

Crater Gains A-2 Division Hoop Diadem

Comets Nick Pirate Five In Tourney

Central Point — Crater high school's Comets, who started slowly but have come along well in late season, wore the District 6 A-2 southern division basketball crown today and eyed their chances in the play-off for the overall district diadem and a state tourney trip to Salem.

The Comets, runners-up in the Rogue league during the regular season, nudged the conference champion Phoenix Pirates 55 to 54 in a tight, tense, lulu of a battle down to the final buzzer here Saturday night in the sub-district tourney final. Seesaw finish of the ruckus saw the Crater crew go on top with less than 1 3/4 minutes to play and

a pair of free tosses for a five point 49 to 44 Comet spread. Seconds later Crater's Fred Herrmann went out with his fifth personal and Korth made two gift points. Charles Wall swished a long shot and Brood bounded in for two points, driving off a jump ball for a Phoenix lead of 50 to 49. Douthit sank another brace in his six free shots of the quarter and Crater led 51 to 50. Ther Madden got the ball out of a melee under the hoop and gave Phoenix its last lead at 52 to 51.

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SPORTS

UCLA Californians Set Up Showdown Scuffles in PCC

for a 69-59 Saturday night win. Oregon State had to stave off a desperate Idaho second half flourish to pick up that Saturday night win, though. The Beavers carried a 39-9 halftime bulge into the second period, built it into a 45-12 margin, then settled back to watch Idaho whittle away at the difference until the final gun when only 10 points separated the two clubs.

Bob Allord sparked the Beaver cause with 27 points and also took the game's scoring honors. Oregon entertains the upset-minded Cougars of Washington State next week end.

By UNITED PRESS
UCLA and California set the stage for the showdown battle in the Pacific Coast Conference next week end as both the Bruins and the Golden Bears sailed through two-night stands over the week end with nothing worse to show for it than a mild scare.

UCLA, leading the pack with a 12-won and 0-lost slate, twice took the measure of Oregon at Los Angeles, routing the Ducks 97-71 Friday and then following with a conference record breaking 108-89 win in Saturday's TV showing.

Oregon State gets a rest this week end after its split series with Idaho last week end. The Vandals surprised the Beavers with a 58-55 decision Friday night but Oregon State was back

lead there in the final heart-pounding moments. Phoenix was in the running until the final second of the game.

Victory qualified the Comets to meet either Myrtle Creek or Coquille next week end in a two-out-of-three series for the A-2 district bunting. The Vikings and Red Devils knotted in their regular northern division slates with 10-2 records and vie Tuesday night at Roseburg.

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Cummings Agency 16 1/2
Ginn's Flower Shop 13 20
Grabow's Jewelry 11 22
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MYRTLE POINT BUCKS COP AAU DISTRICT BASKETBALL BANNER

Rogue River — The Myrtle Point Bucks, spurred by Jack Orr, won the Southern Oregon district AAU championship in basketball here last night.

Skeets tavern of Klamath Falls 85 to 79. Score was tied 15 times in the final game. Last deadlock was at 75-all. Joe Martinka and Ross Pinkley put the Bucks on top with field goals and Don Reese came back with one for Rogue River. Orr got two free shots to round out the scoring.

Myrtle Point 84
Lewellen 6
Martinka 12
Hamack 23
Orr 33
Couts 6
Substitutions — For Myrtle Point: Miller, Pinkley 4, Walton; for Y.M.C.A.: Slinger, Niles, Newton 2, Rodgers, Weber 5, Johnson 6.

Y.M.C.A. 84 to 83 Saturday in a double overtime semi-final here while Rogue River tripped

Orr, ex-Oregon Stater also headed the Bucks against Y.M.C.A. with 33 counters while Bob Serak got 27 for the Y. A tip-in by Orr with 10 seconds to go in the second overtime gave the MP five the win. Score at the end of regular playing time was 67-all and the clubs were locked at 73-each at the close of the first extra period.

Rogue River 83
Reese 14
Heater 25
Clark 10
Dimick 10
Hatfield 8
Substitutions — For Rogue River: Bean 10, Biggers 2, Stanfield 5, Johnson, Black, Frantz, Brown; for Skeet's: Hi Hatfield.

