

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Tornado, Comets Clash on Friday

Crater high's hope of staying in the thick of the Southern Oregon conference basketball race has a rugged challenge this week end. For the Comets of Central Point meet the top two clubs of the circuit on successive nights.

Medford, undefeated in the loop, goes against Crater at Central Point on Friday evening and the Comets oppose No. 2 Klamath Union at Klamath Falls on Saturday evening. Other league scrapes take Grants Pass to Ashland on Friday and bring Ashland on Friday on Saturday night.

Grants Pass and Crater are tied for third in the league and Ashland seeks its first triumph in 1960 conference play.

The Black Tornado of Medford is favored to sweep over both its rivals and Klamath and Grants Pass are picked to cop their single tangles of the week end. Medford thundered over Ashland 82 to 56 and bounced the Comets 76 to 40, breaking away after strong early bids from the two foes.

Exams This Week

Crater will attempt to press the advantage of its home court in action with the Black Tornado but probably feels its chances are better against Klamath, at least on the basis of previous conflicts, even though they meet the Pels on the Klamath floor. The Comets gave the Pelicans a strong battle for three quarters before bowing 43 to 36.

Preparations for semester finals has affected basketball concentration at both Medford and Crater. The Comets were to learn today whether Gerry Johnson's hand injury suffered in Tuesday drill is a fracture.

For the Crater game, Medford Coach Frank Roelandt is expected to call on Jerry Anderson, Jerry Shults, Lowell Dean, Ken Durkee and Dick Ragsdale as starters. Mentor Lloyd Hoffine's selection for Crater likely will include Chuck Turner, Earl Cooper, Dennis Edwards, Dave Sharp and Loyal Higinbotham.

Medford sophomores will meet Crater jayvees in the 6:30 p.m. prelim at Central Point. Varsity tussle will get underway between 8 and 8:15 p.m.

Wall Opens Defense in Crosby Golf

Pebble Beach, Calif. — Art Wall, the money midas from Pocono Manor, Pa., opened defense of his double crown in the \$50,000 Bing Crosby Clambake today—and the weatherman suggested that the reed-thin shotmaker put lead weights in his shoes before he teed off.

The forecast was "90 per cent chance of rain" and with winds up to 50 miles an hour on the Pebble Beach, Cypress Point and Monterey Country club courses.

"It will take a real strong player to whip these courses," said young Tommy Jacobs, Montebello, Calif., who is rated one of the crack young stars.

But even that may not help. Not a single shot-maker reported a score below 75 on Pebble Beach. Most were in the 80s. Cypress Point was just as bad. And Monterey, which usually plays a bit easier, found few par-crackers.

City Has Hoop Contest at Y

A free throw and baskets per minute contest was held yesterday afternoon and evening at the Young Men's Christian association.

The program was presented by the city recreation department and the YMCA. Sixty boys participated with contests for grade school, junior high and high school boys.

The results were:

Free Throw Contest
Grade school—1st, Dennis Byrne 6-10; 2nd, Ronald Hale 6-10, 1-10.
Junior high—1st, Steve Swartzley 19-20; 2nd, Dick Dahl 16-20.
Senior high—1st, Bob Quinney 17-20; 2nd, Gary Cummings 17-20, 17-20.
Baskets per Minute
Grade school—1st, Joe Gordon 7; 2nd, Terry Easmussen 4.
Junior high—1st, Rick Knight & Ralph Newman, each 12; 2nd, Jim Covert, Mike Thompson and Pat Thompson, each 11.
Senior high—1st, Craig Robinson 12; 2nd, Jerry Deubert 11.

Pender to Use Speed in Bout

Boston —UPI— Paul Pender, the rangy dark-haired Irish challenger from suburban Brookline, said today he expects to give Sugar Ray Robinson "a boxing lesson" Friday night and take what's left of his middleweight crown.

Pender, 29 — at least nine years younger than Robinson — explained in the press room at the Hotel Kenmore: "I'll beat the old man with speedy in-and-out tactics like Billy Conn used when he was light heavyweight champion."

The challenger said he was confident he could outpoint Sugar Ray in their scheduled 15-rounder at Boston Garden.

Sugar Ray is recognized as champion by the New York and Massachusetts commissions. The NBA withdrew recognition because his last defense was made 22 months ago.

MAKE UP GAMES
Portland —UPI— Portland public schools re-opened today and five high school basketball games, postponed on Tuesday, were to be played this afternoon. They are: Roosevelt to Benson, Wilson to Washington, Lincoln to Cleveland, Madison to Franklin and Jefferson to Grant.

