

Medford Smothers Crater, 96-49, in 4-A Title Clash

Win String Reaches 21; Team Shines

Medford high's blistering Black Tornado, a court combination verily bulging with power and finesse, was only a game away from a Class A state basketball tournament berth Friday night in the wake of its most scorching triumph of the 1954 campaign.

The Tornado, No. 1 rated on the Oregon prep scene for many weeks, caused fans throughout the state to take more awesome note and gave other tournament teams menacing warning as it crushed the Crater Comets by a stunning 96 to 49 count at Central Point in the first encounter of a two-out of three week end series for the District 4A championship.

The Big Wind of southern Oregon simply outwhooosed, outplayed and outclassed the Comets in rolling up its biggest single game scoring total of the year and, so far as is known, the hugest total in Medford varsity scoring annals.

21st Straight Medford's 47-point spread at the final buzzer, in its 22nd win of the year and 21st straight, duplicated the victory margin in an 85 to 38 Southern Oregon Conference verdict over Ashland but was two short of the 49-point bulge in an 86 to 37 victory over Grants Pass at the start of the conference campaign.

Torrid shooting, sharper, surer ball-handling, tough defense, and finer battling under the backboards went out for the hustling Tornado over the Comets, who were cold in their field goaling and obviously not up to their best. Crater lacked the sharpness and aggressiveness which carried it to victory over Eagle Point in subdistrict finals last week.

Medford took control of the action in the opening couple of minutes and its command was borne out not only by the scoring but by the statistics. A torrid .534 field goaling average was recorded by the Tornado for the full game while Crater shot just .262. Backboard rebounding count according to Crater tabulations, favored Medford 60 to 16.

39 Field Goals Crater scoring frigidly and the stout Medford defense which jammed the middle and gave the Comets few close in opportunities held the home team to only 11 field goals. Medford, getting in close for more than half its shots and hitting well also from mid and far range, poured in 39 field baskets, its season high.

Fred Hogue's free shot gave Crater the first point of the fracas but a jumper by Bud Kastner, a pusher by Frank Rector and two free heaves by Kastner put Medford 6 to 1 in front. The Comets used free shots to keep pace for a short time—they didn't get a field goal in the first quarter—and trailed 3 to 6, 5 to 8 and 7 to 10. But the Tornado, with every hand helping, boomed to a 25 to 10 lead at the end of the period.

Medford advantage mounted steadily through the second quarter, with Jerry Kalapus, Glen Peterson, Rector and Larry Cople contributing tales. And when a 29-point 44 to 15 spread was reached with 4½ minutes gone by, Coach Frank Roelandt began to send in reserves.

Rally a Bit Crater, scoring better, came back slightly. Bob Gray, Harvey Tonn, Vern Parent and Gordon Tidwell did the point-producing. At halftime the Tornado gap was 23 points at 52 to 29.

Regulars returned to duty in the third quarter. It was Medford's lowest scoring session. However, the Tornado picked up 19 more markers to Crater's 11 and led by 31 points, 71 to 40 at the end of the stanza.

Reserves filtered into the Tornado line-up during the third quarter and a complete non-regular unit was on the floor with the score 87 to 44 and 3¾ minutes to play. Medford had a 49-point margin at 96 to 47 in the closing moments. Free shots by Parent and Donn Johnson for Crater concluded the scoring.

Team Effort It was a big team effort for the hustling, driving, Medford crew. That was shown in the scoring and in the work on the backboards. Kalapus was high point man with 18 but barely shaded Cople and Rector who had 17 apiece. Peterson, with some beautiful faking for at least three of his buckets, scored 15.

Kastner collected just six counters for the night but his feeding, floor play along with Rector and Cople and his rebounding were factors in the victory. He and Kalapus picked 11 rebounds each while Peterson pulled down 12.

Crater scoring was just about as balanced as Medford's. Harvey Tonn had 12, of which 10 were free ones. He didn't miss from the free stripe. Bob Gray and Vern Parent had 10 each and Jim Higginbotham nine.

