

# Crater, Ashland Mix at CP Tonight; GP Foe Saturday

Central Point-Crater high school basketball teams will meet Saturday night at Grants Pass, but only after putting first things first. The two aggregations, who followed the wise pattern of playing their games one at a

time, have more immediate concerns. Each has a game tonight.

Crater, in a top against bottom struggle, takes on the spoiler-minded Ashland Grizzlies at Central Point. Grants Pass will be at Klamath Falls. This evening's games here is at 8:15 o'clock. The others are set for 8 p.m.

Crater (6-3 in the loop) carries a full game span over Grants Pass (5-4) going into the week end competition. Klamath (6-4) is in between. All three are in the running for the conference diadem and the two state tourney spots from District 6. Ashland (2-8) is all but mathematically out of the running but fired with the desire to play havoc with the other circuit members.

### Hope to Bolster

The Comets of Central Point look toward the opportunity to strengthen their conference lead. Both Grants Pass and Klamath Falls eye the chance to push out in front in the race. Klamath goes to Medford for a Saturday tussle.

Both Ashland and Grants Pass will aim to break the domination of this evening's adversaries. Ashland has not downed Crater on the maplecourt since 1959. Neither has Grants Pass defeated Klamath Falls since last year.

At Grants Pass, according to the Daily Courier, Coach Gordon Prehm has been drilling the Cavemen on offense with emphasis placed to shooting.

### Crazy League

"We're going out there with the idea of making sense out of this crazy league," the Courier quoted Prehm as saying. "We'll have to hustle and get those rebounds as well as make our shots against that rugged Klamath bunch and then we'll have to beat that score-happy Crater bunch on Saturday night."

Prehm said further that "the game we're after is the Klamath one."

Crater goes into its Ashland game here this evening after having twice defeated the Grizzlies in previous league scuffles of 1963. Scores were 65 to 56 and 64 to 53. The Comets turned on tremendous second half rally to overcome a nine-point deficit in the second game.

### Top Game of Season

Against Grants Pass Crater experienced a frigid night at the first time out and GP won 56 to 45. In the second meeting, a nip and tuck one, Crater emerged 75 to 67 in a nip and tuck encounter many fans maintain was the top game of the season so far in the conference.

For Coach Lloyd Hoffine's Comets, who have indicated plenty of concern over the rejuvenated Ashlanders, probable starters are Paul Branson, Howard Tomlinson, Pat Pepper, Mike Glines and Lew Alvarez.

Coach George Keil has indicated that his opening crew will be Dale and Gale Tepper, Jim Lamb, Mike Cotton and Rick Pierce.

Possible crew for Grants Pass against Klamath is Jim Pippin, Bob Shepard, Lyman Kelsecker, Tom Sparlin and Larry Lindquist or Marty Banner. Al Hutchins, who has turned into big force in the GP lineup, hurt the foot in practice this week that kept him out of action in the early seasons. It was, expected, however, that he would see duty.

Junior varsity and sophomore tilts will precede varsity tangles.

### Hounds To Be Run on Sunday

North Sams Valley - Coon hound field trials will be held Sunday, Feb. 17 starting at 9 a.m. about two miles off Highway 234 on Meadows rd. The area will be well marked.

According to Carl Bergman, chairman of the trials, the hounds will run according to Oregon rules with exceptions. Landowners and sponsors are not responsible for any losses or accidents that might occur.

Final trials are expected to get under way during the early afternoon.

Sportmen are invited to bring the family. There will be no charge to spectators.

### Bolton High Scorer in Rifle Contest

Jim Bolton was in fine form at the weekly Wednesday night rifle shoot of the Medford Rifle and Pistol club when he made a total score of 390 out of a possible 400 in the four positions.

Only one point behind him was Ren Kemp, a new member, with 289, then followed by Clyde Richmond with 288.

Others in the top five were Ralph McKinsey, 371, and Marvin Nelson 367.

The club will stage the National Sectional Pistol Championship March 10, 1963.



COMET COURTMAN - A Crater high basketball regular is Pat Pepper, above, who will see duty for the Comets against Ashland at Central Point tonight and against Grants Pass on Saturday at GP. He has scored 143 points for Crater this season.

### Trotters Play Before Capacity House at CP

Central Point - The antics of the Harlem Globetrotters drew a more than capacity house to the Crater High school gym last night, with some 1,500 fans crowding into facilities that are supposed to accommodate 1,400.

There were folding chairs set up along the ends of the court, some of them practically on the playing area. A few latecomers had to stand in the doorways.

The big crowd got its money's worth in entertainment, with the dazzling ball handling of the world famous Globetrotters and particularly the wisecracks and amazing agility of J. C. Gipson, veteran member of the Harlem team for more than 10 years.

The local crowd was also treated to an extra-tremendous full-length-of-the-court heave by one of the Globetrotters which plunked perfectly through the basket at the other end.

"Trotters 'Win'" Oh yes, the final score (as if it mattered) was Harlem Globetrotters 89, American League All-Stars 85.

