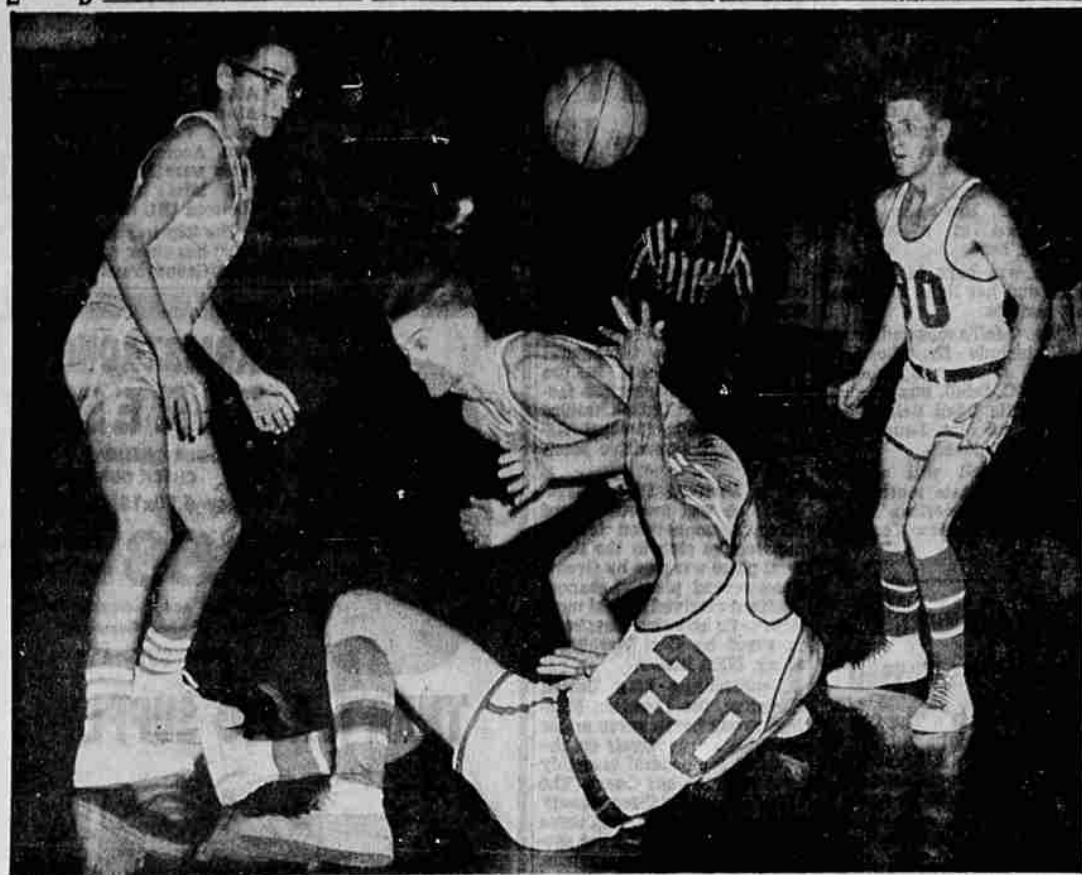




GARDNER HEAVES BALL—Craig Gardner (20) of the Prospect high basketball team is a hard man to stop. Here he gets the ball away over Chiloquin's Ben Nygren in District 5B playoff title game last week. This picture is a

Klamath Falls Herald and News photo. The caption in that newspaper said Gardner was attempting to shoot. Looking on are Chiloquin's Sylvan Crume, left, and Prospect's Cliff Chapman, right.

Prospect Has Giant-Killer Role Against Powers Quint

Prospect — Prospect's Cougars have a giant-killer task when they open the Oregon Class B high school basketball tournament at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Bend.

One of the shortie teams of the tourney, the Cougars oppose one of the tallest in the Powers Cruisers.

Runnerup to champion Malin in the 1960 state tourney,

Powers is missing the bulk of last season's squad. But, the Cruisers have made up for the loss with transfers and they can field a front line of players 6-5, 6-3 and 6-2.

"We face an uphill battle," said Coach Duane Payne, whose Prospect squad was to leave this morning for Bend. He indicated that sharp shooting will have to be the Cougar key against Powers. Aim will be to get the ball through the hoop so that the Cruisers cannot rebound it.

Payne brought out, however, that "our kids shoot real well and they (Powers) will have to have a good zone defense." The Cruisers have used zone in their crucial games this year and the Cougars this week have worked particularly on offense against that sort of defense. Powers also employs man to man.

