

Tourney Highlights

Milwaukie Coach Listens to Victory on Radio

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While the Milwaukie Mustangs were beating South Eugene's Axemen Wednesday evening, their head coach wasn't on the bench. He wasn't even in McArthur Court.

Instead, 38-year-old George Crandall was sitting in a motel room on W. Sixth Avenue, listening to a radio play-by-play account of his team's fortunes.

He was following doctor's orders. But, he said later, "I think it would be easier to watch the games from the stands."

It was five weeks ago that Crandall became ill. Two and a half weeks ago, his ailment was diagnosed as infectious hepatitis. He didn't get out of the hospital until last week.

He's still supposed to take it easy and stay in bed. Tuesday, however, tests were performed to check his condition and his doctor allowed him to come to Eugene for Milwaukie's opening round game—but with the stipulation he only listen, and not attend.

He arrived Wednesday afternoon, in time for a last-minute session with assistant coach John Rhode, who has handled on-the-spot coaching duties since Crandall became ill.

Later, ecstatic at the game's outcome, he praised Rhode's handling of the team. "He got the kids to do it just the way we wanted," Crandall said.

"It's a real lifesaver to have a man like that," referring to the fact that Rhode was a head basketball coach in North Dakota for 11 years before signing on as Milwaukie assistant coach last year.

'The Way George Would Have Played . . .'

In the Milwaukie dressing room after the game, Rhode too was happy. "We tried to play the way I think George would

have played it and do what he would have done."

What Milwaukie did was to hamstring the usually high-scoring Axemen with a slow-motion offense and a sticky zone defense. The final score illustrated the strategy's effectiveness: 47-41, with the Axemen losing.

Rhode called it a "walking offense."

And Crandall explained why he plays the game that way. "We're not a fast team. . . We bring the ball up, look at the other team's defense, see what they've got and try to capitalize on their weaknesses. We don't intend to be slow . . . we just try to play at the speed at which we can handle the ball without losing it. . . We try to get the shots we want."

And then there's the zone defense, which stymied the Axemen. "We take more pride in our defense than anything else," Rhode explained. "This team thinks defense."

Naturally, this particular mixture of offense-defense doesn't contribute to spectacular displays of scoring. "We've got to really go to get 50 points," said Rhode.

Milwaukie's defense in Wednesday night's game, he went on, was geared to stopping (1) Jim Lockard, South Eugene's "Mr. Outside" and (2) John Pinkstaff, South's "Mr. Inside." It worked. Lockard was held to 11 points, Pinkstaff to four.

Rhode added that Milwaukie had never seen South Eugene play. The offensive-defensive plans were based on two scouting reports.

'Outhustled, Outplayed, Outboarded . . .'

Hank Kuchera is known for the ability to smile in victory or defeat. And the South Eugene coach smiled after the game as he summarized why his team was beaten by Milwaukie: "They outhustled, outplayed and outboarded us."

"You've got to give them (Milwaukie) a lot of credit," said the coach whose team was rated as a tournament favorite.

"When you don't penetrate a defense, you aren't going to win . . . and we seemed to be glued to the floor. We never got inside with that ball. We wouldn't penetrate. . ."

"We were off on our shooting and ball handling. . . We wouldn't move the ball . . . just lob it instead of passing it. We wouldn't fast break. I don't know why but they just wouldn't do it."

The Longest Shot

It's pretty much common practice, as the last few seconds of a game tick off on the scoreboard clock, for any player who has the basketball to throw it in the general direction of the basket. Rarely are such desperation shots successful.

But during the last second of the Hermiston-Sandy game Wednesday afternoon, 5-foot-7 Hermiston guard Bob Kivle fired the ball toward the basket from the far side of the center line—and it swished through.

The distance was measured later and found to be 56 feet. A man who has seen virtually every state tournament game for some 16 years says it was the longest field goal he'd ever seen.

It didn't help Hermiston much, however, except to cut the losing margin from 18 to 16 points. Final score was 72-56 for Sandy.

That Big Point Margin

Coach Gordon Prehm of defending state champion Grants Pass had been worried about his bench strength. "They (the reserves) didn't have a chance to play much this year," said Prehm, explaining that Grants Pass never won a game by more than five or six points throughout the regular season.

But he's not so worried any more. "I was real pleased," he said Wednesday after the Cavemen walloped South Salem 76-47.

When Prehm began sending in most of the reserves with only a few minutes left to play, Grants Pass had a margin of 20 or 22 points. But the time the game ended, the reserves had run up the margin to 29.

