

Tornado Drops Thriller To Grizzlies, 48 to 43

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Precision play with set shots, play-making, faking opponents out of position and shooting when openings came could not compete against rough, man-to-man, arms-in-the-air type of basketball at Ashland Friday night and the Black Tornado lost another ball game.

The Grizzlies were not dirty ballplayers in any sense of the word but their way of hanging over every Medford player, whether he had the ball or not, and their height and height helped much in giving Ashland high a conference-district thriller win by a 48-43 margin.

Coach Frank Roelandt of the Tornado after the game told the writer "Ashland deserved to win for they played a good ball game" to eliminate Medford from any possible chance of winning the Southern Oregon conference and District 4 title for this season.

Medford never gave up from the opening whistle until the last buzzer sounded and the game was evenly fought throughout. The first half favored the Tornado as they outscored the Grizzlies and forced Ashland to tally most of its goals from "way out."

The last two quarters saw Dale Landing, Dick Smith and Jerry Langer use their superior weight and size to good advantage in getting rebounds and in jump-pivot shots from the key or a couple of feet either side of it.

Medford missed quite a few shots by narrow margins in the opening quarter and found itself with precision in the second period to outplay the Grizzlies with ease.

The three-second rule designed to stop stalling on the part of the team ahead, helped Ashland much in the final quarter. "Legal" stalling by the Grizzlies in the final two minutes forced Medford to grab for the ball and press closely, resulting in fouls.

All four of the points made by the Grizzlies in the last three minutes were made by free throws and these were almost the margin of an Ashland high victory.

Medford started out in high gear with Don Denman sink-

High School Scores

FRIDAY'S GAMES:
Central Catholic 53, Columbia Prep 29.
Oregon City 66, West Linn 51.
Seaside 43, Astoria 33.
Elmira 44, Cottage Grove 40.
Salem 73, Springfield 38.
Redmond 39, Burns 34.
McMinnville 45, Forest Grove 44.
Hillsboro 43, Tigard 35.
Junction City 56, Oakridge 44.
Lebanon 45, Toledo 38.
Corvallis 44, Sweet Home 37.
St. Helens 44, Clatskanie 43.
Roseburg 65, Grant 53.
LaGrande 61, Hood River 50.
Gresham 37, Milwaukie 34.
Grants Pass 73, Illinois Valley 30.
Jefferson 50, Cleveland 46.
Franklin 40, Washington 34.
Mac-Hi 54, The Dalles 48.
Lincoln 37, Benson 28.
Bend 59, Albany 20.
Merrill 56, Gilchrist 38 (Klamath B tourney).
Hendley 42, Bly 29 (Klamath B tourney).
Ashland 48, Medford 43.
Marshfield 65, Coquille 46.
North Bend 35, Myrtle Point 30.

ing the first two Tornado points in just over a minute of play when he whisked in a rebound. The game was even in the first quarter as each team matched the other for points.

The Tornado started the second quarter with an 8 to 7 lead and it stayed ahead throughout. The local youths gradually built up the margin with Jack Morris proving a big help with his eight points to lead at the halftime rest period by a 24 to 19 score.

Ashland staged a comeback in the third quarter by covering Medford's scoring acres—Morris, Bob Shores and Denman—closely and doing a bit of long shooting and corner tries themselves. The scoreboard read Medford 34, Ashland 32 at the third period buzzer.

The Grizzlies continued to guard Medford closely, almost hanging onto their shirts to check the fast Tornadoes and at the same time Ashland pushed them in under the basket and from most other angles to lead 44 to 41 at the automatic time-out rest.

Ashland made 13 out of 20 free throws in the game while the Tornado got 5 out of 12.

Lineup:
Ashland 48 43 Medford
Landing 11 f 8 Shores
Langer 16 f 2 L. Smith
D. Smith 10 c 15 Denman
Davis 5 g 12 F. Morris
Wine 6 g 2 Holzgang
Substitutions: Medford, Goodman 3, Wendt 1.