Prospect suffered a blow in practice Monday when regular Terry Gardner suffered a torn cartilage between the ribs, apparently from the elbow of a squad mate in scrimmage. Payne said that the eager likely will be available for limited duty but that Chuck Poole probably will start. Other likely starters are Craig Gardner, the club's top scorer, Stan Payne, Bob Fitch and Cliff Chapman.

Poole and Craig Gardner at 6 feet even are the tallest among Prospect's likely starters. Powers will have Slim Krantz, 6-5, Glen McDonald, 6-2, and possibly Bill Lawson, 6-3, and Jerry Ross, 6-1. Rich Calbo, 5-9, is the top scorer and floor leader. Dennis Getchell, 5-8, sees much duty. Calbo is a transfer from North Bend and Getchell from Myrtle Point.

The Cruisers have averaged 58 points per game and have held rivals to an average of 35. Prospect has scored 1,003 points to opponents' 810, for 43.6 and 35.2 averages.

Winner between the two schools will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday against the victor of the Thursday lone-Huntington game. Losers of the two Thursday afternoon games vie at 2:30 p.m. Friday in consolation. Lone is 20-1 for the season and Huntington 20-5.

Other first round foes are Portland Christian (unbeaten) against Wheeler County of Fossil (19-3) and Lowell (21-3) against Perrydale (24-0).

Canadians Top Ice Standings

Geneva-LP-Canada's Trail Smoke Eaters emerged today as undisputed favorites for the world ice hockey title following Russia's defeat at the hands of an underrated but brainy Czechoslovak sextet.

The Russians Tuesday played some of the best hockey seen to date in the tournament but their luck was out. And the Czechs alternately "freezing" the puck for long periods and jumping into slick counterattacks, caught the Russians off-guard on sufficient occasions to run out 6-4 winners.

While the Czechs were clinching their upset win, the Canadians, after two scoreless periods, finally found the range against East Germany to win, 5-2, and go to the top of the standings with eight points in four games.

In other Group "A" games Tuesday, Sweden beat Finland, 6-4, and the U.S. tied with West Germany, 4-4.

SPORTSCASTS

Radio station KMED will carry the Prospect-Powers Oregon Class B high school basketball game on Thursday afternoon. The broadcast will start at 2:15 p.m.

Ladies' Pin Tournament In April

Medford Women's Bowling association city handicap tournament will be contested on two Sundays in April. Team competition will be conducted on April 9 at Medford lanes. Singles and doubles are scheduled for April 16 at Roxy Ann lanes.

Entries will close on March 25. Handicap basis is three-fourths of 180 scratch with no limit. Entrants must have bowled 12 league games to establish an average and average must be as of Feb. 25 this year. Any participant belonging to more than one league must use her highest league average.

A lady may bowl the team event twice provided no more than three of the same individuals are on both teams. First team event will count toward all events.

Classes Designated

The three team classes are: A, 700 and up; B, 630 to 699; and C, 629 down. For doubles classes the divisions are 280 up, 252 to 279 and 251 and down. For singles the divisions are 140 and up, 128 to 139 and 125 and down for A, B and C, respectively.

Bowlers in doubles must also enter singles and vice versa.

The tourney has Woman's International Bowling congress sanction and WIBC rules will apply.

First place winners will get trophies and arm emblems. All-event prize money will go to the scratch winner, only. Trophies will go to both all-events scratch and handicap winners in all classes.

Entries with fees are to be given or mailed to Thelma Tolles.

SL Cards Sign Schoendienst

By FRED DOWN
United Press International
Red Schoendienst has won another battle but the future is still a question mark.

The gallant 38-year-old Schoendienst, whose career was threatened by tuberculosis, was signed Tuesday to a St. Louis Cardinal contract estimated at \$25,000. The contract means that general manager Bing Devine and manager Solly Hemus believe he has a chance... just a chance... to help the Cardinals this year.

"I appreciate them giving me this chance," said Schoendienst, who rejected coaching offers from both the Milwaukee Braves and Los Angeles Dodgers because he thought he still could play.

"We consider the break ours," commented Devine. "Red has been most impressive in camp and should give us a big lift, psychologically as well as actually."

Schoendienst was signed after an intra-squad game in which he singled, stole a base, scored a run and made an outstanding defensive play. The odds against him are tremendous — he was sidelined throughout the entire 1959 season and he hit only .257 in 65 games last season.

SPORTS

Quinney Top Scorer In SO Hoop Circuit

Medford's Bob Quinney was the individual scoring champion, league champion Klamath Falls took full season team scoring honors and runnerup Medford high was point production leader in play strictly within the circuit during action in the 1960-61 season by Southern Oregon conference basketball teams.

Closing out the regular season for the Black Tornado with 22 points against Klamath, 6-4 senior Quinney brought his full campaign total to 437 and his league aggregate to 340. He averaged 21.2 points per game for 16 league encounters and 19.9 for the 22-contest full slate.

