

Crater Entertains Medford Tonight, Pels On Saturday; Tornado Has Ashland Jaunt

How's with this fabulous Southern Oregon conference basketball race? Is somebody soon going to open up some daylight? Or, will the four spirited contenders continue their jammed up chase right down to a photo finish at the wire?

Those questions remained as District 6 A-1 cagers looked to the completion of their league's third round tonight and the start tomorrow of the gun lap in their 16-game slates.

Local attention tonight is centered on Central Point where the Medford Black Tornado is guest of the Crater High School Comets for an 8:15 o'clock engagement. Crater (7-4) is co-leader in the circuit with the Grants Pass Cavemen, who are at Ashland (2-9) at 8 o'clock this evening.

The Tornado, in a current winning kick after laying back in the pack, is 6-5 in third place and blowing on the tail of the Fireballs and the bludgeons of the Cavemen.

Tossup Games
Fourth round play in the loop opens Saturday with fourth place Klamath Falls (6-6) at Crater and Medford at Ashland. Posted tipoff times are 8:15 p.m. at Central Point and 8 p.m. at Ashland.

Medford-Crater and Klamath-Crater loom as toss-up tangles while Medford and Grants Pass will go as favorites against the Ashland Grizzlies. Ashland, however, has signified it does not intend to be a pushover. It had Medford's number once this season and the Grizzlies, in the worst way, want to spill the Cavemen, the defending state A-1 champions.

Crater and Medford battle after dividing two previous encounters, each winning on its home floor. The Comets

took the first scrape 68 to 63 and Medford the second 67 to 58.

Klamath-Crater and Ashland-Medford skirmishes will be fourth meetings. Medford beat the Grizzlies 76 to 41 and 71 to 49 and Ashland nosed the Black Tornado 64 to 62. Crater tipped the Pelicans 59 to 57 in overtime and 64 to 58. Klamath took one fray 69 to 63.

Wait For Whistle
Grants Pass-Ashland rivalry has seen the Climate city club beat the Bruins 67 to 39 and 61 to 55.

Medford's aggregation had a light drill yesterday and Coach Frank Roelandt said that the Tornado "should be ready." He declared, "It is just a matter of waiting for the whistle to blow." Probable starters are Rich Benner, Jim Hill, Jack Forde, Larry Vowell and Dan Miles.

Teams in this league maintain "they're all tough" this year. But, Coach Lloyd Hoffine's Crater Comets, making their strongest showing in the school's hoop history in the circuit, figure they have it toughest this week end. They catch Medford on its upward swing and Klamath fighting to stop a losing streak, the first setback of which was inflicted by the Comets.

And, its two nights of battle against overall superior height. With Medford's Rich Benner now on full-time duty, the Tornado looks to be a tougher challenge. Klamath Falls is reported at full strength for the first time of the campaign. The Pels chalked up their losses to Grants Pass and Medford last week, at least in part, to sickness and injury.

The Comets have had Lou Alvarez ailing this week from infection resulting from a floor burn but he is expected to be in the opening lineup along with Pat Pepper, Mike Glines, Howard Tomlinson and Paul Branson.

Eyes on GP
Klamath mentor Al Keek on Saturday may open with Don Piper, Fred Kelley, Wayne Chamberland, Grover Dahn and Dick Scott or Hal Holman.

While the Ashland Grizzlies are not forgetting Medford.

Marshall Eyes Tournery Berth

United Press International Portland's Marshall High school can assure itself of its first state tournament basketball trip in history tonight by beating Madison in the feature game in the Portland Interscholastic league.

In other high school action tonight, top-ranked North Eugene is host to Cottage Grove and second-ranked South Eugene travels to Springfield.

Medford is at Crater and Grants Pass at Ashland in the tightly-bunched Southern Oregon conference.

Hermiston plays at The Dalles in a game which could decide the Intermountain league's second entry in the tournament. Pendleton, nearly assured of the league title, is host to Madras.

Third-place Sunset and second-place Astoria collide in a Metro league feature at Sunset, while Valley league leader South Salem travels to Corvallis.

they have particular eyes on Grants Pass.

"We'll give a good go; we'd kinda like to get that one," said Bruin Coach George Keil of the GP tilt. "But," he added, "physically they outnumber us."

Keil pointed out that the Cavemen have an edge weightwise for play beneath the hoops. The Grizzlies, therefore, have been working on rebounding much this week, particularly on boarding beneath their offensive bucket.

Possible Ashland starters for this evening are Tod Hess, Rick Pierce, Dale Tepper, Jim Lamb and Gale Tepper or Mike Cotton. Keil said that he had all players on hand and in good spirit.

Tutor Gordon Prehm likely will name Cavemen starters from among Jim Pippin, Bob Shepard, Al Hutchins, Lyman Kelsecker, Tom Sparling, Gary Reddick, Marty Bauer and Larry Lindquist.

