

Eagle Point High Bills Rogue Tilts

Eagle Point - Eagle Point high cagers this week have sought to get their fast break working, to sharpen their shooting eyes and to prime their attack to face a pressing defense.

The Eagles open their Rogue league season with a two-game stand at home. They host Lakeview this evening and Henley on Saturday night. Rogue River entertains the two clubs from east of the mountains on the opposite nights. Other Rogue league action has Phoenix against Illinois Valley at Cave Junction tonight.

Dale Bates, coach of the Eagles, as an onlooker at the Lions Holiday tournament at Cave Junction last week was impressed by speed of the Lakeview Honkers and their ability to handle the ball. The Lakeview aggregation, sporting a 7-1 pre-league mark while Eagle Point is 3-3, is small and fast.

OSC, Ducks Have Tiffs

United Press International - Oregon's hot-and-cold Ducks open a two-game week end series with Idaho at Moscow tonight.

It will mark the Ducks' first start since finishing fourth in the Far West Classic in Portland last week. They'll be out to improve on a 4-3 record.

Oregon State, which won the Classic championship for the fifth straight year last Friday night, also plays its first game since the tournament.

The Beavers entertain Portland's Pilots at Corvallis Saturday night. Oregon had a rough trip to Moscow. The Webfoots had expected to fly straight to Pullman and then work out in the afternoon. But a combination of bad weather and motor trouble caused the Webfoots to ride five different airplanes, plus take a 35-mile car ride from Lewiston.

Whitman Trips Bearcat Quint

United Press International - Willamette's Bearcats are a finding out that getting a fourth straight Northwest conference basketball championship won't be easy.

The defending champion Bearcats dropped a 78-59 decision to Whitman at Salem Thursday night as the conference got under way.

And in the other conference inaugural, Linfield was up-ended by College of Idaho, 66-56.

Six Whitman players scored in double figures as the Missionaries bounced Willamette. Gary Bogie and Mike Monahan paced the winners with 14 points each. Buzz Wilfert led the Bearcats with 17.

Against Linfield, Daryl Hill's 32 points triggered College of Idaho's triumph. The Coyotes led at halftime, 31-28. Bill Wallin had 12 to top the Wildcat offense.

Linfield and Willamette change foes tonight and Saturday night. Whitman goes to Linfield for a pair of games and College of Idaho travels to Salem to complete its three-game road trip.

Pacific and Lewis and Clark open a two-game week end series tonight in Portland. Saturday night they meet at Forest Grove.

Hockey

United Press International - The "long wall" may be over for Toronto Maple Leaf fans.

The Maple Leafs haven't won a National Hockey league championship since the 1947-48 season and didn't figure to top the Montreal Canadiens this year. But they climbed to within two points of the first place Canadiens Thursday night when they scored a 4-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

The win was the fourth straight for the Maple Leafs and their seventh in a row on the road. Stan Mikita's eighth goal in six games enabled the Chicago Black Hawks to beat the last-place Boston Bruins, 4-3, and run their winning streak to six games.

Tornadoes in Action This Evening at GP.



TORNADO RESERVE - Among Medford high school boys likely to see service at Grants Pass this evening is Bruce Bray, above. He has seen duty in all of Medford's eight games to date and has scored in half of them.

Five-Year Sentence in Bribe Case

Gainesville, Fla. - Former New York souvenir salesman Aaron Wagman faced a 5-to-10 year prison term today for trying to bribe Florida fullback Jon MacBeth to shave points in the Florida-Florida State football game Sept. 24.

Wagman, 27, once a \$75-a-week concessions man at Yankee Stadium, received a five-year sentence outright, plus a \$10,000 fine which calls for an additional five years if he cannot pay it.

He was released under \$20,000 bond after sentencing Thursday by Circuit Judge John A. H. Murphy. Murphy denied a motion for a new trial. Wagman's attorneys filed an appeal in the first district court of appeals.

Wagman admitted giving MacBeth \$1,500 to hold down Florida's margin over Florida State to less than 13 points. He said he also gave Philip Silber, 19, also of New York, a fraternity brother of MacBeth's at Florida, \$1,250 to help him in approaching MacBeth.

Silber is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to a charge of conspiracy to bribe. Wagman was convicted Nov. 17.