The Tornado took 73 shots from the field, the biggest share

MALIN NIPS TALENT IN PLAY-OFF OPENER

Klamath Falls—Reserve Don Rajnos got his entire evening's output of eight points in the last three minutes here Friday night to pace a Mustang rally as Malin high defeated Talent 49 to 47 in the first game of a two-out-of-three game series for the District 5B basketball championship.

Talent grabbed lead in the

Chico Vejar Earns Nod

New York — (U.P.) — Young Chico Vejar and veteran Billy Graham will meet in a return welterweight bout sometime next month because Chicago's speed and hustle earned only a split decision over Billy's skill in their 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

Both fighters and their managers said today they were willing to accept the second engagement.

Vejar, of Stamford, Conn., received the votes of the two judges for his first major victory since he was given his Army discharge on Jan. 20. But 33-year-old Graham's third consecutive defeat was softened by the Referee's ballot in his favor.

Writers Favor Vejar For 23-year-old Chico, Judge Bert Grant tabbed it 6-4 on a rounds basis. Judge Jack Gordon agreed, 5-4-1. But Referee Al Berl favored Irish Billy, 5-4-1. The United Press had Vejar ahead, 7-2-1.

A poll of 11 sports writers favored Vejar, 7-4.

Vejar was much superior at long range because of his speed and his flashy left jab. But when he tried to come to close-quarters and slug it out with slow-footed Billy, he received solid right jolts to the face and clubbing rights to the body.

Graham's best rounds were the only sessions the three ring officials voted unanimously for Billy.

It was Vejar's 59th victory in 64 fights, and Graham's 14th defeat in 125.

Santee Back On U.S. Team For Pan-Am

New York—(U.P.)—Wes Santee, America's mile king, was put back Saturday on the U.S. track team that will compete in the Pan-American games at Mexico City later this month when he and six other collegians were given permission to report late.

Santee announced last week that he had to withdraw from the team because the Pan-American competition would keep him away from his studies at the University of Kansas for a period of two weeks.

Jim Kelly of Minnesota, chairman of the U.S. Olympic Track and Field committee, said today, however, that seven college athletes will be permitted to report late to Mexico City.

The others are Arnold Sowell, middle distance star from the University of Pittsburgh; quarter-miler Jesse Mashburn of Oklahoma A and M; Rafer Johnson, U.C.L.A. decathlon star; Bud Held, javelin-throwing divinity student from California; and sprinters Charles Thomas and Dean Smith, both of Texas.

in close, and Crater fired only 42 times.

BOX:	FG	FT	PP	TP
Medford	1	4	2	6
Kastner, f	1	2	2	10
Kalapus, f	5	5	4	15
Peterson, c	8	1	3	17
Rector, f	1	4	1	7
Foust, c	0	0	4	0
McLaughlin	3	0	1	6
McCullough	2	2	2	6
Tidwell	3	1	1	7
Deakins	1	0	0	2
	39	18	24	96

Crater	FG	FT	PP	TP
Hogue, f	2	2	4	6
Higginbotham, f	3	3	5	9
Gray, c	2	6	2	10
Parent, c	3	4	3	10
Tonn, f	1	10	0	12
Kelley	0	0	0	0
Tidwell	0	1	1	1
Johnson	0	0	1	1
	11	27	16	49

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game three minutes into the second quarter and held it until a long jump by Rajnos gave Malin 48 to 47 command with just 55 seconds left in the conflict. Ray Johnson added a free shot for the concluding margin.

The Bulldogs from Jackson county went into the final canto with a 39 to 34 edge and Gordy Thoreson made it 41 to 34. Norm Oliva cut the count to 41 to 36 and Lavon Travis hit from the key for Malin slicing the Talent margin more, 41 to 38. George Zickeloose shot from the base line to make it 43 to 38 for Talent. Travis hacked it to 43 to 40 but Zickeloose and Thoreson combined gifters for 45 to 40.

Rajnos then got two free heaves and a jumper but Zickeloose's bucket made it 47 to 44. Then Rajnos scored from the free lane and followed with his long cast to put the Mustangs on top.

