

SPORTS

Tornadoes Oppose Grants Pass High

Medford high's Black Tornado, third in the loop last season, begins its 1963 Southern Oregon conference basketball slate on Friday night by facing the defending state champions.

The Tornadoes travel to Grants Pass for an 8 p.m. engagement. It will be the only fracas of the week end for Medford.

Grants Pass, which battled to the state diadem of 1962 after taking second in the circuit, will vie on Saturday at Klamath Falls. Klamath is the defending conference and District 6 A-1 titlist.

Medford will carry the better win-loss record into the Friday contest. The Pig Wind is 5-1 for pre-action and fourth ranked in the current prep poll. Grants Pass, 4-2, is seventh rated.

The two aggregations have encountered three common foes. GP whipped Marshfield and North Bend by wider margins than did Medford.

Tornado cagers won by 32 and five points from Willamette high. The Cavemen nosed Will-Hi by one.

Medford split with South Eugene. Grants Pass divided with Roseburg and bowed to No. 1 ranked North Eugene.

Tornado players will go into action this week without the services of the top rebounder and scorer Jim Hill. Coach Frank Roelandt reported that the 6-2 1/2 jumping jack threw his shoulder out of action last Friday at practice.

Friday's games will be preceded by sophomore and junior varsity tussles.

Grants Pass has five players back from the Cinderella club which won the 1962 Class A-1 banner. They are Larry Lindquist, 6-4, Marty Bauer, 6-2, Jim Pippin, 6-2, Bob Shepard, 6-1, and Dennis O'Leary, 5-10.

They are supported by players with junior varsity or sophomore experience. Among these are Glenn Scott, 6-1, Tom Sparlin, 5-11, Lyman Kiesecker, 5-9, Gary Reddick, 5-9, and Gary Van Kotten, 5-9. A 6-4 transfer from San Carlos, Calif., John Maynard, with the equivalent of jayvee experience, is also on the squad.

A 6-3 non-letterman, Al Hutchins, who is being much counted on, injured his ankle in pre-season drill. It was reported yesterday that Dennis O'Leary, who started GP's last pre-league game, was on crutches. O'Leary, has been playing despite a football injury. He went on crutches on doctor's advice, however.

Medford has a player ailing in addition to Hill. Rich Benner, transfer from Grants Pass, broke his wrist at the start of Medford's third game of the new season. Benner was a member of the state title Caveman squad and will miss this first opportunity to play against his former teammates.

Hill has 79 points, Jack Forde with 72 and Dan Miles with 66 were the main scorers in pre-conference play for Medford. Hill has the top totals in field goals with 34 and in free tosses with 11. Forde is second in both categories with 32 and eight.

The two tall men also dominate the rebounding. Hill has 77 snarers and Forde 60. Medford has out-tabulated its opposition in points 364 to

Linebackers To Convene

Medford Linebackers club will resume weekly sessions with a noon meeting on Friday.

The meeting will be at North's Chuck Wagon. Two Medford high head coaches have been invited to the luncheon. They are Frank Roelandt, basketball mentor, and Ralph Monroe, wrestling tutor.

Roelandt likely will discuss Medford's pre-conference hoop performances and talk concerning the Black Tornado's Friday night game at Grants Pass. Monroe, in talking on Medford's mat squad, will speak on a sport which is growing in importance as a prep activity in the state and which is building a growing following locally - although the majority of fans are not so familiar with wrestling as they are with basketball.

ROYALS PLAY

Crater Encounters Ashland Saturday; Grizzlies Face KF

Ashland High school, one of three Southern Oregon conference teams untarnished in pre-league tussles, meets the other two this week end in the opening conflicts of 1963 District 6 A-1 contention.

On Friday night the Grizzlies entertain the defending conference champion Klamath Union high Pelicans. On Saturday Ashland goes over to Central Point to meet the Crater Comets.

The two varsity hassles will be preceded by jayvee and sophomore skirmishes.

Ashland, Crater and Klamath each go into conference competition with 6-0 records. There is, however, no direct means of comparing the three clubs. Crater won two from Lebanon and Mt. Shasta, Calif., and one each from Cottage Grove and Eagle Point. Ashland won a pair each from Phoenix, Fortuna, Calif., and Shasta high of Redding, Calif.

Klamath has defeated Roseburg, Springfield and Bend in two games each.

