

Tornadoes Play Crater, AHS; Grizzly Cagers Rejuvenated

Medford High's basketball team, which faces first things first in the Southern Oregon conference by encountering Crater at Central Point this evening, will oppose a rejuvenated maplecourt contingent when it plays host on Saturday night to Ashland's Grizzlies at Hedrick gym.

The Bruins of the Lithia city have been reinforced in recent days by the addition of four players, including two transfers from Portland.

With the Ashland squad now are Bob Voris, Jim Doster and brothers Larry and Rick Pierce. Both Voris and Doster have had junior varsity experience and Voris was briefly a varsity reserve last season. Both are seniors. Larry Pierce, a junior, reportedly attended Washington high, while Rick, a sophomore, went to Benson.

"It's going to help, I think," said Ashland Coach Earl Iba. He indicated a new spirit among the Grizzlies.

Builds Rebounding
An effort this week, according to the mentor, has been to build up rebounding power, particularly for encountering the Grants Pass Cavemen. Grants Pass plays at Ashland this evening. Iba reported that he may play against GP.

A possible starting crew for Ashland this evening is Dallas Brownson, Jerry Hauck, Sid DeBoer, John Molt and either Dave Everett or Doster. Doster, who has just recovered from acid burn suffered last fall, turned his ankle in drill on Monday. Larry Johnson, who has been a regular, twisted his ankle on Wednesday, but likely will be able to see

at least some duty this week end.

Medford Coach Frank Roelandt has reported nothing new in the Medford camp. He said that starting choice at forwards is among Bruce Bray, Scott Eaton and Stan Dowson with Bob Quinney scheduled to go at center and Dick Ragsdale and Jim Barry at guards as usual.

Edwards Absent
At Central Point, Coach Lloyd Hoffine said that Dennis Edwards was absent from school yesterday because of illness but likely would be available for starting duty tonight. Along with Edwards in the lineup may be Bryson LaCasse, Loyal Higinbotham, Mike Glines and Louis Alvarez.

Grants Pass' starting five against Ashland depended on the outcome of scrimmage last night. Coach Gordon Prehm had Jim Davis, Jim Hamilton, Lee Burton, Mike Millemann and Mel Atkins on one crew and Dave Hauntz, Larry Jensen, Clyde Murray, Bob Lewellyn and Jim Blacksmith.

At Staley of the Cavemen, who missed the Crater game last week because of measles, is not expected to suit up at Ashland tonight.

Week end varsity skirmishes in the Southern Oregon loop are slated for 8:15 p.m. after sophomore and junior varsity contention. Crater travels to Klamath Falls on Saturday where its freshmen will vie at 1 p.m., opening an afternoon and evening of four games between KF and Comet clubs.

Klamath and Grants Pass each have only one game this week end.



VIES FOR COMETS—A quick-moving guard for the Crater High Comet basketball crew is Louis Alvarez, above. He is a 5-6 sophomore who will see service for the Comets when they meet Medford at Central Point tonight and play Klamath Falls at Klamath on Saturday evening. Alvarez has scored 98 points for Crater this season, 52 of them in the Southern Oregon conference.

Small College Tiffs Total 9

By United Press International
Nine games are on tap in the Northwest and Oregon Collegiate basketball conferences this week end.

Linfield, which paces the Northwest conference with a 6-2 record, travels to Forest Grove for a game with Pacific Saturday night.

In other NWC action, Whitman is at Caldwell for a week end series with College of Idaho and Lewis and Clark and Willamette meet in a home-and-home series, starting in Salem tonight.

Eastern Oregon, leader in the OCC with a 6-2 mark, will be at home at La Grande this week end against Southern Oregon for a two-game series and Portland State will play host to Oregon Tech in a pair.

Webfoots, Beavers Clash In Week End Cage Frays

Corvallis - Oregon State and Oregon, two of the three leaders in the Northwest independents' battle to gain an NCAA Western regional at-large playoff berth, collide here tonight.

The Beavers, who have an 11-5 record and share the number one spot with Seattle, and Oregon, which is 10-5, will be tangling in the first of four games this season.

They meet again Saturday night at Eugene.

Oregon enters the week end series with a five-game winning streak against four consecutive victories by Oregon State. The Beavers clobbered Portland and Washington last week end while Oregon rolled over Washington and Seattle.