Malin took a starting 4 to 0 advantage but the scores followed at 4-11, 6-11, 8-11 and 10-11. The Mustangs shoved ahead 13 to 10 but headed only 13 to 12 at the quarter. Thoreson knotted the game at 13-13 but Malin forged to 18 to 13. Talent rallied back and a fielder by J. Lloyd Wood put the Bulldogs on top 19 to 18. The Jackson county gang had a 25 to 24 edge at halftime.

Malin's taller quint had edge on the backboards, mostly in the first half but Jim McCabe got a good share of rebounds for the Bulldogs. He was also high point man with 16. Johnson topped Malin with 12. Talent defense was good and broke the Malin offense a number of times.

The clash played again last night at Klamath Falls and were to move to Southern Oregon college, Ashland, for a Monday game if Talent won.

LINE-UPS:				
Malin 49	f	47 Talent		
Stearns 2	f	9 Zickeloose		
Dokkens 6	f	8 Barrett		
Oliva 10	c	16 McCabe		
Thoreson 12	c	8 Wood		
Substitutions—For Malin, Rajnos 8; for Talent, M. Wallace, G. Gibbs, Helm.				

Women's Golf

The first scheduled day of play of the season for the Women's Golf association at Rogue Valley Country club Thursday was nine-hole medal. In the A group Mrs. Leslie Schneider won with a net 39. Winner of the B group was Mrs. Roger Clark with net 42. C group victor was Mrs. L. G. McLaren with a net 45 and in the D group Mrs. Jerry Olsen won with net 53.

On the next ladies' day, March 10, play will be a Crier's tournament for nine hole play. Beginners who have never played before and are planning on taking the Beginners' lessons will be paired after completion of the lessons if they wish. First person listed in the following pairings will be responsible for contacting the others to arrange suitable playing time.

THURSDAY PAIRINGS:
Miss Isobel Stuart, Mrs. Loren Haugen and Mrs. Miles Doran; Mrs. C. E. Collins, Mrs. Paul Walker and Mrs. Dick Knight; Mrs. B. L. Nutting, Mrs. Sam Colton and Mrs. W. L. Stark; Mrs. Belle Eichenck, Mrs. Francis Cheney and Mrs. L. L. McLaren; Mrs. Jack Wood, Mrs. Ray Frisbie and Mrs. Robert Lockwood; Mrs. Wm. Miller, Mrs. R. B. Temple and Mrs. John Day; Mrs. George Harrington, Mrs. H. D. McClure and Mrs. Mahr Keymer; Mrs. Noble Vincent, Mrs. Richard Finch and Mrs. Ray Larson; Mrs. Leslie Schneider, Mrs. Roger Clark and Mrs. Al Hart; Mrs. W. W. Davies, Mrs. L. C. Burt and Mrs. Victor Sether; Mrs. Thomas Culbertson, Mrs. Ken Teefer and Mrs. Ward Samuelson; Mrs. Warren Lessee, Ed Rose and Mrs. H. G. Dowson; Mrs. L. W. Bates and Mrs. H. L. Bush; Mrs. Frank Tamney and Mrs. Ed. Rudzewski; Mrs. Lee Baumann (Hill, Calif.) and Mrs. Ed Milne; Mrs. Frances Conrad, Mrs. E. Barclay and Mrs. Dan Adams; Mrs. C. E. Gordon, Mrs. Jerry Olsen and Mrs. T. C. Grooms; Mrs. Dick Field, Mrs. J. W. Barnard and Mrs. Dean Lambert; Mrs. Al Morton, Mrs. John Bunker and Mrs. Robert Little; Mrs. J. O. Oakes, Mrs. Melvin McGrew and Mrs. J. W. Mack; Mrs. R. E. Heywell, Mrs. James Asher and Mrs. Stuart McQueen; Mrs. James Shaw, Mrs. F. M. Rhoades and Mrs. C. H. Bartell.

