

Black Tornado Quint Rumbles To 4th Verdict of Year Over Cavemen, 68-39

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS		
	W. L. Pct.	
Medford	8 0 1.000	
Klamath Falls	5 3 .625	
Grants Pass	3 5 .375	
Ashland	1 7 .125	

Two was the magic number today for the Medford high school basketball quintet. Two victories in its four remaining league combats were all the Black Tornado needed to sew up its second Southern Oregon conference Big Four crown in three seasons.

Medford made a clean brush of its week end series with Grants Pass high on Saturday night by adding a 68 to 39 walloping to the 51 to 44 defeat it inflicted on the Cavemen on Friday.

Week end triumphs marked the third and fourth Black Tornado successes with the Cavemen this year, the Pear City team's loop record to eight wins against no losses and brought Medford's full season standing to 17 wins and one setback. Medford has won its last 16 encounters.

While the Tornado was disposing of the Cavemen, Klamath Falls cracked the Ashland Grizzlies twice to keep three games behind Medford in second place in the circuit. The Pels, playing on their home floor beat the Ashlanders on Saturday 43 to 21 after a 73 to 35 outcome on Friday.

Even For Half

It was an even ball game for one half here Saturday night as the flashy speedy, back men moved the ball well and with speed and gusto and the Tornado was off its passing game. In the second half, however, it was pretty much all Medford. The Tornado slowly began to widen the gap in the third period. Grants Pass was sorely hurt when its big backboard men, Mel Drews and Raleigh Burr fouled out. And the Medfordites spurted out of danger.

Lead in the first quarter of the mix switched hands six times. Medford headed 13 to 11 at the intermission. There were 10 tie scores in the contest before the Tornado went ahead to stay.

A jump shot by Frank Rector put Medford in front 23 to 21 with 3½ minutes played in the second stanza. Rector got another jumper. Larry Coppel drove in for a goal and added two free shots for a 29 to 21 advantage but Mel Drews once and Burr twice hit from the gift line and the half score was 29 to 24.

Medford hopped to nine point leads of 33 to 24 and 35 to 26 in the third panel and the margin was seven points, 35 to 28 when rugged

Mel Drews of the Cavemen fouled out with two minutes played in the quarter. GP then lost Burr at the four-minute mark and with the score 38 to 30. Medford then shot to 47 to 30. The score at the end of the period was 47 to 32.

Grants Pass got only 15 points altogether in the second half.

adding seven in the final period to its eight of the third. Medford, after picking up 18 in the third ran up a big 29 in the closing chukker.

Tornado regulars left the game with the score 57 to 34 and three minutes to play in the last quarter. Reserves continued to mount up the points

against the subs who also finished out the fracas for the Cavemen. Coach Ray Davis of the Cavemen alternated players frequently through the hassle and Coach Frank Roelandt of Medford sent in Lloyd Carley, Johnny Foust and Dick McLaughlin in efforts to settle the Tornado machine during the first half.

Hopes Damaged
While Medford appeared clearly on the road to victory, the Grants Pass loss of rugged Mel Drews and tall Burr definitely damaged Cavemen hopes of rally. But Medford came precariously close to losing a couple of its regulars on infractions.

When Drews fouled out it was on a double personal with Glenn Peterson of Medford being charged with his fourth infraction. Coppel and Jerry Kalapus each had three fouls by halftime. Kalapus was accused of a fourth in the last quarter.

Although the Cavemen handled the ball well, they made a minority of their 11 field goals at real close range as the Medford defense played tough, using both zone and man-to-man protection of the bucket. A couple of the GP close ones were on steals. Medford got "in" for the big share of its buckets with a lot of the closes coming in the final half.

Free Shots Aid

Free shots contributed substantially to the scoring in the first half. In the first quarter, each club got three field goals and Medford had a seven to five edge at the foul line. Medford picked up 11 points on gifts in the first half and GP 12.

Kalapus put in 13 out of 17 free attempts for the Tornado and these with four field heaves gave him 21 points, high for the night. Coppel scored 13 and Rector 12. Mel Drews, despite early retirement, was tops for GP with 12 counters, with eight out of 11 successful charity shots.

The Tornado hit 23 out of 52 field casts for a 44.2 average and 22 out of 31 free attempts for almost .710. It outrebounced Grants Pass 37 to 27. Peterson got nine boards, Kalapus nine and Bud Kastner seven for Medford. Burr and Drews picked off six each for GP and Henderson, Burr's replacement, five.

