

SPORTS

Crater Hoopsters Defeat Warriors

Central Point - Crater High school's lively Comets met their severest test of the still young basketball season successfully here Saturday night by demonstrating sparkling ability to come from behind.

The Fireballs of Central Point made it a series sweep over the Warriors of Lebanon on high by downing the Valley league aggregation 64 to 48. Crater won the Friday fracas 73 to 54.

Victory gave the Comets a 6-0 standing for pre-league competition. They'll carry the undefeated record into Southern Oregon conference play. Lebanon, unmarred before coming here is now 3-2.

For a time Saturday it looked as if the Warriors might retaliate for their Friday loss. After nip and tuck early going they pulled to a five-point midway margin.

The Comets, however, caught up in three minutes time. They fell behind again by four then surged into the lead for keeps. Crater moved to an 11-point gap in the closing stanza, saw its spread slip to eight, tallies then expanded to a 17-point advantage.

Glines Hits 20

Mike Glines with 20 markers and Lou Alvarez with 15 spurred the Comets in the scoring. Paul Branson collected 20 rebounds and contributed key points. His 10 counters and Howard Tomlinson's 12 gave the Fireballs four men in double scoring figures.

Tim Blanchet, who sat out a crucial part of the tussle when he suffered an injury to his mouth, scored 14 points for the Warriors. Big Dave Sturgis had 12 counters and 15 rebounds for the Valley club and tall Ron Price cleared the backboard on 14 occasions.

Crater despite the stiffer conflict against a taller team had slight edge in the rebound retrieves.

Score was 14-all at the quarter 30 to 25 for Lebanon at the half and 40 to 34 for Crater after three panels had gone by.

The Comets closed the half-way gap on two free shots by Branson and one by Tomlinson and Branson's turning jumper from the circle. That made it 30-all. Sturgis goaled for Lebanon on a feed by Price and Bill Bush tossed in two free shots for the Warriors. Those four points for 34 to 30 were the only ones once the visitors got in the third session.

Ahead For Good

Alvarez countered with a driver and Branson with a one-hand rebounder to make it 34-all with three minutes left in the quarter. A long pusher by Glines made it 36 to 34 with 1:50 left and Crater was ahead to stay. Pat Pepper also swished the net from far out and Branson's tipper completed the scoring in the period.

Sturgis took a feed off the fourth quarter tip off and put in a gift heave to cut Medford's advantage to 40 to 37. But, the Comets proved equal to the threat. Glines drove around the post for a bucket. Alvarez potted a jump shot and scored on a fast break after Tomlinson's interception. Tomlinson hit a pusher for 48 to 37.

Blanchard put in a field bucket and two free tosses and Steve Simpson two charity throws for the Warriors while Alvarez netted a goal and Glines a gift for the Comets. Score was 51 to 43. Tomlinson scored off a Glines pass and Glines after canning a driver off a Pepper interception, added a free shot for 56 to 43.

A long Blanchard push was offset by another Glines drive and two Pepper free shots. Blanchard hit again from long range but Crater came back with two free heaves by Willie Jones and an interception and drive goal by Glines for the 17-point difference at 64 to 47.

Warriors Delirious

There were three lead switches in the first half and four tie scores. Last deadlock in the first half was at 18-all. Lebanon went ahead from that point and stayed in front until Crater came up in the third quarter.

Good defense and a rather deliberate offensive game paid off for the Warriors in the first half. The Comets went along with this style of play for a time and it was not until Crater turned to its livelier, faster fashion that the tide turned in Comet favor. The Comets also warmed up in their field shooting over the last two quarters after a cool first half. Swipes and interceptions helped them in the scrap.

Crater fired at a 33.7 average from the field to 310 by the Warriors.

Blanchard, apparently hit in

the mouth, left the game in the mid-third quarter and did not return to the battle until well into the fourth. Jerry Joslin turned in a good floor game for the visitors and 6-3 Sturgis was always dangerous in the vicinity of the hoop.

