutchens reportedly turned in one of the outstanding performances of the afternoon only to be pinned in the final seconds of the last round by McLoughlin's Clenton Gardner. Another top bout saw McLoughlin's Ron O'Neil put up a hard fight for three rounds before losing a 7 to 2 decision to Merle Hutchens.

Match results were: 94 pounds—Shuler, H. pinned Funk, M.; 97—M. Hutchens, H. dec. O'Neil, M.; 109—Joyce, H. pinned Johnston, M.; 115—Fowler, H. pinned Rex, M.; 118—Cook, H. pinned McGrew, H.; 125—Gardner, M. pinned J. Hutchens, H.; 142—McCullum, M. pinned Duprey, H.; 150—Sieg, H. pinned Medcalf, M.; 160—Hobbs, H. pinned Pathman, M.; 170—Heath, M. pinned Pinwell, H.

Combined ninth grade team of the two Medford junior highs will oppose Grants Pass in the Hedrick gym next Wednesday.

Tornado 4th On AP Poll

Medford high's Southern Oregon Conference-leading cage contingent ranked fourth in the Associated Press poll this week, receiving the same ranking by the newsmen and sportscasters that the coaches gave it in the Oregon Journal ratings.

Eugene, defending state champion, was unanimous AP selection for the top position this week. Jefferson and Franklin of Portland followed in that order, the same as they did in the Journal poll.

Marshfield was fifth AP choice.

	Points
1. Eugene (14-2)	150
2. Jefferson (13-2)	123
3. Franklin (12-3)	111
4. Medford (13-4)	78
5. Marshfield (10-7)	73
6. Pendleton (11-3)	67
7. Milwaukie (10-4)	52
8. Milton-Freewater (10-4)	52
9. Beaverton (11-2)	33
10. Bend (11-6)	24

Pettit's Bucket Wins for Hawks

By UNITED PRESS

A last-second tap-in goal had the double effect today of helping Bob Pettit regain the scoring lead in the National Basketball association and extending the St. Louis Hawks' winning streak to nine games.

Pettit slapped the ball in just as the final gun sounded in the opening game of Wednesday night's twin bill at Rochester to give the Hawks a 111-110 victory over the Boston Celtics. Bob Cousy's hook shot with five seconds to play had put Boston ahead and seemingly clinched the game.

In other games, the New York Knickerbockers downed the Rochester Royals, 102-97, and the Minneapolis Lakers drubbed Fort Wayne, 106-82.

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St. Mary's, Talent Have Crucial Mix

Talent high's defending champion hoopers will be out Friday night to take advantage of what looms as their last remaining chance to stay in the running for the 1956 Jackson County B League championship. But the odds will be in favor of the desperate Bulldogs.

Talent will be host to the unmarried loop leading St. Mary's Crusaders. In other league games Prospect will vie at Jacksonville and Butte Falls at Rogue River.

Victory is needed by the second-place and once-beaten Bulldogs to tie St. Mary's for the loop lead and to likely force a playoff off. If the Crusaders of Medford win, they'll virtually clinch the pennant. Their remaining two games will be against league tail-enders.

But Talent is tough on its home floor and the record shows it. In the last three seasons the Bulldogs have lost only one game on their own court and no Jackson B team has been able to beat them there in that time. The one loss was to Powers by one point last season and the Bulldogs came back the following night to make up for it.

Not Too Pleased

Coach George Bray, however, has not been too pleased with his club this week and he indicated that there could be some changes in starters. He did say the Bulldogs should be in top shape physically. Bray as of last night listed the usual starters, Jack Barrett, Ray Weinhold, Gary Combs, Mel Wallace and Bob Hoffman. But he reported that Fred Helm is pushing for a guard berth, Jerry Baer is looking good as a forward and Eldon McGarity is improved at center.

For the Crusaders Coach Milard Webb said that the starters more than likely will be Gerald Darland, John Walsh, Tony Miksche, Laval Meunier and Dick Paup. In contrast to Bray, Webb said his squad is "looking pretty good." There have been a few colds but the club should be ready to go. Miksche's injured ankle is "coming along fine."

Webb had a light shooting drill for the Crusaders yesterday afternoon and called them back for heavier work last night.

Jayvee fray at Talent will be at 6:30 p.m.

Rogue River Open For Several Days For Steelhead

Portland —(U.P.)— Week end fishing report for Oregon streams as prepared by the State Game Commission:

SOUTHWEST: Steelhead angling in the Millicoma river poor to fair. Striped bass angling in Isthmus slough fair. Steelhead angling on the Coquille river good to excellent. Water about right in depth but is still a little murky. Best area between Norway and Powers.

Slight warm up of the weather created some improvements in steelhead fishing in the Illinois and Applegate rivers. Some fishermen were disappointed but others hooked an occasional steelhead.

Eggs Catch Fish

Waters not low but they are extremely clear. Greatest success with use of light tackle. Cluster eggs in deep water holes or lures on the ripples are best.

Rogue river below the mouth of the Applegate to open Saturday through Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Boat fishing in the lower North Umpqua river good. Bank fishing on the lower South Umpqua fair. If warmer weather holds, success of bank anglers should increase and success of boat anglers decrease.

DUCK GRAPPLERS TIED

Eugene —(U.P.)— Oregon and Portland State wrestling teams grappled to a 16-16 draw at McArthur court last night, ending an Oregon winning streak of nine.

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Schedule for Medford Gun Club Through June Announced by Peck

Activities at Medford Gun club through June have been announced by President Bert Peck.

First major event coming up is the sixth annual Early Spring shoot, a Pacific International Trapshooting association registered event on February 25 and 26.

Other main shoots here will be a special skeet and 16-yard team tourney on March 4, a pre-Easter ham tussle on March 25, southern zone registered competition on April 7 and 8, merchandise affair on May 13, a skeet event on May 20 and Mail Tribune registered tourney on June 2 and 3.

In addition Medford shooters will compete every Sunday, March 4 through April 22 in the Oregon Journal telegraphic tourney.

Shooting schools are set for March 10 and May 5.

Next Sunday, February 12, gunners will fire the Ed Pease handicap and have 16-yard and skeet practice. This program is to be repeated on March 18 and May 6. However, the Pease rivalry will be staged any time there are 10 or more shooters wishing to enter.

Shoots Elsewhere

Skeet, 16-yard, handicap and doubles events are set for February 19 and practice is planned March 11. The traps will be open on April 1, Easter. On April 15 there will be a 50-bird skeet tussle and 16-yard and doubles practice.

Practice is planned on May 27 and again on June 17.

Shoots elsewhere which will

All-Indian Cage Tourney Planned

Chiloquin, Ore. —(U.P.)—The committee planning the nation's only all-Indian basketball tournament said here today that at least 12 tribes were expected to participate in the annual affair scheduled for March 14-17 this year.

John Heilbronner of the Klamath reservation junior chamber of commerce said invitations were being sent to all Indian reservations in the nation to participate in the event set for the spring vacation.

He said recruitment of players from Indian teams throughout the Klamath basin had already begun for the preliminary games.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Souchak Choice In Tucson Open

Tucson, Ariz. —(U.P.)—Burly Mike Souchak, Grossingers, N.Y., and defending champion Tommy Bolt, Chattanooga, Tenn., pitted their records against a list of the nation's top professionals today in the first round of the Tucson Open.

The first round began this morning on a rain-soggy El Rio Country Club course. The 72-hole \$10,000 tournament will continue through Sunday.

With Cary Middlecoff, Dallas, home finishing up a book on golf, Souchak was regarded as Duke footballer finished second the man to beat. The former to Middlecoff in last week's Phoenix Open.

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