

Crater Nips Ashland To Divide in Series

Central Point — Ashland hopes of gaining ground in the campaign for one of two state basketball tournament berths from District 6 A-1 were jolted Saturday night when the Crater high Comets recuperated from a slow start to nick the Grizzlies here 44 to 42.

The Grizzlies, who had pulled to within a half a game of second place by bouncing the Comets 57 to 41, Friday, were again a full game back of the position after Saturday contention. Crater was still within striking distance of the leaders after the split although still in the cellar.

Ashland climbed to an 8 to 1 spread in the early minutes for the widest advantage of the night and was still in front 14 to 8 at the quarter. Crater then barged into leadership 27 to 24 by halftime. Third quarter tally was deadlocked at 33 apiece.

The Comets showed in the lead to stay at 39 to 37 midway in the final quarter and with 50 seconds to go had their biggest margin at 44 to 38. Buckets by Bill Maurer and Leo Daniels brought the score to its final standing.

Free Tosses Aid

Shooting statistics percentage-wise favored the Grizzlies but Crater had sufficient use of more opportunities at the free shot line to manage the decision. The Comets made 18 of 24 foul tries for .750 while Ashland hit 14 of 17 for .823. From the field the Ashlanders outdid the Comets 14 to 13 and had a 35 per cent accuracy mark to 31 by Crater.

Bill White was the big gun for Crater with five field goals and with eight free points in nine attempts for an 18 tabulation for the evening. Maurer was high for Ashland with 13 markers. He had six field goals.

Crater surprised the Grizzlies with a zone defense, a factor in the victory which bothered Ashland play-making. The Comets also had two freshmen in the starting lineup with Bryson LaCasse joining Loyal Higinbotham who made his starter debut against Medford a week ago.

Early fouls hurt Ashland. Albert Hartwell was whistled for his fourth personal infraction in the second quarter. He sat out much of the rest of the time, finally fouling out in the last quarter. Maurer also was brought to the sidelines in the third period after having a third foul whistled.

Crater junior varsity made it a week and sweep over the Ashland jayvees with a 42 to 15 score. Each club had 14 field goals for the second evening in a row with Crater's margin coming on 14 free points on 23 throws while the Grizzlies put in eight of 12. Ashland shot less from the field but was more accurate with 388. The Comets fired 350. Rebounds were almost even but 25 to 24 for Crater.

The Central Point club had a 30 to 20 gap in the fourth panel. Quarters standings were 7 to 5, 17 to 13 and 29 to 23, all for Crater.

SPORTS

Marathon Pin Crown Regained

Tacoma — The marathon bowling mark was back in Oregon today.

Dennis Dunham of Grants Pass rolled 665 straight games in a session ending early Sunday to break the mark of 550 set by Paul Cleveland, a California highway patrolman, last month.

Rance Rolfe of Tacoma bowled 521 straight games in a March of Dimes benefit with Dunham.

Toni Sailer Takes Slat Meet Title

Bad Gastein, Austria — Disappointed Wallace (Bud) Werner of Steamboat Springs, Colo., figured he had "failed" today in the world ski championships, but no one else saw it that way.

The crew-cut, 22-year-old Werner gave it one whole of a try in the downhill race that wound up the championships Sunday until he hit a big bump that knocked him out of contention and resulted in his finishing 36th — on one ski.

Austria's talented Toni Sailer, announcing he would compete in no more races this year and reported to be considering a movie career, made it a memorable finale by winning both the downhill race and the overall "Alpine combined" title.

53 Miles Per Hour

Sailer averaged a near incredible 53 miles per hour for the two and one-eighth mile course, winding up two and one-tenth seconds ahead of his nearest rival in 2:28.5.

Werner was seven-tenths of a second behind Sailer's pace at the halfway mark but then picked up speed and was about even with the Austrian ace when he reached the last schuss leading to the finish. That's when disaster struck, however.

At the last gate, Werner crossed close to the right hand pole and hit a bump that other competitors had avoided by crossing on the other side. Catapulted into the air, the young Coloradoan hit the snow about 15 yards farther down and skidded down the slope another 50 yards, rolling over several times.

Hawks Get Ultimatum

By UNITED PRESS

Coach Alex Hannum may learn his future in St. Louis today upon the Hawks' arrival home from a rocky road trip on which they dropped four of their last five games.

Hannum is in an unusual position. His Hawks lead the Western Division of the National Basketball association by six games but club owner Ben Kerper delivered a curt "start-winning-or-else" ultimatum to his coach eight days ago.

The Hawks managed to win only one game in five starts since then. Philadelphia, hottest team in the circuit at the moment, defeated St. Louis, 105-98, Sunday for its seventh victory in eight starts.

Togo Palazzi scored seven straight points in the fourth period to help the Syracuse Nationals defeat his former Boston Celtic teammates, 123-98.

Cincinnati strengthened its hold on second place in the Western Division with a 121-104 win over the Minneapolis Lakers. The last-place New York Knickerbockers, still hopeful of landing a playoff berth in the Eastern Division, beat the Detroit Pistons 100-98.

Limits Possible On Oil Exports, Says Official

Washington — Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks has raised the possibility the government may consider a compulsory limitation on crude oil exports.

Weeks, chairman of the president's special cabinet committee on imports, said in a statement that the "increasingly serious" situation in the domestic petroleum industry makes it necessary that the committee "be called together for consultation in the immediate future."

By "immediate future," he meant some time next week. He did not say specifically that the government is thinking of imposing compulsory curbs but he made it plain that the voluntary limitation plan, instituted by President Eisenhower last July, is not working.