The Comets, who have been accorded a darkhorse role in the Southern Oregon conference, resume drills Wednesday in preparation for league games.

BOX:	FG	FT	Rb	Pf	TP
Lebanon	6-2	3-3	2	1	7
Joslin	14-0	2-2	1	2	14
Blanchet	11-1	0-0	14	2	2
Price	13-5	3-2	15	2	16
Sturgis	4-2	8-2	3	2	6
Simpson	3-1	2-2	1	1	4
Bush	3-1	0-0	1	1	2
Reynolds	3-1	0-0	0	0	0
Clark	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
Grieve	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
Larson	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Collins	0-0	1-1	0	0	1
Totals	58-18	19-12	39	11	48

Crater	FG	FT	Rb	Pf	TP
Alvarez	16-7	3-1	7	1	13
Glines	16-7	3-2	0	2	20
Branson	12-4	3-2	20	3	10
Tomlinson	11-1	3-3	4	0	5
Tomlinson	14-3	4-2	0	3	12
Summerville	1-0	0-0	2	2	0
Riverburg	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Jones	0-0	2-2	1	0	2
B. Turner	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	70-26	17-12	43	14	64

Eagle Point Wins From Oakridge

Eagle Point - Eagle Point high got off to a flying start here Saturday night and sailed on to a 77 to 48 basketball victory over Oakridge.

It was the second Eagle victory in two nights over the Warriors. EP won Friday 68 to 58.

Oakridge opened with a pressing defense Saturday and the Eagles, wrecking it right away, got their fast break going. EP headed 23 to 6 at the quarter. The Warriors abandoned the press at the outset of the second quarter and the game was more even for the next two cantos. Other period scores were 34 to 20 and 52 to 41.

Charles Pomeroy had 20 points for the Eagles. Richard Short 19 and Wilbur Boatwright 15. Byerly scored 11 and Anderson 10 for the Warriors.

Short Clears 23

Short with 23 retrieves and Pomeroy with 16 paced EP in 65 to 20 control of the boards. Boatwright contributed good floor work along with his points.

The Eagles fired 450 from the field on 31 goals in 70 shots. Oakridge put through 19 of 60 for 318. Short made eight of 15 for Eagle Point.

Next Eagle Point action is in the Rogue Class tournament at Cave Junction. The Eagles open their title defense against Phoenix on Thursday night. The four-team tourney winds up Friday night.

Crater sophomores defeated the Eagle junior varsity in the Saturday preliminary game by 44 to 40.

LINEUPS:	Crater	Oakridge
Crater	1. Schroeder 7, 2. Rardin 1, 3. Frost 8, 4. Neabitt 3, 5. Marshall 11, 6. Anderson 10, 7. Nelson 1, 8. Boatwright 15, 9. Pomeroy 20, 10. Short 19, 11. Linder 8, 12. Boatwright 15, 13. Clement 2, 14. Mesloh 3, 15. Ayres 2, 16. Coriss 2, 17. Byerly 11.	1. Schroeder 7, 2. Rardin 1, 3. Frost 8, 4. Neabitt 3, 5. Marshall 11, 6. Anderson 10, 7. Nelson 1, 8. Boatwright 15, 9. Pomeroy 20, 10. Short 19, 11. Linder 8, 12. Boatwright 15, 13. Clement 2, 14. Mesloh 3, 15. Ayres 2, 16. Coriss 2, 17. Byerly 11.

West Coast Basketball Roundup

South Upsets North; Missouri, Houston Win Other Bowl Tilts

By MILTON RICHMAN

There's another amazing Willie on his way to stardom, and this one can do everything with a football that the other one can with a baseball.

His name is Willie Richardson, he played end for little-known Jackson Miss. State this season, already has been signed by the Baltimore Colts and turned in one of Saturday's finest performances in leading the South to a 15-14 upset victory over the North in the Orange Bowl.