Higinbotham Second
Loyal Higinbotham, Crater, followed with totals of 354 and 269. His averages were 16.8 points for the season and 16.6 for the conference. Wally Palmberg, Klamath Falls, who played in 19 games, compared to 22 by Quinney and 21 by Higinbotham, ranked third with his overall total of 309 and his 217 for 13 league games. Palmberg with 16.69, edged Higinbotham for second high in hoop play in per game scoring.

Klamath Falls rolled up 1,472 points in 22 games and Medford totaled 1,458 for second high. For the conference Medford mounted up a 112 total to Klamath's second high of 1,071.

Medford had the best defensive mark over the full slate, allowing rivals 1044 while Klamath ranked No. 2 with 1,105 permitted. For the 16 conference tussles Klamath nosed out Medford. It yielded 781 markers and Medford gave up 784.

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STATISTICS:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	PF	PA	W.	L.	Pct.	PF	PA
Klamath Falls	19	3	.864	1472	1105	14	2	.875	1071	781
Medford	17	5	.773	1458	1044	12	4	.750	1112	784
Grants Pass	10	12	.455	1252	1218	8	8	.500	926	897
Crater	9	13	.409	1200	1305	6	10	.375	885	1021
Ashland	0	22	.000	843	1410	0	16	.000	611	1118

Top 20 Individuals:

Player	Team	Games Played	FG	FT	FTA	F	Total Points
Bob Quinney	Medford	22	165	107	137	50	437
Loyal Higinbotham	Crater	21	107	140	183	63	354
Wally Palmberg	K-Falls	19	73	101	136	58	309
Bruce Bricker	K-Falls	18	114	56	85	45	284
Gary Patzke	K-Falls	22	91	85	150	49	267
Clyde Murray	Grants Pass	22	89	84	144	74	261
Dick Ragsdale	Medford	22	92	47	55	60	231
Jim Barry	Medford	22	82	64	93	55	228
Sid DeBoer	Ashland	22	78	61	103	52	213
Dennis Edwards	Crater	22	73	50	90	66	196
Jim Davis	Grants Pass	22	66	45	72	59	177
Fred Blehn	K-Falls	22	66	38	70	46	170
Lou Alvarez	Crater	22	64	37	56	42	165
Larry Jansen	Grants Pass	22	60	26	36	34	149
Ray Taylor	K-Falls	22	51	37	71	53	139
Scott Eaton	Medford	22	52	34	48	34	138
Dave Hauntz	Grants Pass	22	49	30	37	37	129
Gale Tepper	Ashland	22	51	31	53	32	133
Bob Lewellyn	Grants Pass	22	48	37	53	66	133
Jerry Hauck	Ashland	22	37	57	58	76	91

10 Baseball Lettermen Turn Out at SO College

Ashland — Defying dreaching rain and fog the Southern Oregon college Red Raiders launched the 1961 baseball season with a rain-soaked practice last week.

Occupying the first-day turnout of 31 prospective Raiders were hitting and running drills during the 1½-hour session.

Among the large turnout which greeted head coach Ted Schopf were 10 lettermen from the 1960 squad which finished second behind Oregon college with an 8-2 record and 12-5 on the overall season.

Heading the list of returnees is senior Kermit McLemore who led the OCC in batting last year and placed third in national statistics with a stout, .511 average.

Other lettermen who turned out Wednesday included Jess Munyon whose .389 batting mark last season earned him 30th place in national statistics, Eldon Francis, a .333 hitter last year, Jack Kopacz, .333, Damien Rossetto, and Joe Funderburg, all infielders or outfielders. Pitchers included Marty Vogler, who had a 2-1 record with the 1960 squad, Don Vannice, 2-2, Kay Kelley, 1-0, and John Cook who also doubles in the outfield.

Munyon, a strong left-handed hitter, is being counted upon to carry the catching lead this spring, and the number of returning pitchers points toward a bright spot in that department.

"But," according to Schopf, "the biggest gap to fill is in the infield. We've lost our entire infield from last year with the exception of McLemore." McLemore held down both third base and left field for the 1960 Raiders, playing errorless ball the entire season to go with his impressive hitting.

Dietz Signs Contract
Kopacz and Funderburg are the only other lettermen infielders on the squad, and Schopf is hoping the year of experience for each will aid in the search for replacements.

Catcher Phil Sword, pitcher John Younger, and infielders Jack Brown, Bob Jones, Chuck Nevi have either graduated or have transferred to other schools. Jim Dietz, all-conference infielder the last two seasons, is the only exception. He recently signed a pro contract with the Detroit Tigers.

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