Jayvee games are scheduled at all locations for 6:30 p.m. At Central Point tonight sophomores play at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Soph games at Ashland will be at 5 p.m. and the KF-Crater tilt on Saturday will be at 3 p.m. after a 1 p.m. freshman tangle.

Hedrick 9th Wins 56-49

Hedrick Junior high ninth grade caught stride in the second half and rolled out to down Ashland 56 to 49 in basketball on Thursday afternoon.

Triumph maintained the undefeated record of the Hornets. Ashland led at the quarter 9 to 7 and the half 26 to 17. Hedrick went in front 34 to 33 at the third panel and scored 22 points in the fourth.

It was a case of Hedrick being cold and throwing the ball away in the first half and the tables being turned over the last two periods. A good pressing job helped the Hornets in the second half.

Bruce Bertrand poured in 28 Hedrick points, 14 in the final quarter, despite having been under the weather. Mike Farthing, a late entry in the mix, because of an ailing ankle, was a factor in pulling the Hornets together.

Dave Lewis scored 17 points for Ashland and Dane Smith 14. The two along with Ross Caldwell did fine work on the boards for the Cubs.

LINEUPS:
Ashland—Caldwell 9, Lewis 17, Smith 14, Clark 7, Lindley 2, Dorris.
Hedrick—Dames 8, Collins 2, Bertrand 28, Myers 2, Schweiler 8, Bayliss, Farthing 6, Markham, Puhl 2.

SOC Enters NAIA Meet

Ashland-Southern Oregon college wrestlers will contend at Forest Grove on Saturday in the NAIA district tournament.

Coach Bob Bennett announced that Raider entrants will be 115-Dan Richardson, 123-Doug Smith, 130-Trenton Douglas, 137-Dennis Fisher, 147-Jack McKay, 157-Dave Buck, 167 - George Moses, 177-Glen Moses, 191-Joe Cox and heavyweight-Jim Grush. Bennett said, "The men are in top condition and we hope to do real well both at Forest Grove and next week end when we will be at home for the Pacific Coast invitational championships.

The NAIA tournery will include four wrestling teams from the Oregon Collegiate conference and four from the Northwest conference.

PAULY WON'T ENTER
Corvallis - (AP) - Decathlon track star Steve Pauly of Oregon State will not compete in this spring's Pan-American Games at Sao Paulo, Brazil. Coach Sam Bell said Pauly could not be away from school the necessary three weeks to make the South American trip as a member of the U.S. team.

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SPORTS

Semifinals Tonight In 6 A-2 Wrestling Tourney in Medford

Semifinal matches are slated at 7 o'clock this evening in the District 6 A-1 wrestling tournament at Hedrick gym here.

The five-school tournament began this afternoon. Participating high schools

are Crater, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and Medford. Grants Pass is defending champion and the tourney favorite.

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Rivalry is in 13 weight classes. Boys who place first and second in each division in the tourney get to enter the state meet next week end at Corvallis.

Matches are being conducted on three mats. Championship finals, however, will be run off on a single mat. A nominal charge is being made for admission to the bouts.

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GP ENTRY - Don Bailey, above, is a Grants Pass high entrant in the District 6 A-1 wrestling tourney here today and Saturday. The 106-pound class grappler has a 7-1 season mark.



IN MAT MEET—Steve Jorde, above, is a Crater high entrant in the District 6 A-1 wrestling tourney being held this week end at Hedrick Junior high gym here.

STORY TO LEAVE
Corvallis, Ore. - (AP) - Oregon State track star Dale Story, a former NCAA cross country champion, will leave school next month. Beaver track coach Sam Bell said that Story, a senior who is majoring in fish and game management, planned to spend the next six to eight months in the wilderness in British Columbia to find out if he wants to pursue outdoor work for the rest of his life.

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TORNADO MATMAN—Terry Winetrot, above, is a Medford high participant in the 178-pound class in the district wrestling tournament underway in Medford. He has a 12-5 season standing.

Pioneers Have At Least Tie For NW Title

United Press International Lewis and Clark clinched a tie for its second straight Northwest conference basketball title Thursday night.

The front-running Pioneers edged College of Idaho 65-63 at Portland. Second-place Pacific dropped a 65-69 decision to Whitman at Forest Grove.

The win was the 11th in 12 starts for the Pioneers who have three games left in the conference. The loss gave the Badgers a 9-4 record, with games remaining.

Bill Maurer scored on a driving lay-in with eight seconds left to play to give Lewis and Clark its victory.

Lewis and Clark plays host to Whitman and Pacific entertains College of Idaho to Linfield meets Willamette at Salem tonight and at McMinnville Saturday night.

