

Oregon Crowds Beaver Cage Lead

PELICAN BILL

By Bill Cummings

ASHLANDERS SHAKE UP PREP HOOP STANDINGS

Ashland's Grizzlies gave basketball fans and dope experts of the state a double surprise over the weekend by handing Medford's favored Tiger basketball quint two defeats to move into the top spot and knock Medford to the bottom of the Rogue Valley's district playoff.

Here's how the rivals across the mountains stand:

W. L. Pct.	
Ashland.....	4 1 .800
Grants Pass.....	1 2 .333
Medford.....	0 2 .000

The first defeat was administered at Ashland last Thursday night by a score of 24-20, which appeared at the time to be nothing more than a lucky upset. But the Grizzlies proved they meant business by making it much more decisive in the second game of the series, at Medford Saturday night, with a 24-16 tally.

It's all the more surprising in view of the showing Medford made upstate, by walloping the strong Salem Senators. Salem, incidentally, handed Bend high a thorough trouncing—and Bend was the team which had previously walked on the Ashlanders.

Ashland meets the Peapack twice more and with a split series over them and two defeats of Grants Pass they'll have a clear track to the Salem tourney. Grants Pass is in position to further complicate the set-up by coming through with victories over Medford, but such a mixup is considered unlikely.

THAW EFFECTS SNOW

Snow at Crater lake was affected by one of the season's warmest weekends Sunday but the thousand-foot skiers who visited the rim area came back with conflicting reports. Some experts termed the ski conditions "excellent," but the consensus was that the soft, wet condition of the snow made sliding conditions far under par. A general change in wax for most skiers from previous weekends was necessary to produce best results.

KLAMATH ANGLING PUZZLES

State law governing fishing in Klamath river, where the season usually opens in the early spring, is a puzzle both to anglers and law enforcement officers this year.

Oregon's angling laws omitted the river for the second consecutive season—throwing it open theoretically the year round. State police announce that they have no law covering the stream, hence can make no arrests. The situation is similar to the mixup which existed here during the pheasant season when hunting was opened several weeks early by mistake, then extended.

Some uncertainty exists in the minds of fishermen over steelhead regulations for Rogue river. That stream is open the year around for steelhead trout from 15 to 20 inches. Over 20, the fish are classified as salmon and fall under the same restrictions.

Medford Enters State Baseball League Circuit

EUGENE, Jan. 29 (P)—The Oregon State baseball league became an eight-team circuit yesterday and spread into southern Oregon for the first time.

Medford was awarded a franchise at a league conference here yesterday along with William Ross of Portland, who said he would form a team probably sponsored by the Blue Lake resort.

Directors reelected George J. Wilkins of Eugene as president; Jim Jew, Albany, elected vice president; Ray Brooks, Portland, reelected secretary-treasurer.

Night baseball and the possibility of playing more than one game a week were discussed but no action was taken. Four teams will have lighted fields, Eugene, Hills Creek (which can use the Eugene field), Silverton and Toledo. Bend, Medford and Portland teams may get lighted fields.

The league decided to start its season earlier than last year, starting date last year, but no date was selected. Another league meeting was scheduled for May 17 at Portland.

The 1940 league membership will include Eugene, Hills Creek, Bend, Ross' Portland entry, Medford, Albany, Silverton and Toledo. Valdez also was represented. The league contained seven teams last year but a Portland club withdrew.

STATERS GET CHANCE FOR TITLE CINCH DURING WEEK

By The Associated Press

The chips are down this week in the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference, and before another Sunday either Oregon State college or the rapidly improving University of Oregon basketball team will be picking up some of them.

Oregon State, after a week of rest, plays three games this week, two against Washington tonight and tomorrow and another against Oregon Saturday. All three are at Corvallis. Going into the week with six victories and a defeat, OSC, by winning three times more, can all but finish off the championship.

However, Washington, despite its three straight losses to Oregon—Saturday's score at Eugene was 50-43 for the home team, is no push-over. Washington's losses virtually eliminated the Seattle school from the title race but placed it in the position of potential giant-killer in a familiar spot for the Huskies in recent athletic seasons.

In Saturday's game, Washington led at the half, 26-19, after Hal Schlichting and Bomb Lindh had run the score up to 20-6 in the first 12 minutes. In the second period, however, Capt. John Dick turned on the heat for Oregon, aided by Anderson, Pavalunas and Marshik, to tie the count at 23-23. The lead changed twice in a short period, and then Anderson and Dick pulled Oregon away for the final victory.

