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SPORTS

Tornado Slaps Eureka 67-35 in Home Opener

Performance in one game does not provide conclusive proof and the month of March is far away but there was at least bright anticipation of a fine season Saturday night after the Medford high basketball quintet overran the Eureka, Calif., high Loggers.

Playing before a meager crowd on the Medford court, the well-knit Black Tornado crushed the Californians 67 to 35. It was the first full-length tussle of the season for Medford and its first competition of the 1954-1955 hoop year on the home floor.

Medford was never behind in the combat. The score was tied

Raiders Play HSC Tonight

Ashland — Southern Oregon college's cage gang takes to the floor against an old rival, Humboldt State college, this evening and a repeat performance is billed for Memorial court on Tuesday.

Coach Alex Petersen stated Lloyd Hoffine, Keith Johnson that Hal Titus, Tiger Bob Smith, and Dick Lillebo are likely to start for the Red Raiders with LeRoy Springer and Dale Bates to go in for Smith and Titus at times to add speed.

Lillebo, a sophomore from North Bend, is slated to make his first varsity start. Jayvee preliminary appearances are played at 6:30 o'clock both nights with varsity frays to open at 8:05 o'clock. The Jayvees meet Jacksonville high tonight.

Three Top Hoop Fives Have Tests

By JOHN GRIFFIN United Press Sports Writer Iowa, Duquesne and Indiana, ranked as La Salle's chief rivals for the national championship in the pre-season ratings, all will be tested tonight as the first full week of what promises to be history's highest-scoring basketball season gets rolling.

La Salle, defending NCAA champion ranked No. 1 nationally in the forecast by the United Press board of coaches, walked Loyola of New Orleans, 85-71, Sunday night for its second win but won't face a strong opponent until Saturday when it faces 14th-ranked Niagara.

Second-ranked Iowa, however, must tangle with Nebraska tonight while third-ranked Duquesne meets Carnegie Tech and fourth-ranked Indiana, ranked No. 1 at the end of last season, meets 18th ranked Missouri. Duquesne will be making its debut, but Iowa has won two, including an 89-79 decision over Loyola, Ill., Saturday, and Indiana is fresh from a 77-76 conquest of Valparaiso.

BASKETBALL SATURDAY COLLEGE SCORES

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Includes scores for LaSalle 85 Loyola (La.) 71, Adelphi 107 Cornell 83, Amherst 71 Brown 70, Colgate 88 Hartwick 60, Cornell 86 Syracuse 83, Niagara 71 Fordham 65, Holy Cross 71 Tufts 40, Navy 80 Yale 68, Penn State 81 Dickinson 63, Seton Hall 97 Albright 75, Canisius 88 Syracuse 65.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Includes scores for North Carolina 88 Clemson 66, Florida 76 Wofford 61, Maryland 60 Georgetown 43, Kentucky 74 LSU 58, Tennessee 73 Washington & Lee 57, Tulane 91 Louisiana College 53, Villanova 82 West Chester St. 44.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Includes scores for St. Louis 50 Alabama 44, Cincinnati 86 Bradley 76, Ohio State 98 Butler 80, DePaul 94 Minnesota 93, Indiana 77 Valparaiso 66, Illinois 77 Missouri 49, Iowa 89 Loyola (Ill.) 79, Michigan 101 Pittsburgh 71, Northwestern 87 West. Mich. 63, Notre Dame 72 Wisconsin 61, Marquette 113 Ripon 56, Hamline 93 North Dakota 70.

briefly at the start but the Tornado in the first minute of play went ahead for good and was not seriously pressed. Count at the end of the first quarter favored Medford 20 to 7. At half-time it was 36 to 20 and at the end of the third quarter 56 to 26. A margin of 64 to 32 and the final score represented Medford's widest margin, 32 points. Reserves Play Much

Tornado reserves played the last 2 1/2 minutes of the first half and all of the closing quarter and more than held their own with the Loggers. Fourteen Medfordites in all saw duty against Eureka, which didn't shoot as often or as effectively as the Tornado and which found the officiating closer apparently than in its sector of northern California.

