

Tornado Places Three On All-Conference Quintet

Copple, Kalapus, Rector On First Five; Peterson, Kastner Picked on Second

Medford high's rip-roaring Black Tornado, which made a runaway out of the 1952 Southern Oregon Conference Big Four and District 4 basketball campaigns in its most brilliant season in 10 years, has gleaned additional laurels by its domination of the Mail Tribune's annual poll picking the all-conference team.

Three members of the Tornado's regular starting quintet were named to the first team. The two others were the top choices for the second team as Medford placed five players among the top seven in the Mail Tribune balloting conducted among coaches, sportswriters and sportscasters in the four league cities.

Larry Copple, loose-limbed guard and high scorer for the Tornado, was a unanimous choice along with Dave D'Olivo, 6-4 center and standout of the Klamath Falls Pelicans.

Rounding out the first quintet are Frank Rector, Medford guard and second high pointmaker for the Tornado; Jerry Kalapus, 6-4½, leading rebounder and third high point producer for the Medford team, and Jim Reid, fine scoring guard and driver of the Grants Pass Cavemen.

Almost Unanimous
Second team members are Everett (Bud) Kastner and Glenn Peterson, Medford; Don James, Grants Pass; Gene Parent, Ashland, and Guy Munsell, Klamath Falls.

Rector and Kalapus barely missed being named unanimously. On the basis of two points for a first team vote and one for second team pick, 24 points were needed for unanimous selection. Rector polled 23 and Kalapus 22.

Kastner came close to gaining the first team. Reid shaded him 16 to 15 in the voting. Peterson was seventh high in the poll with 12 points, just four behind Reid. This year's all-star club is a combination of speed, height, capable ball-handling and scoring punch. Copple, Rector and Reid are fast, fine floor men with scoring ability both in and out. They are ballhawks on defense. Kalapus and D'Olivo were tops on the backboards for their teams in addition to their scoring contributions.

All players picked in this year's poll, including honorable mention, are seniors with the exception of Parent. He is a junior. **12 Cast Ballots**
Coaches voting in the poll were Al Simpson, Ashland; Don Peterson, Klamath Falls; Frank Roelandt, Medford, and Ray Davis, Grants Pass. Sportswriter participants were George Cur-

tis, Grants Pass Courier; Clay Hannon, Klamath Falls Herald and News; Glen Prescott, Ashland Tidings; and Dick Jewett, Medford Mail Tribune.

Sportscasters voting were Tom MacLeod, KJYC, Medford; Harry Carmichael, KUIN, Grants Pass, and Jack Rockwell, KFJL, Klamath Falls. Robert Reinholdt, insurance man and Grizzly scorekeeper, cast Ashland's third ballot. The KWJN sportscaster declined because he saw few conference tussles.

Votes were tabulated by the Mail Tribune sports department.

MH Cinder Squad Now Conditioning

Early season conditioning is the order of the day now for some 75 boys out for track and field at Medford high school.

Coach Bob Newland has 20 letters back from the 1954 squad but only six of these are returnees from the crew which entered and won the state championship for the Black Tornado. The six are Dan Morris and Bud Kastner, sprinters, Louie Breazeale, pole vaulter; Don Crowl, sprinter and middle distance man, and Les Welch and Glen Allison, milers.

Kastner, of course, is still playing basketball.

Newland has reported that, along with many bright spots, there is some concern over the immediate lack of depth in the shot put and discus. Problem of filling this department will rest largely in the hands of Mel Morgan and Larry Anderson, juniors, and Neil Plumley and Larry Cranston, outstanding sophomore prospects.

Leading the contingent up from the 1954 ninth grade ranks to bolster the Black Tornado as sophomores are Wally Larson, northwest junior AAU high hurdle champion, and Eldon Francis, Hayward relay javelin tilter.

Hawkins Back
Hurdle prospects have been brightened by the return of Mike Hawkins who pulled a leg muscle and didn't compete last year.