Dick's 22 points lifted him to a season total of 93, within reach of the division scoring record. Lindh was high for Washington with 14, although he went out on fouls early in the second half.

Idaho gave Washington State a better battle than the final score showed, coming within two points of a tie once at 15-17, and within one point at 23-27. Bud Olson, WSC guard, led the scoring with 13 points, followed by Bill Chase, WSC forward, and Otis Hilton, Idaho center, with 12 each.

The game-of-the-week, of course, will be the Oregon-OSC fray. The teams split a previous two-game series; and the winner of this one may well be the eventual division titlist.

Washington State continued its massacre of Idaho Saturday, the Idahoans bowing under a 42-66 score for their eighth consecutive defeat, and next Saturday WSC will have still another chance at the boys from Moscow.

Division standings as of today:

W. L. Pct.	
Oregon State.....	6 1 .857
Oregon.....	2 2 .500
Washington State.....	4 2 .667
Washington.....	4 3 .556
Idaho.....	0 8 .000

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 29 (UP)—The University of Oregon wiped out a seven-point halftime deficit Saturday night to defeat the University of Washington 50-43 in a northern division, Pacific Coast Basketball conference game.

Oregon rallied as the second half opened and tied the count at 24-24 after lagging 26-19 at the rest period. The score was knotted again at 28, but after Hank Anderson dropped in a long howitzer shot the defending champions took the lead and managed to cling to it until the end.

The win gave Oregon three victories out of four games with the Huskies and strengthened the Webfoot hold on second place in the northern division, a full game behind Oregon State.

The Huskies jumped into an early lead and were ahead 12-4 after 10 minutes of play.

John Dick, Oregon forward, scored 22 points for high honors, making him 42 points in the two games.

Summary:

Wash. (43)	Pos. (50)	Oregon
Lindh	14 F	22
Schlichting	5 F	12
McDonald	8 C	3
B. Voelker	4 G	5
Townsend	5 G	1
Doer	5	0
Thompson	5	0
Lizard	4 S	1
Jorgensen	5 S	6
Dobson	5	0

Husky Swimmers Swamp Staters

CORVALLIS, Jan. 29 (P)—Oregon State swimmers proved no match for the tank team from the University of Washington Saturday and dropped a dual meet, 65 to 18. Ebling captured Oregon State's only first in the 440-yard free style race.

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Dick Freeman, Houston Chronicle: "It's sad but true... A telephone call to the Rice Field house for Bus Brannon, basketball coach, brought this doleful response: 'He's gone over to the hospital to see his team.'"

Eddie Anderson was Knute Rockne's first football substitute and Jim Harris, now Anderson's assistant at Iowa, was Rockne's last.

Pole and Prince Trade Grips



Last Tuesday night's card brought together Prince Nihalakis and Joe Smolinski, pictured here in a typical wrestler's embrace, both of whom are billed for appearances Tuesday night. The prince will meet Bob Montgomery of Georgia, and Smolinski tangles with King Kong Clayton. In the top main event Struffin' Danny McShain meets Cowboy Dude Chick. A coin will be tossed to determine which of the first two bouts opens the card.

U. OF O. CENTER EYES TITLE

EUGENE, Jan. 29 (P)—Johnny "Dead Eye" Dick, Oregon's only remaining veteran of the 1939 national collegiate championship team, today seriously threatens Wally Palmer's northern division, Pacific Coast conference individual scoring record. The Webfoot center-forward rang up 22 points here Saturday night against Washington to bring his total to 93 for seven games—an average of 13.7. To crack the former Oregon State college all-American's record made in 1936, Dick must average only 11.7 for the 16-game schedule.

While Dick was scoring 42 points in the Husky series, Roy Ramsey of Idaho, scoring leader from the start of the season, dropped into second position with 69 points in eight games, only eight more than Vic Townsend of Oregon, who, incidentally, has been charged with only three personal fouls in seven full-game appearances.

John Mandie of Oregon State continues to hold the "Meanie" title with 22 personal fouls.