The Stars put up a steady battle and fought back from deficits of 14 points at times. But whenever they got a little too close for comfort the Globetrotters settled down to some "serious" ball-playing and sank enough two-pointers to widen the gap again.

Four variety acts were presented during half-time. Acrobats Mike Leamy, 19-year-old Canadian, and Franklin D'More entertained, followed by a puppet dance act by Rene Raymond.

The final intermission act was a trampolene exhibition by Mike and Carol Pickering, which also featured their four-year-old son and two-year-old daughter.

### Stanford Plays Cal

United Press International Stanford, locked in a battle with Washington for leadership in the Big Six basketball race, puts its chances on the line tonight and Saturday in games with ancient rival California.

The Indians are 4-2 and Washington 6-3 in conference action. The Huskies host USC Saturday night in their only week end contest.

Stanford is the home team tonight against the Bears, who are 2-4 in conference play. Saturday night the scene shifts to Berkeley.

### OSUNA RANKED NO. 1

Mexico City - EP - Rafael Osuna, a student at Southern California, has been listed as Mexico's top-ranking tennis player by the Mexican Tennis federation.

# SPORTS

## EP Plays Phoenix; SM Hosts Honkers

Eagle Point high, its Eagle eye on a District 6 A-2 playoff berth, seeks its seventh basketball victory in a row, and third this season, over the Phoenix High school Pirates tonight when the two teams come together in Rogue league action.

The game will be at Eagle Point. It will be the last home game for the Eagles.

This contest is one of seven on the week end in the loop. Tonight, also, Sacred Heart is at Henley, Illinois Valley at Rogue River and Lakeview at St. Mary's. On Saturday Lakeview vies at Henley, St. Mary's at Rogue River and Phoenix at Sacred Heart.

Henley, undefeated pacer of the circuit, is figured to wrap up the unshared Rogue championship tonight against the Trojans, who have not won a conference game.

### Chief Contention

Eagle Point and Lakeview (each 8-3) are in chief contention for the second of two district playoff spots against the top teams of the Umpqua Valley circuit. That puts significance on the EP-Phoenix tangles and Lakeview Honker scrapes with St. Mary's Crusaders and Henley's Hornets.

However, Illinois Valley (6-4) and St. Mary's (4-6) still are in the race for the No. 2 position.

Coach Dale Bates reported that his Eagles are looking forward to the game with Phoenix high. The skirmish between these two long rivals is generally rugged and aggressive. EP nosed the Pirates just 50 to 49 in the Rogue Classic tourney and tipped them 59 to 55 at Phoenix in Rogue league play this season.

Drills this week are aimed at preparing the Eagles to be "ready for just about anything that could happen."

They have worked against various defenses and put some emphasis on their own pressing game. Fun drills were staged early in the week and practices have been lively and snappy.

Up From Jayvees Bates reported that he had moved Richard Anderson and Dick Wilson up from the junior varsity squad.

Charles Pomeroy with 377 points and Richard Short with 244 head the Eagle Point scorers. Short places the rebounding with 341 retrieves and Pomeroy has 285. The Eagles in recorded 14 wins and five losses have averaged 61.42 points per game to 53.68 by rivals.

St. Mary's in its bid to tie for second place must win all four of its remaining games. A victory by Lakeview or Eagle Point will eliminate the Crusaders.

### EAGLE POINT SCORING:

Pomeroy 377, Short 244, Boatwright 197, Linder 147, Whaley 57, Hoeft 51, Charley 41, Straus 11, Mesloh 10, Ayres 8, Corlias 5, Clement 5, Hudson 3, Anderson 3.

### EAGLE POINT REBOUNDING:

Short 341, Pomeroy 285, Boatwright 83, Linder 71, Whaley 41, Hoeft 38, Charley 28, Mesloh 22, Ayres 14, Straus 7, Hudson 7, Corlias 6, Clement 2.

### Sacred Heart Gains Crown

Sacred Heart Catholic won its second straight Medford adult church league basketball title last night by defeating the Friends 51 to 43 in the playoff final.

Sacred Heart had 20 to 11, 32 to 21 and 38 to 36 quarter margins. The Friends caught up at 42-41 in the fourth quarter.

Laval Meunier had 20 points for Sacred Heart and Steve Isaacs 13 and Earl Cooper 12 for Friends.

LINEUPS: Sacred Heart 31 - Bromley 10, Meunier 20, Paup 2, Atterbury 4, Pruitt 5, Yates 7, Mikache, Zelenik.

Friends 43 - Allen 6, Nelson 4, E. Cooper 12, B. Cooper 8, Isaacs 13.



VIES FOR EAGLES—Frank Charley, above, is a reservist for the Eagle Point high basketball team. He has scored 41 points and cleared 26 rebounds. The Eagles entertain Phoenix tonight.

### Hedrick Eighth Winner 37-35

Hedrick edged McLoughlin 37 to 35 yesterday in a basketball match of two Medford eighth grade teams.

It was the first loss in 11 games for McLoughlin which earlier had handed Hedrick (9-1) its only loss of the season.

