

# Ashland High Noses Crater In 1st Hoop Win of Season

Central Point — Ashland High school's Grizzlies went over the mountain Saturday night. And, what a wonderful sight they saw. They had it all over the proverbial bear. In addition to the other side of the mountain, they viewed with jubilation their first basketball victory of the 1958-1959 season—a triumph enthusiastically welcomed after 15 straight defeats.

Jim Bjork, Don Taylor and Doug Forrest turned in the heavy scoring and Forrest and Clark Smith the strong work under the backboards as the Ashlanders overcame their long frustration and nosed out the Crater Comets 55 to 53 here in a Southern Oregon conference game.

The way the sparked up Grizzlies went about it, they would have given any club in the circuit a tremendous run on Saturday. But, they had to stage a torrid and stirring uphill battle in the second. And, after a brief peck over the summit, they required an overtime against the slowly yielding Comets to cinch the winning nod.

Taylor's Bucket Wins Taylor's drive in bucket with a minute yet to go in the extra session was the deciding goal after a regular playing time route of 53-all. Even then a Crater last ditch effort came close to bringing on a second and sudden death added period. A two-hand shot by Loyd Higginbotham from deep midcourt hit the front of the basket rim as the overtime buzzer sounded.

The Ashlanders kept the ball moving expertly and steadily in their set 'em offensive style and blazed away at a 500 average from the field to erase a 12-point mid-way deficit of 22 to 34. They still trailed 41 to 45 going into the fourth quarter, caught up at 49-all with five minutes still to play in the stanza and were leading 53 to 51 when a long jump goal by Wayne Allen for Crater with 27 seconds left sent the fracas into extra time.

Bjork ran up 21 counters, Taylor 18 and Forrest 11 in the Grizzly winning cause. Taylor and Bjork flipped in five field goals each and Forrest four in the second half spurge. For Crater Higginbotham had 15 points, with nine for nine from the free line, Bill White had 14 and John Burns 12.

Taylor Scores Three A recovery shot by Bjork started out the fourth quarter for Ashland. Higginbotham got a pair of charity heaves for Crater for 47 to 43. Taylor, man of the hour, sank two long jumps and a driver to put the Grizzlies on top 49 to 47. White scored for the Comets on an Allen feed but Forrest hit from outside for 53 to 51. Allen then contributed his knotting goal.

After two minutes of tension in the extra, Taylor sliced in for the winning bucket. With nine seconds left in the session, the Comets' White fouled Smith, with Crater hoping for a missed toss and a recovered rebound. Smith did miss, but Ashland controlled the ball. Seconds later, however, the Comets had the ball out of bounds in the back court. They called time out with three seconds on the clock.

In a calculated move, Allen passed to Higginbotham who fired the long two-hander. It was a valiant try and almost paid off. But the ball bounced from the rim and hoop. Crater's chance was gone and Ashland had its triumph.

peared to have firm grip on the game. It looked like a bright varsity coaching debut for new coach Lloyd Hoffine. But, the Grizzlies, after a momentary setback, growled out in the third panel and clawed away the Crater margin. Comet offense and defense, tough in the first half, faltered before the Bruin rampage.

Chuck Turner potted a gift for Crater in the opening seconds of the third quarter for 34 to 22 spread but Ashland rose up to score six field goals while Crater picked up three points for the 45 to 41 intermission standing.

15 For 32 Ashland had only eight field goals in 29 tries in the first half but sank 16 for 32 for the rest of the way and had a 387 average for the game. Crater put in 11 buckets on 26 shots in the first half and seven for 26 in the second for a game mark of 346.

The Comets came close to taking the tussle at the free toss line with 17 points in 24 shots to Ashland's seven for 18. Crater had 11 for 14 in the first half. In rebounding Ashland showed a 34 to 31 edge with

Forrest getting 11 retrieves and Smith eight. Burns collected nine for the Comets. Ashland also won the junior varsity tussle with a come-from-behind performance. Final score was 43 to 37 after Crater had led 27 to 22. The Central Pointers were on top 21 to 18 at halftime. Crater was in front 32 to 29 after three cantos. Steve Harris was top scorer making with 19 for Ashland. Denny Edwards humped 12 for Crater.

Ashland FG FT R PF TP Taylor 15-3 2-1 11 4 11 Forrest 21-9 3-0 2 18 Bjork 17-9 4-3 6 3 21 Johnson 2-0 5-2 6 3 9 Smith 3-0 3-0 8 3 9 Stemple 2-1 1-1 0 3 0 Totals 62-24 18-7 34 18 55

Crater FG FT R PF TP Turner 7-1 4-1 3 3 3 Burns 10-5 2-2 9 2 12 White 11-6 3-2 6 3 14 Platt 4-1 1-0 1 2 2 Allen 11-2 4-3 5 2 7 Coop 2-0 2-0 0 0 0 King 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 T. White 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 Higginbotham 7-3 9-9 5 2 15 Totals 52-18 24-7 31 16 54

Reveries—Swanson and Plink. JV LINE-UPS: Ashland: Taylor 37, Forrest 19, Harris 10, White 4, Voris 6, Dickerson 6, Cameron 4. Substitutions—For Ashland, Gray 3, DeBoer, Jackson 1, Stewart 1, Tucker, for Crater, Fouts, Neilson, Anhorn 5, J. Allen, Johnson 4.