Elongated Jerry Kalapus, ventering in his first regular varsity game for Medford and handling himself like a veteran, was high scorer of the night with 17 points. Lars Frederickson, Eureka, was runner-up with 13. Husky Frank Rector had 12 for Medford and lean Larry Coppie followed with 10.

Copple got the first field bucket when the game was about 25 seconds old. Frederickson tied up the score but two free heaves by Rector gave Medford its permanent command. Kalapus got another pair of gifts after tall Glenn Peterson got a goal on a fast break for a 9 to 2 edge. Medford took the ball down court and lost it but Bud Kastner pulled a steal close in to the basket and plunked two more Medford points. Peterson got a pair of charity throws and Kalapus sank a pair of hook shots, another fielder and a free one to round out first canto scoring.

Copple and Rector each picked up six points in the third quarter. Kalapus five, Foust two and Kastner one. Copple tallied for Medford on the tip-off. Rector and Copple got goals on fast breaks, Rector taking a pass after a nice fake by Kastner and then getting the assist on Copple's shot.

Medford's reserves outscored Eureka 11 to 9 in the last quarter with Lloyd Cearley, Foust, Ed McCullough, Ed Reinking and lengthy Bill Cochran getting in on the pointmaking. The Tornado put in 25 field goals to Eureka's 13 and was charged with 10 fouls to the Loggers' 17.

In the prelim Medford's junior varsity downed the Eureka lightweights 48 to 34. Larry Perkins, Medford, and Mayo, Eureka, each got 15 points and Charles Inskip scored 14 for Medford. Spread favored Medford only 30 to 28 once in the third quarter.

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, FG, FT, PF, TP. Includes Eureka: Eureka f 10 0 2 10, Hadley f 2 1 0 5, Fredrickson f 3 3 2 9, Snyder c 3 3 2 9, Toso c 1 2 5 4, Van Deventer g 1 2 5 4, Naylor c 0 0 0 0, Crawford c 4 0 0 8.

Table with 4 columns: Player Name, FG, FT, PF, TP. Includes Medford: Peterson f 2 4 1 8, Foust f 2 1 0 5, Kalapus c 7 3 2 10, L. Coppie g 5 0 0 17, Rector g 3 2 12 12, Cearley c 2 0 0 4, Foust c 2 2 1 6, Deakin c 0 1 1 0, McCullough 1 0 0 2, Guber 1 0 2 0, Reinking 1 0 2 0, Tisdal 0 0 0 0, McLaughlin 0 0 1 0, Cochran 4 0 0 8.

PRE-LIM LINE-UPS: Medford JV 48 34 Eureka L W D. Coppie f 4 Long Sides f 15 Mayo Stearns c 2 Goyard Dugan g 3 Eisel Perkins 15 11 Pope Substitutions—For Medford, Inskip 1; Publ 2; Plumley, Francis 2, Milner; King, Larson, Lewis, Slessler, Doe; for Eureka: Anderson, Johnson.

St. Mary's Tops Alumni Quintet St. Mary's high hoopmen ran over their alumni 59 to 14 here last night. Halftime score was 31 to 6. Tim Dugan spurred the Crusaders with 22 points and Laval Meunier rolled up 12.

VARONA FAVORED New York — (U.P.)—Chico Varona, slugging Cuban welterweight, is favored at 6 1/2 to 5 to beat speedy Italo Scorticchini of Italy tonight in their 10-round television fight at St. Nicholas arena. Also tonight in the rival TV 10-rounder at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway arena, featherweight contender Carmelo Costa of Brooklyn is the 12-5 choice to lick Bobby Bell of Youngstown, Ohio.

Free Tosses Help Eagles

Eagle Point — Ability at the free throw line earned Eagle Point high its second straight victory over Oakridge in a basketball engagement at Oakridge Saturday night. The Eagles sank 23 of 30 free shot tries in manufacturing their 41 to 36 win in a rough and ragged conflict.