BOX:		fg	ft	pt	tp
Medford		13	4	21	1
Kastner		2	2	3	6
Peterson		2	1	4	5
Rector		6	0	3	13
Foust		0	0	0	0
McLaughlin		0	0	0	0
McCullough		1	2	0	4
Cochran		1	0	0	2
Carr		0	0	0	0
Tisdell		1	0	2	2
Deakins		1	0	0	2

Grants Pass	fg	ft	pt	tp
Drews	2	8	5	12
Burr	0	0	0	0
Reid	0	0	0	0
James	4	0	3	8
McLaughlin	0	0	0	0
Erickson	0	0	0	0
Henderson	0	0	0	0
Burnett	0	0	0	0
Davis	0	0	0	0

Reedsport Quint Upsets North Bend

By UNITED PRESS
St. Helens continued to pace the Oregon high school basketball race Monday with a perfect record of 17 victories. The Columbia county quintet kept its slate clean with a 55-48 win over Warrenton during the week end.

Medford brought its mark to 17-1 with double wins, 51-44 and 68-39, over Grants Pass, and Milwaukee with a 15-3 record scored a 57-45 victory over Tillamook. Astoria, another of the state's 1955 court powers, defeated Ranier 75-35 and Parkrose, 60-47, to run its string to 19-2.

However, the going was rough for three other of the states top five with Reedsport upsetting North Bend, 73-59, to give the Bulldogs an 18-3 season record. Eugene also suffered its third defeat by dropping a close 53-51 contest to Marshfield. Eugene now has a 15-3 record.

Lakeview, which took over the Central Oregon league lead Friday with a 59-56 victory over Redmond, dropped a 69-67 game to Bend Saturday night to give the Honkers a 12-3 mark.

Coach Paul Evensen stated that about 30 grapplers will make the trip.

The Black Tornado will be out to better the showing it made recently against the strong Indian crew. Roseburg won the matches here by a 30 to 12 count. Medford took only four of the bouts among the 12 which counted. Gordon Owsley, Les Walch and Paul Eckel were the Medford victors.

High School Scores

SATURDAY GAMES	
Hood River 41, WyEast 35	
Asoria 75, Rainier 58	
Baker 55, The Dalles 38	
Klamath Falls 43, Ashland 21	
North Salem 36, Springfield 33	
Condon 54, Mt. Vernon 38	
Reedsport 73, North Bend 59	
Sweet Home 41, Junction City 32	
Arlington 73, Boardman 46	
Cascade Union 71, Prineville 61	
McKenzie 54, Mapleton 46	
Medford 68, Grants Pass 39	
Phoenix 52, Eagle Point 34	
Crater 54, Hines Valley 34	
Dayville 43, Spray 35	
Marshfield 61, Cottage Grove 57	
Elton 50, Pleasant Hill 42	
Lowell 50, Loran 37	
Sisters 53, Dufur 27	
Bend 69, Lakeview 67	



FACES BOMBSHELL — Ella Kowalski, a red-haired Polish lassie, above, has been named to oppose Jerry Hunter, the blonde bombshell, in the feature match of the wrestling card at Merriek's arena Saturday night. Two other matches will complete the program, with tickets on sale at the Rogue restaurant, 42 South Central ave.

Yellow Cab Hands Alsea First Loss

Medford's Yellow Cab, the independent power of the Rogue valley, was looking for more teams to conquer today. The Cabbies bowled over one of the state's top hoop aggregations here Saturday night by outscoring Alsea Lumber company's tall crew from Corvallis 78 to 67.

Victory by the Medford team meant the end of a long win streak by the Lumbermen. Alsea was unbeaten and had won 19 straight before coming here.

Cab accomplished its feat by being blistering hot in the third quarter and still plenty warm in the fourth.

The Lumber gang held a first quarter lead of 16 to 12 and was nine points on top, 36 to 27 at the half. But from there on the Cabbies blazed. They began working the ball in fine fashion and through the third canto poured in 31 markers. That gave the Medfordites a 58 to 50 margin at the third intermission and broke the back of the visitors.

Yellow Cab got another 20 counters in the last quarter while the Corvallis team managed only 17. Good ball handling by the Cabbies marked the fourth stanza and they were getting "perfect" shots.

Johnny Foster of the Cabbies was top scorer of the night with 30 tallies and his teammate, Ed Hummel, collected 25. Gary Lindell was high for Alsea with 22 and Wes Ediger picked up 16.

The Cabbies have a game scheduled on Wednesday with Camp's Electric of Grants Pass.

Waltonians Hold Session Tonight

Ken Wonderly will direct a discussion on the "land restoration" proposal this evening at the meeting of the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

The meeting will be at 8 o'clock in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel.

A film "Fabulous Fishing," taken in South America, will be shown after the business meeting.