MH Jayvees Rally to Tip Grants Pass

Medford high junior varsity basketballers came from 12 points behind in the third quarter to overcome the Grants Pass Jayvees 55 to 51 Saturday night at Grants Pass in the season finale for both clubs.

With the win the junior Tornado ended its campaign with a bright 18-win 2-loss record.

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Grants Pass headed at all the intermissions Saturday, 20 to 11, 33 to 25 and 41 to 39. The Medfordites tied up the game with 2 1/2 minutes to go. GP went back in front then Medford took the lead and the score was once more tied before the Tornado got on top to stay. Medford used ball control to get the lead.

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College of Idaho, with an 80-72 win over Whitman Friday night at Caldwell, grabbed off the conference crown for the second consecutive year. Coupled with the Coyote win were a pair of Linfield losses to Lewis and Clark and Pacific fell before Willamette.

Lewis and Clark, a late starter this year, twice downed Linfield, Friday night by a 79-71 count and Saturday by a margin of 80-73.

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Mullen 2
Hansen 9
Russell 20
Puhl 5
Perry 2
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Pacific and Willamette met only Saturday night with the Bearcats taking the measure of the second place Badgers with a 67-60 decision.

Linfield and Willamette are both out of the running for the conference toga but a great deal could hinge on the outcome of Tuesday night's finale.

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A win for Linfield would move them into a tie for second place in the standings while a loss for the Wildcats would put them in a tie with Lewis and Clark for third spot.

Up for consideration are berths in the coming four-team NAA tourney. Pacific, as runner-up in the league will take one of the spots undoubtedly, but should Linfield lose to Willamette, the Pioneers of Lewis and Clark could be in contention for a bid to the tourney that already has Portland State and the University of Portland in it.

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Betsy Rawls Winner In Women's Open Golf

Sarasota, Fla. — (U.P.) — Betsy Rawls, who survived a shaky finish to score a one-stroke victory, and gallant Babe Zaharias, were the big winners in the Women's Open Golf tournament run for "the Babe's" cancer fund.

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Miss Rawls, sandy-haired lass from Spartanburg, S.C., earned \$900 for the three-over-par 291 for 72 holes that gave her first place.

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Betty Dodd of San Antonio, Tex., wound up in second place with a 292 total.

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Herrmann tallied at short range for a Comet edge of 42 to 41. But Wallace got one gift to knot the count and another to make it 43 to 42 for Phoenix seconds before the quarter ended.

Wallace Scores
Madden, a big scoring threat of the Pirates, was held to three field goals as Herrmann and Callender had the job of guarding him in the Comet combination zone and man-to-man defense.

That strategy, however, loosed Wallace and the driving Phoenix forward got eight field goals. He added five free heaves and was high man for the night with 21 points.

Herrman and Douthit each had 14 for Crater, Douthit getting eight free markers. Korth got 13 points for Phoenix, seven from the charity stripe.

Crater charts showed the Comets with 43 to 27 command in backboarding and with a 4.17 field shooting average. Gray plucked 16 rebounds and Callender nine. Phoenix had a 16 for 23 night at the free line and Crater shot 15 for 24. The Comets hit 20 shots from the field and Phoenix 19.

Three in Five
Victory wasn't exactly an upset for Crater. The Comets have beat Phoenix in the last three of five games this season. The tourney championship brought the Crater season record to 11 wins and 11 losses. Phoenix wound up the campaign with an impressive 20 triumphs against four setbacks, the last of which was bitter to take.

A big first quarter and George Plumlee's and Dennis Kennedy's shooting from the free line were features of the Illinois Valley win over Eagle Point. The Cougars got a 21 to 7 bulge in the opening canto. They sagged and the Eagles got going better after that. EP picked away at the IV lead through most of the rest of the game and almost but not quite caught up.

Plumlee made an amazing 20 out of 23 free shots and Kennedy sank 10 for 13. For the night Plumlee had a total of 24 points. Gary Foran of Eagle Point was second high with 16. Kennedy and Plumlee with thirty gifters between them had the major role in a 37 out of 46 night for IV at the free stripe. Eagle Point hit 13 for 24 but outshot the Cougars from the field 20 to 11.

Two-Point Difference
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