"A guy should get his subs in early," Prehm said. "But 18 points in three minutes," he indicated, is not an impossible feat for an opposing basketball team. "I've lost a game before by substituting too early."

Amid victory whoops from his players, Prehm singled out forward Jim Pippin for a good defensive job on South Salem's Marv Dolezal and 5-foot-9 guard Lyman Keisecker for his guarding of ace marksman Gary Allen. "You challenge him . . . tell him that Allen is all-state, and he'll go out and get 'em," Allen was held to eight points.

As for the Cavemen's Alan Hutchins, his 32 points was a personal all-time high.

"We knew Hutchins was good," said South Salem coach Dick Ballantyne. "We knew he would get 15 points, but we never thought he would get 30 . . ."

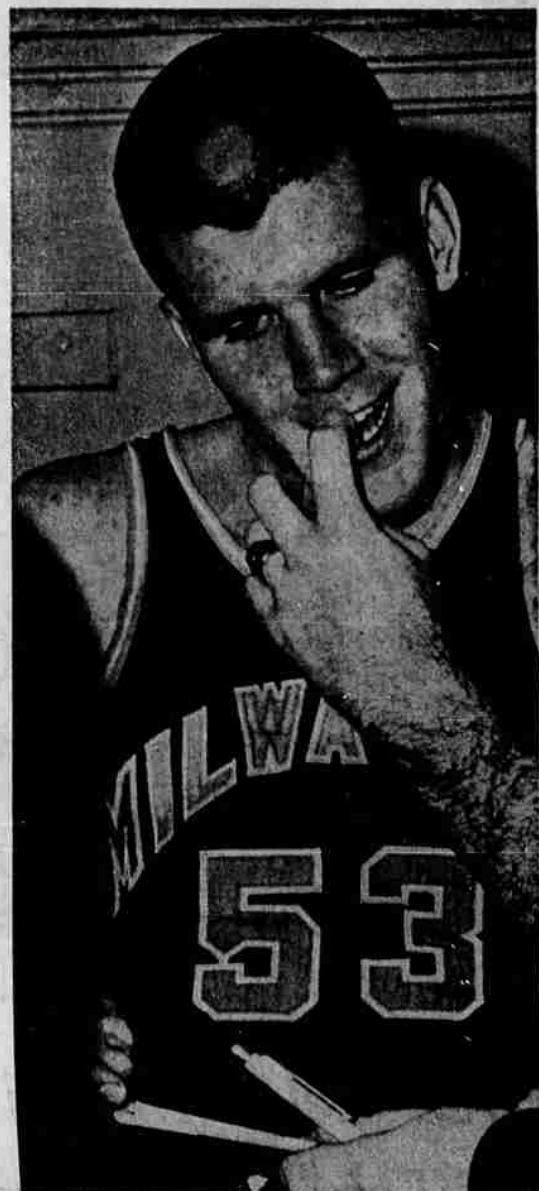
Ballantyne said his team lost the game on the boards. Grants Pass led in rebounds, 55-43.

Short Takes

• The players take their bumps and bruises on the court, but the tournament also can be rough on the spectators. The American Red Cross First Aid station in Mac Court reports that the biggest share of ailments brought to its attention consists of headaches (probably from all the noise), fainting (during the two overtime games Tuesday night), and blisters on the feet (from partisan fans who stamp too often and too hard).

• Heard over the Mac Court public address system Wednesday afternoon: "Will the Sandy principal please report to the main gate. There are three busloads of students outside without any tickets."

• The clean-up crew which sweeps up the empty popcorn boxes, crushed paper cups and other trash in Mac Court start-



Milwaukie's Dave Green: Checks the Score

ing at 5:30 a.m. includes a number of University of Oregon athletes who are married and want to pick up a little extra something for the household budget. One is All-America half-back Mel Renfro. Assistant football coach Jerry Frei, who heads the crew, says they find many items, including lots of dimes and pennies. Most unusual find, however, was a padlock Wednesday morning. "I haven't the slightest idea where it came from," Frei said.



South Eugene Coach Hank Kuchera: Near Defeat, He Still Can Smile

Sandy Whips Hermiston

Sandy, which absorbed two straight losses a year ago, started off on the right foot Wednesday afternoon with a 72-56 victory over Hermiston in the A-1 tournament.