The land restoration matter comes before the national convention of the league on March 31. For the first time the league is injecting itself into the subject of farm price supports and surplus commodities. For two years league members have been studying aspects of the matter.

Its proposal is that the United States Department of Agriculture lease from the owners and remove from all agricultural production a sufficient acreage of cultivated land to bring production back into line with current demand.

The film tonight will show fishing for huge rainbow trout in Chile, will show the fighting dorado and will present blue marlin and swordfish pictures off the coast of Chile.

More than 50,000 World War II tanks and trucks furnished to NATO nations by the United States have been rebuilt by Germans working for the U.S. Army in Europe.

Tommy Bolt Triumphs in Tucson Open

Tucson, Ariz. — (U.P.)—Tommy Bolt of Houston, Tex., pocketed \$2,000 prize money today after winning the \$10,000 Tucson Open Golf Tournament in a whirlwind finish.

Bolt closed with a dazzling 31 on the back nine Sunday to win first place with a 14-under-par 72-hole total of 266, three strokes better than his nearest rival.

Bud Holscher of Santa Monica, Calif., who led Bolt by one stroke going into the final round, dropped into a second place tie with Art Wall, Jr., of Ponca Manor, Pa., at 269.

Barber Fourth
Jerry Barber of Los Angeles pulled up from 10th spot in the home stretch to grab fourth place with a tourney total of 272.

Bob Rosburg of San Francisco, who was in third place at the start of the final round, tied with Tony Holguin, of Midlothian, Ill. Rosburg and Holguin had 273.

Next came Stan Mosel, San Antonio, Tex., who turned in the low amateur score of 274, and professional Bill Nary, Reno, Nev., who also carded a 274.

Gene Littler, the tourney's early favorite, didn't even break par. He had 290.

Week for Clinching Titles in Coast Hoop Campaigns

By NORMAN RITTER
United Press Sports Writer
This is the week for clinching titles on the Pacific Coast basketball fronts.

High-riding University of San Francisco, the nation's No. 1 team, can insure itself no worse than a tie for the California Basketball Association title by winning its pair of loop contests this week.

The Dons, winners of 16 straight and 7-0 in league play, take on Santa Clara tonight and St. Mary's Wednesday. Victories over the Broncos and the Gaels would give the Hilltoppers a 9-0 league mark, which would mean second place San Jose (4-3) could come out with no better than a tie even if USP dropped its last three games, hardly a likelihood.

The UCLA Bruins, fresh from a twin killing of Stanford in the week end Westwood series, hope to wind up the southern division Pacific Coast Conference race Friday and Saturday against California.

Johnny Wooden's men have a 7-1 league record, as compared with second place Stanford's 5-3, and need salvage but one of their remaining four games to clinch a tie for the title.

The Indians, who also have four to play, return to the southland for a series with unpredictable University of Southern California.

After a week of idleness, Oregon State 10-0 opens a week of

heavy play that should bring the

Corvallis campus its second straight northern division crown. The Beavers meet Idaho tonight and tomorrow and travel to Washington State for a two game week end series. Just one win will insure them of at least a tie with the Oregon Ducks, trailing well behind with a 7-5 mark and only four contests left on their schedule.

The Ducks, who spent the week end dividing a series with the Idaho Vandals, travel to Seattle for a do-or-die game with Washington.

Police Probe Threat To Dayton Cager

Dayton, O. — (U.P.)—Police began an investigation today to determine whether a crank or an organized gang was "behind a phone call to Dayton's Billy Uhl hinting at a \$20,000 payoff or serious consequences unless he threw Sunday's game with Loyola of the South."

Dayton scored a 94-70 victory with Uhl hitting for 31 points to take scoring honors for the evening.

Two detectives kept Uhl under constant surveillance and saw that he was escorted home safely after the game. The officers were called in after the seven-foot sharpshooter notified Coach Tommy Blackburn.

Uhl said the mysterious caller contacted him Saturday afternoon. "This fellow told me I had better foul out of the game and better not score more than 10 points," said Uhl.

Got Huffy

"He said something about a \$20,000 payoff figure," Uhl added, "and at first I thought he was drunk. I kidded him along but later he got huffy."

A man whom police say might have been the same mystery caller kept calling Coach Blackburn's home Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Libby Blackburn, the coach's wife, said she told the caller several times her husband was not at home.

After a while, said Mrs. Blackburn, the caller seemed "a little desperate" and told her he had to talk to Blackburn. Finally, she said, he told her he was "one of a gang of four" and that "the others had guns." She quoted him as saying that because of the guns he was "pulling out" but thought Blackburn should know that "this is no joke."

She said he referred to the call to Uhl and urged her to notify Blackburn that an attempt had been made to coerce the player into throwing the game.