Mile and 880-yard run outlook has been strengthened by the addition of Jeff Davis, miler from Port Angeles, Wash., and Les Lingscheit, crack half-miler from Yreka, Calif.

Newland stated with the veterans and additions, mentioned and not mentioned, the Black Tornado hopes to be a top contender again in 1955 for state honors.

More cinder aspirants are expected to join the squad shortly. Newland's assistants in the coaching chore are Lee Ragsdale and Fred Spiegelberg.

SCHEDULE:
March 26—Ashland-Crater-Medford, here, 2 p.m. (tentative, shortened distance).
April 2—Medford invitational, here, 1 p.m.
April 9—Rogue relays, here, 1:30 p.m.
April 15-16—Hayward relays, at Eugene, 11 a.m.
April 22—Grants Pass-Roseburg-Medford, at Grants Pass, 1:30 p.m.
April 30—Ashland here, 2 p.m.
May 7—Klamath Falls here, 1:30 p.m.
May 14—District meet, at Ashland, 10:30 a.m.
May 21-22—State meet, at Corvallis. (School interclass and NW junior AAU meet to be added).

Rams Grasp Tourney Spot
Portland—(U.P.)—Central Catholic last night won the 15th class A state high school basketball tournament berth with a 66-48 decision over Estacada.

Jim Altenhofen, young brother of three-time all state Bob Altenhofen, scored 34 points for Central Catholic.

Only one state tourney berth remains to be filled—with a best two-of-three game playoff between Cascade and South Salem to decide the 16th entry.

LOSCUTOFF ON AAU CLUB
Eugene—(U.P.)—Jim Loscutoff, Oregon's Northern Division scoring champion, has accepted an invitation to play AAU basketball for the Olympic Club of San Francisco during the next two weeks.

Loscutoff will play on a team which has such stars as Ken Sears of Santa Clara, Russ Lawler and Ron Tomsic of Stanford and Bob Matheny, formerly of California.

BASKETBALL
WEDNESDAY COLLEGE SCORES
By United Press
Princeton 86, Columbia 69
Muhlenberg 77, Delaware 71

NAIA Tournament (2nd Round)
Gus Adolphus 76, Tex. Southern 55
Florida State 110, Beloit 88
Alderson Broadbent 88, Quincy 84
Steubenville 90, La. Tech 65
SE Oklahoma 106, Wesleyan 69
E. Texas St. 94, Southwest Kan. 78
W. stern Ill. 86, NE Missouri 85
Ark. Tech 93, Atl. Christian 74

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Princeton Ivy Titlist

New Brunswick, N. J.—(U.P.)—Persistent Princeton donned its sixth Ivy League basketball crown today.

Storming from behind in the second half, Princeton took the championship Wednesday night by trouncing Columbia in a special playoff, 86-69, in the Rutgers University gym.

The victory qualified Princeton to meet La Salle Friday night in the first round of the NCAA Tournament regional at Philadelphia.

Warriors Hopes Still Flickering

A victory over Minneapolis kept the Philadelphia Warriors' playoff hopes flickering in the National Basketball association today, but it would take only a light breeze to blow out the flame entirely.

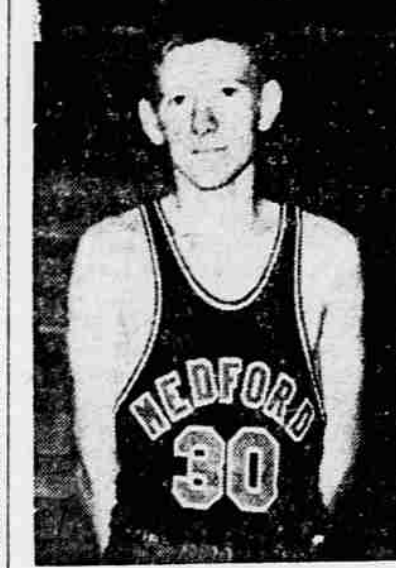
The Warriors led almost all the way to beat the Lakers, 102-89, Wednesday night at Philadelphia to move up 2½ games behind the third-place Boston Celtics in the Eastern Division. The Celtics have four games left and the Warriors only three.