Crater will carry the most prestige into the league's starting play. The Comets are sixth-rated in the Portland Oregonian prep poll. Ashland tied for 11th in the voting and Klamath Falls picked up one vote.

Ashland will fight for conference honors after failing in three straight seasons to win a league game. The Grizzlies, some followers feel, may prove a surprise team in the loop. Crater has been accorded a darkhorse role in the circuit chase.

Klamath, which hosts Grants Pass Saturday, has another big team which works the boards well but does not have the speed of last year's club. The Pelicans may use the tactics of zone defense which give the opposition little inside chance and use their height to grab the ball on missed shots from outside.

Fred Kelley, 6-5, is a returned KF regular. Grover Dahn, 5-10, and Dick Scott, 6-1, are lettermen. Up from the junior varsity are Wayne Chamberland, 6-3, Hal Holman, 6-2, and Lanny Guyer, 5-8. Terry Ash is a 6-3 sophomore on the crew. Bob Moore, 6-1, is a freshman who looms as a fine varsity prospect. Moore has played in two games.

Hopes For Upset

Ashland would like nothing better than to launch its 1963 league slate by spilling the 1962 winner. The Grizzlies have been working on their rebounding and defense this week. Coach George Kell said that the Bruins are drilling to patch some of the weak spots which appeared in last week end's Fortuna series.

Bolstering Ashland is the return to full strength of Mike Cotton. Weakened by flu, he did not play for the Grizzlies last week end.

Return to their regular floor for practice has sparked up the Crater Comets. They have been drilling in the girls' gym while the boys' gym was worked on during the holidays.

Crater Coach Lloyd Hoffine reported all hands at practice yesterday with exception of Merle Flenner, who suffered a bad ankle twist in last Friday's workout. Flenner has seen reserve duty in all Comet games so far and has been of considerable value to the Fireballs in practice because of his quickness.

Pepper Turns Ankle

Pat Pepper turned an ankle in yesterday's Crater drill but Hoffine feels he'll be ready for the Ashland game, the Comet's only one of the week end. If not, either Darryl Summerfield or Neil Rivenburg may get the call. Summerfield gives the Comets board strength while Rivenburg provides more offensive power. Rivenburg reportedly has started to hit his stride and is doing well in workouts.

Mike Glines, Howard Tomlinson and Lou Alvarez paced the scoring and Paul Branson and Tomlinson the rebounding for the Comets in their six pre-league encounters.

Glines has totaled 99 points, Tomlinson 95 and Alvarez 82. Branson has cleared backboards 81 times and Tomlinson 81. Fourth high scorer for Crater is Pat Pepper with 65 points. Summerfield runs third in rebounding with 32.

Shot .397

Glines leads in field buckets with 44 while Alvarez has 35. Tomlinson has put in 39 of 47 free toss attempts for a fine .830 average.

As a team the Comets have shot a warm .397 average from the field on 172 goals in 433 attempts. They are 71.2 from the free stripe on 104 of 146 tries. They have outscored rivals 448 to 293.

Crater has outshot its adversaries both from the field and the free line. Field average for opponents is .283. The rivals have averaged .592 in gift tossing.

Rebounding comparison is not possible because figures for Mt. Shasta are lacking. The Comets beat the California team twice.

Table with 5 columns: Player, FG, FT, Reb, TP. Rows include Crater, Glines, Rivenburg, Alvarez, Tomlinson, Branson, Pepper, Jones, Summerfield, B. Turner, M. Turner, Flenner, Gardner, Strub, Minger, and Totals/Opponents.



TORNADO CAGER - Darryl Stockton, above, has seen duty as a reserve for the Medford high basketball team this season. He is a 6-1 1/2 senior. Medford opens its Southern Oregon conference schedule on Friday at Grants Pass.

Gifford Honored

New York - Frank Gifford, who ended a one-year retirement, mastered a new position and played a big part in the New York Giants' fine season, today was honored by United Press International for the 1962 comeback-of-the-year in the National Football league.

The handsome halfback's career appeared ended, exactly two years ago at this time when he was sent to the hospital with a severe concussion after being hit hard by Chuck Bednarik in a game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Gifford sat out the 1961 season and earned a comfortable living as a radio broadcaster and a model for television commercials and magazine advertisements.

But as Gifford put it, "Retiring was a big mistake." "I had to get back," he said. "Football is my life."