Eagle Point put in only nine field goals in 46 attempts while the Warriors swished in 15 shots from the field. Worst period for the traveling team was the third when it tallied one point to 12 by Oakridge.

The Eagles headed 9 to 3 at the quarter and 19 to 12 at the half and Oakridge went on top 24 to 20 in the third quarter. Bill Caldwell topped Eagle Point scorers with 19 points and Terrill got 12 for Oakridge.

On Friday night Eagle Point won 76 to 50, making 30 points on free shots. Coach Jerry Mosby said that Frank Reich will have an injured hand operated on Tuesday. The operation was delayed a week. He said that Gayle Friend was on the crippled list with a broken blood vessel. Jerry Cave was used sparingly Saturday at Oakridge. He has a foot injury but there is no broken bone as first feared.

Eagle Point goes to Talent Tuesday night. LINE-UPS: Eagle Point 41 36 Oakridge Caldwell f 10 6 Clark Nelson g 4 4 Dunning f 3 3 Shearer Tuttle 4 g 12 Terrill Greb g 3 Lambert Substitutions—For Eagle Point, Abnerthy, Christian, Wyatt, Eastgate 2, Cove, Mason, Reich 8; for Oakridge, Shircliffe 2.

Speed Up of LA, SF Major Loop Entries Sought

By CARL LUNDQUIST United Press Sports Writer New York — (U.P.)—General Manager Hank Greenberg of the Cleveland Indians was to help open the major league meetings today by asking for the appointment of a three-man committee designed to speed the entry of Los Angeles and San Francisco into the American league.

The three American leagues appointed were to be instructed to line up civic and capital enterprise in both California cities with a view toward getting them into the circuit by 1956. The National league already has directed a committee to explore the possibilities of drawing in Los Angeles and San Francisco to their own circuit.

Meeting in separate suites of a local hotel, the two leagues also were to discuss the possible expansion from eight clubs to 10 clubs. Each league hopes to beat out the other to the fertile California territories. Two more problems which major league owners will have to consider are the pending suits against them instituted by Frank Lawrence, minor league club owner from Portsmouth, Va., and Gordon McLendon of the Texas Liberty network.

Autopsy Planned Of Player Death

Washington—(U.P.)—Officials hoped an autopsy today would show whether a football injury caused the death of Dave Sparks, Washington Redskins lineman who collapsed after Sunday's game with the Cleveland Browns.

Sparks, 26, died two hours after his team lost to the Browns, 34-14 in a National Football league game at Griffith stadium. Dr. Sidney Tyroler of Arlington hospital said Sparks' death "apparently" was caused by a heart attack. But he said no exact cause of death could be given until the autopsy was performed today.

There was speculation that a hip injury Sparks suffered during the game may have caused a fatal blood clot. The injury, suffered in the second quarter of the game, was diagnosed as a "muscle bruise" at the time.

Talent Will Be Host To Eagles

Talent—Talent highagers, defending B district champions, have their first full game action Tuesday night as host to Eagle Point, strong small Class A school. Coach George Bray said possible starters for the Bulldogs are George Zickefoose and Jack Barrett at forwards, Jim McAbee at center and J. Lloyd Wood and Mel Wallace at guards.

Use of Barrett depends on whether he is fully recovered from the measles. If he isn't ready to go, Harold Bartol or Jim Wallace will be at the forward berth. COACH SOUGHT Hanover, N.H. — (U.P.)—Dartmouth College is in the market for a new varsity football coach for the first time since 1941. Dr. Ormand Tuss McLaughry, who hasn't been able to mold a consistently successful Big Green eleven in five seasons, will retire March 30, 1955 when his current contract expires, it was announced Sunday night.

C. Lincoln Licks Crippen In PAL Main Event; Lewis, Lyons, Moyer Bout Victors

Carlton Lincoln, no stranger to Medford ring fans and an able substitute for a disabled stablemate, decided hometown favorite Steve Crippen Saturday night to top off the action-full, entertaining and highly successful 13-bout inaugural boxing card of the Medford Police Athletic League at Merrick's arena.