Mounties Defeat Raiders To Split OCC Cage Series Southern Oregon continues Oregon Collegiate conference hoop action this week when it tangles with Oregon Tech in the Raider gym beginning at 8 p.m.

This is the third encounter of the year for the two clubs. On both previous occasions the Raiders triumphed.

Coach Ted Schopf will go with his usual line-up of center Dave D'Olivo, forwards Punk Biddington and Howard hit 10 of 20 field goal tries and 10 of 11 gift tosses for the high scoring honors at 30 points. The Mountie guard hit 14 in the first half and 16 in the second stanza.

Dave D'Olivo was high for the Raiders with 17 followed by Punk Biddington with 15 and Gardie Carrigan with 14. The game proved to be one of the most exciting the Raiders have played thus far this year which is evident by the fact that the lead changed hands 11 times and the score was tied seven times before the Mounties got an unsurmountable lead in the closing minutes.

SOC's Raiders now stand 7-3 in the Oregon Collegiate conference second only to Portland State who is first with a 9-1 mark. Both the Raiders and the Mounties hit 26 field goals but the difference was from the free throw line where EOC hit 22 of 35 while the Raiders managed only 18 of 29.

The win for the Mounties was their first in the four game series which saw the Raiders win the first three by decisive margins of at least 15 points each time. D'Olivo was high in the rebounding with 16 steals and the Mounties Jerrold Baxter grabbed off 13.

BOX: EOC FG FT PF R TP Neel 5 5-8 5 7 15 Arritola 5 1-5 3 10 11 Baxter 3 2-4 5 13 8 Chase 3 4-7 3 4 10 Howard 10 10-11 4 2 30 Barnhart 0 0-0 0 0 0 Hudspeth 0 0-0 0 0 0 Paulson 0 0-0 0 0 0 Totals 26 22-35 21 39 74

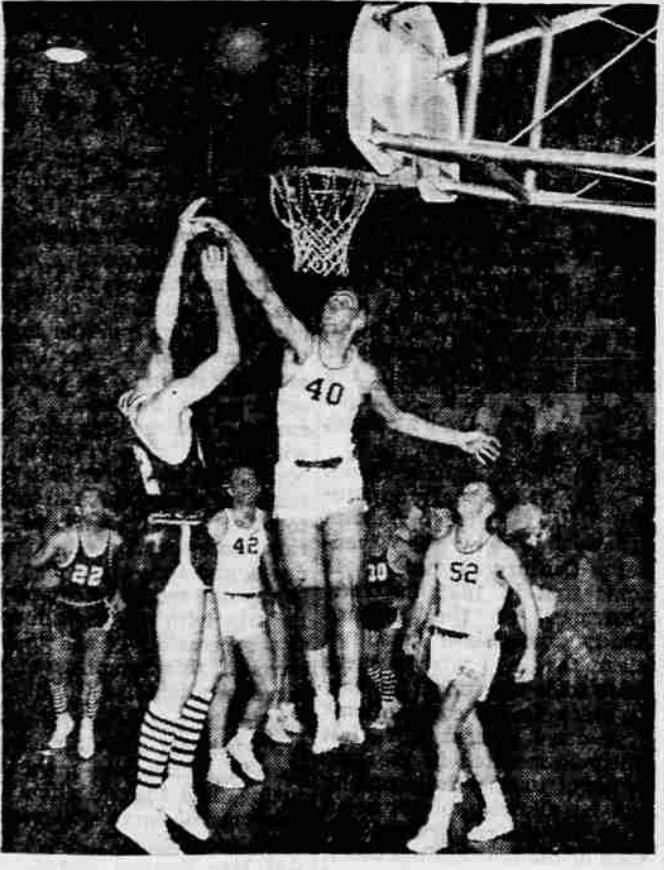
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COMET FIRES—Bill White, Crater, fires at the hoop while Clark Smith (40), Ashland high, defends in Saturday night Southern Oregon conference basketball. Ashland surged in the second half and topped the Comets 55 to 53 in overtime. It was Grizzlies' first win of the season. Watching the play are Earl Cooper (22) and Loyd Higginbotham (30), Crater, and Jim Bjork (42) and Doug Forrest (52), Ashland.

St. Mary's, Talent Top Foes in Jackson League JACKSON COUNTY B LEAGUE STANDINGS

St. Mary's 10 2 .533 Butte Falls 7 5 .583 Jacksonville 7 5 .583 Talent 6 6 .500 Prospect 0 12 .000

St. Mary's of Medford fortified its Jackson County B league basketball lead at the expense of the second place aggregation Saturday night, whipping Butte Falls high 50 to 38 here.