Oregon Tech's Owls, who already have wrapped up their third straight Oregon Collegiate conference crown, meet Oregon College of Education at Monmouth and Eastern Oregon plays Portland tonight and Saturday.

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Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

Herd composition studies to determine the ratio of bucks, does and fawns on the big game ranges of the state were completed recently, according to Phil Schneider, state game director.

THE COUNT

Classification showed an average of 21 bucks and 85 fawns per 100 does on the male deer ranges and 42 bucks and 69 fawns per 100 does on the blacktail ranges. This compares favorably with the 22 bucks and 64 fawns per 100 does on the mule deer ranges in 1962 and the 35 bucks and 66 fawns per 100 does on the blacktail ranges in 1962.

Schneider said that game biologists in their travels on big game ranges observed a total of 22,400 deer compared to 23,655 deer the previous year. About 1,500 less mule deer were observed during the classification inventories, while 255 more blacktail deer were tallied than the previous year.

VARIATIONS

Schneider pointed out that there were some discrepancies in fawn production on adjacent mule deer ranges of eastern Oregon. As an example, he explained, the Fort Rock unit tallied 77 fawns per 100 does. On the adjoining Paulina range fawn production had dropped to 45 per 100 does. Last year the Paulina unit averaged 62 fawns per 100 does.

Another example was in southeastern Oregon where the Steens mountain unit classification gave a very low 31 fawn per 100 does, while on the adjacent Warner unit production averaged 81 fawns per 100 does. A wide difference in buck-doe ratios was also noted on two adjacent ranges, Fort Rock data indicated 52 bucks per 100 does, while the Silver Lake unit sampled 28 bucks per 100 does. Some northeastern Oregon units displayed decreased fawn production, reflecting the previous poor wintering conditions on these ranges. However, the northeastern region average of 71 fawns per 100 does compares favorably with last year's ratio of 73 fawns per 100 does.

BY REGIONS

Although fluctuations occurred on all ranges, regional herd composition parallels that of last year. In the blacktail ranges of the northwest the average for the region was 51 bucks and 67 fawns per 100 does compared to 41 and 74 the previous year. Buck-doe and fawn-doe ratios in the southwest region stood at 31 bucks and 72 fawns compared to 31 and 64 in 1962. Down through the central region of the state, mule deer herd composition was 22 bucks and 59 fawns per 100 does compared to 23 and 65 in 1962. Northeastern Oregon showed 19 bucks and 71 fawns per 100 does compared to 22 and 73 the previous year. In the southeast the ratio stood at 21 bucks and 65 fawns compared to 22 and 64 last year.

LAST WORD

Biologists report that big game are wintering well on most game ranges. The animals remain widely scattered from low to high elevations as a result of the open winter. Food supplies remain good and deer and elk appear to be in good physical condition for this time of year.

ALL SET

Good news has come from the bureau of reclamation regarding the fish screens at Savage Rapids dam. It was reported in this column that the

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Detroit	25	41	.379
San Francisco	24	41	.369
Chicago	20	47	.299

Thursday's Results
Cincinnati 115, New York 96
Chicago 138, Syracuse 91
Boston 133, San Francisco 118

THE ANGLER'S LOG
The weatherman isn't too optimistic about the week end, and keeps muttering threats of rain on Saturday. This is the last chance for those who have only the week end to fish, so it would seem the neighborly thing if everyone would wear their sunshine suits instead of rain suits.

Applegate River—There are reports of fish being caught here and there, but there doesn't seem to be much better than here. Cluster eggs are doing most of the business.

Checco River—Almost all of the fish being caught are spawned out and heading downstream. It isn't too difficult to catch a fish, but who wants a long, skinny, tasteless snake that hasn't any fight left?

Illinois River—A few fish are being taken near the deadline at Penney dam, but the luck downstream is hardly mentionable. This has been one of the worst seasons for a number of years.

Klamath River—Steelhead are being spawned at the facilities below Irongate dam, and reports indicate plenty of fishermen above Hornbrook. The tributaries have been running full, but not muddy enough to cause the fishing in the rain river.

Rogue River—A few small fish are being taken from the Hellsgate deadline on down to Whiskey creek. There are a lot of fish in

Judo Club Group Goes to Oakland

Medford YMCA Judo club members will attend the National American Judo and Jujitsu federation annual convention in Oakland, on Saturday, Feb. 23, 1963.

The members going are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Lavon M. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Pryor, Gary DeGarmo and John LaLourrett.

The conclave will be held at the Leamington hotel. Persons from throughout the United States will attend.

the river, but it's hard to catch one big enough to punch.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER
It seems that almost every steelhead season is punctuated by high waters or low waters that interfere with the fishing. We may not like this kind of interference, but in the long run it's probably the only protection the fish have from the mass of fishermen out to get their share.

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