Lincoln, filling in for Phil Moyer, a fellow Portland Rambler who pulled a muscle doing road work, earned a unanimous verdict before a crowd which showed its enthusiasm for boxing and its support of the Pal club by jamming the arena to capacity.

Not a great many real solid punches landed in the Crippen-Lincoln main event and several other bouts drew more applause. Lincoln, reigning Oregon AAU light middleweight champion, did not stagger Crippen in the third panel. He set up the Medfordite with a right and landed a left hook to the chin. Crippen hung on and weathered the storm.

The Medford fighter got the side of Lincoln's glove and not the time. But the Portlander threw more leather and countered rather well as Crippen failed to follow up his punches. Denny Moyer, brother of the sidelined Phil, was outwitted but he far outclassed his foe as he knocked out Tucker Spot, Eureka, Calif., in the semi-windup. Spot, 150-pound fill-in for Jim Wilson, Eureka, jumped around, waved his hands and flapped his long hair but it was to little avail against the superior 141-pound Portlander. The end came after 59 seconds of the second round.

Moyer decked Spot for the 10-count with a right to the solar plexus. Green Victor Maxie Green, 139, Eureka, fighting in place of Marion McCovey, got a unanimous decision

over McDonald, 135, in the No. 3 placed bout of the evening in the featured preliminary. It was McDonald's first fight in more than a year. His lack of action showed but he did well considering it. First round was rather even but Green appeared to have the edge in the final two. He landed the more telling blows in the second and in the third gave McDonald a mauling in a corner. The Medfordite worked his way out of that bad spot although it looked as if Green muffed an opportunity to end the bout.

Lewis drew the biggest cheers of the night as the 105-pounder displayed fine ringcraft, punched almost steadily all the way and completely outfought Mike Crader, 110 1/2, a corner of Portland PAL. The Medford battler "slaughtered" his opponent for three rounds and drew blood. Terrific Scrap

Apple fought a terrific fight in a losing cause. Dick Westrope, 132, Ramblers, got the split nod although Apple landed solidly with a left cross often and seemed to outpunch the Portland boy. Referee Don Kane called it Apple's fight but Judges Fred Baker and LaRue Morris saw it for Westrope. Next to the Lewis-Crader match, the mix was best applauded of the evening.

The Lyons bout with Blaine Laudin, 112, Eureka, was unimpressive and tame. There was not much punching. Smith, 155, making his first fight appearance, lost by a technical knockout in the first round to Walt Steen, Eugene. Two Medford PAL novices, Jimmy Evans, 90, and Roger Hout, 85, fought to a draw in the curtain raiser.

There was one other knockout on the card. George Doughty, 145 1/2, Portland Air Base, stopped Rudy Gatton, Eureka, in the second round. Bob Hamme, 153, Portland Ramblers, got a TKO verdict when the handler for Herb Walter, Eureka, tossed in a towel in the first round.

In other bouts, Carl Steen, 161 1/2, Eugene, decisioned Chuck Agee, 164, Portland Air Base; Chuck Masters, 135, Portland, attached, decisioned Skip Cheney, Crescent City, Calif., 133; Johnny Duhart, 163, Portland Air Base, won by split decision over Ray Figueroa, 170, Eureka. Fifteen bouts had been planned but failure of some boxers to come here resulted in reducing and revamping the card.

Staters Top Broncs 39-34; Cal Clubs Webfoots 64-52 Eugene — (U.P.)—University of Oregon's basketball team takes on Seattle University at McArthur court tomorrow night in the final pre-conference home game for the Webfoots.

Corvallis — (U.P.)—Oregon State College salvaged some of the Northwest's basketball prestige Saturday night by downing Santa Clara 39-34, after the University of Oregon was walloped 64-52 by California in the opening game of a double-header.

