

Bucs, Bulldogs Foes of Tornado In Friday, Saturday Home Frays

The high school varsity basketball season which began in many other communities of the state two weeks ago has its formal start in Medford this evening.

Medford's Black Tornado makes its season debut before home fans as entertainer of the Marshfield High Pirates at 8:15 p.m. Action will take place on the Hedrick Junior high maple court following a 6:30 p.m. Ashland-Medford Junior varsity preliminary.

It's the first evening of a two-night home stand for the Tornado. Medford will oppose North Bend here on Saturday evening. Ashland and Medford Jayvees again provide the opener contention.

North Bend will play at Grants Falls this evening and Marshfield moves to the Climate city for a Saturday fray and week end contention will give the Tornado of Medford some indication of what they can expect of the GP Caverns this season.

Just Hitting Stride

So far as familiarity with the

court is concerned, Medford will have little advantage over the Buccaneers tonight. The Tornado players have had only one practice so far this season on the Hedrick floor. That was last week when electrical power was off at the senior high.

Like a big share of the Tornado hoopers, Marshfield cagers are just now getting into stride on the maple court after finishing a long football season. The Pirates lost to Jefferson of Portland and nicked Benson last week after only four days of practice. Medford dropped two games to Eugene with some of the players having even less drill than the Bucs.

Marshfield has a veteran club back plus some added talent in the person of Jack Shanley, who previously lettered for good North Bend clubs. The Pirates were one of the top clubs in basketball last year and can be rated again as contenders for Oregon A-1 honors.

Optimistic

After the series with the Portland schools last week, Coach Bruce Hoffine of Marshfield stated four reasons why he is optimistic about Marshfield chances this year.

1. Definite improvement seen in players back from last year.
2. Better bench strength as a result of the improvement.
3. Attitude of the club and willingness to work and desire.
4. Fast break possibilities of Roger Johnson and Shanley combined with the rebounding of Barry Bullard and Hardy Spurgeon.

The foregoing four Bucs are expected to be starters along with Chuck Amsbury.

Coach Frank Roelandt of the Tornado has indicated that his club is rounding into good shape with some of the players already in close to top shape. The outlook for the season took a boost last week end when the three regular starters back from last year, Dick McLaughlin, Dick Coppel and Neil Plumley, turned in fine performances against Eugene, despite their short time of preparation following football play.

Bulldogs Stronger

The three and Larry Perkins and Dick Puhl are expected to make up the starting five for Medford this evening.

Bulldog Briefs, the North Bend dope book, lists the possibilities of a stronger North Bend team this season because of added experience, greater height, increased reserve strength and overall better playing ability. Six returning lettermen are the nucleus of the squad.

While the Bulldogs have more

height it is not the towering kind. Bob Jacobson, regular center of last year is 6-3 and the tallest man listed. Mike Thomson, reserve last year and Don Harrison and Dorwin Lovell, non-lettermen, are 6-2. Ken Carver, regular forward last season, is 6-1.

Jacobson, Carver, Thomson, Bill Rust and Dennis Smith may start here Saturday. Rust, a guard and 5-9, was the main point producer last week end in losses to Jeff and Benson.

SPORTS

Junior Football Title at Stake

Los Angeles — (UP) — Coffeyville, Kan., makes its bid for national honors Saturday when the Red Ravens tangle with Grand Rapids, Mich., for the National Junior College Athletic association football championship.

The game is billed as the first national NJCAA bowl game. More than 50,000 fans, mostly Southern Californians, are expected to be on hand to see the teams battle for the crown in Los Angeles Memorial coliseum.

Turkey Shoot This Sunday

Medford Gun club will hold its first of two pre-Christmas merchandise trapshoots on Sunday, Dec. 16.

It will be the third such shoot this fall at the club grounds on

Central Point Market rd. just west of Crater Lake highway Four Corners. Turkeys, hams and bacon will be prizes.

The shoot will start at 10 a.m. Competition will be by classes. The event is open to public participation and spectators are welcome.

Lunch will be available at the grounds.

OSC Allotment Of Tickets Sold

Corvallis — (UP) — All 46,000 of the Rose Bowl tickets allocated to Oregon State college have been sold. Athletic Business Manager Jim Barratt said today.

Barratt said that a total of 2600 Oregon State students purchased tickets to the game.

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Sproul Outlines Loop Situation

Los Angeles — (UP) — President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California was scheduled to brief a regents' committee today on the much discussed Pacific Coast conference situation prior to a meeting of the board of regents at UCLA.

Regent Edward W. Carter, chairman of the educational policy committee, said Sproul was to give his committee a resume of the PCC presidents council meeting Dec. 2 and discuss the meeting of PCC presidents Jan. 3-4 in San Francisco.

The 23-man University of California board of regents opened a two-day closed conference of the UCLA campus Thursday. The opening session was limited to consulting meetings.

A spokesman said there was no discussion of past threats of UCLA to bolt the conference. Alumni and faculty had supported a move for withdrawal of UCLA from the PCC because of heavy penalties slapped on the school. But the move fizzled at a PCC meeting in Beverly Hills last week.

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