Mrs. Reese Alexander, Mrs. F. A. Benesh and Mrs. A. Z. Dean; Mrs. L. T. Anderson, Mrs. Wm. Blackledge and Mrs. John Pletsch; Mrs. F. L. Somers, Mrs. Paul Dix and Mrs. Chas. McIntyre; Mrs. James Dunlevy, Mrs. Royal Sebb and Mrs. M. Don McGear; Mrs. James Lydon, Mrs. Raymond Wise and Mrs. Wm. Deatherage; Mrs. S. R. Mosher, Mrs. L. E. Wilson and Mrs. Harry Reames. Those paired with Mrs. Baumann need not call her. She will be at the Pro-shop by 9:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Tornado JV Quint Nicks Crater 53-51

Medford high junior varsity edged from behind in a free shot-filled fourth quarter at Central Point Friday night to nick the Crater high javyee basketball crew 53 to 51.

The Comet junior club made only free throws during the closing period but utilized them to overcome a one-point deficit and take two four-tally bulges over the Tornado gang. Medford collected five gift tosses and three field goals to finally outscore Crater 11 to 10 in the panel.

Big Mike Stearns came through with the winning field goal with something over a minute yet to play. He took a feed from Larry Gober after the Medfordites had turned to ball control to play for one sure bucket. In the final seconds a shot by Don Goyette of Crater was in and out and another try by Freddie Hermann whacked the rim and fell back.

Medford led 16 to 12 at the quarter and 29 to 26 at halftime. The Comets tied the game at 37-37 and 41-41 in the third quarter but the Tornado had a 42 to 41 lead at the end of the chukker.

Comets Go In Front

Crater tied up the contest, then, on two free tosses by John Greb and one by Goyette, went ahead 45 to 42. Ed Reinking got a pair for Medford and the Comet lead was 45 to 44. Greg got another pair and Neil Green a singleton for a 48 to 44 spread. Dick Cople got a goal from the side for Medford but Goyette hit twice from the gift lane for 50 to 46. Cople got two gifters and Charles Inskeep a fielder for a 50-48 deadlock.

John Hawley put Medford on top with a free toss and Goyette evened the mix at 51-51. Then Stearns got his bucket.

Goyette was high point man with 25 counters, 13 on free shots. Greb was second high for the Comets with 12, of which 10 were gifters. Reinking got 12 for Medford, six from the free line. Hawley got 10 points. Greb didn't miss a free try. Goyette muffed only two and Reinking only one.

The Medfordites had 18 field goals and 17 gifters and Crater 11 and 29. Referees charged 25 infractions to Medford and 19 to Crater. Hawley, Reinking, Greb and Green fouled out in the final quarter.

JAVYEE LINE-UPS:

Medford	Crater
Hawley 10	51 Crater
Inskeep 6	56 Harsh
Stearns 7	4 N. Green
Coyette 7	12 Greb
Reinking 12	25 Goyette
Substitutions—For Medford, D. Cople 4, Phil 2, Gober 3, Plumley 2; for Crater, Hermann, Barnes.	

Delaney Faces Wilson in N.Y.

New York—(U.P.)—Ronnie Delaney of Akron, Ohio, the Negro southpaw middleweight who recently upset welterweight champion Johnny Saxton, will make his network television debut Monday night in a 10-round bout with Sugar Al Wilson at St. Nicholas Arena.

Delaney won a non-title decision over Saxton at Akron on Feb. 11. It was his 48th victory in 52 professional bouts. Ronnie has lost but one fight, to Jimmy Welch of Columbus, O. He has been held to three draws.

Ronnie is favored at 3-1 to beat rangy Wilson of New York, who like Delaney, has been having difficulties getting bouts with "name" fighters.

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Dom Provost Will Contend In Oregon Open Golf Meet

Dom Provost Jr., 1954 Southern Oregon champion whose home course for many seasons was Rogue Valley Country club, will be among entrants in the Oregon Open Golf tournament here on March 25, 26 and 27.

Provost, a former Ashlander, is now a Portland resident and plays out of Columbia-Edgewater club.

Rogue Valley committee for the tournament reported that early entries total 17 professionals, 25 amateurs and five seniors. The list included the name of Bruce Cudd, Portland, the defending titlist. Cudd also plays out of Columbia. Ed Hogan, Riverside, Portland, top money winner of 1954 tourney has his entry filed.

Tournament activity actually opens on Thursday, March 24, with a pro-amateur event. Medal play begins on Friday with 18 holes. Another 18 will be contested on Saturday and 36 holes will be the order for Sunday. Seniors, golfers over 50, will be in contention during the first two days.

