

Tornado-Comets Meet Tonight To Initiate Conference Action

Southern Oregon conference basketball competition will get under way at 8:15 p.m. tonight when the Medford Tornado invades the Crater High school quintet on the Crater floor.

Medford High school will be defending their 1956 district A-1 championship. The Tornado was runner-up last year for the state hoop crown.

Both Crater and Medford bring identical win-loss records into the opening conference encounter. The two teams have won four and lost two in pre-conference action.

After six tussles Medford's hoophen have totaled 310 points while Crater has sunk 280. Defensively 295 counters have been scored against the Tornado compared to 258 allowed Crater opponents.

Leading Medford point maker is Dick Coppel with 81 tallies. He is followed by Larry Perkins 59, Dick McLaughlin 57, Dick Puhl 35, Neil Plumley 33 and Tom Hamlin 28.

Fred Herrmann tops Crater with 62 points. Other high Crater scorers are Dick Davis 55, George Juveland 37, Craig Cochran 32 and Wayne Allen 29.

Medford coach Frank Roelandt states he expects a rough game but that the Tornado "is in good shape and has suffered no ill-effects from the holiday lay-off." The coach said Larry Sessler will be sidelined for the third straight game due to an infected foot. He is expected to see action the next week. Roelandt added Junior Don

Bowling has been brought up to the varsity squad from the JVs to bolster the Medford team. He is a forward.

The Crater-Medford JV squads will clash at 6:45 tonight. Also in the Southern Oregon conference Grants Pass and Ashland will tangle tonight at Ashland.

Other hoop action tonight includes Illinois Valley at Eagle Point in Rogue league play. In the Jackson County B league, Rogue River will be at St. Mary's, Talent at Prospect, and Jacksonville at Butte Falls.

Eastern Oregon college will meet Southern Oregon college in an Oregon Collegiate conference game in the Ashland High school gym. The contest will follow the Ashland-Grants Pass prep tilt.

Red Raiders and Eastern Oregon Battle Tonight to Open Conference Hoop Play

Ashland — Southern Oregon college and Eastern Oregon college will initiate the Oregon collegiate basketball conference at 8:30 p.m. tonight when they tangle in the Ashland High school gym.

Southern Oregon's squad received a severe jolt this week when three varsity ball players were ruled ineligible for further basketball competition due to scholastic difficulties.

The players involved are Don Reese and Don Jacobson, both ex-Grants Passites, and Bruce Penny, 6-6 freshman from Pasco, Washington.

Reese was second to Norm Oliva in scoring with 133 points

in the 10 game preseason schedule. Jacobson was third with 75 points.

Replacing Jacobson and Reese will be the biggest problems facing head coach Ted Schopf as the Red Raiders go into Oregon Collegiate basketball competition tonight and tomorrow night against Eastern Oregon on the Ashland High school floor.

Bill Hollingsworth, high scoring Ashlander who led the team last year in scoring with 502 points, and placed within the top five in the Northwest will be back in the starting line-up at one forward position.

Ron Owings up from the JV's will be at the other forward spot. Norm Oliva will be at center, and two pint sized guards, Dale Bates and Chuck Crandall will start the conference opener against Eastern Oregon.

Eastern Oregon will have only two returning lettermen on the team tonight. They are Bill West a senior, and Larry Howard, sophomore guard working with West and Howard in the starting line-up for Eastern will be Jerold Baxter, 6-4 sophomore and Earle Smith, 6-3 freshman. Both men are forwards.

Bill Cahill, Dick Quinn or Don Persinger are guards which Coach Bob Quinn can choose from to team with Larry Howard.

Eastern Oregon will have a team featuring height and speed as well as scoring punch through Bill West, 6-3 La Grande junior, and Earle Smith, 6-3 Redmond freshman.

Larry Howard a 5-10 shortie is also dependable to hit in the double figures and also serve as the Eastern Oregon playmaker for the Mountaineers.

Last year Eastern Oregon walloped the Red Raiders 3 out of 4 contests. Eastern was runner up to Portland State with a 10 and 6 won-loss record. Southern Oregon will attempt to better its 8-8 record of last season.

Tomorrow night, the Red Raiders will tip-off at 8 on the Ashland Hi hardwood against Eastern Oregon, and the SOC JV's will play the preliminary at 6:30 p.m.

SPC Coach Refuses to Play EO

Seattle—(U.P.)—Ken Foreman, Seattle Pacific College basketball coach, today said he would never take another of his teams to play against Eastern Oregon College at LaGrande, Ore.

