

Torrid Tornado Whistles Past Grants Pass, 63-44 Hit 51 Per Cent of Shots

Medford high's torrid Black Tornado made it an auspicious beginning in the quest for Southern Oregon Conference basketball laurels Friday night, living up thoroughly to its label as the "team to beat" as it thundered convincingly over the Grants Pass Cavemen, 63 to 44.

It was a blazing, terrific first half which enabled the high geared Tornado, playing on its home floor, to rumble over the defending champions. Medford took a few minutes to warm to the task but once the fast-breaking gang got rolling, it out-gunned the GP crew, out-fought it under the backboards and effectively stymied its offense.

Sureshooting Larry Coppel along with Frank Rector provided most of the firepower and all hands, Johnny Foust, Jerry Kalapus, Glenn Peterson, Bud Kastner, Coppel and Rector, contributed to the stifling defense and rebound control.

Already established as a relentless driving aggregation in preconference play, the Tornado was at a hard-running, passing and smooth operating peak during the time it built up its lopsided advantage. Medford hustled to a 21 to 9 spread in a first quarter more fiercely contested than the score indicated. And in the second panel the count was lengthened to 40 to 28.

Breeze Slackens
The big breeze slackened in the second half but not before a 25-point 50 to 25 bulge had been run up. Grants Pass perked up and out-scored Medford 15 to 14 in the third quarter which ended 54 to 33 in Tornado favor. And the Cavemen had the point-making upturn again in the final quarter 11 to 9.

Medford never was in serious danger despite the GP edge. Three minutes into the last stanza the Cavemen had sliced their deficit to 16 points at 56 to 40. That's as close as they got. The Tornado turned to ball control in the final stages and went 22 points in front, 62 to 40. Then a complete team of reserves took over to play out the remaining short span. Twelve Medfordites got into the fray.

Grants Pass led only once and briefly during the evening. Coppel had sunk a field shot from the corner for Medford when the scrape was only 30 seconds old. Mel Drews put in one free heave for Grants Pass and Don James followed with a pair of gifters at the two-minute mark for 3 to 2 GP margin. Ten seconds later Kalapus put in a couple of free ones. That made it 4 to 3 and Medford was in front to stay. Kalapus with seven more points, Coppel with six and Rector with four rounded out the scoring for Medford in the opening quarter. Grants Pass managed only two fielders in the period, by Reid and Burr while Medford rolled up seven.

The Tornado picked up another eight field goals in the third quarter through efforts of Peterson, Rector, Coppel, Kastner and McCullough while James hit two and Jay Reese one for Grants Pass.

James Spearheads
After Medford gained its 25-point advantage it was James with seven points who spearheaded the GP comeback. He pushed in close and stole the ball for a two goals and picked up three counters at the free line. Bob Erickson got three markers, Reese two free shots and Reid a fielder in the brief rally while Rector, Coppel and Peterson hit a goal apiece for Medford.

Coppel, who does everything so easily, was high scorer of the night with 25 points. His guard mate, Rector was next with 14 and both turned in stellar floor games. Kalapus was third high for Medford with 11. Seven were from the gift line where he made every chance. James ran up 13 for Grants Pass.

Johnny Foust drew his first starting assignment for the Black Tornado and came through with flying colors in a booming aggressive performance. He shared with Kalapus the rebound retrieving honors each picked off seven as the Tornado out-fought the Cavemen 2 to 1. Kastner, a cog in the fine Medford teamwork with numerous assists, and Peterson came next spot with five retrieves and Coppel got four.

son, weakened by a cold early in the week, did not start but was in the game about 18 minutes.

Keeping the area well jammed around the bucket, the Tornado held the Cavemen's a usually high scoring driver, Reid to just two field goals. The other GP guard, James got four goals. One was from far out and another was on a steal when the hoop was unprotected. Raleigh Burr, GP, giant on the floor at 6-5½, got only two field buckets.

Medford shot better than 51 per cent from the field, 24 out of 47, making a good number of shots on its fast break.

Rugged Mel Drews of Grants Pass fouled out just before Kalapus was banished and Burr and Kastner each had four infractions.