College of Idaho Capture Series

By UNITED PRESS
The league-leading College of Idaho basketball team swept a Northwest conference series with Pacific university Saturday night in Forest Grove by dropping Pacific 91-76.

Elgin Baylor rung up 33 points to lead the Idaho scoring parade with Pacific's Norman Hubert hitting 27 points.

In Salem Willamette university downed Linfield 74-62 to hit the 500 mark in Northwest conference standings.

Out of Cellar
Lewis and Clark climbed out of the conference cellar Saturday night in Portland with a 54-52 win over Whitman. The Pioneers are now just one game behind Linfield.

In an Oregon Collegiate conference clash at La Grande, Eastern Oregon College of Education edged by Oregon Tech 73-65 Saturday night to retain their grip on third place in conference standings.

Medford Eyes Cage Toga; Two Loops Will Conclude

Medford high school's Black Tornado will be out to clinch the Southern Oregon Conference Big Four and sub-district basketball championships this week while regular schedules conclude in the Rogue League and Jackson County B league.

The Tornado goes to Ashland on Friday and encounters the Grizzlies, here on Saturday while, in another Big Four series, Klamath Falls vies for nights at Grants Pass.

As the standings are at the moment, Medford will get the Big Four toga if it sweeps its series and will have at least a tie for the mantle if it splits with the cellar team. With Klamath Falls still three games behind Medford, a split series at Grants Pass will be a big boost to the Tornado.

Friday games in the Rogue league are Phoenix against Crater at Central Point and Eagle Point against Illinois Valley at Cave Junction. On Saturday Illinois Valley will be at Eagle Point and Crater at Phoenix.

Two In Running

Only Crater and Phoenix are left in the Rogue title running. Since Crater has a one-game lead on the Pirates, the Comets need only to divide the week end action to capture the crown. Phoenix must win both conflicts if it wants the laurels. No tie for the championship is possible.

Six angles this week complete the B league schedule. Butte Falls contends at Jacksonville and St. Mary's of Medford at Rogue River in Tuesday games. Prospect goes to Talent on Wednesday.

Friday hassles are Talent at

Oregon State Seeks 11th

Corvallis — (U.P.)—Oregon State's Beavers will be going after their 11th straight Northern Division win tonight when they face Idaho in the first of a two-game basketball series at Gill coliseum.

A preliminary is scheduled between the Oregon State Rooks and Toulte Lake, Wash., high school.

REPLACEMENT SOUGHT

San Francisco (U.P.)—Matchmaker Benny Ford said today he has added the name of Leo Espinosa of the Philippines to his list of possible replacements for Mario d'Agata in a fight with Raoul Macias for the world bantamweight title here March 9. Ford said he was trying to contact Espinosa in Manila to see if he would be available to replace d'Agata, who was shot and seriously wounded in Italy Saturday.

Harness-broken moose are being tried as farm animals in the Siberian Arctic.

RICH CARBURETOR ROBS MOTORIST

Car owners who are wasting money and not getting proper gas mileage due to over-rich mixtures will be pleased to learn of a Wisconsin inventor who has developed a very clever unit that helps save gasoline by "Vacu-mating." It is automatic and operates on the supercharge principle. Easily installed in a few minutes. Fits all cars, trucks and tractors. The manufacturer, the Vacu-matic Carburetor Co., 7517-700 W. State St., Wauwatosa, Wis., are offering a Vacu-matic to anyone who will install it on his car and help introduce it to others. They will gladly send full free particulars if you write them or send your name and address on a post card today.

Jayvee Five Grabs 16th

Medford high junior varsity basketballers ran their season record to 16 straight without a loss Saturday night with a 47 to 36 win over the Grants Pass junior varsity here.

The local jayvees found the going a bit easier than on Friday night when they outlasted the Cavemen juniors 42 to 39 at Grants Pass.

Tornado margins were 14 to 13, 25 to 18 and 39 to 25 at the quarters. Medford saw its 14-point spread slip to six points, to 42 to 36 in the final quarter but picked up five more counters in the final moments.

John Hawley with 15 tallies was high scorer for Medford. He made seven out of 10 tries at the free line. Dick Coppel, for Medford, and Cannon, for Grants Pass each had 10 points.

LINE-UPS:	
Med. JV 47	36 GP JV
D. Coppel 10	2 Huggins
Inskoe 8	4 Marks
Stearns 6	5 Weller
Hawley 15	7 Brown
Puhl 2	10 Cannon
Substitutions—For Medford: Cobb, 6. Sides, Plumley; for Grants Pass: Taylor 8, Walker, Austin.	

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