Thus any combination of Celtic victories and Warriors losses adding up to two will eliminate the Warriors.

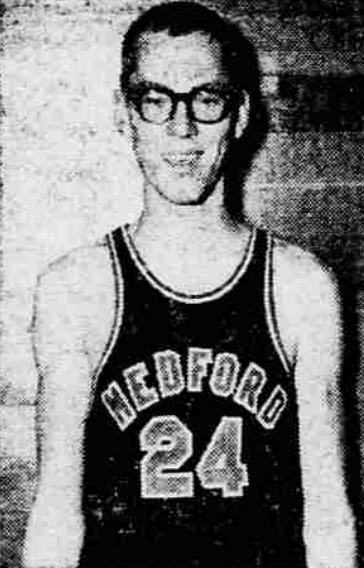
In the only other league game Wednesday night, the Rochester Royals nipped the Syracuse Nationals, 100-97, at Rochester, beating the Eastern Division leaders for only the second time in nine meetings this season.

VIDEO DECISION

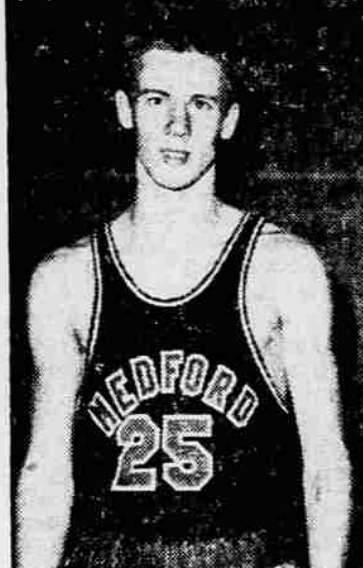
Chicago—(U.P.)—Whether the Big Ten will go along with the NCAA's football television plan for 1955 should be decided definitely next Monday, it appeared today. The conference TV Committee Wednesday received the NCAA plan, as amended this week, and called a special conference meeting of faculty representatives and athletic directors for Monday.



LARRY COPPLE



JERRY KALAPUS



FRANK RECTOR

All-Conference First Team Choices

The Mail Tribune 1955 SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE All-Star Basketball Squad

FIRST TEAM

Player and points.

Larry Copple, Medford (24)
Dave D'Olivo, Klamath Falls (24)
Frank Rector, Medford (23)
Jerry Kalapus, Medford (22)
Jim Reid, Grants Pass (18)

SECOND TEAM

Player and points.

Everett Kastner, Medford (15)
Glenn Peterson, Medford (12)
Don James, Grants Pass (10)
Gene Parent, Ashland (10)
Guy Munsell, Klamath Falls (8)

HONORABLE MENTION: Raleigh Burr, Grants Pass (4); Larry Yarnell, Klamath Falls (4); Danny Lowe, Klamath Falls (3); Jack Sunitsch, Klamath Falls (2).

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Fanfare

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Barney L. Riggs, now coach of seventh and eighth grade teams at Central Point, will be head coach at the new East Medford junior high school when it opens next fall. Gene Farthing, now Talent high baseball coach and assistant in other sports, will be assistant coach and teacher at the new Medford school.

Both are former Southern Oregon college athletes. Riggs was coach at Lincoln grade school two years before taking the post at Central Point where he is in his second year. He is a graduate of Ashland high school and of Southern Oregon college and taught at Talent a year before coming to Medford.

Farthing has been at Talent five years. He was graduated from Southern Oregon college and Grants Pass high school. At Talent he has been an eighth grade teacher, coached the high school baseball team and has been assistant in other prep sports.