Sandy trailed only in the early moments, then grabbed a lead that mounted steadily. The winners, who took the lead for good at 6-4, led 19-11 at the quarter and 31-21 at half-

time. Then they surged into a lead that reached 23 points in the second half. Forwards Dale Carpenter and Dan Nichols provided the offensive punch for Sandy as

each contributed 18 points. Bud Stratton carried Hermiston with 23.

A big height advantage helped Sandy easily control the backboards.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND
HERMISTON (56)

Player	FG	FT	RR	PF	TP
Stratton	8-21	7-9	8	1	23
Horton	0-4	0-0	2	2	0
Phelps	1-1	2-2	3	2	4
Kelviata	4-12	3-4	6	3	11
Stocker	2-9	1-2	5	4	5
Knerr	1-1	0-0	0	3	2
Howton	2-5	2-4	7	4	8
Kivle	1-1	0-0	0	0	2
Thorne	0-1	0-0	2	0	0
Spike	0-0	1-2	0	1	1

Totals 20-57 16-23 38* 23 56
*Includes 5 team rebounds.

SANDY (72)

Player	FG	FT	RR	PF	TP
C'penter	5-10	8-10	12	3	18
Nichols	8-14	2-2	6	2	18
S'trom	5-9	1-2	16	3	11
Creston	4-7	4-4	2	3	12
Hale	1-3	3-7	6	4	5
Barley	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
S'trom	1-4	1-3	4	2	3
F'chman	2-3	0-0	2	1	4
Hoffman	0-4	1-2	1	0	1
Motejl	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

Totals 26-62 20-35 87* 18 72
*Includes 6 team rebounds.

Official: Red Downey and Hal Elmers.
Attendance: 6,942.

Two Share Scoring Lead

A player who couldn't even make the varsity as a junior is tied for the individual scoring lead at the end of the first round at the state A-1 basketball tournament.

Alan Hutchins of Grants Pass poured in 32 points against South Salem Wednesday to match the total tallied by Medford's Jack Forde Tuesday night. John Christianson of Tillamook tops the list of rebounders with 21 recoveries, while Forde is second with 17.

FG FT TP

Hutchins, Grants Pass	13-23	4-8	32
Forde, Medford	11-14	10-15	32
Jones, Marshall	12-17	6-9	30
Romppanen, Astoria	9-19	8-9	26
Stratton, Hermiston	8-21	7-9	23
Thomas, North Eugene	9-17	3-4	21
Christianson, Tillamook	9-19	3-7	20
Green, Milwaukie	9-15	1-2	19
Cunningham, Molalla	8-18	3-3	19
Nichols, Sandy	8-14	2-3	18
Runkler, Pendleton	7-11	4-5	18
Sturgis, Lebanon	6-11	6-8	18
Carpenter, Sandy	5-10	2-10	18
Craven, North Eugene	8-17	1-3	17
Bianchi, Lebanon	7-18	4-17	17

South Salem Wins by 82-61

South Salem broke loose in the fourth quarter and handed Hermiston an 82-61 setback in consolation play Thursday morning of the A-1 tournament.

Hermiston, eliminated from tourney, stayed with the heavily-favored Saxons for a half.

But a five-point halftime margin for the Saxons reached nine in the third period and then the game became a rout in the final eight minutes.

Marv Dolezal poured in 32 points — equaling the individual high thus far in the tournament — and teammate Gary Allen 24 to lead the Saxons.

Hermiston led much of the first half.

Consolation Quarter-Finals

Player	fg	ft	rb	pf	tp
S. SALEM (82)	3-12	6-4	8	2	12
Metzger	4-9	6-10	3	8	8
Kellicott	11-14	10-18	8	1	23
Dolezal	12-29	8-9	10	2	24
Allen	1-2	0-0	2	4	2
Johnson	0-2	0-0	1	0	0
Southworth	0-2	0-0	1	0	0
Thompson	1-1	0-0	1	0	2
Ollinger	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Rector	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
Sheldon	0-2	0-0	0	1	0

Totals 33-72 16-23 45* 18 82
*Includes 7 team rebounds.