Sports for the Week

TODAY
Registered pistol shoot (open to anyone), Merrick's indoor range, 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY
Green's confectionery vs. Mobilgas (AAU basketball second half finals), junior high gym, 7:30 p.m.—Junior Rifle club, Merrick's, 7:30 p.m.—Oak Grove grade school at Ashland junior high (basketball)—Rogue Snowmen business meeting and color movies, senior high, 7:30 p.m.—Major Bowling league, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
AAU district basketball playoffs (two teams each from Medford and Grants Pass), senior high gym, 7 p.m.—Ladies' Bowling league 8 p.m.—Illinois Valley (Kerby) at Eagle Point high (conference-district-JDJ), 8:15 p.m.—Pistol shooting, Merrick's 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
AAU district basketball playoffs (two teams each from Medford and Grants Pass), senior high gym, 7 p.m. (two games)—Commercial Bowling league, 7:30 p.m.—Amateur boxing show, armory, 8:30 p.m.—Medford senior high boxing team at Grants Pass, evening—Medford Rifle club weekly shoot, Merrick's, 7:30 p.m.—Negro girls' basketball team vs. Central Point school faculty, C.P. gym, evening—Oregon State alumni dinner and meeting, Medford hotel, evening.

THURSDAY
Oak Grove basketball tourney (non-high school) 6 p.m.—Chico State at Southern Oregon college (intercollegiate boxing), 8 p.m.—City Bowling league, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Senior high at Eagle Point (conference-district) prelim, 8:45 p.m.—Grants Pass at Central Point (district-conference), 8:15 p.m.—Ashland at Klamath Falls (conference-district), 8:15 p.m.—Non-high school district basketball tourney, Oak Grove school, 10 a.m.—Humboldt State at Southern Oregon college (basketball), 8:30 p.m.—Mixed Bowling league, 7:30 p.m.

Oregon Skiers Leading Nevada Downhill Races

Reno, Nev., Feb. 18.—(U.P.)—Portland university replaced California in first place in team standings today after the running of the downhill race in the 11th annual University of Nevada winter carnival.

Going into its second day, the ski competition portion of the carnival featured the downhill race and the first section of the slalom.

Game Commission Sets Exams for Biologists

The Oregon state game commission announced today that all Game Biologist I and all Aquatic Biologist I positions for the commission will be filled from the registers of the state civil service commission.

Open competitive examinations for these registers will be held March 18.

Hockey

NORTHERN STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pts
New Westminster	20	13	7	47
Vancouver	28	21	5	62
Tacoma	27	21	8	62
Portland	27	25	5	59
Seattle	24	22	9	57
Victoria	19	33	5	43

FRIDAY'S RESULTS:
Portland 4, Vancouver 3

Pistol Shoot Slated Here Today, 9:30

Spectators as well as competitors will be welcome today in the basement at Merrick's when a registered pistol shoot sponsored by the pistol division of the Medford Rifle club is held starting at 9:30 a. m.

Officials they expected a team from Oregon State college as well as a Medford and a Rogue River team to take part. There will also be many individuals taking part with some coming from as far as Vancouver, Wash., and Berkeley, Cal.

Others are expected from Yreka, Cal., and Grants Pass. Last Sunday's local merchandise shoot drew people from Coos Bay, Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Yreka and Medford. Frank Rush of Medford won the grand aggregate honors among the 26 shooters who took part.

No admission will be charged today for those watching.

Klamath Baseball Club Signs with White Sox

Klamath Falls, Feb. 18.—Klamath Falls Baseball league—Klamath Falls Baseball club has signed an agreement with the Chicago White Sox in addition to their original working agreement with the Philadelphia Phillies. It was announced here by the Gems Saturday.

Business Manager Dick McGuire of the Gems said the White Sox will sign up to five players to the Klamath team, will pay any salaries to their players over the class D scale and in turn will have option of repurchasing the players for a nominal price later.

Los Angeles, Feb. 18.—(U.P.)—A dense fog that blanketed Los Angeles today slowed traffic and hampered shipping.

