



SCORES OFF STEAL—Mike Glines (12) goes up for a score for Crater high after a steal in basketball game Friday night with Ashland at Central Point. Too late to stop Glines is the Grizzlies' Gale Pepper (45). Comets trailing the action are Darryl Summerfield (44) and Howard

Tomlinson. Crater won 69 to 57 to maintain leadership in the Southern Oregon conference. In the background, the newly opened north balcony in the Crater gym can be seen. — (Anders photo)

Crater Comets Bolster Loop Lead by Defeating Ashland

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.
Crater	7	3	.700
Grants Pass	6	4	.600
Klamath Falls	6	5	.545
Medford	5	5	.500
Ashland	2	8	.182

Central Point—Crater High school's fireballing basketball aggregation established a full game lead Friday night over its nearest rival in the Southern Oregon conference.

The Comets of Central Point spurned the spoiler aspirations of the Ashland Grizzlies by subduing the Lithia city cagers 69 to 57 here. It was the third verdict for Crater over Ashland in the 1963 campaign.

Crater bolstered its margin over the second place possessor when Grants Pass moved into the No. 2 position by beating Klamath Falls 58 to 54.

The battle here was closely fought through the first half. Crater pulled to a nine-point lead in the third quarter, saw it narrow to four in the opening moments of the final chapter than stretched up a 16-point spread with less than three minutes left to play.

The Comets were headed by the field bucketing of Mike Glines, Howard Tomlinson and Louis Alvarez, the free shot work of Tomlinson and Pat Pepper and the rebounding of Tomlinson and Branson. They had some fine floor play by Alvarez, Glines and Pepper and some terrific and steady service in reserve roles by Neil Rivenberg and Darryl Summerfield proved important to the triumph.

Lead switched hands five times in the tussle. The Comets were in front at half time 33 to 31 and the third rest stop 48 to 41 after a 14-all first quarter knot. Tomlinson dumped in a rebound basket with 3½ minutes left in the third quarter to give the Comets the lead for good at 39 to 38.

Tomlinson made 14 out of 16 free shot tries and had 24 points to top all scorers. Glines had 14 points, Alvarez 12 and Pepper 10. Pepper put in eight of 10 free heaves. Rick Pierce threw in 12 Ashland markers and Tod Hess 11.

Sixteen rebounds were cleared by Tomlinson for the Fireballs. Branson took off nine as Crater had 42 to 34 edge on the boards. Gale Pepper snagged seven and Rick Pierce six for Ashland.

The fracas had its sparkling moments with some sensational steals by Alvarez and Glines and spectacular play-making by the Comets. But, it was marred by frequent trips to the free throw stripes as referees Harold Douglas and Jim Bocchi tooted 50 fouls, 28 on Ashland and 22 on the Comets.

Crater used the gifts to account for most of its margin in the scoring. The Fireballs put in 29 of 43 free tries and the Grizzlies 19 to 32. The Comets had 20 field goals to 19 by the Ashlanders.

Free shots were effective for the Comets in building their wide fourth period bulge and in holding off Ashland attempts to close the gap.

Crater had a nine-point difference at 50 to 41 in the opening seconds of the fourth stanza when Tomlinson lit from close range after Alvarez drove in and passed. Ashland whacked it to 50 to 45 on a Dale Pepper goal and a Tod Hess swipe and driver. Pepper countered with a free toss but Hess picked up two free trips for 51 to 47.

Alvarez netted a driver and a free point and Glines a long push bucket for 56 to 47. Pierce and Rivenberg traded

pairs of free casts. Pepper hepped three free tallies and Tomlinson two and Tomlinson registered a tip-in for 65 to 49. Ashland had the edge in floor play and was the steadier in the early going of the fray. But, Crater kept close through its opportunities at the gift line. Lead switched three times in the opening quarter. Ashland once was ahead by 10 to 5. Then Crater fought in front 14 to 13.

Tomlinson scored off the second quarter tipoff for the Central Pointers. Then Alvarez rebounded from the Ashland board and passed to Glines who fed the ball back to him for a goal on a fiery fast break. That gave Crater a lead which it held through the second quarter. The Comets now were clicking better but picked up fouls and Ashland, although it fell behind

Joey Archer Wins Fight

New York — (UPI) — Cool Joey Archer, a boxer-puncher with hopes of a middleweight title fight, handed tough but unpunished Blair Richards, the Canadian champion, a boxing lesson over 10 rounds Saturday night in their nationally televised bout at Madison Square Garden.

It was strictly a match between a boxer and a puncher and the boxer won by a wide margin. Both referee Mark Conn and judge Tony Rossi called it 8-2 in Archer's favor and the other judge, Nick Gamboli, gave it to Archer, 8-1-1. United Press International agreed, 7-2-1.

Richardson, a Bible student from Nova Scotia, made his best showing in the second round when he shook Archer with a long right to the head early in the session. After that, he became progressively more frustrated with Joey's style and seemed content to get the fight over with as painlessly as possible. Archer weighed 160 pounds and Richardson 158½.

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Ashland — Portland State, with excellent rebounding and floor play, scrapped its way to a 61-58 Oregon Collegiate conference basketball victory over Southern Oregon here on Friday night.

Using fast, aggressive offense and strong defense, the Vikings fought from behind to take a three-point halftime lead of 27 to 24. And they managed to win by three counters after falling behind by four in the final half.

Brad Flanary swished a two-hander from far beyond the key to open the scoring for Southern Oregon in the game. And, the Raiders widened to 6-1 before the Vikings came to life and narrowed the margin by one point. Lead changed hands frequently before Marv Wollmuth put in two free shots and a field bucket to give the Viks their midway gap.