Coach Frank Roelandt praised his Medford club for a "terrific team job." He echoed the feeling of players and fans alike in expressing the hope that the Tornado can keep up the pace all year.

Medford plays Ashland here next Friday and at Ashland on Saturday.

Medford

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Kastner, f	1	0	2	2
Foust, f	0	2	4	2
Burr, c	2	7	5	11
Kalapus, c	11	3	6	14
Coppel, g	6	2	0	14
Rector, g	3	0	2	6
Peterson	3	0	2	6
McCullough	0	0	1	0
McLaughlin	0	0	1	0
Tiedel	0	0	0	0
Cochran	0	0	0	0
Deakins	0	0	0	0
Reinking	0	0	0	0
Total	24	15	18	63

Grants Pass

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Reese, f	3	3	2	9
M. Drews, f	0	3	5	3
Burr, c	2	4	4	6
Reid, g	2	0	0	4
James, g	4	5	2	13
Erickson	3	3	0	9
Mendenhall	1	0	2	2
Haves	0	0	1	0
Henderson	0	0	1	0
Total	13	18	17	44

Golden Abbey Wins Handicap
Arcadia, Calif. — (U.P.) — Golden Abbey, ridden by the canny Johnny Longden, showed his heels by nearly three lengths Saturday to a field of nine California-foaled horses in the \$28,000 Santa Catalina handicap at Santa Anita as the even money favorite. Correlation, finished out of the money.

The five-year-old son of King's Abbey, a three to one second choice of 45,000 racing fans, laid well off the pace for nearly a mile of the mile and an eighth race but closed in the stretch to open his big lead over Blue Trumpeter. Ole Travis was third and Correspondent was fourth.

In the co-featured \$22,750 Las Flores Sprint handicap, Calumet farm's great four-year-old filly, Miz Clementine, raced to a half length victory over her old rival, Alibhai Lynn, while her stablemate, Lap Pull, was third in the field of 10 fillies and mares.

SATURDAY SCORES
COLLEGE BASKETBALL:
Boston University 73, Army 70
Williams 64, Bowdoin 56
Michigan State 84, Wisconsin 77
St. Michaels 96, St. Lawrence 82
Michigan 88, Ohio State 81 (overtime)
Findlay 113, Cedarville 61
Xavier (La.) 75, Tuskegee 68
Pennsylvania 83, Princeton 75
William and Mary 78, Washington and Lee 73
Niagara 85, St. Bonaventure 61
Miami (O.) 89, Bowling Green 55
Temple 78, Lehigh 43
Colgate 77, Hobart 63
Marshall 79, Western Michigan 50
Goodyear 86, Detroit Tech 53
American International 82, Providence 65
Kent State 82, Akron 60
Minnesota 81, Iowa 80
Millersville 80, Lockhaven State Teachers 58
Georgetown (DC) 79, American University 65
North Carolina State 96, Duke 91
Highpoint 75, Catawba 58
Franklin Marshall 88, Dickinson 66
Cornell 70, Dartmouth 66
Capital 67, Heidelberg 65 (overtime)
Carnegie Tech 70, West Virginia 60
Richmond 72, George Washington 67
Ashland 93, Penn 63
Penn State 84, Navy 64
Cincinnati 79, Toledo 66
Geneva 81, Juniata 67
Syracuse 82, Sam Houston AFB 77
Furman 154, The Citadel 67
Xavier (O.) 76, Louisville 70
Furman 77, Northwestern 79
Youngstown 82, St. Vincents 70
Fairleigh 73, Tennessee 69
Fordham 71, Rutgers 65
Columbia 72, Yale 56

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION RESULTS:
Boston 117, Philadelphia 108

NCAA Picks TV Group
New York — (U.P.) — Five new members were chosen Saturday by the NCAA council to serve on the 12-man 1955 television committee that will tackle the controversial problem of a college football TV program for next season.

The newcomers to the committee, selected as the NCAA wound up its week-long meetings here, were: Warren P. McGuirk, University of Massachusetts (District 1); Max Farrington, George Washington (District 3); Doug Mills, Illinois (District 4); Earl Fullbrook, Nebraska (District 5); and Ted Harder, Santa Barbara, (small colleges).

