COQUILLE DISTRICT 6 A-2 HOOP CHAMPION

Devils Trip Crater High Quint 66-58

Central Point — Coquille high parlayed hotter shooting, adept ballhawking, sharper, surer ballhandling and steadier action in the final clutch into victory over the Crater Comets here last night and today celebrated its first state basketball tournament berth since 1934.

The Red Devils of the southwestern Oregon coastal sector fought back into control after a surging Crater rally in the third quarter, pushed into an eight-point advantage in the final stanza and held on with a slow-down offense to defeat a stubborn-yielding Comet quintet 66 to 58.

It was the third and deciding conflict in a two-out-of-three play-off for the District 6 A-2 championship. For Coquille it means a trip to the first Oregon Class A-2 prep cage tournament at Salem. For Crater it was the final appearance in basketball as an A-2 school.

The Devils will play winner of tonight's District 4 tussle between Sandy and Molalla in Monday's opening state tourney round.

All-Out Effort Needed

Coquille had to go all-out for its triumph against a Crater aggregation which fought its heart out all the way. The Red Devils had to overcome Crater leads six times in the fracas, three times in the first period and three again in the third.

But the northern division titlists, after seeing their 53 to 50 third quarter edge narrow to 53 to 52 and 55 to 54, got a free shot by Tom Creager, two field buckets by sharpshooting Don Nelson and another goal by Leroy Sargent for a 62 to 54 spread over Crater with 3¾ minutes left to play. That about did it.

The Devils turned to a ball control the rest of the way and, while the Comets got possession of the ball on a number of occasions, they couldn't bounce back sufficiently to make up the deficit. A shot by Bob Gray of Crater made it 62 to 56. John Shama dribbled in under the hoop in the last minute for the Comets' concluding goal.

Comets Rouse In Third

Most stirring action of the battle for the home fans was in the third canto, when the Comets made a terrific comeback and outplayed the Devils for most of the quarter but saw their efforts erased principally by the radar-like long range shooting of Coquille's Nelson.

Crater went into the period lagging 28 to 37. Don Goyette sliced it to 30 to 37 with a howitzer but Howard Waggoner hooked for a bucket and Nelson tabulated on a feed for an 11-point 41 to 30 Devil bulge. That's when the Comets went to work.

Dick Callender hit a long range cast, Gray scored on a rebound and Shama scored on a steal under the hoop for 36 to 41. Waggoner broke the spell momentarily with two gifters but Shama got a singleton and Callender a tip-in for 39 to 43. Creager got a brace at the free throw line for Coquille. Then Fred Herrimann got a lone free point, Gray connected on a rebound, Callender on two free tries and Goyette on one to tie up the game at 45-all with 2½ minutes left in the quarter. It was the first tie count since late in the first period.

Crater Leads

Herrmann dribbled in under to give the Comets a 47 to 45 lead. Nelson came back with the first of three long howitzers from the left side of the court. An interception and break enabled Goyette to score for a Comet edge of 49 to 47 but Nelson evened the game. Goyette got a free heave for 50 to 49 but Nelson retaliated from afar to put Coquille on top for keeps at 51 to 50. Leroy Ames hit from in close off some good ball work and the Devils had their quarter-end 53 to 50 standing.

Shama got the Comets off to a quick start with two baskets in the opening minute of the tussle and with 3¼ minutes played Crater had a 9 to 2 lead. The Devils rose after that with the help of a steal and an interception and rallied to go ahead 12 to 9. Crater got the lead at 13 to 12, Coquille took it back at 14 to 13, the game was tied at 14-all and Crater regained leadership at 16 to 14.

Sargent's long shot tied up the scrape and two free tosses by Waggoner and a fielder by Sargent gave the Red Devils a 20 to 16 period margin.

Wide Devil Bulge

In the second quarter Coquille advanced to an 11-point gap of 29 to 18 but Crater cut the spread to 33 to 28. Waggoner's hook shot and Ames' bucket from side midcourt made it 37 to 28 at the half.