The 10 leading northern division scorers are:

G F G F T P P F	
Dick, Oregon.....	38 17 16 93
Ramey, Idaho.....	28 13 14 69
Townsend, Oregon.....	22 17 3 61
Olson, WSC.....	21 15 14 57
Hilton, Idaho.....	16 23 18 55
Lindeman, WSC.....	15 18 18 54
J. Mandie, OSC.....	17 18 22 52
Lindh, Wash.....	12 9 8 51
Calenti, OSC.....	21 7 11 49
Hunter, OSC.....	12 16 20 49

Six Skiers Hurt On Mount Hood

MOUNT HOOD, Jan. 29 (P)—Skiing accidents on Mount Hood over the weekend sent six men to Portland hospitals, four of them with broken bones. Sixteen others were treated for lesser injuries.

John Anderson, 69, widely known ski jumper, suffered a spinal fracture Saturday, and George Henderson, Oregon Winter Sports association publicity man, suffered a fractured leg.

Fencers, Matmen Split at Seattle

SEATTLE, Jan. 29 (P)—Oregon State college wrestlers defeated the University of Washington, 17-13, here Saturday while OSC fencers were losing a dual match, 2-7, in another part of the Washington campus.

Washington was able to salvage one of the eight wrestling bouts but defeated every one of the OSC fencers in at least one match.

Gun Club Shoot

	16-Yard	Handicap	Doubles
N. Reed.....	24 25-49	20	20
E. E. Driscoll.....	25 25-49	15 17-32	9
T. B. Walters.....	25 24-49	18 18-36	16
M. Adams.....	25 24-47	16 20-36	16
J. F. Adams Jr.....	25 17-40	21 18-39	17 13-20
H. Baum.....	22 20-42	15 15-30	19 21-40
J. J. Steiger.....	22 25-47	23 20-43	21
C. Rose.....	21 17-33	14	15
P. Edds.....	21 21-42	17	6
F. R. Olds.....	22 24-46	17 18-35	13 14-27
C. J. Martin.....	21 23-44	20 20-40	22 22-44
J. H. Martin.....	22 23-45	25 20-45	22 22-44
G. W. Houston.....	23 24-47		
S. L. Woodard.....	25 21-46	20 18-38	
P. Hilton.....	22 24-46	23	
H. Garlich.....	16 23-38	17	
H. Campbell.....	20		
Stephens.....	9	24-47	20
H. Hauger.....	23	22-45	15
M. Hilton.....	15		
W. Arnold.....	15		
E. Whitlock.....	18 15-34		
Joe Young.....	19 19-38		
R. Jones.....	18 24-42	19	
Jacobson.....	21		
Ted Ehler.....	23	21	20

Gold Footballs Given to Weed Grid Champions

WEED—A sports assembly was held last week and the coaches gave information on the A and B games at Mt. Shasta. Mr. Ferris then awarded the fourth annual \$3000 Bing Crosby golf tournament, the touring brigade of professionals swung east today.

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Three strokes back was Vic Ghazal of Deal, N. J., and four below off the leader's pace were Ben Hogan, White Plains, N. Y., and Harold McSpaden of Winchester, Mass.

Oliver's score was the lowest in the four-year history of the Crosby tournament. It netted him \$500 first money.

In the pro-amateur best-ball competition, professional Johnny Geertsen of Salt Lake City and amateur Russell Osgood of San Diego emerged victorious with a score of 65-63—129. Osgood got a trophy and Geertsen \$300.

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Low amateur medal scorer was Bruce McCormick of Los Angeles, former national public links champion, who had 72-65—140.

Behind came Wilford Wehrle, Chicago, with 73-68—141, and national amateur title holder Marvin (Bud) Ward with 68-74—142.

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Weekend Sports In Brief

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—Bobby Riggs scores first tennis triumph of winter tournament by beating Henry Prusoff of Seattle, Wash., 5-7, 7-5, 6-2, for south Florida singles championship.

LA CROSSE, Wis.—Leo Freislinger of Chicago and Madeline Horn of Beaver Dam, Wis., capture senior men's and women's titles, respectively, in national outdoor ice skating speed championships.

BOSTON, Chuck Fenske runs fastest mile of indoor season, 4:10.3, to defeat Glenn Cunningham in 1939's memorial games.

NEW YORK — Sanford Goldberg, a New York fireman, beats Gene Venzke in meet record time of 2:14.8 for 1000-yard run to feature metropolitan AAU championships.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Missouri unemployment insurance commission discloses a number of baseball players for St. Louis Browns and Kansas City Blues getting checks for jobs.

