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SPORTS

Southern Oregon's Mat Team Meets Chico State

Ashland-Southern Oregon college's strong wrestlers face Chico State Wildcats tonight at 7:30 o'clock in Ashland. Chico is regarded as one of the best teams Southern Oregon will meet from California. Last season the Wildcats were the Far Western conference champions and won the Far West invitational championship. They are a well experienced squad and as Coach Bob Bennett said, "We expect a real good meet with Chico and this will be our real test. CSC has a 4 win 2 loss record against some real tough competition." Could Be Tops

Anderson Heads OCC In Points

OCC STANDINGS: W L Pct. PF PA OTI 8 0 1.000 660 373 OCE 4 0 500 583 600 SOC 4 4 500 573 849 OCE 3 3 500 516 542 EOC 3 3 500 541 610

Portland - A three-way battle is taking place for the Oregon Collegiate Conference scoring title at the halfway point in conference action. The new leader this week is Willie Anderson of Oregon Tech with 175 points and a 21.9 average for eight games. He replaces Southern Oregon's Dave Hughes who was idle last week.

Pressing Anderson in the tight point race is Portland State freshman John Nelson with 169 points and a 21.1 average per game. Tech's Sammy Smith is third with 165 and a 20.6 average. Hughes dropped to fourth at 125 points.

Bob Marr of OCE took over the field goal accuracy lead with a .523 percentage on 23 of 44 shots. Among more frequent shooters, Dave Hughes is best with 82 field goals on 125 shots for a .656 average. Portland State's Gary Linn has an .833 shooting percentage from the free throw line on 10 of 12 shots but among those with more opportunities, Toby Wolf of OCE has hit .826 per cent of his shots, making 38 of 46.

Smith and Anderson of OTI are running away with the rebounding race. Smith, two-time OCC rebound leader, heads the pack with 143 retrieves, an average of 17.8 per game. Anderson has cleared 120 for an average of 15 per contest. Anderson also is the season's scoring leader in the OCC with 337 points in 17 games for a 19.8 points per game average. Hughes is second at 286 and Bob Myers of EOC is third at 284.

In team statistics, Oregon Tech is the offensive leader with an average of 82.5 points a game while Portland State is the top defensive team, yielding only 67.7 points a game. Tech also leads in free throw shooting with a team average of .659, and team rebounds with an average of 48 per game. Southern Oregon is best shooting from the field with a .472 per cent accuracy mark.

Conference action this week ends Tech against Portland State for two games that could virtually wrap up the third straight OCC title for the Owls. The Vixs need no worse than a split to remain in contention for the runner-up spot and the Dist. 2 NAIA playoff berth. Southern Oregon is at Eastern Oregon for a pair while Oregon college draws the weekly bye.

TEAM STATISTICS: FG FT Reb. Pts. Ave. Oreg. 285-627 134-295 390 680 82.5 OCE 220-505 143-222 272 503 72.9 SOC 241-530 125-200 243 513 71.6 EOC 216-411 120-171 282 541 77.5 PSC 211-349 94-150 323 516 64.5

Defense: PSC 21-33 107-183 211 343 62.6 SOC 221-579 107-183 211 343 62.6 OTI 234-579 105-167 211 375 71.6 OCE 243-591 124-200 243 513 71.6 EOC 220-523 122-213 298 610 76.2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: Anderson, OTI 71 27 175 21.9 Nelson, PSC 71 27 169 21.1 Smith, OTI 57 51 165 20.6 Hughes, SOC 62 28 152 19.0 Myers, EOC 54 27 150 18.8 Shultz, SOC 50 21 121 15.1 Brandt, OCE 47 22 116 14.5 Wolf, OCE 37 38 112 14.6 Nash, OTI 37 38 112 14.6 Zitek, OTI 40 23 103 12.9 Johns, OCE 34 16 84 10.3 Rankin, OCE 33 16 82 10.3 Hingston, PSC 32 16 80 10.0 Linn, PSC 31 10 78 13.6 Hink, SOC 32 13 72 13.6 Wachler, EOC 29 18 76 9.3 Schrank, PSC 27 13 72 13.6 Turley, EOC 29 13 71 9.8 Flannery, SOC 29 7 65 8.1 Kiser, OCE 29 7 65 8.1 Morton, OCE 25 7 57 7.1 Marr, OCE 23 10 36 7.0 Curry, OCE 19 11 33 6.8 Bagnall, EOC 21 8 50 8.2