Sharing some of the honors with the flashy Richardson on Saturday were Bill Tobin, who helped Missouri beat Georgia Tech, 14-10, in the Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston, Tex., and sophomore Joe Lopasky, who scored four touchdowns in Houston's 49-21 victory over Miami of Ohio in the Tangerine Bowl.

Four Games Saturday

Four games are on tap for next Saturday when Penn State meets Florida in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.; the East and West tangle in the Shrine game at San Francisco; the Blue clashes with the Grey at Montgomery, Ala.; and the All-American Bowl contest is held at Tucson, Ariz.

West Texas State faces Ohio University in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., on Dec.



GOES FOR BUCKET - Southern Oregon college's Dave Hughes (43) goes up for layup in Friday basketball game with Chico State college at Ashland. The Wildcats' Lamar Fairchild (25) tries in vain to block the shot while his teammate Darrell Davis (14) looks on. Chico won Friday 83-63. —(Dean Freeman photo).

Chico State Sweeps Red Raider Series

Ashland - Chico State's strong Wildcats thumped Southern Oregon college 80-58 here Saturday night for their second basketball victory of the week end over the Red Raiders of the Rogue.

The Wildcats started the game with a strong surge of power which carried them on through. They started the ball rolling by jumping to a sizable lead before the Raiders could get their shooting eye.

With a good deal of teamwork and tremendous floor play Chico ended the first half on top 52-19.

Number one player for Chico was Mike Leitner who tabulated 18 points in the first half and had a shooting average of .555. Brad Flannery led the first half tallies for SOC with eight points. He had three goals on push shots from beyond the top of the key.

Turn for Better

The second half saw a turn for the better for the Raiders. Southern Oregon went on the floor fired up after halftime strategy planning. Larry Hink found the range for the local boys and proceeded to tally nine points.

The diehard Raiders worked the ball more the second half and played a much tighter defense. SOC kept Chico working hard for every score by switching from a man to man defense to zone. Also, the Raiders worked the weave more effectively and set up better screens.

Statistics show Chico with a .418 average from the floor shots and SOC with .351. In addition to outshooting the Raiders, Chico's Wildcats out rebounded them 44 to 35.

Ed Hill of SOC was the outstanding rebounder of the game. The 6-4 freshman from Sutherlin outjumped everyone and brought down 10 retrieves.

BOX:	FG	FT	Pf	TP	Rb
SOC	12-3	0-0	1	10	3
Flannery	20-5	3-2	2	12	5
Hink	2-2	0-0	2	3	4
Lehner	5-1	1-1	3	3	4
Hughes	13-4	4-2	3	10	4
Shultz	10-3	3-2	0	7	3
Franks	6-2	1-0	1	1	3
Kiser	6-4	2-0	2	8	10
Hill					
Totals	74-28	14-6	18	58	35

Chico	FG	FT	Pf	TP	Rb
Blick	7-4	3-3	1	11	1
Leitner	9-5	9-8	2	18	6
Waisvick	8-4	2-1	1	9	7
Stephens	6-4	0-0	0	8	0
Davis	5-2	1-0	3	4	9
Hughes	4-2	2-2	1	6	4
Adams	2-2	1-4	0	6	4
Dallagyma	6-2	0-0	1	4	3
Miller	8-3	1-0	1	3	4
Peterich	12-3	4-0	1	6	8
Totals	74-31	24-18	13	89	44

LINEUPS:	Chico	SOC
Chico	1. Richardson 36, 2. Davidson 2, 3. O'Brien 10, 4. Palmerston 2, 5. Cooper 7, 6. Satter 10, 7. Powell, Schelstrom 8, 8. Penicost 7, 9. Seigona, 10. Crater 21, 11. M. Turner 8, 12. Stroh 8, 13. Swanson 10, 14. Burd 15, 15. Turner 16, 16. Pepper 1, 17. Ryeon 3.	1. Schroeder 7, 2. Rardin 1, 3. Frost 8, 4. Neabitt 3, 5. Marshall 11, 6. Anderson 10, 7. Nelson 1, 8. Boatwright 15, 9. Pomeroy 20, 10. Short 19, 11. Linder 8, 12. Boatwright 15, 13. Clement 2, 14. Mesloh 3, 15. Ayres 2, 16. Coriss 2, 17. Byerly 11.