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Southern division standings:

Team	W	L	Pct.
Southern Calif.....	5	0	1.000
Stanford.....	3	2	.600
California.....	0	3	.000
UCLA.....	0	3	.000

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ASHLAND TIPS TIGERS TWICE TO STRANGLE CAGE HOPES

By FRED HAMPSON

The Oregon state pre-basketball situation was in a state best described as muddled today after stalwarts in various sections sustained face-losing defeats.

Medford, a powerful southern Oregon outfit of District 9 that knocked the daylight out of the state championship Salem outfit a week ago, wobbled after 24-20 and 24-16 losses to Ashland. Ashland turned the trick largely on Jandreau's long shots and a tight zone defense and won its fourth of five games in the district.

Tillamook, the undefeated No. 1 league leader, tried his luck against Astoria and got a humiliating 41-25 lacing. Astoria dropped two 30-27 decisions to the Oregon State Frosh later in the week but three-point losses to the powerful Rooks did not detract much from the reputation of the fishermen who are looking more and more like state tournament favorites.

Across the mountains in Pendleton, leading the Blue Mountaineers dropped Saturday's game to Baker, 40-33, after winning from the Bulldogs, 40-36 Friday. Bend, traditionally strong mid-state team, had a bad time of it on road trip into the Willamette valley. Salem bled the Lava Bears 49 to 23, and Woodburn one-pointed them, 34-33. However the travelers got some consolation out of a 31-20 win over Silverton.

Dallas definitely added to its already enviable reputation during the week, despite a shellacking by the Oregon Freshmen, 44-22. The Dragons knocked over Silverton, 46-39, for their seventh consecutive win in the Willamette valley circuit. Chemawa, the Indian team that burned up the valley earlier in the season, dropped a game, 34-33, to Salem but defeated independence, 39-24. For the first time in two years Chemawa's scoring ace, Frank Backbone, seemed in danger of losing his individual scoring crown in the WVI league. He has made 126 points but Lebanon's Bob Medley is pressing him with 108.

Springfield recorded an easy win over St. Mary's (Eugene), 42-19, and cut University High District 7 lead to half a game. Columbia Prep of Portland, a team that holds a decision over Astoria, whipped Rainier, 30-20. Milton Freewater defeated Dayton, Wash., 40-38, in one of the few interstate games.

Other scores: McMinnville 25, Milwaukie 15; Newberg 26, Tigard 19; Forest Grove 29, Hillsboro 19; Parkrose 37, Sandy 25; Oregon City 26, West Linn 21; Eastern Oregon Frosh 24, La Grande 20; Butte Falls 35, St. Mary's 27; Weston 49, Umpine 30; Jacksonville 26, Prospect 20; Linfield Frosh 52, Mullan 48; Lebanon 32, Woodburn 24; The Dalles 36, Hood River 19; Seappooose 38, Clatskanie 18; Helix 31, Pilot Rock 15; Irrigon 32, Hermiston 20; Sherwood 23, Beaverton 21; Corvallis 32, Albany 27; William 25, Sheridan 31; La Fayette 27, Carlton 9.

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BASKETBALL

HIGH SCHOOL

Ashland 24, Medford 16.
Woodburn 34, Bend 33.
Williamina 35, Sheridan 21.
LaFayette 27, Carlton 9.

By The Associated Press

Oregon 50, Washington 43.
Washington State 66, Idaho 42.
Portland 40, Linfield 30.
Pacific Lutheran 58, Eastern Washington 44.
Southern Oregon 46, Oregon College of Education (Monmouth) 44.

St. Martin's 43, Seattle College 41.
Oregon State Frosh 30, Astoria High School 27.
Oregon Frosh 49, Multnomah Club Intermediates (Portland) 34.
Yakima JC 32, Lower Columbia JC 30.

Idaho Frosh 31, Washington State Frosh 29.
USC 53, Stanford 37.
University of Nevada 44, San Jose State 36.

California 54, St. Mary's 41.
Montana State University 34, Montana Mines 27.
California Aggies 37, Chico State 25.

Colgate 42, Fordham 38.
Oklahoma 56, Nebraska 41.
Colorado State 41, Utah U 49.
Notre Dame 56, Northwestern 27.
Army 26, George Washington U. 31.