Fish Regulation Hearing To Be On January 13

Portland - Oregon sportsmen are reminded that the sport fishing rules for the 1961 season will be open for discussion and tentative regulations set at a public hearing Friday, Jan. 13, at the game commission's Portland office, 1631 S.S. Alder. The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m.

During the hearing, winter and summer rules for all game fish will be covered. Following a two-week interval and publication of the tentative rules, a second hearing will be called on Jan. 27. At the second hearing the game commission will adopt the final regulations for the 1961 season.

All persons are invited to the hearing.

Waterfowl Hunt Season To End

Portland - Oregon scattergunners are reminded that this week end will wind up the general waterfowl season throughout the state. The season will officially end at sundown on Sunday, Jan. 8.

Waterfowl hunters may still continue to hunt for one member of the waterfowl family, the black brant, after the close of the general season. The season on black brant is scheduled to run through Jan. 31 with the bag limit set at three per day or in possession.

Gunners are cautioned that the brant goose is a salt-water bird found in Oregon only along the coastal bays and inlets. The black brant is not found inland. The small cackling goose or the lesser Canada found in central and eastern Oregon are not black brant and should not be confused with it. The statewide season on all geese, except the black brant, closes Jan. 8.

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Southern Oregon conference basketball makes its 1961 debut at Grants Pass tonight when the Cavemen entertain defending champion Medford high.

On the basis of previous performances against common foes, Medford's Black Tornado rates the edge for the contest. The Tornado holds victories over Marshfield and North Bend which subdued Grants Pass and romped over Ashland by a more decisive margin than did the Cavemen.

However, GP aggregation has more overall veteran strength and better front line height and is an improving good ball-handling club that could catch its shooting eye when it faces the Medford adversary. The Cavemen, too, are ambitious to gain maple-court victory over the Tornado after four losses at the hands of the Big Wind last season.

The fracas will be the only one of the week end for Medford which draws a bye in the Saturday conference round. Grants Pass has a jaunt to Klamath Falls tomorrow evening to meet the club which is favored in the league. The Cavemen enter this evening's skirmish with only one league fray behind it while Medford will engage in its third game in the circuit.

Medford's Coach Frank Roelandt has indicated a starting crew consisting of Bob Guinness, Jim Barry and Dick Hagdale, his only veterans, plus Scott Eaton and either Mike Hood or Stan Dowson.

For Grants Pass, Coach Gordon Pehrm is expected to call upon Jim Hamilton and Jim Davis at forwards, Clyde Murray at center and Larry Janssen and Bob Lewellyn at guards. Dave Hauntz and Jim Blacksmith are listed as first line GP reserves.

Davis, Murray and Hauntz are all 6-4 in height as is Medford's Guinness. Al Staley, getting over an ankle sprain, and Lee Burton, recovering from a cold, are reserves who likely will have just limited work for the Cavemen.

The two clubs have the best defensive for the full season, among clubs of the conference. Medford has allowed 322 points in eight games. The Tornado is leader in total scoring with 480 points and Grants Pass fourth with 380.

However, GP is third in scoring average with 54.3 per game to Crater's 49.2. Guinness with 130 points is high scorer in the season for the Black Tornado while Janssen heads Grants Pass with 74.

The varsity scrape is set for 8:15 p.m. with junior varsity games at 6:30 p.m. Sophomore clubs will collide at 6:30 p.m. in the girls' gym.

Still Scores 56 Points Again

United Press International - It's obvious that Dr. James Naismith didn't visualize a Witt Chamberlain when he launched the game of basketball many years ago or he would have moved his peach baskets about 15 feet higher or maybe given up the whole idea.

The rafter-grazing Chamberlain scored 56 points for the second time in four days Thursday night as his Philadelphia Warriors beat Syracuse, 139-127, in Philadelphia and stayed right on the heels of the Eastern division-leading Boston Celtics.

In other National Basketball association games, Boston beat the Cincinnati Royals, 125-107, despite Oscar Robertson's 38 points for the losers. New York defeated Detroit, 104-102, at the Philadelphia doubleheader and Los Angeles downed the St. Louis Hawks, 110-96, in Los Angeles.

Groups Bidding For Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio - A report that the Cleveland Browns already had been sold for \$4 million to a group headed by a New Yorker, was emphatically denied by Paul Brown, coach, general manager and a vice president.

