



COAST CONTENDERS — University of Washington wrestling team, above, is rated a strong contender in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate association tournament being held now at Southern Oregon college in Ashland. Kneeling, from left, are P. G. Phillips, Carl Hultman, Dick Wooding, and Dick Weiss. Standing, left to right, are Coach Autry Ehler, Ron Johnson, Paul Jackson, Carl Fisher, Bob Ulrich and Rick Bell. Wooding, Fisher and Bell were seeded No. 1 from the north in their weights. Bell is defending champ at 177 pounds. Quarterfinals are tonight, semifinals Saturday afternoon and finals Saturday night.

SPORTS

Tornado Encounters Grants Pass Quint Here This Evening

Medford high's Black Tornado fights to keep its stretch drive going tonight and contends for the basketball leadership of the Southern Oregon conference.

The Whirlwinds engage the defending state champion Grants Pass Cavemen. Game time is 8:15 p.m. here at Hedrick gym.

Grants Pass (9-4) comes to town as the circuit's leader one-half game ahead of Medford (8-5).

The impetus of a five-game winning streak, which has carried it from fourth place into a tie for second, will be taken into conflict by the Black Tornado. But, Grants Pass has a string of victories going too. The Climate city club has won three straight since the two aggregations last met and Medford trimmed the Cavemen 51 to 44.

GP was victor on two previous sessions with the Twist-ers. Scores were 62 to 60 and 66 to 62.

Barn Burner

Medford, with just the single game, has concentrated this week's efforts on preparing for Grants Pass. The Cavemen on the other hand have had to tune for a pair of tough assignments. They are hosts on Saturday to Klamath Falls (6-7).

Said Medford Coach Frank Roelandt concerning tonight's engagement: "It'll be a barn-burner. That's for sure. I think it really will be a good one."

"I think we're all set to go," said the Hurricane tutor further. He indicated the usual starting five of Jim Hill, Rich Benner, Jack Forde, Dan Miles and Larry Vowell, with

Crater at Ashland On Saturday Night; AHS Also Faces KF

Central Point-Crater high's Comets, their chances the brightest in 11 years to grab a berth in Oregon's big school basketball tournament, travel on Saturday night in further campaign to advance their cause.

The Fireballs of Central Point (8-5), tied for second in their circuit, a half-game back of first, go out against Ashland Grizzlies on the Ashland floor. Game time is 8 p.m. It will be the fourth meeting between the two schools this season. Crater has won the other three 64 to 53, 65 to 50 and 69 to 57.

The Bruins (2-11) of the Lithia city can go nowhere this season. Their title and tourney dreams long since have faded. But, they are spoiler-minded and out to wreck the dreams of other members of the circuit. So far, the Grizzlies have been a stumbling block to Medford and to Klamath Falls. They have this final chance against Crater.

Helping Everybody

The Saturday night embroilment actually is just one of two week end assignments for the Ashlanders. They have their final meeting with Klamath tonight at Klamath Falls. Crater has just the one game.

Ashland Coach George Keil has described his team's spoiler role as "trying to help everybody out." He said, "We'll try to get both of them this week. We're not dead yet. We'll hang in there as long as we can."

Yet, after the rugged week end just past, Keil has found it a bit tough to keep his players up. He reported that the Grizzlies have been "kinda tired." They have not done much work this week. The Bruins put forth a hard effort against Grants Pass last

Hall of Famer Taken by Death

Cincinnati, Ohio—Eppa Rixey, elected to the baseball Hall of Fame just a month ago after being bypassed several times during the 30 years after he quiet playing, died of a heart attack Thursday at the age of 72.

Rixey, who won 266 games in a long major league career spanning from 1912 to 1933, suffered a heart attack at his home in suburban Terrace Park and died several hours later at Christ hospital here.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, Rixey passed up a career as a chemist to go directly off the campus into the National league as a fifthanded pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1912. But he spent most of his baseball days with Cincinnati, winning 179 games for the Reds.

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OSU Opens Pacific Coast Mat Defense Today at SOC's Gym

Ashland-Oregon State university began defense here today of its Pacific Coast Intercollegiate wrestling crown.

The Beavers are seeking their fifth straight title.

