

Comets Slate Tilt With Grants Pass

Central Point — Means to combat Grants Pass height and to overcome its defense have occupied Crater high basketball attention this week.

The Comets journey to Grants Pass on Friday for Southern Oregon conference play. They go to Medford on Saturday to start the loops second time around.

Crater and GP each have defeated Ashland and lost to Klamath Falls and Medford in league games so far. Each is ambitious to keep in the conference race.

Two Comets have been on the ailing list. Loyal Higinbotham with tonsillitis and Bryson LaCasse with a kidney ailment. Both missed drills on Monday and Tuesday. Coach Lloyd Hoffine said he felt that Higinbotham would be ready for week end service. LaCasse's availability was less certain.

Tough Assignment
A good hard struggle is anticipated against the Cavenmen since both schools have aggressive teams. The GP club will have the advantage of greater size under the hoops, giving the Comets a tough assignment in the effort to get their share of the rebounds.

Last week Grants Pass pretty well stopped Medford's

fast break which indicates that Crater must be prepared to try to crack the Cavenman defense after it is set.

Comet starters likely will be from among Jeff Anhorn, Tom White, Jim Allen, Dennis Edwards, Higinbotham and Louis Alvarez.

Grants Pass could open with Jim Davis, Clyde Murray, Dave Hauntz, Larry Janssen and Bob Lewellyn with Jim Hamilton another starting possibility.

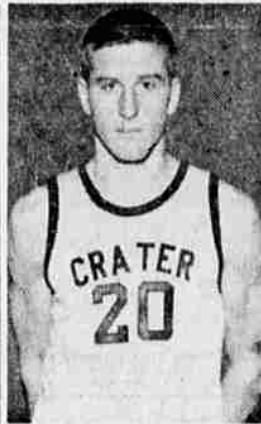
Irishmen Vie In Boston Bout

Boston — Boston fight fans are in a bit of a predicament.

Since they're probably the world's most loyal rooters of a home-bailiwick leather-toss, particularly if he's Irish, they want to cheer wholeheartedly for co-middleweight champion Paul Pender to beat Terry Downes of London in their title fight at the Boston Arena, Saturday night.

Irish Pender of suburban Brookline, Mass., is defending his European-New York-Massachusetts version of the 160-pound crown against the champion of the British Isles.

But now the Bostonians learn that Downes is Irish, too.



COMET VETERAN — A veteran and strong competitor for the Crater high Comet cagers is Tom White, above. White is in his third varsity season for Crater which plays at Grants Pass on Friday and at Medford on Saturday. He has tallied 39 points for the Comets and can be tough under the backboards.

PALMER, HEBERT BILLED

Dunedin, Fla. — Golfing stars Arnold Palmer and Jay Hebert will meet in the "round of the champion" on June 6 to climax a week-long nationwide competition involving many thousands of the nation's amateur and professional golfers. Now known as National Golf Week, the competition is sponsored by the Professional Golfers' association to aid golf charities and other worthwhile projects.

SPORTS

Black Tornado Host To Pelicans Friday

A good share of the prep basketball attention in Oregon will be beamed on Medford Friday night when two of the top-ranked teams in the state contend.

Medford will be host to Klamath Falls at 8:15 p.m. at Hedrick gym in a Southern Oregon conference struggle. Klamath is ranked No. 1 in Oregon polls and Medford has been given No. 2 and No. 4 ratings.

A jayvee conflict will be played at 6:30 p.m. at Hedrick between the two schools. At 6 p.m. at the senior high here, sophomore teams are to play.

"We are really thinking of Klamath but are not overlooking Crater," said Medford mentor Frank Roelandt. The Black Tornado will tussle Crater's Comets here Saturday evening. "We play the games one at a time and Klamath is first," declared the Tornado coach.

Roelandt pronounced his club physically fit, as of last night and said "I think the kids are mentally ready." He added, "I think we can give them all they can handle."

Medford aims to be to tighten up its defense and to keep its offense moving and get good shots, hitting quickly. The Tornado will be up against a tall Klamath front line, headed by 6-7 all-stater Bruce Bricker.

269 Game Highlights Tournament

A 269 game by Larry Little in senior boys competition highlighted the recent annual American Junior Bowling congress tournament action at Medford lanes.

Leading senior boys doubles were Dennis Bauman and Larry Jones, 1186, and Berry and Larry Scruggs, 1168. In singles Jerry Zemlicka aggregated 608 and Bill Mills 605. Beeki Barlow and Pat Daigle led senior girls doubles with 1052 and Jan Bateman and Sandy Dickinson totaled 1013. Pacing singles were Martha Gifford with 528 and Phyllis Tosh with 502.

Junior girls doubles victors were Sheryl McLane and Sandra Joyce with 980 and Mary Beth Lockington and Sara Myers with 956 took second. Singles leaders were Barbara Champion with 534 and Carol Booth with 506.

Bill Dickinson and John Pruitt bowled 1020 with handicap for high in junior boys doubles. In second spot were Don Lewis and Joe Gavin with 1018 and Bill Warner and Mike Barker took third with 1004. Cliff Roberts had 539 in singles and Ron Bauman 534. High series scratch was Mike Barker's 476. Mike Whitman converted a hard 4-7-9-10 split.

Fifty-two boys and 22 girls took part in the tourney and scores are being sent to Chicago, Ill., to compete for national honors. Fred Anderson, proprietor of Medford lanes was tourney sponsor. The Kiwanis club, the Groceries, Democratic Party, Norris Brothers Truck and Auto service and Electrical Workers union, Local 659, aided the tourney for junior boys.

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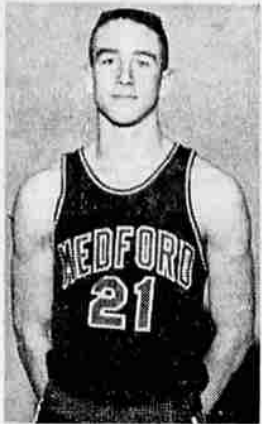
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TORNADO FORWARD—Scott Eaton, above, a junior 6-1 forward with junior varsity experience before this season, has been a regular for the Medford high basketball crew this season. He may be among those in the starting combination Friday night when the Black Tornado opposes Klamath Falls here. Eaton has seen duty in all nine of the Tornado games and has recorded 56 points.

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