Talent brought its loop standing to even status by downing Prospect 43 to 30 at Prospect. The Crusaders of SM wrote down their 10th league win against two defeats, handing the Loggers their fifth loss. The setback enabled idle Jacksonville to share second place with Butte Falls.

The Talent Bulldogs ran up their sixth victory in the circuit and their fourth straight. St. Mary's had a close game on its hands until midway in the fourth quarter when Crusader fast breaking and ball-hawking broke the contest open. Rebounding of Gary Miksche and Dick and Bob Evans were boosts to the SM cause.

Butte Falls headed 8 to 7 at the quarter and 19 to 16 at the half and St. Mary's was on top 30 to 28 after three cantos. Edwin Ellis had 16 points for BF and Dick Evans and Roger Hout each 15 for SM. Dick Evans had 12 rebounds and Bob nine while Miksche collected 10.

Talent had 12 to 5, 17 to 12 and 32 to 21 spreads at the quarters. Ron Welburn paced scorers with 17 for Talent and his brother, Rollie, had 11. Bob Fitch and Floyd

# OSC Beavers Trim WSC; Lee Harman Turns Ankle

Corvallis—(UPI)—Lee Harman was in the infirmary today and Coach Slat Gill of Oregon State feared the sharp-shooting, playmaking guard would miss next Saturday's game at Seattle against Washington.

Harman suffered a badly sprained ankle against Washington State Saturday night and was ordered to remain in the infirmary for 48 hours. He might be out of the lineup for two weeks, Beaver officials said.

Oregon State racked up its sixth PCC win Saturday night, 72-58, over Washington State as Harman, the loop's top scorer, turned feeder. Harman tried only one field goal and missed. But he was the key factor in the Beaver

win, before he suffered the ankle sprain in the second half. Jim Woodland led the OSC scoring with 21 points and Steve Flynn had 13.

Jim Ross, the Warren, Ore., boy, hit 15 for WSC. Coach Marv Harshman's Cougars move to McArthur Court tonight where they meet Oregon in a PCC game.

BOX: WSC FG FT PF TP Axelson 3 1-4 5 7 Ranniger 1 1-3 5 3 Maras 2 4-6 3 8 Kennedy 2 2-2 0 4 Ross 6 3-4 2 13 Miles 2 1-1 2 3 Reed 4 3-9 2 12 August 1 0-1 2 2 Hinman 0 0-0 0 1 Barclay 0 0-0 0 1 Totals 18 22-34 21 58

OSC FG FT PF TP Woodland 9 3-4 0 21 Flynn 4 3-7 4 13 K Anderson 5 2-3 4 12 Harman 0 0-1 2 0 J. Anderson 3 2-6 3 12 E. Johnson 3 1-1 4 7 Gobie 0 2-2 1 2 R. Johnson 0 1-2 3 1 Criser 0 0-0 1 0 Copple 0 0-2 0 1 Miles 1 0-0 0 2 Critchfield 0 0-0 2 0 Totals 27 18-28 25 72

St. Louis Near NBA West Toga The St. Louis Hawks need only two more victories to clinch at least a tie for the Western division title in the National Basketball association—and they have 18 games in which to do it.

The Hawks, who defeated the Boston Celtics for the NBA title last season, came from behind in the final period Sunday to defeat the Philadelphia Warriors, 100-93. It marked their fifth victory in eight games this season over the Warriors and was their 38th in 54 games.

The Celtics, who are eight and one-half games in front of the second-place New York Knickerbockers in the Eastern Division race, posted an easy, 136-117 triumph over the Cincinnati Royals. The Celtics set one record and tied two others on the way to victory.

# SPORTS 4-H CLUB NEWS

SUCCESSFUL STAY Los Angeles—(UPI)—Jose Toluco Lopez, North American bantamweight champion, left Sunday night for his home in Mexico City after a short and successful stay in the United States. Lopez, 25-year-old fourth-ranked veteran, climaxed his trip here Saturday night when he knocked out Boots Monroe, of Compton, Calif., in the second round at Hollywood Legion stadium.

Prep Basketball SATURDAY'S GAMES: Marshfield 76, North Eugene 41; North Salem 56, South Eugene 43; North Bend 48, Springfield 43; Albany 62, Hillsboro 38; Klamath Falls 60, Grants Pass 39; Ashland 55, Crater 53 (OT); Pendleton 71, The Dalles 44; Hermiston 48, La Grande 40; Cottage Grove 59, Roseburg 50; Lakeview 60, Burns 48; Myrtle Creek 59, Phoenix 29; Ontario 48, Vale 39.

After lunch we had a business meeting. Linda Moore lead the flag salute and Donna Young lead the creed. Instead of saying "present" for roll call we had to describe different events that happened during the month.

After the meeting we sewed until 3:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be Feb. 28. Janet Burk, Reporter.

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