Co-Sponsored Rogue Valley Country club and the Oregon division of the Professional Golfers association are co-sponsors of the tourney this year, one of the few times it has been held outside the Portland area.

Among entries previously announced were those of Phil Getchell, Stanford university player, and Eddie Oldfield, Roseburg pro. Getchell and Oldfield were teammates at Medford high school on both won all-state honors in their prep days. During 1954 Getchell was runner-up to Cudd for the Western Amateur title and runner-up to Provost for the Southern Oregon laurels.

A number of big name golfers from a number of western states are expected to be among participants.

Tourney sidelights will be provided by D. Scott (Scotty) Chisholm, Ocean Park, Calif., who will be announcer on the course, and by Tom Harmon, radio sportscaster and former All-American football player, who will emcee the trophy presentations.

Chisholm is well-known in the west for his role of announcer in some of the bigger tournaments. A native of Scotland,

where golf was originated, he dresses in a kilt. He has a loud booming voice. Harmon is sports director for Columbia Pacific regional network, west coast branch of Columbia Broadcasting system. He is to originate his Sunday News Desk from the country club.

Russ Heyssel is general chairman for the host club for the meet.

Rogue Valley members scheduled a rock detail today on the three new holes at the club. The holes, closed during the winter, are to be reopened next Thursday. Rock pickers will breakfast at the club at 8 a. m. They will have golf instruction from 8:30 to 9 a. m. and then will begin the detail. A best-ball partnership tournament will follow.

OREGON OPEN GOLF ENTRIES:

Professionals

Bunny Mason, Salem; Harvey Hixson, Eugene; Dave Killen, Portland; Harvey Bunn, Tualatin; Ken Omlid, Cottage Grove; Jack White, Washougal, Wash.; Eddie Joseph, Crescent City; Harold West, Eugene; Bob McKendrick, Oswego; Bobby Litton, Vancouver, Wash.; Eddie Hogan, Portland (Riverside); Dave Juarez, Jr., San Jose, Calif.; Leo Gaulocher, Olympia, Wash.; Eddie Oldfield, Roseburg; Wendell Wood, Eugene, and Vern Martin, Corvallis.

Amateurs

Harley Eckles, Oswego; Ward Slight, Kent, Myers; Wallace Hug, Jack Owens and Dr. John R. Wood, Salem; Pete Mundie, Al Erickson, Sam Mock, George Lynch and Vern Allen, Eugene; Bruce Cudd, Portland (Columbia); Jerry Cloninger, Corvallis; Johnnie Riggles, Camas, Wash.; George LeBeuf, Seattle, Wash.; Major R. E. Stafford, Portland; Bob McKevitt, Ocean Lake; Art Abrahamson, Everett, Wash.; Larry Werson, Everett, Wash.; Phil Getchell, Medford; Dale Johnson, Portland; Eddie Duino Jr., San Jose, Calif.; Arnold Koutonen and Dr. Max Hunter, Olympia, Wash., and Dom Provost Jr., Portland (Columbia).

Seniors

Med Ingram, Salem; John Claybaugh, Bonneville; Hal Grant and Bill Ward, Olympia, and Marvin Clark, Grants Pass.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



CALL OUT THE MILITIA! — Dusty Rhodes, New York Giant outfielder and hero of the 1954 World Series yells for help as he is greeted at Phoenix, Ariz., by a scalping party of Toas Indians. Before any damage was done Dusty found it was all just part of the ceremony for opening day of Spring training for the Giants.

Kyne Seeks Track Sale To Kennel Club

San Mateo, Calif.—(U.P.)—William G. Kyne, general manager of Portland Meadows, said Friday that he will leave today to negotiate the sale of the track to the Portland Kennel Club for a price of \$750,000.

He will meet with Kennel club officials Monday at the Multnomah hotel.

He said the proposed sale of the track would in no way affect the spring meeting scheduled for the track May 7 through July 4. If the sale is consummated, he will lease the track from the Kennel club for the duration of the horse race meeting.

He said he was divorcing himself from all interests except the

operation of the Bay Meadows track here, on doctors orders.

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