Trust Fund Tale Denied

Milwaukee - The vice president of the Green Bay Packers denied emphatically today the club had set up a \$250,000 trust fund for coach Vince Lombardi to keep him from going to the Los Angeles Rams, but the president of the team said he didn't want to talk about such a report.

Lombardi, who also is the general manager of the team which has found fabulous success in the National Football league standings as well as at the gate, said "I just don't know anything about it." When asked if he was denying the fund existed, Lombardi answered "I am just saying I don't know anything about it. No more, no less."

Richard Bourguignon, the vice president of the Green Bay Packers, Inc., a non-profit corporation, insisted "there is no truth" to the report by Joe Williams, sports editor of Scripps Howard Newspapers, that a \$250,000 trust fund was set up for Lombardi by Green Bay directors.

Commission Cites Medford Gun Club

Medford Gun club recently received a certificate from the state industrial accident commission citing it for 27 years of unimproved coverage under the Oregon workmen's compensation action.

The club also was cited for "promoting the protection of its workers."

Magazine Remarks Attributed To Al Lightner Challenged

Salt Lake City - Utah basketball coach Jack Gardner Wednesday challenged remarks attributed to veteran referee Al Lightner criticizing Gardner's court conduct.

Gardner was one of four coaches singled out by Lightner for "explosiveness." The veteran West Coast official made the charges in an article in a national magazine (Saturday Evening Post).

"Biggest bunch of baloney I ever read," Gardner said when asked to comment on the article.

The article, entitled "Basketball's Bullies," said reckless coaches, rowdy players and riotous fans were disgracing college basketball.

"I think Lightner's remarks are out of line. He's certainly doing basketball an injustice. Sure it's an emotional game. That's why it's so popular," said Gardner.

Called Hoologans

The article also tabbed the crowd on hand for the Utah-Southern California game at Provo, Utah, in 1960 as 11,000 "hoologans."

Gardner said he had a statement from Larry Varnell, Lightner's fellow official in the Utah-USC game disproving Lightner's charges.

Gardner quoted Varnell as saying "I did not see anything come on the floor at all from any of the spectators in any portion of the game. I am positive that the game at no time had to be stopped for any reason. I recall clearly having left the game under normal peaceful conditions."

According to the article Lightner said paper cups, programs, apple cores and a dead fish showered down and the floor became unplayable when Lightner called a foul on Utah star Billy McGill.

Joe Mann Joins OSU

Corvallis - Joe Mann, a 6-8, 220-pound transfer from Clark Junior college, joined the Oregon State basketball team Wednesday. He is immediately eligible.

Mann, who is from Irrigon, led the Oregon State Rooks in scoring in the 1956-57 season and then went into the Navy for three years.

The Beavers, who won their seventh straight Far West Classic title last week end to run their season's record to 6-3, play host to Washington State here Friday and Saturday nights.

Sophomore Jim Kraus, a 6-7 forward, probably will start against the Cougars. The other probable starters are forward Steve Pauly, center Mel Counts and guards Terry Baker and Frank Peters.

JAPANESE SCHEDULED

Portland - A team of Japanese high school wrestlers is scheduled to arrive here Saturday. The team will compete against 18 Oregon high school squads during this month.

NIEDER APPLIES

San Francisco - Bill Nieder, the Olympic champion shotputter whose professional boxing career lasted less than one round, will seek to regain his amateur status. Jim Terrill, who is handling the Feb. 15 Golden Gate Invitational indoor track meet at the Cow Palace, said that the 240-pound Nieder will be a competitor if cleared by the AAU.

Counts 3rd In Rebounds

New York - Oregon State center Mel Counts tumbled out of the top 10 in basketball scoring this week, but the seven-foot junior moved up to third in rebounding.

Counts has collected 159 rebounds in nine games for a 17.7 average. The leader is Paul Silas of Creighton with a 19.2 average.

Nick Werkman of Seton Hall holds the scoring lead with an average of 36 per game. Seattle's Eddie Miles is third with a 29.7 average on 267 points in nine games.

Counts scored 64 points and grabbed 57 rebounds in three games in the Far West Classic last week. Miles was the Classic's leading scorer with 70 points.

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CASCADE VICTOR Los Angeles - Cascade College of Portland defeated Southern California College 55-52 in overtime in the first round of the Los Angeles Pacific college basketball tournament Wednesday night.

TRIAL RESUMES New York - The trial of former Columbia University basketball star Jack Molinas on charges of bribery is scheduled to be resumed today after a motion for a mistrial was denied.

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