Foreman pulled his basketball team off the floor Wednesday night after a fist-throwing incident in which Mickey Martino, Seattle Pacific player, was felled.

"The officiating was good until the incident," Foreman said. "There was a loose ball. Martino went over the back of Bill West, EOC center. A foul was called on Martino."

"Several words went on between the two players. Our Dave George stepped in and Martino took his position at the free throw line. West pushed George away and hit Martino. Orville Anderson hit West."

Foreman said he jumped off the bench to separate the players. He said one of the officials remarked, "I won't get in between them."

Foreman said he then took his team off the floor to save any further trouble. Eastern Oregon was declared the winner, 64-53, although there was still 6 minutes and 30 seconds to play.

The Stilt Defies Trend In Scoring

New York—(U.P.)—Sophomore sensation Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain of Kansas continued to defy a general downward trend in college basketball scoring today as he increased his lead in the national scoring race.

The Jayhawk seven-footer tallied 36 points against Oklahoma and 45 against Colorado during the past week to boost his average to 34.0 points per game for the season. In second place again, at 30.3 points per game, was senior Grady Wallace of South Carolina.

These were the only two players among the nation's major-league athletes who were scoring at better than 30 per game. This falling off also was reflected again in team statistics, which showed Ohio University on top in scoring with 91.0 points per game and Morehead, the defending scoring champion, was the only other team over 88 points with a 90.4 mark.

Hedrick Hoopmen Stop Crater

Hedrick ninth grade stopped the Crater ninth grade yesterday 45-30 on the winner's floor.

Leading Hedrick scorer was Darrell Miller with 14 points. He was followed by Jerry Anderson who had 10 counters and John Frohnmeyer with 8. Frohnmeyer also starred on the backboards.

Dennis Pfaff led Crater hoopmen dunking nine tallies. Hedrick now has 2-1 won-loss record, defeating Eagle Point and losing to Grants Pass.

GAME SCHEDULED

St. Petersburg, Fla. — (U.P.) — Baseball greats of the past go back into action Saturday, Jan. 19, for the second annual major league old-timers' game for the benefit of the March of Dimes.



TO MEET TORNADO—This group of Crater High cagers will be on the starting lineup when the team meets Medford tonight at Crater High gym in the first conference game for both teams this season. This is the first year that Crater has entered class A-1 competition, and will meet Grants Pass, Ashland

and Klamath Falls later in the season. Coach Jim Nau, with ball, is shown above as he gives his team pointers on how to stop the Medford team. The players are, left to right, Dick Davis, Craig Cochran, Wayne Allen, George Juveland and Fred Herrmann.

Basketball

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East
Holy Cross 111, Massachusetts 96
Rutgers 70, Delaware 64
St. Bonaventure 82, Loyola 62
Wake Forest 72, George Washington 54
Lafayette 59, Monacan 54
Lincoln 72, Bethany 81

South
Georgia Tech 95, Howard 54
Tennessee 98, Grambling 94
Loyola Mt. 83, Baltimore 74
Christian Brothers 68, Arkansas 68
Colorado 73, Miami Fla. 66
Senior Bowl, Mobile, Ala.

Final
Spring Hill 83, Morehead Ky. 79
Midwest
Bradley 97, St. John's N.Y. 78
Klamath 80, Calvin 56
Duquesne 79, Dayton 71
Xavier O. 87, Western Ky. 79
Evansville 91, Indiana St. 83
Ball State Tech 89, East. Mich. 73
Oklahoma City 80, Arizona 55

Southwest
Rice Institute 83, Texas A&M 39
Lamar Tech 78, North Tex. St. 62
West
Utah State 68, Utah 64
Central Wash. 65, Whitworth 55
Pac. Lutheran 81, East. Wash. 59
Modesto JC Tournament

Long Beach 94, San Mateo 82
West Contra Costa 106, L.A. CC 97
Allan Hancock 69, Stockton 50
Fresno 60, Sacramento 51
San Jose 65, Ventura 60
San Francisco 64, Sequoia 48
Modesto 79, El Camino 71

PSC Favored To Keep Title

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball chase opens tonight with four clubs determined to unseat Portland State as the loop champion.

But Coach Sharkey Nelson's Vikings are still favored to make it three titles in a row despite losing nine lettermen from last season.

Eastern Oregon, runner-up last season, has only two lettermen back. Oregon Tech and Southern Oregon both appear improved while Oregon College, although not showing much yet, has a number of returning veterans.

Opening games this week end send Portland State to Klamath Falls and Eastern Oregon to Southern Oregon.