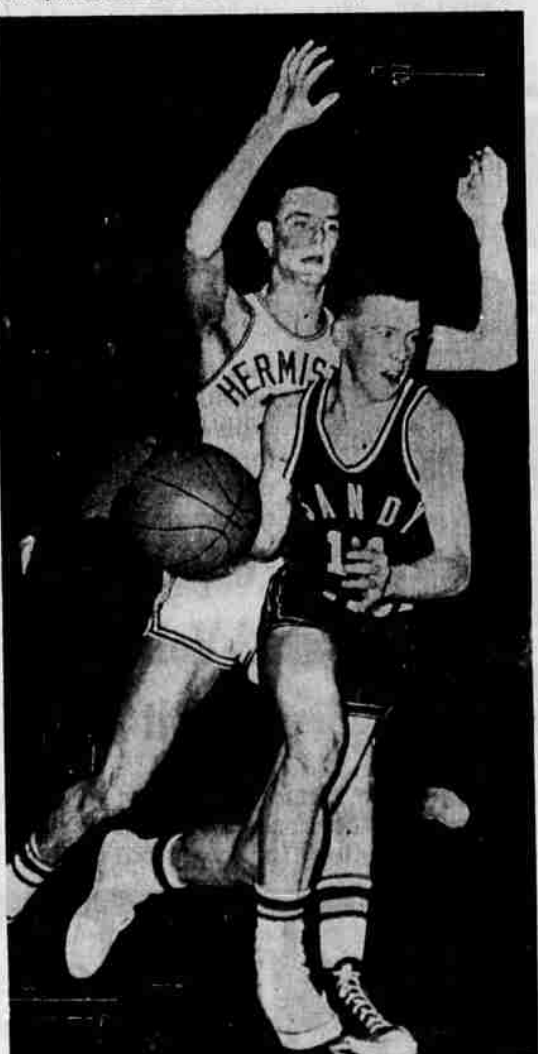
*Ties record most free throws attempted one game held by Elmer Rhoads, Milwaukie, 1954, and Bruce Rhine, St. Helens, 1959.

HERMISTON (61)

Player	fg	ft	rb	pf	tp
Stratton	5-8	5-6	5	2	11
Knerr	3-8	3-3	11	1	9
Phelps	4-9	3-5	7	5	11
Kelviata	6-12	4-4	4	1	18
Stocker	3-13	0-2	9	2	6
Howton	1-2	2-2	2	4	2
Horton	1-1	0-0	1	0	2
Kivle	0-1	0-0	0	1	0
Spike	0-1	0-0	0	0	0
Kivle	0-2	0-0	1	0	0

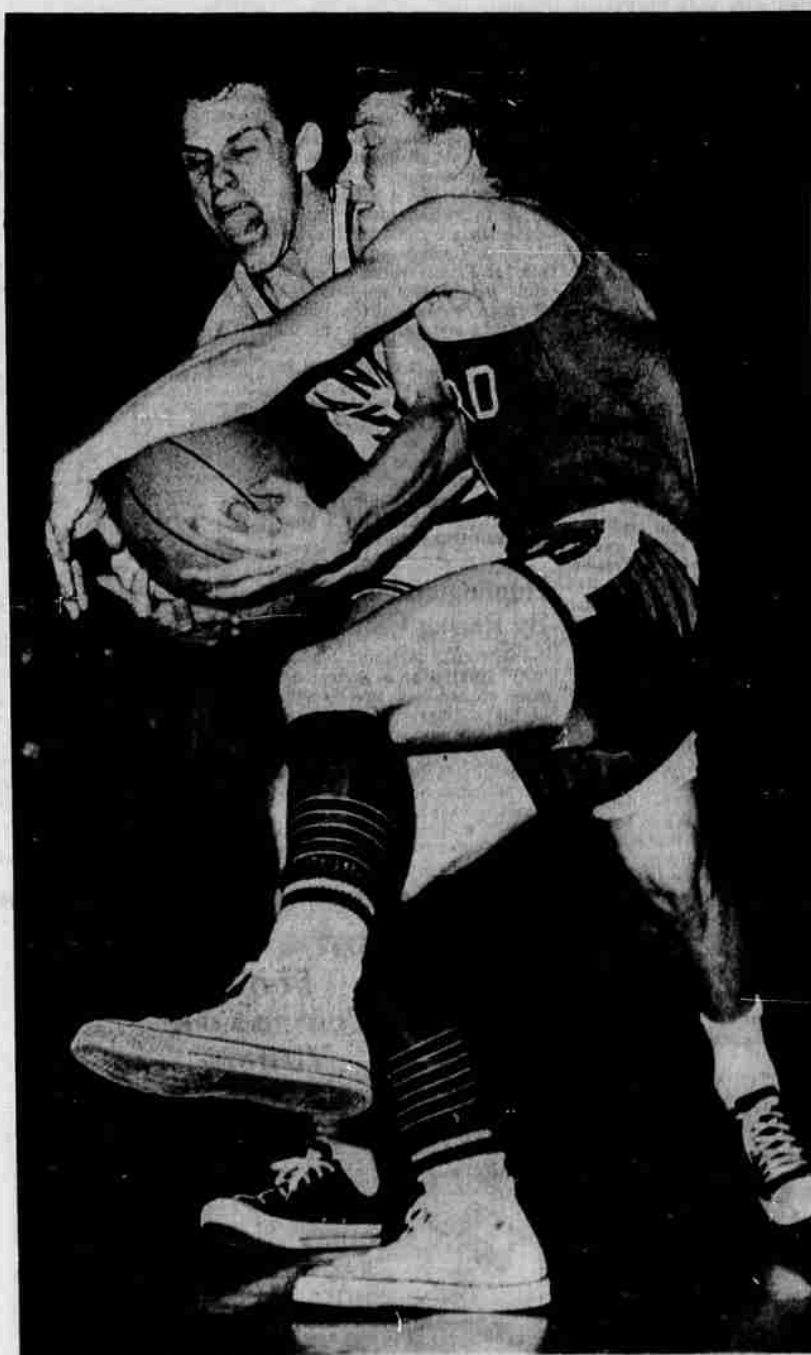
Totals 21-57 19-25 46* 18 61
*Includes 6 team rebounds.