The annual tournament, involving 126 individual grapplers of 18 teams, opened at Southern Oregon college gym with an afternoon session. It will continue through Saturday.

Quarterfinals are slated this evening at 7 o'clock. Semifinals at 1:30 p.m. Saturday will be followed by consolation bouts. Finals are planned for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Wide Open

Coach Dale Thomas of the defending champs has termed the 1963 tourney a wide open affair. He said that any of five clubs is capable of edging through to the title.

It's a tossup, he maintained before the tourney got into Oregon, Portland State, University of Washington, California Polytechnic of San Luis Obispo and his own team.

Breaks of the draw, according to Thomas, may be instrumental in the outcome.

Portland State nosed OSU 13 to 12 in a team match this season. It was the Beavers' first dual meet loss in collegiate competition on the west coast in many years. OSU later avenged the setback. Only other Oregon State loss this season was to the Olympic club AAU squad of San Francisco.

Eight Times Champ

Oregon State has reigned as champion eight times since the coast association tourna-

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ment began in 1950. Washington State ruled three tourneys and tied with San Jose State in another. Cal Poly has taken one crown.

Despite a Beaver success, Thomas has termed his squad inexperienced.

Washington State and San Jose State again are entered. Schools entered along with those given foregoing mention are University of California, Stanford, Long Beach State, Los Angeles State, Fresno State, UCLA, Central Washington State, Oregon college, Pacific university, Southern Oregon and Santa Clara university.

Bob Bennett, Southern Oregon college and tourney director, predicted that the meet will be one of the most outstanding because apparent rivalry.

OSU Hoopsters Engage WSU; Oregon To Play

United Press International

Oregon State's Beavers, who have four games left on their regular schedule before taking on Seattle in the NCAA basketball play-offs, meet Washington State at Pullman tonight.

The teams play again Saturday night.

The Beavers, who have rolled up 15 wins in 22 games, are heavily favored against the Cougars, who have a 5-17 record.

Tim Campbell, a 6-6 senior forward out the past half dozen games with an ankle injury, may be available for limited action for Oregon State.

Seattle meets Portland at Portland's Memorial Coliseum tonight and plays Oregon at Eugene Saturday night. The Chieftains own an 18-5 mark.

Portland has an 8-17 record and Oregon is 11-12.

Basketball

THURSDAY COLLEGE RESULTS

United Press International

Southern Conference Tourney (First Round)

West Virginia 75, Richmond 46

Va. Tech 74, Wm. & Mary 72

Davidson 108, Va. Military 100

Furman 37, Gen. Washington 34

Atlantic Coast Tourneys (First Round)

N. Carolina 92, S. Carolina 76

Duke 89, Virginia 70

S. Carolina 31, Clemson 78

Wake Forest 80, Maryland 41

EAST

New York U. 78, Manhattan 72

Carnegie Tech 73, Case 43

Sidewinders

Bradley 52, Drake 31

Marquette 27, Detroit 83

Washington U. 77, MacMurray 65

Wichita 89, N. Texas 73

SOUTHWEST

Tulsa 68, Houston 80

WEST

Bingham Young 80, Wyoming 76

Registered Trapshoot On Sunday

Medford Gun club starts its first registered trapshooting competition of the season on Sunday, March 3.

It will be host for its 11th annual early spring shoot. The event will be registered under the Pacific International Trapshooting association.

First event will be 100 targets at 16 yards starting at 9:30 a.m. Event 2 is set for 1 p.m. and will be 100 handicap targets. Twenty-five pairs of doubles will conclude the registered part of the shoot.

A 20-target non-registered backup event will make possible a 270-target program.

The 16-yard shoot will have trophies for winners and runners up in four classes. There will be a lady's, junior and veteran trophy. Top three places in the handicap will get trophies. Awards will go first and second in each of two doubles classes.

A high overall trophy is offered for the registered events.

Crater High Frosh Win

Central Point — Crater high freshmen, shooting .469 from the field on 23 of 49, completed their basketball season with a 13-8 mark last night by beating Phoenix 58 to 30.

The Comets had 21 to 7, 34 to 16 and 48 to 22 quarter spreads. Gerald Branch scored 16 points, Dave White 13 and Greg Beman 14 for Crater and Eddie Haikkila 14 for Phoenix.