Sargent and Gray of the opposing factions shared scoring honors with 18 each. Nelson got 16 markers and Shama 15. Coquille hit 25 out of 61 field attempts for a healthy .410 average while Crater made 20 for 64 for .313. Crater shot 18 for 23 at the gift stripe and Coquille 16 for 22. Rebounding the game was almost even. Crater picked off 43 and the Red Devils 41.

Lost balls on both passing and dribbling hurt the Crater offense and the Red Devils with livelier reflexes and speed took advantage of their opportunities frequently.

BOX:

Coquille	FG	FT	PF	TP
Nelson, f	7	2	1	16
Ames, f	4	0	3	8
Waggoner, c	3	4	0	10
Liles, g	3	3	4	9
Sargent, g	8	2	3	18
Creager	0	5	3	5
Totals	25	16	14	66

Crater	FG	FT	PF	TP
Herrmann, f	2	2	2	6
Shama, f	7	1	4	15
Gray, c	5	8	2	18
Douthit, g	0	1	1	1
Lefler, g	1	0	1	2
Callender	3	4	1	10
Goyette	2	2	2	6
Totals	20	18	13	58

Lincoln, Pendleton Grab Tourney Berths

By UNITED PRESS

Four state high school basketball tournament berths were gobbled up last night but still two remain to be settled tonight, one in each the A-1 and the A-2 fields.

Newest entrants in the A-1 tournament which opens in Eugene next Tuesday were Lincoln of Portland, Milwaukie and Pendleton.

Lincoln, ending the season in a third place deadlock with Washington, handed the Colonials a 63-58 setback last night. The Cardinals will meet Central Catholic in the opening game of the 16-team tournament Tuesday night.

Baker Beaten

Pendleton tipped Baker, 62-50, last night to take the number two spot from district seven. First opponent in tourney action for the Buckaroos will be defending champion Eugene.

Milwaukie captured the other A-1 spot that was up for takers last night, edging by Gresham 45-44 in a battle that wasn't won until the final three seconds when Ron Bettnar sank a jump shot.

In A-2 action, Coquille took its rubber game from Crater, 66 to 58, to move into the A-2 tourney which opens in Salem Monday.

Sandy and Molalla battle tonight for the only remaining vacancy in the eight-team A-2 meet. Only A-1 decider yet to be played will match Cottage Grove and North Salem at Roseburg tonight.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

AFTERNOON TILTS OPEN 'B' PREP HOOP RUCKUS

Baker—(U.P.)—The little brothers in Oregon prep circles stole the spotlight in the state today as the 20th annual Class B tourney opened here. Eight teams, comprising the cream of the crop from the state's eight elimination districts, all swung into action in opening round games.

First game on the schedule sent Elgin against Jefferson this afternoon. Elgin was making its third tourney appearance in the last four years while Jefferson was in its first tournament appearance.

Malin, runnerup in last year's meet, tangled with Sisters in the afternoon's second game.

Knappa Back

Defending state Class B champion Knappa is back to defend its crown, meeting Elkton in the first round at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Knappa has been at the state classic six of the past seven years while Elkton makes its first appearance.

Windup on the opening day's program sends Echo against Brownsville at 8:45 o'clock tonight. Echo was the state champion in 1953 when it ran up a 30-game winning streak over the year.

Malin carries the best overall record into the tourney, going in with a 23-won and 1-lost count. Elkton lost only once in 22 starts and Jefferson fell twice in 27 appearances. Two clubs have only three losses on their records, Knappa in 23 outings and Echo in 25. Brownsville has a 22-4 record, Sisters 16-5 and Elgin 21-6.

John Sullivan Gets Split Nod Over Jack Labua

Syracuse, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Middleweight John L. Sullivan of England said today his one-point, split decision over Jackie LaBua Wednesday night was "the first good break I've had in a long time."

Sullivan was awarded the split verdict for the TV-radio 10-rounder with Jackie LaBua of East Meadow, N.Y., only after Chairman Julius Helfand of the New York State Athletic Commission called attention to the fact that one of the official scores had been announced wrong.