Official: Pat Ford and John Devereaux.
Attendance: 4,316.



(Register-Guard photo) Chuck Croston (11) of Sandy seems either aware of or unaffected by the presence of Hermiston's Jim Howton close behind him as he drives during their state A-1 tournament basketball game at McArthur Court Wednesday afternoon. Sandy won 72-56.

Watch Out!



(Register-Guard photo by Phil Green) In Pain Both Paul Trimble of Franklin (left) and Larry Ryan of Tigard seem to be in pain as they grapple for the basketball in their Wednesday night state A-1 tournament basketball game at McArthur Court. Tigard closed with a flurry and defeated the Portland team 61-51.

Molalla Five 39-31 Winner

Molalla, taking advantage of its own height and cold-shooting by Tillamook, scored a 39-31 consolation round victory over the Cheesemakers Thursday morning.

Molalla, keeping its hopes alive for fifth place and eliminating Tillamook, led almost all the way.

A second half scoring drought — when Tillamook went 10 minutes without a field goal — iced the victory as the Indians surged into an 11-point lead.

CONSOLATION QUARTER-FINALS

Player	fg	ft	rb	pf	tp
Molalla (39)	3-11	0-0	0	0	3
Shaver	3-8	5-7	0	0	11
Dunton	2-8	0-0	12	1	8
Bohlander	0-2	2-4	2	1	2
Judd	0-2	2-4	2	1	2
Cunningham	4-7	0-3	5	1	8
Shrader	4-17	2-4	10	2	10
Reed	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hicks	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Heckard	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Cordill	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

Totals 15-43 9-13 40* 5* 39
#—equals tournament record for fewest personal fouls in one game.
* Includes 3 team rebounds.

TILLAMOOK (31)

Player	fg	ft	rb	pf	tp
Olson	3-11	2-3	5	1	8
Knutson	3-5	0-0	0	0	6
Christianson	3-12	1-2	11	1	7
Baty	0-3	0-0	0	0	0
Steele	0-1	0-0	1	1	0
Mulder	3-10	0-0	3	4	6
Haaga	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Polin	0-0	0-0	2	1	0
Richter	0-0	0-1	4	0	0
Spencer	2-3	0-0	1	5	4

Totals 14-18 3-4 32 13 31
*Includes 2 team rebounds.

SHOOTING FG-FGA PCT

Molalla	15-43	24.7
Tillamook	14-48	29.2

Official: Fred Wilson and Hal Elmers.

Top Ten Teams In Tournament

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No. 1 North Eugene asked out a 68-66 overtime win over No. 3 Marshall of Portland.
No. 2 South Eugene was upset by unranked Milwaukie, 47-41.
No. 3 Marshall was defeated in overtime by No. 1 North Eugene, 68-66.
No. 4 Medford was forced into overtime before beating unranked Lebanon, 67-63.
No. 5 Pendleton defeated unranked Molalla, 61-46.
No. 6 Grants Pass defeated No. 7 South Salem, 76-47.
No. 7 South Salem was dumped into the consolation bracket by No. 6 Grants Pass, 76-47.
No. 8 Astoria allowed unranked Tillamook into the consolation bracket, 55-53.
No. 9 Crater of Central Point did not reach the tournament.
No. 10 Tigard outhustled unranked Franklin of Portland, 61-51.