Both Oregon squads were defeated in the Friday night twin bill at Eugene, with Oregon State being nosed 52-50 by California in the first game, and Oregon falling 58-48 to the Broncs in the second. Oregon State victory over Santa Clara was highlighted by the defensive play of center Tony Vlastelica, who held all-America candidate Kenny Sears to four points. The Beavers "tagged" on Sears whenever possible, making it difficult for him to shoot.

Deliberate Fray The Oregon State-Santa Clara game was deliberate but thrilling, and a great exhibition of ball control. The Beavers took 33 rebounds to Santa Clara's 14. OSC forward Ron Robins held scoring honors with 14 points,

Beavers To Help Eugene Baseball Houston, Tex. — (U.P.)—Eugene of the newly-formed class B Northwest baseball league and Portland of the Pacific Coast League, have arranged to work in close cooperation this coming season. Dick Richards, Eugene general manager, and Frank Graham, chairman of the executive committee, met with Portland General Manager Joe Ziegler at the minor baseball meeting here and perfected the working arrangement.

Independent League Scraps This Evening Medford Independent Basketball league gets underway tonight with two games. Yellow Cab plays YMCA at 7 o'clock and Burelson's opposes Skinner's Buick at 8:30 o'clock with both scraps at the junior high. Andy's Jewelers and the Campus Five play the early game on Tuesday then Sacred Heart meets Hawkinson's. Skinner's goes to Prospect.

Darks Down White Team In Jamboree

The Darks beat the Whites in the Jackson County B league jamboree here Saturday night at the St. Mary's gymnasium but there is some question as to what the correct score was.

A count of 69 to 58 was listed in favor of the Blacks but there were discrepancies in the records kept by the six participating high school basketball teams and the scores of the various periods, so far as they could be determined did not add up to that figure.

St. Mary's, Rogue River and Butte Falls were on the Dark crew and Talent, Jacksonville and Prospect on the White side. Each team played two eight minute periods facing a different foe in each of the panels and Talent and Butte Falls loomed as top contenders in the circuit on the inconclusive results of the jamboree.

The individual periods ended this way, so far as could be figured: Butte Falls 7, Prospect 4; Talent 17, Rogue River 8; Jacksonville 4, St. Mary's 4; Butte Falls 14, Talent 13; St. Mary's 18, Prospect 8 and Rogue River 16, Jacksonville 8. That adds up to 67 for the Darks and 54 for the Whites.

Comets Win Again 53-19

Central Point — Crater high, scoring heaviest in the second and fourth quarters, drubbed Glendale 53 to 19 at Glendale on Saturday. It was the second Comet win over the Pirates. Crater's margin Friday was 49 to 32.

Comet leader one quarter was only 7 to 4 but the margin was 25 to 7 at halftime. Third quarter spread was 35 to 18. A chance to compare its strength with a conference rival will be afforded the Comets next Friday and Saturday. Crater meets Oakridge here. Eagle Point, member of the Rogue league along with Crater, whipped Oakridge twice over the week end.

LINE-UPS: Crater 53 19 Glendale Fogue 14 1 Miller Tidwell f 1 2 Mullarkey Higginbotham 12 c 6 Bird Tonn 19 g 4 Burke Johnson 6 g Stein Substitutions—For Crater, Shams 2, Lefter 2, Kelley, Von Buskirk 1, Gray 2, Bailey 4, Anderson; for Glendale: Berg 4, Munyon 2, Brown, G. Miller, West.

Hawk Gains Skeet Title

Don Hawk fared best in the battle of strong winds and wild targets Sunday to win the overall skeet championship of Medford Gun club. He broke 89 to capture the Class A competition. M. L. Wright was runner-up with 80.

In the B division Ed Peace took honors with 72 and Sam Jennings was next with 69. Everett Gibson won the C shoot with 66 and Floyd Young had 63. Turkey shoots are set for December 12 to 19 with competition in both 16 yards and skeet.

Lions Cinch Pennant; Redskin Player Dies

By EARL WRIGHT United Press Sports Writer The Detroit Lions and Cleveland Browns cruised toward their third straight clash for the National Football League championship today while the death of a player marred a pro campaign already marked by serious injuries and charges of "dirty play."