Andy's, Y Grab Tiffs In SOIBL

Andy's Jewelers moved into a second place tie in the Southern Oregon Independent Basketball league last night when Bill Madden's last second score gave them a last second 58 to 56 nod over Glendale.

Big Y Markets broke into the loop win column for the first time with a 71 to 63 victory over Butte Falls in the other game of a doublebill at McLoughlin gym.

The Y will tackle Southern Oregon college junior varsity in a league fray on Friday at Ashland.

Andy's led Glendale 31 to 26 at halftime but the fuss was deadlocked at 46-all with three minutes to go. Glendale went on top 50 to 46 but Don Bowling and Derald Wooton goals for the Jewelers closed the gap. Morrie Jimenez and McNab put Glendale back in front 54 to 50. Bowling's two free tosses and a fielder by Dennis Conner knotted the count at 54-all.

Passes Set Up Score
McNab scored for the visitors and Fuz McCay took a long rebound for the Jewelers and shot for 56-all tie. With five seconds left Jimenez missed on a one and one free heave try. Wooton rebounded and a Wooton to Max Hite to McCay to Madden pass combination set up the winning bucket.

McNab had 18 points and Jimenez 10 for Glendale and Madden 15, Wooton 10 and Hite and Conner each eight for Andy's.

The Marketeers lagged 29 to 33 at the half but went ahead three minutes into the second half. The tussle was close from then until Big Y padded its margin in the last three minutes.

Don Reese had 28 points and Ted Yarnell and Joe Nolan 10 each for Big Y and Bill Irwin 25, Ron Veach 17 and Al McQuorquade 12 for Butte Falls.

Recreation Loop Results Given

Saturday recreation basketball at Medford High school reaches its halfway point this week end.

In morning league games last Saturday the Fun Five beat the Koots 31 to 30, the Seven Aces won 38 to 30 from the Clutchers and the Maynards were 30 to 16 victors over the Dead Beats.

In the afternoon circuit the Studs defeated the Black Labels 34 to 30, the Watusies trimmed the Bachelors 47 to 19 and the Leningrad Lushes bopped the Poachers 59 to 31.

STANDINGS:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Clutchers	3	1	.750
Maynards	3	1	.750
7 Aces	3	1	.750
Koots	2	2	.500
Fun Five	1	3	.250
Dead Beats	0	4	.000

Afternoon League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Watusies	4	0	1.000
Studs	3	1	.750
Leningrad Lushes	2	2	.500
Poachers	1	3	.250
Black Labels	1	3	.250
Bachelors	1	3	.250

TEAM TOTALS
Morning League

Team	FG	FT	TP	PA
Clutchers	49	20	120	113
Maynards	37	25	99	79
7 Aces	44	22	116	97
Koots	39	9	87	93
Fun Five	37	23	122	127
Dead Beats	22	19	74	111

Afternoon League

Team	FG	FT	TP	PA
Watusies	64	32	138	96
Studs	48	24	128	97
Lushes	57	31	145	130
Poachers	39	23	101	160
Black Labels	40	19	101	222
Bachelors	37	36	106	138

TOP SCORERS:
Morning League
Sam Oettinger, Aces, 45; Stan Sweet, Koots, 41; Joe Griffin, Clutchers, 35; John McKinley, Fun Five, 33; Steve Ray, Clutchers, 33.
Afternoon League
Dave Ryn, Watusies, 48; Phil Baird, Lushes, 40; Ray Konopasek, Watusies, 35; John Cantrall, Studs, 35; Steve Hoots, Lushes, 33.

THIS WEEK:
Maynards vs. 7 Aces; Dead Beats vs. Fun Five; Clutchers vs. Koots; Poachers vs. The Bachelors; Lushes vs. The Black Labels; Watusies vs. The Studs.

Refs Displease Boss of Royals

United Press International Professional basketball in Cincinnati "is dead," General Manager Pepper Wilson of the Royals declared today, unless something is done "immediately" about the officiating in the National Basketball Assn.

Still smoldering over what he called "grossly incompetent officiating" by referees Willie Smith and Earl Strom in Wednesday night's game at Cincinnati which the Royals lost 60 to the St. Louis Hawks, 119-108, Wilson said he would take the matter promptly to league President Maurice Podoloff.

"This was another game the Royals had taken away from them by grossly incompetent officiating," Wilson said in a prepared statement.