TORNADO FLING—Medford's Jack Lowery and Clint Parislas (44) combined in the ballet leap the last time the Medford and Ashland high basketball teams collided this season. Other players shown are Mike Barnes (30), Medford, and John Polk (31), Ashland. The teams clash again on Saturday, this time at the Ashland high courts. Tonight, however, the Medford Black Tornado attention will be focused on the Crater high Comets in a game at Hedrick gym here.

Medford, Crater Foes Here Tonight; Tornado at Ashland Saturday, Comets Vie at KF

It's certain that there will be a full house at the Hedrick gym here tonight. The question is: What's in the cards for a couple of Southern Oregon conference basketball aggregations?

The closest neighbors in the Class A-1 circuit, Medford and Crater High schools, contend on the local floor. Tip-off is billed at 8:15 p.m.

This conflict will be one of four this week end within the circuit. Ashland will go to Grants Pass tonight, Saturday evening slate is Medford at Ashland and Crater at Klamath Falls.

Crater goes into the week end tussles the loop leader with a 5-1 mark. Klamath is 5-2, Grants Pass 4-3, Medford 2-4 and Ashland 0-6.

The four games will bring the conference to the midway point of the chase as the respective adversaries battle each other for the second time this season. In first round fracas Crater tripped Medford 68 to 63 and downed Klamath Falls 59 to 57 in overtime. Medford won 75 to 41 from Ashland and Grants Pass beat Ashland 67 to 39.

On the strength of those first games, The Medford-Crater and Klamath - Crater embroilments would rate as tussles and Grants Pass and Medford would be big favorites over Ashland. But, on the basis of Ashland tussles against Crater and Klamath Falls neither the Cavemen of GP nor the Tornado of Medford are underestimating the Grizzlies.

With a pair of contests this week, Crater has the opportunity to stretch to a two-game lead in the conference since its nearest rivals have just one game apiece. Klamath

While Ashland's Bruins

have gone winless in the race, Coach George Keil has declared, "One of these days we'll get one." He added, "I just hope it's pretty soon."

Keil reported yesterday, "We'll be awfully shallow this week end." Mike Cotton has missed a couple of days of drill. Rick Pierce has been troubled by a cold and Tod Hess has a foot sore from blisters.

In drills this week, Keil stated, "We've been trying to work on our rebounding and see if we can get a fast break going." Defense also has had attention.

Hess, Jim Lamb and Dale Tepper are likely starters this week with Howard Johnson and Dean Samuelson probably to get the call if Cotton and Pierce are still under the weather.

Other Lineups: Klamath Falls against Crater is expected to present a lineup of Fred Kelley, Wayne Chamberland, Dick Scott, Hal Holman and Grover Dahn or Terry Ash.

Against Ashland tonight Grants Pass Coach Gordon Prehm may name Al Hutchins, Bob Shepard, Jim Pippin, Tom Sparlin and Gary Reddek for starting service with Lyman Keisecker, Larry Lindquist and Marty Bauer in main reserve.

While "play ball" is set for 8:15 o'clock here tonight, 8 o'clock is the official starting time for this week's other scrambles. Jayvee games are billed for 6:30 p.m. on all courts.

Sophomore games tonight will be at 6:30 o'clock at the senior high boys' gym at Medford and at the girls' court at Grants Pass. Soph' court at Saturday are billed for 5 p.m.

A Crater Booster-sponsored Greyhound bus will make the trip to Klamath Falls. Three school buses carrying students are scheduled to make the jaunt.