Dave Sparks, 26-year old Washington Redskins guard from Lorain, Ohio, died Sunday of an apparent heart attack while dining at a friend's home two hours after taking part in his team's 34-14 loss to Cleveland. Sparks hurt his hip early in the game at Washington but returned to action and did not complain of feeling ill in the dressing room.

More than a dozen players have been put out of action for the season because of injuries during the 1954 campaign. But Sparks, a former University of South Carolina star, was only the second player in NFL history to die during a season. Tackle Stan Mauldin of the Chicago Cardinals died in the dressing room about an hour after a game with the Philadelphia Eagles on Sept. 24, 1948.

While Cleveland clinched at least a tie for its fifth straight Eastern Division title in a game destined to end in tragedy, Detroit won its third straight Western crown by rallying to tie the inspired Eagles, 13-13. The Lions needed only a tie to qualify for a bid for an unprecedented third straight NFL championship and got it on Lew Carpenter's one-yard plunge and Doak Walker's extra point with three minutes to go.

The New York Giants retained a mathematical chance to tie Cleveland by downing the Pittsburgh Steelers, 24-3. New York, trailing by 1 1/2

games, could tie for the title by beating Philadelphia in its final start next Sunday — if Cleveland loses to Pittsburgh and Detroit. The Browns can clinch by tying one of the games.

Detroit and Cleveland have played one less game than the other 10 clubs. They are slated to play their postponed Oct. 3 game at Cleveland Dec. 19. And it's a good bet they'll clash again in the championship game — "operation frostbite" — Cleveland's wind-swept Municipal Stadium Dec. 26. Detroit plays the Chicago Bears next Sunday.

The Bears could have retained a chance to tie Detroit if the Lions had lost to Philadelphia, but bowed out of the Western race while defeating the Cardinals, 29-7. The San Francisco Forty-Niners shut out the Green Bay Packers in Sunday's other game, 35-0. Joe Perry, Forty-Niner fullback, boosted his 1954 yardage to 1,007 as he became the first NFL player to gain 1,000 or more yards by rushing in two consecutive seasons.

The Baltimore Colts began the weekend action Saturday by upsetting the Rams, 22-21, on Gary Kerkorian's 13-yard field goal with 12 seconds to go at Los Angeles. Ram owner Dan Reeves demanded that Commissioner Bert Bell take "strong action" against Don Joyce, 255-pound Colt tackle for slugging linebacker Les Richter so hard he had 14 stitches taken over his right eye.

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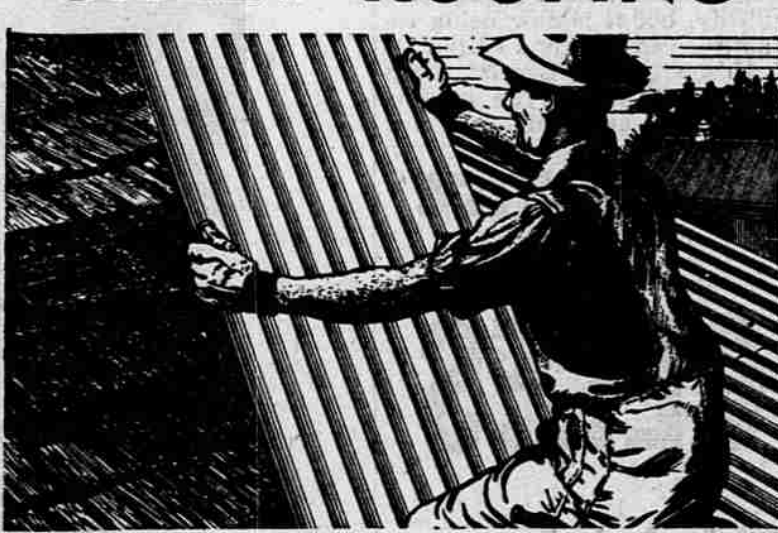
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