Card Rechecked

After the rough fight, the announcer gave Judge Dick Albino's card an even on rounds and even on points, for a draw; but Helfand, who already has inspected the card, asked that it be brought to him for a recheck. The announcer then gave the scoring correctly as 4-4-2 on rounds and 5-4 on points favoring Sullivan.

That "break" gave Sullivan the fight by a one-point margin because Referee Joe Palmer had favored him on rounds, 5-4-1. Judge Ted Shiels favored LaBua on rounds, 5-3-2.

In Wednesday night's bout between the two 23-year-olds, Sullivan forced the fighting throughout and scored the only knockdown in the fifth round.

Philadelphia Eastern Pro Cage Champ

By UNITED PRESS

The Philadelphia Warriors took over today as the new Eastern Division champions of the National Basketball association, while last year's champs, the Syracuse Nationals, continued in a hot battle for a playoff berth.

The Warriors officially wrapped up their title Wednesday night by trouncing the New York Knickerbockers, 108-87, in the first game of a doubleheader at Boston. Second-place Boston scored a 111-99 victory over Syracuse in the night-cap but now trails the Warriors by 5½ games with just five to go.

Lakers Beat Pistons

The Fort Wayne Pistons could have clinched the Western title with a win Wednesday night, but were beaten by Minneapolis, 98-95. In the same division, St. Louis downed Rochester, 96-89, to strengthen its hold on third place.

As a result of the two defeats, Syracuse continued to lead New York by a half-game in the fight for third place in the East, Syracuse with five games left and New York with six.

The victory came close to clinching a playoff berth for St. Louis. The Hawks lead the Royals by four games in the lost column, the Hawks with six to play and the Royals with just two.

Pettit's 28 points also increaed his lead in the scoring race to 38 over Paul Arizin of Philadelphia, who scored 23 Wednesday night. Pettit has the added edge of an extra game to play.

Pensacola Open Tussle Resumed

Pensacola, Fla. — (U.P.) — The professional golf stars returned here today for the first Pensacola Open golf tournament in 10 years and found something new waiting for them—20 new sand traps.

Shelley Mayfield of Westbury, N.Y., winner of the Baton Rouge Open tournament earlier this week; former U. S. Open champion Ed Furgol of St. Louis, Mo.; and former U. S. amateur champion Arnold Palmer of Latrobe, Pa., are among the pro stars on hand.

The Pensacola Open, coming back as a $12,500 event on the tourney trail, was dropped from the tour shortly after World War II. Since then, the sponsors have toughened up the 6,627 yard, par 72 course by the addition of the numerous sand traps.

IN NET SEMI-FINALS

Cairo, Egypt —(U.P.)— Fred Kovaleski of Washington, D. C., beat Giueppe Merlo of Italy, 4-6, 6-2, 10-8, to reach the men's singles semi-finals of the Egyptian Lawn Tennis championships Wednesday while Althea Gibson of New York and Btty Abbas of Egypt gained the women's doubles finals with a 6-0, 6-3 win over Egypt's Mrs. Kinghorn and Miss Eid.

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BOWLING

Gertie Riggs of the Crater Inn Motel had a 211 game and high series of the evening with a 556 in the Women's Classic League. Helen Culy of Morning Fresh rolled the only other 200 game and she had a 206. The Union Club rolled an 824 for high team game and 2320 for high team series.

Standings:	W.	L.
Jorgensen's Dairy	80	32
Medford Feed and Seed	70½	41½
Crater Inn Motel	68	44
Union Club	61	51
Elk Lumber Co.	60	52
Daugherty Lbr. Co.	59	53
Morning Fresh	55½	56½
Kachina Room	54½	57½
Hawkinson's	51	61
Mary's Casa	47	65
Jack's Drive Up	43½	68½
Trail Creek Lbr.	24	88