Brown, in Miami preparing his charges for a meeting with Detroit in the runnerup bowl Saturday, Thursday night denied the sale, but did admit that at least two groups were bidding for the purchase of the club.

SPORTS

Tornado, Cavemen Clash In Matches Here Tonight

Medford will not lack for prep sports activity this evening.

The Black Tornado wrestlers will take on Grants Pass at the senior high gymnasium here.

Preliminary encounters are to get underway at 6:30 p.m. Opening varsity contest is to go to the mat at 8 p.m. Varsity bouts are slated in 13 weight classes.

Spirited scuffles are anticipated since Grants Pass will aim to make up for a 31 to 18 setback at the hands of Medford last month. The result snapped at 15 a string of GP triumphs over Tornado matmen.

Medford is 3-0 in matches with conference schools while Grants Pass is 1-1. Each has a victory over Ashland and Medford has also defeated Crater.

There will be a nominal charge for admission to the matches this evening.

Crater high has wrestling action on Saturday with a trip to Roseburg.

Ninth graders of both Medford junior highs had wrestling engagements away from home this afternoon. McLaughlin was at Klamath Falls and Hedrick at South Grants Pass.

Sunday Entry Deadline For SO Autorama Here

Sunday, Jan. 8, is the deadline for entry in the third annual Southern Oregon Autorama.

The show, featuring personalized automobiles, will be held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14 and 15 at the Medford armory.

Entries can be mailed to Mike Batnich, route 1, box 1023, Grants Pass.

Cars in the autorama will be judged for beauty, construction and originality. Winners in each classification will be presented impressive awards. Batnich has announced.

With exception of best custom, best rod, local sweepstakes and people's choice winners, any car entered which appeared in the second Medford show must have at least two noticeable changes before it will be accepted for the new show.

Space will be available for commercial exhibitors.

Ducks Conduct College Mat Meet on Saturday

University of Oregon, Eugene - Oregon will be host to the second annual state collegiate wrestling tournament at McArthur Court Saturday with more than 100 wrestlers representing eight schools expected to compete.

In addition to the Ducks, Oregon State, Lewis and Clark, Portland State college, Oregon college, Southern Oregon college, Pacific university and Clark college will be on hand.

The tournament is designed for individual competition and awards will be made to the champions in each of the 10 weight classes. No team scores will be kept. The affair is the kickoff for the winter season for most of the teams.

Nine of the 10 champions who won here last year will be on hand to defend their titles. The list includes Olympian Fritz Fivian, the OSC 177-pounder, and NCAA semi-finalist Autry Ehler of Portland State at 167 and heavy-weight Garry Stensland of Oregon. The other returning winners are Don Conway of OSC (191), Gary Hoagland of Portland State (130), Ron Finley (137) and Doug Rambo (157) of Oregon State, and Don Hoiness of Oregon (137).

Competition in the first found will begin at 10 a.m. and the busy schedule continues at 1 p.m. in both the championship and consolation brackets. The final session opens at 7 p.m. and the champions will be named after the final rounds.

RR Freshmen Down Glendale

Rogue River - Rogue River high freshman turned back Glendale 36 to 24 in basketball action here last night. The Chieftains had 8 to 7, 18 to 12 and 28 to 16 gaps at the quarters. Galen Knight led Rogue River scoring with 13 markers and Redfield had nine for Glendale.

No Trouble For Cuban Baseballers

Havana - Minnie Mino, Camilo Pascual and other Cuban baseball players who make their living in the United States during the summer received official assurance today they will have "no trouble" joining their American clubs.

A high ranking official in the Cuban foreign ministry said the government would not interfere with ball players leaving for the U.S.

"We will do everything possible to solve your problems," the government official told the players. "This is a special case and we are going to work it out with acting foreign minister Carlos Olivares."

The announcement was made as approximately 60 Cuban baseball players, including Mino and Pascual, of the Minnesota Twins, were sweating out getting visas to the U.S. in the aftermath of a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries.

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St. Mary's Cagers Go To Riddle

St. Mary's high cager start the new year off tonight with a trip to Riddle for a non-league game.

They'll be without the services of one of their cogs, Mike Austin. Coach Bill McKibbin said that Austin suffered an ankle injury in practice this week. The ailment is thought to be a bad sprain which will keep the hoopster sidelined for some time.