Boxing Program For Wednesday Listed

Larry Burdette and Owen Thomas of the Southern Oregon Boxing club yesterday released the complete program for their second fight offering at the armory next Wednesday night, starting at 8:30 p.m.

The star-studded lineup will feature a rematch between Bill Berry, southern Oregon amateur welterweight champion, and Ray Stickle, southern Oregon lightweight king. Berry's title will be at stake and if both fighters can meet the lightweight limit of 135 pounds at ringside, Stickle's crown also will go on the block.

Exhibition Set
Following the main event Joltin' Joe Kahut, Pacific coast heavyweight champion, will stage an exhibition match with Burdette, holder of the middleweight amateur title for southern Oregon. Kahut will referee the card and the exhibition will be refereed by Jack (Ginger) Snapp, northwest middleweight champ.

Six other matches have been signed for Wednesday. The semi-windup will pit Don Harper of Gold Hill, winner of three straight knockouts, against rough and tough Donovan Wolfe of Phoenix. Wolfe edged Russ Williams of Grants Pass in a hectic match his last time out.

Corky King of Oakland, who scored a stunning upset by knocking out Bill Berry on the February 1 card, will meet Paul Garrison, clever Fort Jones Indian. Dick Adkins, well-liked kid from Griffin Creek, goes against Frank Larson of Portland. Larson was forced to forego a bout here three weeks ago because of a hand injury.

Eddie Conrad, Fort Jones, makes his second local appearance by meeting Tommy Thomas of Medford. It will be Thomas' first outing but those who have seen him in workouts claim a lot is expected of him.

A rematch which is drawing considerable interest pits Bill

SPORTS

School Track Season Dated

Medford high's Black Tornado track team will open its 1950 season March 25 in a dual meet with Grants Pass high on the local track, Coach Bob Newland announced Saturday in revealing the complete local schedule.

April 1 Klamath and Medford will hold a dual meet here, April 8 Medford and Grants Pass will meet at Grants Pass, April 14 will be the junior Hayward relays or Southern Oregon relays at Klamath Falls and April 15 will be the Rogue Valley relays at Medford.

Medford, Grants Pass, Klamath and Ashland will compete as usual in the Rogues.

The Hayward relays are slated April 21 and 22 at Eugene and the Klamath invitational is booked for April 29.

May 5 the local 20-30 club will sponsor a junior AAU track meet on the local field at night and May 13 will be the district meet at Medford. The Southern Oregon-Portland meet will be May 27 and the state meet in Corvallis May 19 and 20.

Zeno Colo Wins Men's Downhill In Colorado

Aspen, Colo., Feb. 18.—(U.P.)—Italy's "old man," 30-year-old Zeno Colo, won the men's downhill of the 1950 world ski championships today in the longest, toughest event of the six-day meet.

'Your Host' Wins Santa Anita Race

Arcadia, Cal., Feb. 18.—(U.P.)—Awkward-appearing but smooth-striding Your Host, the greatest colt to emerge in the west in generations, today fairly flew to a two-length victory in the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby and immediately was proclaimed the outstanding three-year-old in the nation.

Sturdy One, driving with all he was worth, came up for second.

Nevada Football Given 'Reprieve'

Reno, Feb. 18.—(U.P.)—A 60-day reprieve granted "big time" football by the regents of the University of Nevada today brought a frank admission by Coach Joe Sheeketski that bigger and wealthier schools have simply outbid Nevada for top notch football players.

Sheeketski's blunt statement came during an extraordinary meeting called by the regents to discuss a \$45,000 bill owed the university by the Downtown Boosters for feeding and housing football players during the past three years.

The regents decreed that the Boosters, a group of businessmen who put up a large part of the money which supports a major football team at Nevada, must pay at least \$10,000 of the \$45,000 they owe the school for feeding steaks to gridders and housing them by April 15.

Injured In Accident

Portland, Ore., Feb. 18.—(U.P.)—The Rev. John T. Curran, 43, instructor in religion at the University of Portland, was seriously injured today when his car crashed into a power pole.

Police said the accident occurred when Rev. Curran apparently fell asleep at the wheel of the car. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

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