Results:			
Daugherty Lbr. 3		Crater Inn	1
I. Schroeder	469	A. Gebhart	446
V. Corby	440	B. Minger	439
V. Johnson	426	J. Hampson	420
N. Burroughs	413	T. Farrar	337
L. Leaming	462	G. Riggs	556
Handicap	3		
	2213		2198
Union Club	4	Hawkinson's	0
V. Cummings	472	V. Knox	444
G. Ludwig	469	F. Doty	408
E. Straus	393	P. Mathes	374
T. Tolles	504	L. Rudy	395
M. Clark	482	E. Baker	463
		Handicap	63
	2320		2147
Mary's Casa	1	Kachina Room	3
M. Dyer	391	G. Blind	453
Absentee	372	A. Wilson	391
C. Corwin	406	B. Miller	347
D. Ricks	383	M. Holden	432
V. Blunt	452	V. Findley	478
Handicap	24		
	2028		2101
Jorgensen's	3	Medford Feed	1
C. Lowd	432	M. Little	394
J. Wilson	422	M. Tennant	412
King	375	E. Lenz	427
F. Willett	513	L. Sacchi	428
P. Gardner	509	R. Barr	514
		Handicap	54
	2251		2229
Morning Fresh	1	Trail Creek	3
Absentee	408	K. Smith	440
J. Long	435	A. Elrod	365
S. Beck	373	L. Hale	395
K. Jennings	461	L. Jantzer	480
H. Culy	503	E. Goode	350
		Handicap	168
	2180		2198
Elk Lumber	4	Jack's	0
D.Christianson	486	P. Shama	387
I. Forga	423	B. Doyon	434
F. McDonald	518	V. Coates	389
A. Tamney	418	O. Hall	376
A. Swoape	470	A. Monroe	423
		Handicap	248
	2315		2257

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Valentine's Cafe maintained first place in the Commercial Bowling League with a 2 and 2 split with Crater Lake Motors. Quality Market, Alexander and Brown, and Bates Candy moved closer with series over White City Sales, Morning Fresh, and Olsen's. High team game went to Crater Lake Motors wtih 970 and High series to Alexander and Brown with 2721. Frank Boone and Harold Vessey had 600 series each to take high honors while Stan Straus had high game of 257.

Standings:	W.	L.
Valentine's Cafe	9	3
Quality Market	8	4
Alexander and Brown	8	4
Bates Candy	8	4
Table Rock Lumber	7	5
Morning Fresh	6	6
Mail Tribune	5	7
Dad's Hideaway	5	7
Olsen's Eagle Point	5	7
White City Sales	5	7
Crater Lake Motors	4	8
Courtesy Chevrolet	2	10

Results:			
Morning Fresh	0	A and B	4
Beck	454	Boone	600
Ratty	541	Guldan	509
Shinn	439	Kirk	581
Spain	525	Speer	484
Sacchi	565	Knapp	547
	2524		2721
C L Motors	2	Valentine's	2
Vessey	600	Meyers	548
VanDyke	485	Brooks	462
Chapman	513	Carr	530
Royce	515	Parker	503
Farrar	516	Schneider	480
	2629		2523
Quality Market	3	White City	1
Lubbers	483	Smith	437
Huston	469	Fehl	514
Kyker	457	Bex	514
Henderson	533	Knox	530
Wise	585	Henson	505
	2527		2499
Bates Candy	3	Olsen's	1
Weber	490	Straus	589
Dimick	518	Tresham	458
Grant	414	Olsen	508
Garrett	584	Clave	429
Dixon	539	McNeel	487
	2545		2471
Dad's	1	Table Rock Lbr.	3
Joe Cabler	443	Gardner	591
Jim Cabler	483	Forney	566
Christianson	557	Neece	442
Jack Cabler	472	Freeman	508
Bob Cabler	565	Schroeder	511
	2520		2618
Courtesy Chev.	2	Mail Tribune	2
Barclay	428	Anderson	568
Fetheraton	515	Mathes	409
Wilson	453	Liddell	478
Radzweit	424	Casey	447
Maggenti	463	Spaunhorse	478
	2283		2380

Standings:	W.	L.
Team Three	30	18
Team Four	28½	19½
Team One	23½	24½
Team Six	22	26
Team Two	21	27
Team Five	19	29