The lead was juggled in the second half until 14½ minutes had gone by. Southern Oregon began to spark and got its four-point lead. Only for a minute were the Vikings down. They went ahead to stay on a basket by Mike Schunk and stretched the bulge to five points.

Flanary and Jerry Shults kept SOC hopes alive with

Preliminary Tilts Won By Comets

Central Point—Crater high junior varsity defeated its Ashland counterpart 52 to 50 in overtime and the Comet sophomores were 49 to 48 victors here Friday night in action before the varsity basketball tangle between the two schools.

The junior varsities were tied 49-48 at the end of regular playing time. Mike Hamby put Ashland ahead 50 to 49 at the gift line. Then, Bob Stroth got three free markers for the Comets.

Crater had a 49 to 47 lead in regular time on Ross Burd's bucket with 62 seconds left. But, after Stroth rebounded

an Ashland missed shot, the Comets chose to try a couple more field shots rather than stall it out. Ashland got the ball and with 25 seconds left John Rhodes was fouled and made both free heaves.

Game Knotted
Ashland led at the quarter 15 to 13. Crater at the half 30 to 27 and Crater after three periods 40 to 38. Score was tied at 40, 42 and 44. The Grizzlies took a 46 to 45 edge. The Comets went on top 47 to 46 then Ashland tied the fray.

Stroth had 12 points for Crater, Larry Pepper 11 and Burd 10. Dave Burger had 10 for Ashland.

The Fireball sophs rallied from a seven point deficit in the last quarter to win their mix. Crater had 12 to 8 and 25 to 21 half and quarter gaps. Ashland led after three cantos 37 to 35. Roger Atherton

had 22 points for Ashland and Larry Branch 19 for Crater.

JAYVEE LINEUPS:
Ashland 30—Jury 7, Sullivant 9, Hamby 9, Boyce 8, Barger 10, DeBoer 4, Rhodes 5.
Crater 32—M. Turner 7, Ryerson 3, Stroth 12, Burd 10, L. Pepper 10, White, Glawe, Tvedell 2, Swanson 3.

SOPHOMORE LINEUPS:
Ashland 48—Conklin 8, Atherton 22, Hardy, Ekwall 8, Johnson 2, Gruber 2, Price 8, Weaver.
Crater 49—L. Branch 19, Marshall 5, Harper 7, Milkowski 5, Paterson 11, Kelley 2, Hope, Taylor's

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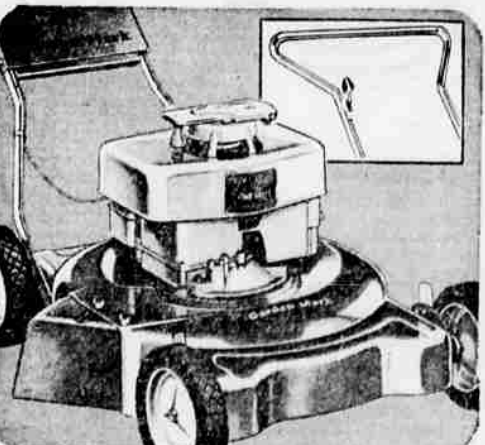
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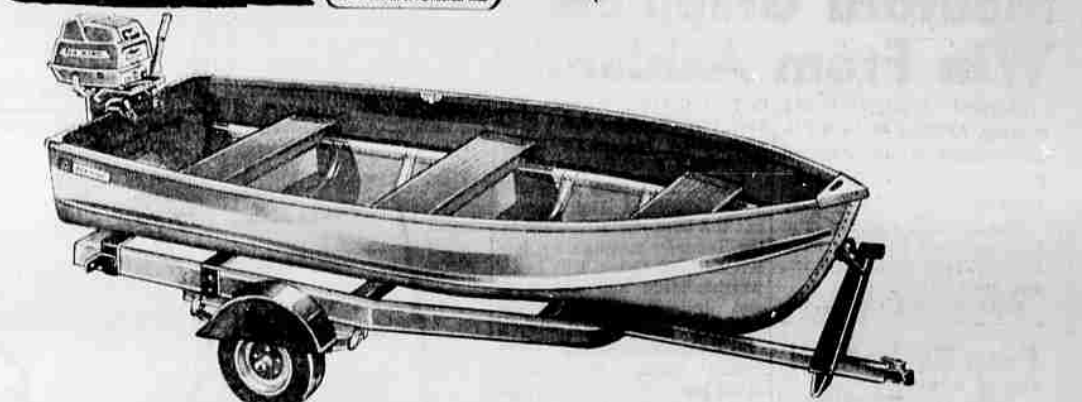
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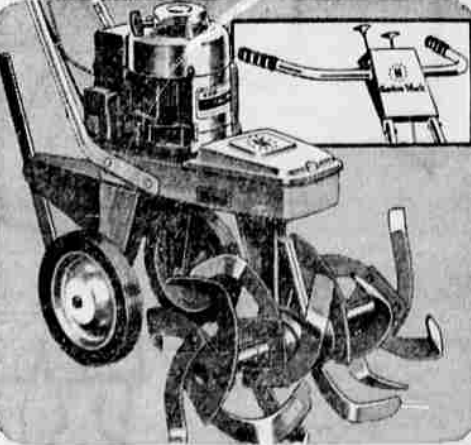
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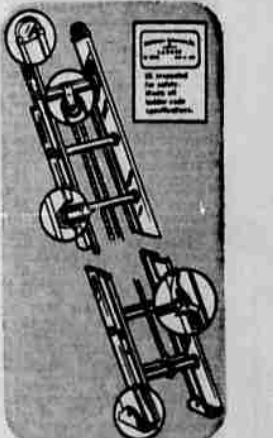
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