Oregon Tech has the best pre-season mark with a 5-1 record. Southern Oregon has 4-66, Eastern Oregon 3-5, Portland State 2-3 and OCE 0-6.

Portland U. Host To Seattle Team

Portland — (U.P.) — The University of Portland gets a chance this week end to make its basketball season a success, no matter what it does the rest of the year.

The Pilots host Seattle University in a pair of week end games. And when Portland and Seattle collide, the rest of the schedule can hang.

Both clubs have turned in strong performances thus far in the season with Portland compiling an 8-1 record while Seattle has been beaten only twice in 12 starts.

Saturday night's game is scheduled for Hudson's Bay high school in Vancouver with the action shifting to the Portland armory for a Sunday afternoon struggle.

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SPORTS

Golf Pros Tee Off Today in LA Open

Los Angeles, Calif. — (U.P.) — A crack field of professionals, all armed with a new mental attitude toward the game of golf since the institution of set fines for unbecoming conduct, teed off today in the 31st annual Los Angeles Open.

With a top prize of \$7,000 for first place and a chance to gain an early lead in the 1957 money standings, nearly every professional of note in the country was on hand for the first round at the long, rolling Rancho course.

Many of them are teeing off with certain reservations. There now is a specific schedule of fines for such things as breaking a club in anger, swearing, failing to show up to compete, etc. So most of them will be on their very best behavior — at least for a day or two.

While Dr. Cary Middlecoff, the National Open champion,

Paul Waner Seriously Ill

Sarasota, Fla. — (U.P.) — Paul (Big Poison) Waner, a member of Baseball's Hall of Fame, was seriously ill today in a hospital with an attack of pneumonia.

The 53-year-old former Pittsburgh Pirates' star outfielder, stricken Sunday night at his home, was being kept in an oxygen tent most of the time.

Mrs. Waner disclosed her husband's illness Thursday night saying, "Paul is very sick and is far from out of danger." She said he has had a temperature of 105 and suffers from congestion of the right lung and has reacted poorly to medicine.

Waner, three-time National League batting champion who spent his greatest days with the Pittsburgh Pirates, is one of seven men to collect more than 3,000 hits in their major league careers. Known as "Big Poison," he played with his brother Lloyd "Little Poison" Waner in the same outfield.

Waner had planned to participate in the second annual old-timers baseball game at St. Petersburg Jan. 19.

TO DEFEND TITLE

New York — (U.P.) — World fly-weight champion Pascual Perez has agreed to defend his title against Memo Diez of Mexico at Buenos Aires, Jan. 23, it was announced Thursday by Charley Johnston, who is negotiating the fight.



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Four National League Stars Sign 1957 Pacts; Banks First Signer

By TIM MORIARTY

United Press Sports Writer

Four of the National League's brightest stars, including one who now shines for the Cardinals and a "big one that got away," signed 1957 contracts today in baseball's drive to prepare for spring training.

All-star third baseman Kenny Boyer of the Cardinals, outfielder Bill Virdon, who left the Cardinals for the Pirates and

and finished second in the batting race, home run slugger Ernie Banks of the Cubs, and returning southpaw Johnny Podres of the Dodgers were the latest to come to terms.

Boyer got an unspecified "increase in pay," as well he might after a year in which he batted .306, fifth best in the league, drove in 98 runs, clouted 26 homers, and stole eight bases in 11 tries.

But Card General Manager Frank Lane, who already has signed pacts from 19 players, emphasized, "Ken hasn't approached his peak performance

yet. He has a tremendous natural potential."

Lane is not so glib, of course, about Virdon, the 1955 "rookie of the year" whom he traded in 1956 to the Pirates for outfielder Bobby Del Greco.

Virdon finished second to Hank Aaron of the Braves in the NL batting chase with a .319 mark and had 10 homers and 46 runs-batted-in. Virdon agreed to Pirate terms on a visit to Pittsburgh for a television appearance.

Banks was the first Cub to sign for the coming season. Injuries to his right arm and an infected hand hampered him in 1955, forcing him to miss 18 games in August after setting a Cub team record of 424 consecu-

tive games. Banks hit .298 with 25 homers and 85 runs batted-in.

The Dodgers, who may have lost the last World Series for lack of a good left-handed pitcher, welcomed back 1955 series hero Podres with open arms. Blond Johnny missed all last year due to Navy duty but was discharged last October because of a chronic back condition.

The Detroit Tigers, meanwhile, announced they now have 16 players under contract for next season. The latest to come to terms were pitcher Paul Foylack, who won 15 games last year, and catcher Red Wilson, who hit .289 in 78 games in 1956.

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