Results:			
Team Three		Team Two	
Andy Walker	326	Dick Dopkins	283
S. Wymore	365	Keith Berg	307
D. Williams	341	Dick Orr	342
S. Schroeder	425	Bud Quinney	306
		Handicap	71
	1457		1451
Team Four		Team Five	
Bill Evans	391	Ron. Martin	350
Linda Brooks	376	Ruth Coggins	300
Mike Walker	399	Ernie Tylor	351
Ron Eastgate	324	Jim Ragsdale	298
		Handicap	159
	1490		1558
Team One		Team Six	
Jan. Mathews	376	J. Buchman	331
Rod. Bacon	458	Bob Taylor	336
G. Burroughs	551	Jerry Gatlin	354
		Handicap	90
	1385		1141

Tigers, Zombies Saturday League Hoop Finalists

Timid Tigers and Zombies, No. 1 and No. 2 team, respectively, at the end of regular round robin play, were to vie today for the Saturday recreation basketball league championship of Medford high school.

The Tigers laced the Sleepy Hollow Boys 51 to 32 and the Zombies trimmed the Trojans 43 to 34 in championship playoff semi-finals last week end.

A Saturday 1 p.m. fuss matches Sleepy Hollow and the Trojans for third and fourth place.

Two other Saturday games will be contested. Strokers and Eight Balls mix at 10 a.m. for seventh and eighth place. Fragrant Five and Stompers collide at 11 a.m. for fifth and sixth.

Stompers downed the Strokers 42 to 25 and the Fragrant team won by forfeit from the Eight Balls in semi-finals.

KF, MP Beaten By Medford Club

Medford Gun club members picked up two points in the initial standings of the Oregon Journal Telegraphic trapshoot Sunday by posting better scores than Klamath Falls or Myrtle Point.

The Medford club had a 74 total compared to 73 each for Klamath Falls and Myrtle Point. McMinnville was victor over all three with a 75.

The telegraphic event will continue this Sunday and Medford club will have practice events also. A shooting school is planned at the club on Saturday afternoon.

Singleton, Judson Sign 1956 Seattle Contracts

San Bernardino, Calif.—(U.P.)—Pitchers Elmer Singleton and Howie Judson yesterday signed their 1956 contracts with Seattle.

The signings left pitcher Larry Jansen the only Rainier not inked for the season. Club officials said Jansen is at his Forest Grove, Ore., home deciding whether to retire from organized baseball and take a college coach job in Oregon.

In yesterday's drill Manager Luke Sewell stressed bunting.

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Ernie Banks' Roundtripper Hopeful Sign

By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer

Ernie Banks' first hit of the new baseball year gave Manager Stan Hack confidence today that it'll be 1955 all over again for the Chicago Cubs' brilliant shortstop.

Banks, key man in the Cubs' hopes of moving up in a balanced National League, demonstrated Wednesday that he still has the "grand slam" touch that made him the sensation of the circuit last season.

Banks set a major league record in 1955 when he hit five grand slam homers so it was only fitting that his first hit of the new year was a "grand slammer." The blow came off a 3-and-2 pitch by John Andre and led Coach Ray Blades' team to a 7-1 victory over Coach Pepper Martin's team.

Hack also was encouraged by the debut of Sam (No Hit) Jones, who turned in two hitless frames in his first outing of the spring. Jones pitched the only no-hitter of the 1955 big league season and Hack hopes that improved control will help him better a 13-20 won-and-lost record.

Setting Up Pitchers

Most of the other major league managers were concerned, meantime, with setting up their pitching rotations for the Grapefruit League schedule which begins next Saturday.

Manager Casey Stengel announced that he'd lead off with Mickey McDermott, the lefthander obtained during the winter from Washington, when the New York Yankees square off against the St. Louis Cardinals. Stengel also has Bob Turley slated to work Sunday and Whitey Ford to go Monday in an effort to get an early look at three of his most important pitchers.

The Cleveland Indians announced that they'll open against the New York Giants with no less than Herb Score, the spectacular speedballer who set a rookie record of 245 strikeouts last season. Manager Marty Marion named 15-game winner Billy Pierce to work for the Chicago White Sox in their "opener" and Manager Bucky Harris listed Jim Bunning and Pete Wojey, both fortified by plenty of winter pitching, to go for the Detroit Tigers.