The delegates voted Friday empowering the new TV committee to continue last season's "game of the week" arrangement, whereby only one game is shown each week (with a few exceptions) on a coast-to-coast network.

The new committee will not be bound by this vote, but will use it as a guide in its considerations. There is a chance the group may recommend a more liberal program than last year's whereby the nationally-televised game could be decided upon as late as five days beforehand, instead of many weeks as heretofore. There also could be a provision for one local appearance on TV for each team, if in the opinion of the NCAA no damage to other schools would result.

Raiders Lose To Wolves
Monmouth — (U.P.) — Southern Oregon downed Oregon College of Education 70-56 here Friday night in the first game of a two-game Oregon Collegiate conference basketball series.

Keith Johnson and Lloyd Hoffman of the winners and Larry Chamberlain of OCE all had 14 points.

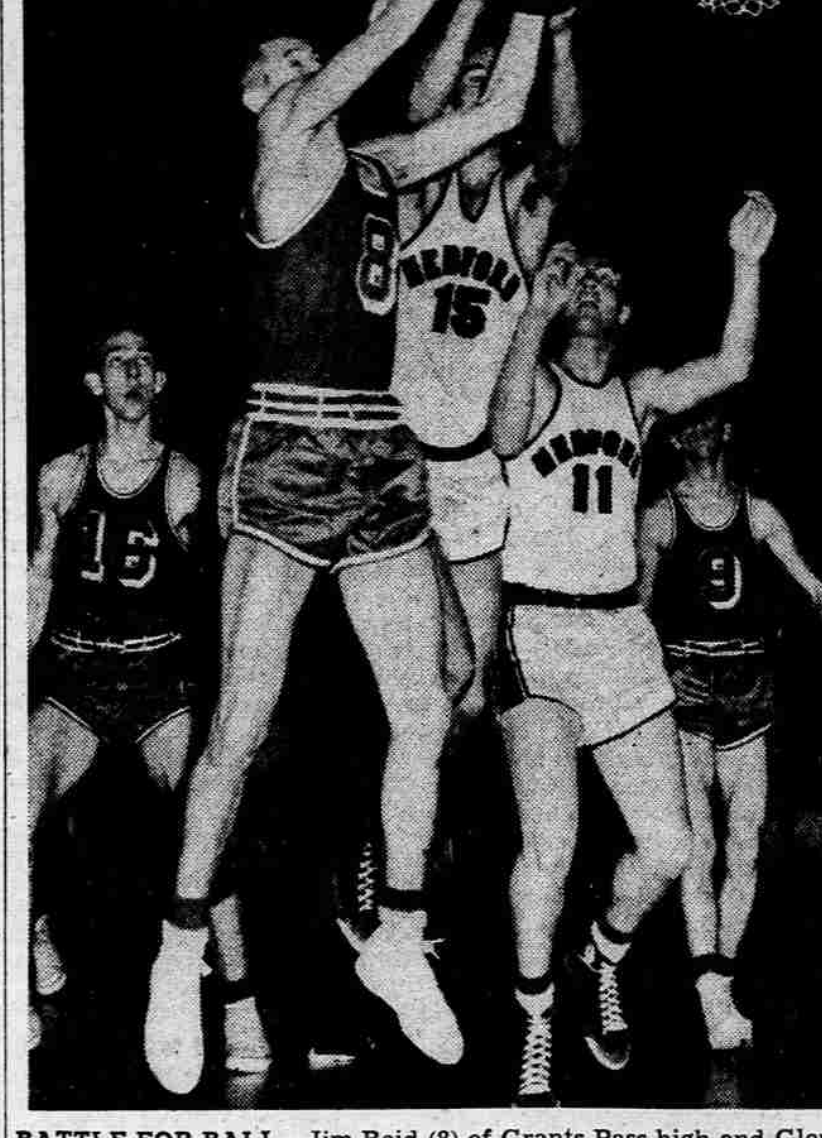
Golden Abbey Wins Handicap
Seattle — (U.P.) — Forward Ken Westenskow sank two free throws in the final seconds here last night to give Eastern Oregon a 97-95 basketball victory over Seattle Pacific college.