Under the voluntary system, importers are supposed to reduce the amount of foreign crude oil they bring into this country by about 10 per cent. Some big importers have complied with the system, others have refused to heed it. Domestic production meanwhile has been cut back sharply and surpluses are clogging storage tanks.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America warned last week that unless the administration takes corrective action it will ask congress to enact import restrictions.

Crackdown Set On Gamblers On Shipboard

San Francisco — Two West Coast Maritime unions are cracking down on professional gamblers in their ranks who have been reaping as much as \$50,000 a month on a single ship by promoting games with their fellow seamen.

Ed Turner, vice president of the Seafarers International and secretary-treasurer of the Marine Cooks and Stewards, said Friday the unions' campaign was aimed at gamblers "who sign on as seamen and take aboard a regular bankroll to set up business."

He said the unions intend to enforce the gambling ban by suspension, fine or expulsion from the union. However, Turner pointed out that the campaign was not aimed at passenger gambling nor was it designed to stop all "friendly" card games among crewmen.

Turner said big time gambling was most prevalent on passenger ships with large complements of stewards. He said that on the Matson lines SS Lurline "\$50,000 a month changes hands."

Military Reserve Reported Lagging

Washington — Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff said Saturday night he has noticed "disquieting signs" in recent months that the military reserve program "has been lagging."

Sarnoff, board chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, told the reserve officers association that military reserves are "more important than ever before" in this space age.

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) also urged the association to make it "its most solemn duty" to rally all Americans to face up to the dangers of the Soviet challenge.

Unless there is a drastic change in national policy, "national disaster" is possible, Fulbright said.

McLoughlin Winner in Mat Tussle

McLoughlin Junior high of Medford nipped Klamath Falls Saturday for the team championship in Southern Oregon conference freshmen wrestling tournament.

The Bulldogs recorded 88 points and Klamath 86 in the meet at the McLoughlin gym. Grants Pass was third with 40 and Hedrick fourth with 38. Crater was a close fifth with 37 and Ashland scored 17.

George Chambers, Russell Walker, Dave Jenkins, Bob Rix and Al Funston paced McLoughlin with individual crowns. Milo Crumrine, Art Mills, Allen Pennington and Gary Hancock were Klamath winners.

K. F. Four Seconds

Butch Barber won a championship for Crater. Jerry Walden took a title for Grants Pass and Ken Morse one for Hedrick.

Klamath Falls had four second place awards, Grants Pass three, McLoughlin two, and Ashland, Crater and Hedrick each one. Teams also picked up points on third and fourth places and on falls, forfeits and defaults.

Trophies went to the first three teams, medals to individual champs and ribbons to second, third and fourth placers.

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Red Raiders Pound OCE's Wolves 93-65

percentage, although not in total, from the free stripe with .789 to SOC's .724.

Southern Oregon had a backboarding edge of 65 to 55 over the shorter Wolves.

The Ashlanders jumped into the lead at the start 6 to 0 and were never behind. They led 40 to 25 at halftime.

In the curtain-lifter, SOC junior varsity lashed Central Oregon Junior college 110 to 60 with Phil Sword putting in 26 points.

Victory gave the Raiders a two-game series sweep. They had won Friday 60 to 57.

SOC won in a romp Saturday headed by its tall men, Bill Hollingsworth, Cliff Sutherland and Dave O'Olivo. Hollingsworth had 24 points. Sutherland, a freshman, drew a starting call because Norm Oliva was sidelined by flu, and responded with 20 points. He and Hollingsworth each collected 15 rebounds.

D'Olivo had 17 points and 14 rebounds. Larry Spencer and Bob Ward shared OCE scoring laurels with 12 apiece.

The Raiders hit the hoop at a scorching .529 clip from the field, making 36 field goals and OCE shot .313. The Wolves had it better in per-

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Phoenix Tops Brookings For Lead in Rogue Loop

Phoenix—The Phoenix high Pirates led the Rogue Basketball league by a slender half game after tripping the Brookings Bruins 52 to 47 at Brookings on Saturday evening.

The outcome broke a three-way knot for first place which had existed among Brookings, Glendale and Phoenix after Friday contention.

It was a close, well-played game at Brookings with both clubs alternating zone and man-to-man defense. Phoenix went on top to stay on Jim Stout's lay-in for 48 to 47 with 1½ minutes to go. Jim Heath and Stout each put in a pair of free shots to pad out the scoring.

Score was deadlocked 11-11 all at the quarter and 24-24 at halftime. Phoenix was ahead 36 to 35 after three periods. There were lead switches a number of times in the fracas.

Brookings Controls Boards

Brookings with its tall front men controlled the back-

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boards 43 to 28 but the Pirates got 20 points from Stout, one of his better games from Doug Witte who had five field buckets and good floor work from Lester Schleigh and Heath.

Jim Waldron did a fine job in holding down the Bruins tall Marv Bullock.

Bill Workinger was high man for Brookings with 14.

Phoenix shot 18 for 52 for .346 from the field and Brookings 17 for 51 for .333. At the free line the Pirates made 16 of 21 and the Bruins 13 of 21.

Phoenix junior varsity won the preliminary 38 to 36 in double overtime with Bill Dillrea getting 12 points.

LINE-UPS:

Phoenix: F 7 Simmons, R Bullock 10, F 6 Schleigh, M Bullock 11, C 10 Stout, M Fox 4, G 7 Heath, Midwood 6, Phoenix substitutions—Wallace 2, Waldron.

RUSSIAN RETAINS TITLE

Kristinehamn, Sweden—Inga Artamanova of Russia beat a field of crack skaters from four continents Sunday to retain her women's world speed skating title. Tamara Rilova, Sofia Kondakova and Rimma Beloa, all Russians, trailed Artamanova in that order.

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