Quarter scores were 11 to 8, 26 to 20 and 34 to 26 for Hedrick. John Tomlin with 15 points and Tom Jackson with 14 led the Hornet win. Each pulled 14 rebounds. Phil Taylor had 12 points for Mac and Jim Gillespie turned in good work on the backboards.

Reds Rally To Beat Greens in Hoop Tiff Hedrick Red tipped Hedrick Green 24 to 20 with a fourth quarter rally on Thursday in Medford seventh grade basketball. The Greens led 10 to 9 at the half and 18 to 15 at the third quarter pause after a 6-all first period. Steve Cox had nine points for the Greens and Kirby Lusk seven for the Reds.

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## Woods, Water, Wildlife

Last week's column gave a brief rundown on the methods used by the game commission to determine planning in the management of the deer herds in Oregon. The application of the information resulting from the management methods results in establishment of seasons and bag limits. The following is some of the information that formed the basis for the 1962 deer season.

### POPULATION TRENDS

The population trends go back to 1946 and are compiled for both mule deer and blacktail deer. The count is in deer per mile.

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Mule deer	12.3	9.9	11.6	11.2	12.2	12.6	11.7	11.1	12.5
Blacktail	7	1.1	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.2	2.5	2.9	3.1

The 1962 trend indicated a 7 per cent decline from the 1961 average, and was an average density comparable to 1949 and 1953. The decline was most apparent on a few ranges that were hard hit by drought or severe winter weather. Most other wintering areas indicated little change over the past several years. Mule deer numbers still exceeded optimum levels on most winter ranges.

### HERD COMPOSITION

Herd composition data is obtained in early winter and is shown as a ratio of so many bucks or fawns to 100 does.

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Mule deer	16	21	25	27	24	26	28
Blacktail	15	34	42	28	35	36	37

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Mule deer	29	32	25	28	25	22	22
Blacktail	31	33	38	39	34	34	35

The low mule deer fawn production for 1962 was found to be a factor common to the dry southeastern Oregon ranges. The average ratio of 64 fawns to 100 does was 19 per cent below the ten-year average of 79 fawns per 100 does. This decline, however, was not representative of all eastern Oregon ranges, many of which were above the ten-year average.

The decline in blacktail deer production was most apparent in some southwestern Oregon units and in Wasco and Hood River Counties. Other major areas showed little change.

### FORAGE USE

Measurement of utilization of bitterbrush plants gives some indication of forage available to the herds.

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Mule deer (percentage)	32	32	43	45	62	50
Blacktail	91	67	67	62	74	79

The average utilization for all plants was 62 per cent, exceeding 50 per cent on 12 of the 20 ranges measured. Range studies have indicated that when livestock and game use over 60 per cent of the annual bitterbrush growth, the plants decline in condition and eventually die. Of the 31 tend transects on 10 herd ranges measuring ground cover, over one-third indicated overuse and range deterioration. Range conditions have not improved despite liberal deer seasons and adjustments in use by domestic animals.

### HARVEST DATA

Prior to 1952, a season on bucks only yielded an average of about 50,000 deer annually and 29 per cent of the hunters were successful. From 1952 through 1957, buck seasons plus general either sex hunting produced an average of about 110,000 deer annually, with 51 per cent of the hunters successful. A buck season plus the controlled harvest of antlerless deer by units has yielded approximately 143,000 deer annually since 1958, with hunters averaging 56 per cent success. The sustained harvest of over 100,000 deer per year for nine years has had little effect upon the density of deer, and that fluctuation in populations were more traceable to weather conditions than to hunting pressures.

### DAMAGE PROBLEMS

A total of 1,361 individual deer damage complaints was received last year, 70 per cent of which came from western Oregon. These are all agricultural complaints, and do not include the many involving damage to private, state, and federal reforestation projects. Complaints of damage to gardens, orchards, and haylands have increased by 77 per cent during the past two years, with the result that much of the field staff's time is spent on damage investigations. The cost has been high, and despite measures taken, the number of damage complaints continues to increase yearly.

### WITH HOPE

The information given in the last two columns has been compiled with the hope that it will give some understanding of how the game commission plans deer management. All possible data would take up too much space, and this means the data presented is partial. One does not have to agree with the commission in order to understand how it functions.

### THE ANGLERS LOG

The weatherman is predicting another wet week end. The periodic rains, combined with the thaw at higher elevations, are keeping the rivers just barely fishable.

APLEGATE RIVER—Has been high and slow for almost all get a fish.

CHETCO RIVER—Has stayed high and relatively unproductive.

ILLINOIS RIVER—Had a flurry of fish the last of last week. Water conditions are perfect and anglers keep hoping fish will bite.

KLAMATH RIVER—Tributary streams are keeping the water high and discolored. Best bet should be at the upper end above Hornbrook.

ROGUE RIVER—Has been slow with water conditions fair. No fishing is possible below the mouth of Grave Creek because of mud.

SMITH RIVER—Has been providing the best fishing for the past week. It may be the only possibility if the rains come as predicted.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER Mud ball of the week goes to the Leland Gold Mine on Grave Creek. The red mud being put in by this mine is stopping all fishing in the lower Rogue. Let's hope the new trench of the state sanitary authority will be sharp enough to cut this off.

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