Eastern Oregon led 50-37 at the half with the aid of a 24-point first-half scoring spurge by high scoring Ted Schadewitz. SPC made its bid in the final minutes of the game after Schadewitz, who ended with 28 points, had fouled out with four minutes left, but could never quite overtake the mountaineers.

Larry Pryse of Eastern Oregon led all scorers with 33 points while Loren Anderson's 24 points topped SPC.

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Abilene, Tex. — (U.P.) — A 16-year-old lightweight boxer who was critically injured in a YMCA fight Friday night was reported "holding his own" Saturday.

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BATTLE FOR BALL—Jim Reid (8) of Grants Pass high and Glenn Peterson (15) of Medford are shown tussling for the ball in the Friday night Southern Oregon Conference hoop engagement between the two schools. Edging in is the Tornado's Dick McLaughlin (11). Two Grants Pass men, Raleigh Burr (16) and Jay Reese (9) look on.

Badgers, Coyotes, Bearcats Victors In NW Loop Tifs
By UNITED PRESS
Pacific, Willamette and College of Idaho racked up opening-game victories as the Northwest conference basketball race got underway last night.

Pacific won its 10th straight of the season by downing Whitman last year, same from behind to beat Whitman. The Badgers trailed 37-30 at the half, but Norm "The Hawk" Hubert took command in the second half by scoring 15 of his 21 points.

Baylor Scores 38
At Caldwell, Elgin Baylor scored 38 points and grabbed 27 rebounds for College of Idaho as the Coyotes downed Lewis and Clark. R. C. Owens had 26 rebounds for the winners but was held to nine points. Lewis and Clark missed the services of starting guards Gary Jackson and Duane Brady. Jackson has a bad ankle and Brady the flu.

Willamette's taller Bearcats took command in the second half against Linfield after the score was knotted at 36-all at halftime. Don Porter of Linfield led the scoring with 21 while Dave Gray hit 17 for Willamette.

TO GET HELP
Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — The Kansas City Athletics will help Columbus "field as good a team as possible" for its new role in the International league, officials of the A's said today.

Columbus, which was without a ball club after its American Association team was transferred to Denver, obtained the Ottawa franchise in the far-flung Triple-A league by paying the A's \$50,000.

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He suffered a cerebral concussion when he was knocked out by a left in the second round thrown by Jim Horrell, 16, of Abilene, Tex. Teams from Abilene and Sweetwater were competing in the YMCA show.

Eidom Aids South to Win In Senior Mix
Mobile, Ala. — (U.P.) — Husky Frank Eidom, hard-running Southern Methodist halfback, powered the South to two second half touchdowns Saturday and a come-from-behind 12-6 victory over the North in the sixth Senior Bowl game before 34,000 fans.

Eidom paced Dixie drives of 76 and 63 yards to overcome a six point North lead registered in the second quarter largely on the work of Dick Young, a Chattanooga Choo-Choo running on the wrong track for the Yankees.

Bobby Freeman, quarterback of Auburn's Gator Bowl champions, fed the ball deftly to Eidom in the South's scoring efforts and picked up valuable yardage himself on keep plays to maintain the Dixie momentum.

The Southerners' victory in the annual professional preview for graduating collegians evened the record at three and three for the series. The winners picked up checks of \$500 each and the losers \$400 apiece as the all-stars got their first taste of pro gold.

Charles Sheppard Will Be Speaker At Walton Meet
Charles Sheppard, Oregon State Commission game biologist in this area, will be guest speaker on Monday, January 10, at a meeting of the Jackson county chapter of the Izaak Walton league.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel.

Sheppard will present his annual report on the current game situation and program. He also will give the results of this past hunting season.

First reading of the national Izaak Walton league's land restoration and price support program will be made. The chapter will be asked to present its views on the program before the national convention on March 31.

Future meetings of the Jackson County chapter will be held on the second Monday of each month. They have been on the second Tuesday.