San Francisco Seals' Swells to 37 Players

Deland, Fla. —(U.P.)— The roster of the San Francisco Seals was swelled to 37 yesterday with the addition of second baseman Ken Aspromonte, prize prospect of the recent Boston Red Sox rookie camp in Sarasota.

Manager Eddie Joost worked out for the first time, despite a statement that he hopes he won't have to play. In batting practice, Albie Pearson, Pumpsie Green and Matt Daskalakis each hit drives over the 350-foot right field wall.

Joost nominated Stan Willis, Eli Grba and Jack Osborn to share the pitching chores against Houston in the Seals' exhibition opener here Sunday.

Record Big Game Animal Harvest From Tree Farms in Two States

Portland — A record harvest of more than 14,000 big game animals came from tree farms in Western Oregon and Washington in 1955, the Industrial Forestry association has reported.

Not only did the 115,000 hunters who visited the tax-paying tree farms take their largest kill, but they were the best behaved group of nimrods, said W. D. Hagenstein, managing director of IFA.

Accurate checks made by 74 industrial tree farms in the Douglas fir region of the two states covering 4,266,298 acres, disclosed 107,516 hunters bagged 11,344 deer, 1,439 elk, 384 bear and one mountain goat, for a total of 13,168 big game animals. Hagenstein said a projection of these figures to cover the remaining 300,000 acres of industrial tree farms not reporting raised the take to 14,089 big game animals, and the total number of nimrods using tree farms to 115,042.

Only four forest fires were directly traceable to hunters, Hagenstein said, as he praised hunters for their cooperation with tree farmers.

Forty-four tree farmers reported hunters respect for property, cooperation with foresters, and general good conduct had improved, while only 30 tree farmers could see no change in the attitude of a minority of hunters who still insist on ill treating roads, signs, and other property.

Dual Capacity

Hagenstein said the tremendous harvest of big game animals is further proof of the dual capacity of tree farms as producers of both timber and game. He said big game population was on the upswing on tree farms where managed forestry insures a rotating area of land perpetually in good game browse.

Complaints from tree farmers of hunters who violate their role as guests include extensive destruction of gates and fences protecting dirt roads from car traffic during rainy season. Malicious damage includes destroying signs, shooting up gas tanks, headlights on equipment, section line markers and direction signs.

There were some thieves among hunters who stole everything from gasoline, after shooting locks off gas tanks, to tools and some hunter poured water into powersaw gas tanks after emptying the gas. One tree farmer reports annual damage to dirt roads on his tree farm runs as high as $10,000.

"We commend those hunters," Hagenstein said, "who act like gentlemen while hunting, and to them tree farmers extend an annual welcome during the hunting season. The few vandals who rob, destroy and pillage are facing more rigid patrolling, and those apprehended have been taken into court."

High School Scores

WEDNESDAY BASKETBALL
By UNITED PRESS

(District 2 Playoff)
Lincoln 63, Washington 58
(District 3 Playoff)
Milwaukie 45, Gresham 44
(District 7 Playoff)
Pendleton 62, Baker 50
(District 6-A-2 Playoff)
Coquille 66, Crater 58

Beaver Players Please Holmes

Glendale, Calif. —(U.P.)—Manager Tommy Holmes of Portland says he is pleased with the spirit shown by Beaver players already in spring training here.

Holmes said he asked players to report at 9:30 a.m. but most showed up before 9 a.m.

The Beavers' advance detail of pitchers and catchers went through a four-hour drill yesterday, concentrating on bunting and regular batting practice. Holmes did not have any of his hurlers bearing down.

INJUNCTION GRANTED

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Judge Eugene V. Alessandroni granted a preliminary injunction Wednesday restraining light-heavyweight Harold Johnson from boxing under any manager but Tommy Loughrey of Philadelphia. Johnson contended that he signed a four-year contract in 1953 giving Johnson's services exclusively to Loughrey.

College Basketball

By UNITED PRESS

Pennsylvania 67, Yale 60
Temple 71, St. John's (N.Y.) 66
Harvard 79, Brown 66
Columbia 78, Princeton 69

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