



**PLAY FOR DISTRICT TOGA**—The Crater high Comets, above, who claimed the southern division basketball crown last week end, go after the District 6 A-2 laurels when they play Coquille on Friday night at Coquille and on Saturday night at Central Point. Prize is a berth in the A-2 state tournament at Salem. Kneeling in the picture are, left to right,

Manager Don Chitwood, Mel Marsh, Wayne Allen, Don Goyette, Fred Herrmann and George Juveland. Standing, from left are Coach Leonard Warren, Harold Lefler, Nathan Douthit, Dick Callender, Dick Davis, Neil Green, Gordon Tidwell and John Shama. A regular not shown is Bob Gray.

# Crater, St. Mary's Contend For District Cage Pennants

Crater high of Central Point and St. Mary's of Medford will try tonight and Saturday evening for victories that would mean a Jackson county sweep of prep district basketball championships in southern Oregon this season.

Crater will oppose Coquille for the District 6 A-2 crown while St. Mary's will encounter in a series for 5B laurels. Medford has already claimed the District 6 A-1 banner.

The crippled Comets of Crater vie at Coquille this evening and host the Red Devils at Central Point on Saturday. Medford's parochial Crusaders battle Malin both nights at Southern Oregon college in Ashland. The tussles are set for 8 p.m. on the courts involved.

Despite their physical ills, the Comets have shown much spirit this week and they have been hot in practice.

**Paup Hobbled**

Possible Coquille starters are Don Nelson and Tom Creager or Leroy Ames at forwards, Howard Waggoner at center and Leroy Sargent and Jack Liles at guards.

Coach Millard Webb gave his St. Mary's Crusaders a rest yesterday. They didn't work out at all. Only ailing member of the Medford team is Dick Paup, who hurt an ankle early in the week. He should be all right to play, according to Webb.

Those likely to open action for SM are John Walsh and Gerald Darland at forwards.

Herrmann missed practice two days this week. He has throat trouble from flu and a cold and was to have a doctor's check this morning to determine whether he should go to Coquille.

Nathan Douthit turned his ankle Wednesday but should be able to play some. Bob Gray is under the weather from sinus trouble. Herrmann and Shama have old foot sprains troubling them, Harold Lefler has a bum ankle and Dick Callender a bad knee. If they're able, Coach Leonard Warren probably will start Herrmann and Shama at forwards, Gray at center and Douthit and Lefler at guards with Callender and Don Goyette to see much action.

Crater will follow 7 p.m. preliminaries on the college court.

**Could Play Monday**

If the clubs split in Friday-Saturday part of the best two of three play-offs, Monday games are planned. Site of the A-2 fust is not settled but the B's would move to a Klamath county court.

All of the probable Crater starters have been on the sick or hobbled list this week. Fred

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# Nats Widen Lead Over Knick Quint

By UNITED PRESS

The Syracuse Nationals opened up a two-game lead over the New York Knickerbockers in the Eastern Division race of the National Basketball association today while only one and one-half games separated the last three teams in the tight Western Division race.

With only two weeks left in the regular NBA season spirited battles are expected for the play-off spots. Only the first three teams in each division will compete in the post-season playoffs.

The Nats, paced by Dolph Schayes and Johnny Kerr with 23 and 22 points, respectively, led all the way in downing the second-place Boston Celtics 111-100.

**Hopes Alive**

The last-place Rochester Royals kept alive their hopes in the Western Division by defeating the St. Louis Hawks, 95-94, and a pair of free throws by Slater Martin with only two seconds left to play enabled the Minneapolis Lakers to defeat the Philadelphia Warriors, 102-100, Thursday night.

Minneapolis is in second place in the Western Division, one game ahead of the Hawks and one and one-half in front of the Royals. The Lakers and Hawks have 10 games left to play, while Rochester has only five.

Both the Knicks and Nats have eight games to go and meet each other only two more times.

In tonight's games, all at Boston, New York meets Fort Wayne and Minneapolis plays the Celtics.

# BOWLING

**ROGUE VALLEY LEAGUE**

Kliever's Machine Shop took four games from Seven Up Thursday night to increase their lead in the Rogue Valley Bowling league to eight games over second place Star Body Works. Bud Van Hoy took all the honors, with a 559 series and a 207 game.

Standings:	W.	L.
Kliever's Machine Shop	27	5
Star Body Works	19	13
U. S. National Bank	18	14
City Hall	17	15
Pine Tree Market	17	15
Andy's Jewelers	17	15
State Forest Patrol	16	16
Seven Up	12	20
Darrell Miller	9 1/2	22 1/2
Lorenz Co.	7 1/2	24 1/2

Results:	W.	L.
Pine Tree	4	1
D. Chapman	3	2
H. Zeber	3	2
B. Jenkins	3	2
F. Chapman	2	3
D. Kreez	2	3

City Hall	W.	L.
O. McNeel	4	1
N. Dow	4	1
G. Brown	3	2
A. Brown	3	2
J. Compagnoni	3	2
Handicap	3	2

Miller Co.	W.	L.
J. Haven	4	2
D. Tremblay	4	2
H. Wyatt	4	2
G. Cox	4	2
Kramer	4	2
Handicap	4	2

U. S. Bank	W.	L.
S. Doty	4	2
E. Humphrey	4	2
Rader	4	2
F. Eastwood	4	2
P. Shafer	4	2
Handicap	4	2

Star Body	W.	L.
A. Bohannon	4	2
D. Graham	4	2
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Seven Up	W.	L.
K. Shaw	4	2
D. Costes	4	2
D. Schlachter	4	2
L. Morgan	4	2
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**HOT TEARS FLOW** as Chubby Roy Campanella (left), Dodger catcher, watches slim Johnny Podres pour honey over big stack of hot cakes during spring training at Brooklyn's Vero Beach, Fla., camp. Campy's on a diet. (International)

# West Mat Meet Attracts Teams

Oakland, Calif. —(U.P.)— The 27th annual Far Western Wrestling tournament will be held today and tomorrow with 100 grapplers competing from San Diego to Washington.

The Olympic Club holds the team championship but could be stripped of it by either the Multnomah A. C. of Portland, Ore., San Jose State, Oregon or the 11th Naval District from San Diego.

Olympic rules and collegiate weights will be in force.

# RAMS SIGN TACKLES

Los Angeles —(U.P.)— Three giant tackles have signed 1956 contracts with the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League. They are Maury Woolford, 240, of Louisville; Tom Jones, 270, of Miami of Ohio, and Charles Dees, 268, of Trinity of Texas and McNeese State of Louisiana.

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**Saturday Night 8 p.m.**

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**Bailey Leaves For Indoor Run**

Eugene —(U.P.)— Jim Bailey, Oregon's ace distance runner and the NCAA mile champion last year as a sophomore, left here yesterday for the 37th annual Knights of Columbus games in New York Saturday night.

Bailey will be making his first race on an indoor track. He ran three-quarters of a mile in 3:02 this week, two seconds faster than he has done previously.

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