Ashlanders Top Pirates Again 61-31

Phoenix - Ashland high recorded its second victory of the week end over the Phoenix Pirate hoop team here Saturday night by rolling up a 30-point 61 to 31 margin.

The Grizzlies won at Ashland on Friday by 60 to 34.

Phoenix nabbed the starting lead here Saturday but Ashland pushed on top 2 1/2 minutes into the game and kept the upper hand the rest of the way. The Grizzlies quickly built a 10-point difference before the Pirates scored again. By the end of the quarter it was Ashland 19 to 6.

Cold Phoenix dropped in just one field goal and one free heave in the second quarter and the Grizzlies took a 36 to 9 span. Third quarter was 48 to 12.

The Pirates were warmest in the third quarter when they matched Ashland point for point.

Jim Lamb was the high point man for Ashland with 18. Jim Construk's seven was tops for Phoenix.

The Bruins also won the junior varsity tussle 44 to 39. They had 7 to 3, 23 to 13 and 30 to 23 period gaps. Jesse Price put in 14 points for Ashland and Dale Sauer nine for Phoenix.

LINEUPS:	Ashland	Phoenix
Ashland	1. Tod Hess 6, 2. Topper 8, 3. Lamb 18, 4. Lindsey 3, 5. Pierce 2, 6. Pepper 4, 7. Rhodes 4, 8. Polk 1, 9. Trout 3, 10. Watts 2, 11. Morris 2, 12. Samuelson 7, 13. Phoenix 31, 14. Barker, Williams 4, 15. Johnson, Bolt 4, 16. Construk 7, 17. Workman 3, 18. Allen 2, 19. Granby 6, 20. Wallace 3.	1. Schroeder 7, 2. Rardin 1, 3. Frost 8, 4. Neabitt 3, 5. Marshall 11, 6. Anderson 10, 7. Nelson 1, 8. Boatwright 15, 9. Pomeroy 20, 10. Short 19, 11. Linder 8, 12. Boatwright 15, 13. Clement 2, 14. Mesloh 3, 15. Ayres 2, 16. Coriss 2, 17. Byerly 11.

Machen's Problem Was 'Frustration' Not Lack Of Money Says Flaherty

Portland - (UPI) - The manager of Eddie Machen said over the week end that the heavyweight fighter's breakdown was caused by "frustration and not lack of money."

Sid Flaherty, recently returned after going to the Napa State hospital in California to talk with doctors following Machen's commitment, said "Eddie was frustrated at never getting a title shot." The Portland boxer threatened suicide.

"He's been a top heavyweight for a long time and has deserved to fight for the championship," he said.

"It's not true that he did not have any money. He had signed a contract with me for a fight with Johnny Riggins in Billings, Mont. I gave him \$500 and told him I would give him another \$1,500 in a couple of days for his expenses. Eddie isn't destitute. He has some means."

Flaherty, who also manages World Boxing association junior middleweight champion

Denny Moyer, said "then the next thing I hear is that he's had this breakdown in California."

He added "Machen could see the years slipping away after so many efforts. Sure, he was depressed and frustrated. Who wouldn't be?"

Flaherty said he thought there was a chance that Machen might fight again. "The doctors told me boxing, as such, wasn't the reason for his breakdown. Remember, business people sometimes have these breakdowns and they don't quit."

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LOST FOR WINTER

Wheeling, W.Va. - (UPI) - Wheeling Downs race track, ravaged by fire last week, has lost its winter meeting and may even have difficulty opening in the spring. Track President James F. Edwards said Sunday that Wheeling definitely will not shift its winter meeting to nearby Waterford Park.

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