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RAIDER MATMAN - Dave Buck, above, one of Southern Oregon college's fine freshman wrestlers, has been battling with Jerry Hull for the 157-pound spot on the Raider squad. The Raiders entertain Chico State college at Ashland this evening. (Desn Freeman photo).

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Cincinnati Tips Drake In Extra

By MARTIN LADER UPI Sports Writer Cincinnati boasts two formidable weapons in its bid for an unprecedented third straight NCAA championship - not only does it have the best college basketball team in the nation but today it also must own the luckiest.

The Bearcats took a 33-game winning streak into Thursday night's game against Drake, and it should have been little more than a work-out for the country's top-ranked squad on its home court. In a tied, unheralded Drake fought fiercely for every point and dragged Cincinnati into an overtime period before falling to the Bearcats' superior might by 65-60.

The consequences probably would have been more serious for the below-par Cincinnati team if it had been up against one of the more powerful foes on its tough schedule. Loyola of Chicago, ranked No. 2, kept pace with the Bearcats and maintained its hopes for an unbeaten season by routing Washington University of St. Louis, 118-59, in its 19th straight win.

In key conference games Thursday night, Kentucky overcame Georgia, 74-67, and Wake Forest took sole possession of first place in the Atlantic Coast conference by beating South Carolina, 54-45. George Wilson was the individual hero for Cincinnati, registering five of his team's seven points in overtime. Tom Thacker, who led the Bearcats' comeback in the final minutes of the second half, lost his chance of glory as he blew a free throw attempt with six seconds remaining.

Wrestling Tournament Saturday

Hedrick Junior High will be host on Saturday for seventh and eighth grade invitational wrestling tournament. McLoughlin, Central Point and Ashland are entered along with the host school. Both team and individual champions will be crowned.

Sessions will be at 9 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 3 p.m. No charge will be made for admission. Competition will be on three mats except for the finals when one mat will be used for the seventh grade and one for the eighth.

McLoughlin Rambles

McLoughlin Junior high ninth graders used their height and good ball handling to thump Monument basketball team 53 to 14 here yesterday. The McLoughlin team had 13 to 1, 23 to 2 and 27 to 14 quarter differences. Dennis Byrne paced Mac scorers with 17 and Curt Smith had 13.

LINEUPS: Monument 11— Dan, Ler, Converse, A. Hamilton, Logan, S. Brazille, 4. Dickerson, Morgan. McLoughlin 33— Dallas, 7, Curtis 10, Byrne 17, Smith 13, Chambers 4, Sanford, Douglas 2, Westwood, Stockman, Funk, Johnson, Howley, Durick.

Red Raider Hoopmen At Eastern Oregon

Ashland-Southern Oregon College's basketball team traveled to La Grande to meet the Mountaineers of Eastern Oregon college tonight and Saturday night.

The Raiders have an Oregon Collegiate conference record of four wins and four losses. In the starting five for Southern Oregon will be guards Brad Flannery and Larry Hink, forwards Jerry Shultz and Royce Kiser, and at the post position will be Dave Hughes.

Val Brumel Favored in Millrose

By JOHN GRIFFIN New York - (UPI) - World Champion Valery Brumel, the Soviet sensation who has beaten American title-holder John Thomas six straight times in the high jump, was favored to score his seventh victory in a row tonight in the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden.

A sellout crowd of 15,000 was expected to watch Brumel and Thomas renew their rivalry in one of three United States-Soviet duels that will feature the first of five meets scheduled for the Garden this season.

Russia's Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, waiting for his world outdoor broad jumping record to be approved, and world indoor king Ralph Boston will hook up in a second Soviet-American test while Valery Bullishev, Russia's third entry in the meet, will compete against favored Jim Dupree and Lt. Ernie Cunliffe among others in the 880-yard run.

Commanding almost as much attention as the three Russian invaders will be Canada's 19-year-old Bruce Kidd in the two-mile event, world indoor shotput champ Gary Gubner of New York University, and competing pole vaulters Dave Turk, John Uelsers, Ron Morris and John Belitz, all of whom have cleared 16 feet.

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