A 43-minute performance by Tommy Heinsohn paced the Boston Celtics to a 144-126 triumph over the New York Knickerbockers.

Wilt Chamberlain netted 33 points in Philadelphia's 129-123 victory over Syracuse on the losers' court.

Red Raiders Tussle Portland Staters

Ashland — "We want these two games this weekend, and we want them bad," was the comment by Southern Oregon college's basketball captain, Gordon Carrigan, concerning the pair of games scheduled against Portland State Friday and Saturday in the Raider gym here.

Portland State is the league leader with a 2-0 mark in the Oregon Collegiate conference while the Raiders are second with a 3-2 record.

SOC is fresh from a 74-70 victory over Oregon Tech last Tuesday night in which Carrigan continued to lead the team with 25 points. His point total is now 201 for a 15.5 game average, highest on the ball club.

Big Glen Peterson drew much of the praise for the win the other night against the Owls and he will be in the starting center spot Friday. "He just gets better all the time," said Raider Coach Ted Schoepf. Last week he pulled off 12 rebounds in the winning effort against Oregon College and completely bottled up 6-8 Alan Harter.

Last Tuesday he shared honors with Carrigan by nabbing 12 rebounds, making six of seven field shots, and hitting all three of his free tosses.

Improvements in the Raiders goes further by including the second unit and Tom Bernet, a 6-1 forward. Bernet, a sophomore from Grants Pass, has hit 10 of his attempts in the field in the past three games. Dick Smith adds more punch to the front line with his rebounding and scoring.

Portland State lays most of its strength in its guards and the rebounding of captain and forward, Bob Grant. Guards Don Powell and Don Bridges do much of the scoring.

Starting with Peterson and Carrigan in the first unit will be 6-5 John Payne at forward, 5-7 Brad Flanary at guard and either Don Vannice of Bernet at the other forward.

St. Mary's Butte Falls Host Friday

First time around in the Jackson County B league basketball race will be completed Friday evening.

The schedule will have Butte Falls against St. Mary's at Medford, Prospect going to Talent.

St. Mary's is the only unbeaten crew in the loop. Prospect and Butte Falls are 1-1 in the circuit and Talent seeks its first win against a conference foe.

The members of the B league are playing each other three times this season and will have a tourney when the three rounds are completed.

St. Mary's has a game on Saturday evening against Yreka, Calif. The brush will be at Yreka.

Angling Rules Set This Week

Portland — Oregon Game commission on Friday, Jan. 22, will give final consideration to the 1960 angling rules tentatively adopted two weeks ago.

Following a public hearing beginning at 10 a.m., the game commission will consider all proposals, make corrections or changes, and adopt the rules as final for the 1960 season.

All persons interested are invited. Individuals or groups who have recommendations or proposals should submit them to the commission in writing. All persons present will be given an opportunity to be heard. The meeting will be held at the game commission's Portland office, 1634 S.W. Alder st.

Streams in Coos and Coquille areas high but prospects excellent if they drop; striped bass angling poor in Coos bay; south coastal streams high.

Fishing good around Agness on the Illinois, on the Chetco and Winchuck and fair to good on Elk and Sixes; fishing poor on Rogue in Grants Pass to Galice area; no fish reported yet in Applegate river.

Rogue Loop Lone Lead At Stake

Sole lead in Rogue league basketball will be the prize for the winner Friday evening when Phoenix and Glendale high aggregations collide.

The game will be at Glendale. Phoenix and Glendale, which each bear the nickname, "Pirates," currently are tied in the loop with 2-0 records each.

Other Friday rivalry in the loop will match third place Eagle Point against fourth place Illinois Valley at Cave Junction.

On Saturday night Glendale will scrap at Eagle Point and Phoenix at Rogue River. The Chiefs of Rogue River are looking for their first league win. However, they spilled Phoenix in the consolation final of the pre-conference Rogue Classic.

Illinois River Fishing Good Around Agness

Portland —UPI— Steelhead anglers again are faced with a big question mark this week end, the state game commission said today. If the weather cooperates it could be the best week end of the season.

Most north and central coast streams are up from rain at the start of the week and steelhead are reported moving. Good angling is in prospect if there is no big snow melt or additional rain muddies the streams.

The south coast looks good if the storms hold off. Eastern Oregon anglers still are bothered by ice flows on smaller streams.

The weekly report: Southwest: Upper Umpqua area has improved; rivers are somewhat murky and cold; Tenmile creek fair; crabbing still good at Umpqua light-house.

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