Col. Paul H. Weiland is new president of the Jackson county chapter. Vice-presidents are Ken Wonderly, for soils; John E. Gribble, for woods; Edwin C. Hansen, for water, and Tom Rickard, for wildlife. A Norton Smith is secretary and Hank DeVoss, treasurer. Directors are the retiring president, William Thorndike, Duke Guile, Chester Irish, Col. Frank D. Applin and Dr. C. H. Paske. Guile is state director.

Ski Conditions
Skiing conditions at Crater Lake National park are good, the park rangers' office reported yesterday. Snow was falling lightly at the park in the late afternoon. Warming hut at the park will be open today, weather permitting. Highway 62 through the park was open yesterday but chains were advised. The road from Annie Spring to the rim was open but chains or snow tires were required.

Pro Bowl Game Fever at LA
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Pro Bowl fever has struck Los Angeles with the first skull practice of the West team held Saturday.

Coach Buck Shaw, formerly of the San Francisco Forty Niners, set up headquarters Friday at the Hollywood Knickerbocker hotel, while the eastern contingent, headed by Philadelphia Eagle Coach Jim Trimble, checked in at the Ambassador.

Floyd Patterson Stops Will Troy In Five Rounds
New York — (U.P.) — Young Floyd Patterson of Brooklyn, who stopped Willie Troy in the fifth round, will be ready for a light heavy weight title shot "within the year," Manager Custer D'Amato admitted reluctantly today.

D'Amato, the fight game's most cautious pilot, was practically forced into that admission of his fighter's prowess by Patterson's smashing victory over knockout specialist Troy of Washington, D. C. at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

"Yes, he'll be ready for a shot at Archie Moore before the end of the year," D'Amato said. "He proved for sure last night he's got plenty of steel in his chin." Troy had knocked out 23 of his previous 32 opponents.

To Face Grant
But, meanwhile, Floyd will engage in his first scheduled 10-round bout on Jan. 17, against Don Grant of Los Angeles at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena. "Just how many 10-rounders he'll need after that, before tackling Moore, I don't know," said the wary mentor.

Scaled 166 pounds to Troy's 162, rangy young Patterson gave 22-year-old Troy such a merciless battering that Dr. Vincent Nardiello, Referee Al Berli and Troy's manager, Al Weill, agreed Willie would be unable to come out for the sixth round.

Tennessee Picks Wyatt Head Coach
Knoxville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Bowden Wyatt who created football strongholds at Wyoming and Arkansas, Saturday was named head coach at Tennessee, where he will face the task of rebuilding a gridiron empire.

Tennessee Athletic officials said Wyatt, who played at Tennessee under Gen. Bob Neyland, has signed a five-year contract at a reported \$15,000 a year.

Wyatt will replace Harvey Robinson, the former assistant coach who took over the Volunteers when Neyland retired. In two seasons Robinson's team won 10, lost 10 and tied one.

Wyatt is one of the most successful young coaches in the nation. The 38-year-old native of Kingston, Tenn., last year surprised the football world by leading Arkansas to the Southwestern conference championship.

Wyatt was the personal choice of Neyland, the Tennessee Athletic director. Neyland, who established one of the country's finest coaching records at Tennessee, wanted a coach who could continue the traditional Tennessee single-wing.

Arizona Back Gets Nelson Cup
Boston — (U.P.) — Art Luppino, Arizona wingback and the nation's top grid scorer, Saturday received the eighth annual Swede Nelson award for sportsmanship.

The sophomore star from Phoenix, Ariz., received the trophy at the annual dinner of the Boston Gridiron club. Attending were his coach, Warren Woodsom, and Nils V. (Swede) Nelson, the man the trophy was named for.

The trophy is awarded annually to the college gridder who "demonstrates a high esteem for the football code and exemplifies sportsmanship to an outstanding degree."

STONEHAM HONORED
New York — (U.P.) — Horace C. Stoneham, president of the New York Giants, has been voted the New York Baseball Writer's William J. Sloucum award for "long and meritorious service to baseball," it was announced today.

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