Duck Coach Steve Belko figures to open with a front line of Charlie Warren and Bill Simmons, 6-4 forwards, and 6-7 Glenn Moore at center. At guards, the probable choices are 6-5 Denny Strickland and 6-foot Leon Hayes.

Beaver Coach Slat Gill may call on 6-10 Karl Anderson at center, 6-4 Steve Pauly and 6-1 Jim Woodland at guards and 6-3 Terry Baker and 6-6 Bob Jacobson at forwards.

MARCH 28 BOUT
Portland - (UPI) - The date for the middleweight fight here between Portland's Denny Moyer and Joey Giardello of Philadelphia has been tentatively set for March 28 at the Memorial Coliseum. Promoter Tommy Moyer said the date would allow Giardello to fight Ralph Dupas in New Orleans March 6. Denny is scheduled to fight Charley Scott in New York Feb. 11.

GIANTS INK BATTERY
San Francisco - (UPI) - A rookie battery that performed for Harlingen, Tex., last year was under contract with the San Francisco Giants today. The two were right-handed pitcher Bob Bolin, who won 10 and lost 4 last year with a 2.77 earned run average and then finished the season at Tacoma of the Pacific Coast league, and catcher John Orsino. Orsino clubbed the ball at a .296 pace and hit 21 homers with 63 runs batted in for Harlingen.

Neland Takes Golfhand Post
Portland - (UPI) - Bill Neland, former administrative assistant in the athletic department at Oregon State college, Thursday was named as the general manager of Golfhand, near Beaverton.

LA Headed By Larusso
By United Press International
Rudy Larusso stands 6 feet, 7 inches and weigh 230 pounds but even so nobody in the National Basketball association ever expected him to fit into Elgin Baylor's sneakers.

But that's just what the 23-year-old ex-Dartmouth star did Thursday night when he took over for the injured Baylor to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 116-115 victory over the St. Louis Hawks. Larusso, who's been averaging about 13 points a game this season, poured in 35, including the clutch baskets that enabled the Lakers to overcome an eight-point deficit with 3:46 left in the game.

West Big Role
Jerry West also played a big role in the victory with 25 points and brilliant floor play. Bob Pettit led the Hawks with 25 points but missed a free throw with 14 seconds remaining in the game. Clyde Lovellette's 24 points for St. Louis left him only four shy of the 10,000-point mark in NBA play.

Baylor was sidelined with an injury to his right ankle suffered against Detroit on Tuesday night.

Wilt Chamberlain connected for 45 points to lead the Philadelphia Warriors to a 133-118 triumph over the Cincinnati Royals in the only other NBA action. The victory left the Warriors 5½ games behind the first-place Boston Celtics in the Eastern division. Jack Twyman had 25 points and Oscar Robertson 24 for the Royals.

South GP Nips Hedrick Eighth
South Grants Pass jumped ahead in the last 10 seconds yesterday to defeat Hedrick of Medford 29 to 27 in an eighth grade basketball game. Hedrick had a three point lead with 2 minutes 18 seconds left. A field goal and free toss were scored by South, in the final seconds. The Hornets of Medford led 6 to 4 at the quarter and GP 17 to 16 at half time. At the three-fourths mark count was 20-all. Johnson had nine points for South GP and Tim We and seven. Doug Olson six and Phil Foulon five for Hedrick.

Links Ace Profitable To January

By JOE ST. AMANT
Palm Springs, Calif. - (UPI) - Al Mengert, usually a stay-at-home club pro, was the leader today going into the third round of the 90-hole \$50,000 Palm Springs Golf Classic-but Don January was already the big money-winner with a \$50,000 hole-in-one.

Mengert, 31, who has club jobs at St. Louis, Mo., in the summer and at Phoenix, Ariz., in the winter, fired a second-round 65 Thursday which, with his first round 68, gave him a 36-hole total of 133. January, also 31, who is a regular on the pro tour, also had a second-round 65. With his first round 76, he had a 36-hole total of 141 in a tie for 35th place but he could quit now and be ahead money-wise.

His ace, for which he will collect \$50,000 unless he has to share the pot with a pro making a hole-in-one in subsequent rounds, came on the 148-yard 15th hole at the Indian Wells course, one of five courses in this circus-like tournament.