With Austin out, McKibbin indicated that he likely will give Fred Burich a starting assignment at forward and shift Andre Knulson to guard. Other probable starters are Florian Shasky at center, Dick Evans at forward and Jim Cahoun at guard.

Jayvees as well as junior varsity will make the trip to Riddle.

Pro Playoff Bowl Game Saturday

Miami - Pro Paul Brown hates to lose, for money, medals or chalk, and nothing points it up like preparations for Saturday's first annual pro playoff between the National Football league's two divisional runnerup teams.

Brown has been driving his Cleveland Browns through scrimmages and putting a ban on extra curricular activities as he readied his five-point favorites for their Orange Bowl bout with the Detroit Lions. The Browns weren't even allowed to play in the first annual NFL players' golf championship.

George Wilson, coach of the Lions, on the other hand conducted limited practice and encouraged his behemoths to play golf and otherwise forget football and enjoy themselves until game time.

"We've played them enough to know their personnel and what they do," he said of the game to be televised nationally over CBS. "We'll be ready for that 1:45 kickoff and I think a little relaxation will sharpen up my guys after a long season."

Phoenix To Tussle IV Cougars

Phoenix - Efforts to offset rival full court press defense and to sharpen offense against zone defense in the front court have taken up a good share of time this week at Phoenix High school varsity basketball practices.

The Pirates go to Cave Junction tonight where they meet Illinois Valley in the Rogue league opener for both schools. Phoenix and IV split a season opening non-league series and IV downed Lakeview last week after the Honkers had beaten the Pirates in the first round of the Lions Holiday tourney at Cave Junction.

Pirate mentor Eldon Durham said that the team this week will be without the services of Tom Johnson who is recuperating from illness. Johnson has taken a week or so off from basketball to shake off flu and colds and will not make the trip.

Possible Phoenix starters against the Cougars are Gary Colfax, Mike Consbuck, Dave Johnson, Gerald Sloper and Othar Richey. Durham reported that John Morrison likely will alternate with Richey.

Elks Lodge Free Toss Final Set

Finals for the Medford lodge area of the annual Elks free throw contest are scheduled for Hedrick gym on Saturday, Jan. 14, during the halftime of the Medford-Crater high basketball game.

The contest is open to boys through the eighth grade in the area. Schools of the vicinity are conducting their own contests with winners entering the finals at Hedrick. Individual school victors are to be present at Hedrick by 8 p.m. on Jan. 14.

The Elks association contest is statewide. Winners in the various lodge areas will contend in the Oregon finals on Saturday, Jan. 21, at Corvallis and will get to see the Oregon State-Washington State basketball game.

Portland - Roscoe Cook and Harry Jerome of the University of Oregon will compete in the 60-yard dash here Jan. 14 at the first annual Oregon indoor invitational track meet.

Ashland Bills KF, Crater Hoop Frays

Ashland - Ashland High school's Grizzlies find themselves a bit better fixed in manpower this week for a pair of Southern Oregon conference hoop scuffles than they were for a brace of conflicts a week ago.

They play the No. 1 ranked team in Oregon, Klamath Falls, at home tonight then go to Central Point Saturday night to battle Crater. Jayvee prelims at 6:30 p.m. will precede the main attractions.

The Grizzlies are bolstered by the return of Stewart Hedges from a holiday trip to Kansas. At 6:3 he gives Ashland more height than it had on the opening week end and a bit more depth in numbers.

Coach Earl Iba said that the Grizzlies have been working on their patterns and on improving their passing game. Last week the tutor suited down just eight players for varsity duty. This week he plans to have 14 or 15 boys at hand, bringing up players from the jayvee squad with the aim of giving them some varsity experience.

Iba is expected to name his starters from among Hedges, Dallas Brownson, Larry Johnson, Jerry Hauck, Syd DeBoer and Gabe Pepper. The choices of Klamath Coach Dean White may be Gary Patzke, Ray Taylor, Bruce Brickner, Wally Palmberg and Fred Biehn.

At Central Point, Coach Lloyd Hoffine said that Crater's Tom White has missed drills this week because of a bad cold. Hoffine will choose starters from among Jim Allen, Jeff Anhorn, Bryson LaCasse, Loyal Higinbotham, Dennis Edwards and Louis Alvarez.

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