The Pirates shot .226 on 12 of 53.

Branch with 340 points this season and White with 302 both exceeded the old Crater scoring record of 285 set by Mike Glines in 1960.

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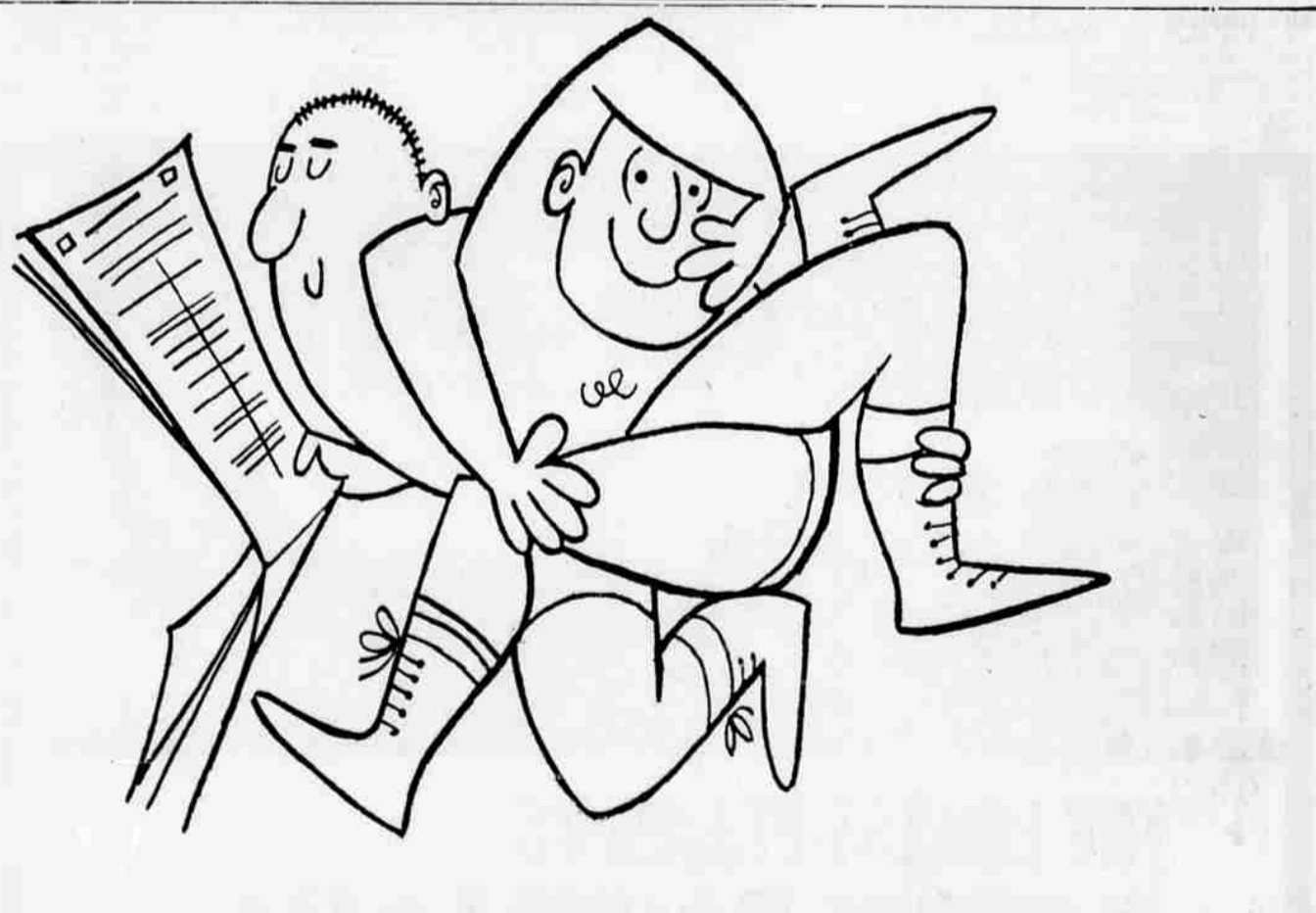
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