January, who had never before made a hole-in-one in 24 years of golfing, used an eight-iron to dunk his tee shot right into the hole on the fly.

At that, he was not the only ace of the day. Amateur Sam Tobias of Bakersfield, Calif., holed his tee shot on the 217-yard 12th hole at the Eldorado course. Tobias, a 17-handicapper, and the momentary hero of duellers all over the world, wasn't even trying—he used a driver on the hole.

Tobias won a golf cart valued at \$1,000 for his ace. Another highlight of the second round was a sizzling eight-under-par 63 at the Thunderbird course by George Bayer—the best round of the day. Bayer had a two-round total of 135 and was in a four-way tie for fourth place with Jay Hebert, 66-69, Layfayette, La.; Fred Hawkins, 67-68, El Paso, Tex., and Dave Marr, Houston, Tex., 65-70.

Two Tied for Second
In a tie for second place behind the 36-hole leader Mengert—both at 134—were Bob Rosburg, Overland Park, Kan., 65-69, and Art Wall Jr., Pocono Manor, Pa., 67-67.

ACTIVITY LACK HURTS
Portland - (UPI) - Joe Louis, who used to defend his world heavyweight boxing title against all comers, thinks the lack of title activity now is one of the reasons boxing has suffered. Louis, here to be guest referee at the Oregon Golden Gloves tournament tonight and Saturday, cited three fights in three years between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson as an example. He said all of boxing would benefit if heavyweights keep busy. Louis predicted Patterson, the current champ, would win the upcoming fight with Johansson.

Angels Obtain Wrigley Field
Los Angeles - (UPI) - The newly organized Los Angeles Angels will call Wrigley field "home" during their 1961 season, according to terms of a contract signed with the Los Angeles park and recreation department.

General Manager Fred Haney Thursday signed for the Sports club and Herm Albert, recreation and park commission president, signed for the city.

The Angels will pay Los Angeles \$200,000 for the use of the city-owned field and will maintain it at a cost of around \$150,000, of which the city will share in the expense up to \$50,000.

Denver Broncos Sign Stinnette
Denver - (UPI) - The Denver Broncos of the American Football league have announced the signing of ex-Oregon State fullback Jim Stinnette.



SEEKS REPEAT TRIUMPH—Bob Rix, head and arm on top in this picture will seek a repeat victory at his weight for Medford high when the Black Tornado wrestlers meet Klamath Falls at the senior high gym here this evening. Bouts begin at 7 p.m.

SPORTS

Eagles Hoping for Tide Turn; Phoenix Faces IV

Eagle Point - "Maybe the tide will turn our way this week," declared Coach Dale Bates of the Eagle Point High basketball club.

The Eagles vie at Lakeview this evening and play at Henley on Saturday night in Rogue league games.

Bates reported real good spirit and hard work among the Eagles this week. They have been working on their pressing game and zone defense.

Stars Display Cinder Wares

New York - (UPI) - Jumpers John Thomas and Ralph Boston and Hungarian miler Istvan Rozsavolgyi shoot for world indoor records tonight and Olympic champion Wilma Rudolph lends a touch of glamor in the 54th annual Millrose track and field games.

The star field on display before an expected sellout crowd of 15,000 at Madison Square Garden includes 24 Olympic athletes, three of them champions, 10 world indoor or outdoor record-holders and several National AAU, NCAA and IC4A champions.

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USC, UCLA Open Series

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Southern California and UCLA open a two-game series tonight with just about all the honors in West Coast basketball at stake.

The two teams are one-two in the Big Five with the Trojans 4-0 and the Bruins at 2-1. Their season's records are especially impressive. The Trojans are sixth-ranked nationally with a 14-2 mark and UCLA is 12-3 and eleventh ranked.

A sweep by either school would make the winner favorite to cop the Big Five race and wind up as representative for the West in the NCAA tournament this year—provided they can get by Utah of the Skyline conference.

Stanford meets Washington tonight at Seattle.

The West Coast Athletic Conference's toughest customers, Loyola and Santa Clara, are favored in their games tonight. Loyola invades defense-minded San Jose State and Santa Clara hosts Pepperdine. Saturday night the Broncs and Lions square off.

Oregon State hosts Oregon in a key test for the Beavers, who now rate along with Seattle as the Northwest's top squad. St. Mary's is at San Diego State.

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