MOSEBY RESIGNS

Jerry Mosby, head coach of varsity athletics at Eagle Point high school, has announced his resignation, effective at the end of the school year. He says that now he's just "looking in." Mosby has been at EP since the fall of 1951. The

Eagle mentor reports that the new lighted baseball field is now in fair shape but there's quite a bit yet to be done on the school's track. First work-out under the new lights was last night. New lighting setup at the school also includes the football gridiron.

BIGHAM SCORES WELL

Larry Bigham, ex-Crater high, was second ranking scorer for the Linfield college Rooks this season with a 161 total, seven points less than top man, Dick Brown. Bigham had the top production for a single game with his 22 against the Pacific university freshmen. He and Howard Morris, also ex-Crater, are out for varsity baseball now at Linfield. Morris was a varsity guard for the Wildcats last fall.

ROGUE LEAGUE POLL

Coaches of the Rogue League are submitting ballots in a vote to determine an all-star basketball team. So far only one ballot has been received by the Mail Tribune.

REID MOST VALUABLE

Jim Reid, all-Southern Oregon Conference basketball player, has been named most valuable player of the Grants Pass high squad. He gets his name engraved on the Grants Pass Lion's club trophy.

Griffin Creek, Oak Grove Foes In Non-High Cage Finale Friday

Griffin Creek and Oak Grove grade schools will collide at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the championship finals of the Medford invitational basketball tournament.

The game at Medford junior high school, will determine the Jackson county champ among teams in non-high school districts.

Griffin Creek bounced West Side 30 to 24 and Oak Grove tipped Shady Cove 33 to 29 last night in the semi-final conflicts. Shady Cove will encounter West Side at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the tussle for third place.

In the consolation bracket Howard and Elk-Trail posted victories last night to gain the 6:30 p.m. Friday engagement for fourth place. Howard whacked Applegate 26 to 13 and Elk-Trail beat Lone Pine 31 to 25.

The season for morsels, those very tasty mushrooms, is brief: they appear with the first apple blossoms and are at their peak when the warblers are passing through.

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Macias Cops NBA Bantam Title Belt

By SCOTT BAILLIE

San Francisco—(U.P.)—The cry was "Viva, Macias" down Mexico way today as hard-hitting little Raul (The Mouse) Macias headed back to his steno-grapher's desk with the NBA world bantamweight belt around his narrow waist.

Macias won the title in convincing fashion at the Cow Palace Wednesday night by scoring a technical knock-out over game, bleeding Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand in the 11th round of their scheduled 12-round bout.

Macias, who works as a stenographer during the daytime for a wealthy Mexico City cattle rancher, Luis Andrade, cut the Thai policeman down with a furious attack to the head and body during the 11th, and Referee Fred Apostoli halted the bout at 2:38 of the round after Songkitrat had gone down twice in the round.

Twice in Sixth

Macias also dropped his man to the canvas twice during the sixth when he leveled him first with a right cross to the jaw for the count of four, then for six, with a left to the midsection.

Although NBA President Anthony Petronella hailed the "Mighty Mouse" as the champ along with the fight organization the state of California refused to recognize the fight as a title match.

Neither does the World Boxing committee, leaving Macias the champ everywhere except in this state, New York, France and Britain. France's Robert Cohen still was considered the king in those areas although the NBA stripped him of the crown for not risking it in 90 days after his victory over Songkitrat last fall in Bangkok.

Macias said he was anxious to have it out with Cohen once and for all in Mexico City but George Parnassus, the Mouse's American spokesman, claimed that Cohen will not fight.

"We chased him all over the country trying to get a bout before the NBA took his title away," Parnassus claimed.

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Four Quints Gird for NCAA Regional Mix at Corvallis

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Three of the nation's top 10 basketball clubs and ambitious Seattle University work out on the floor of Gill Coliseum today to get ready for tomorrow night's opening round of the Western Regional NCAA playoffs.

Mighty San Francisco University, ranked tops in the nation with a 24-1 record, meets fourth-ranked Utah (23-3) in tomorrow night's top game. Eighth-ranked Oregon State (21-7) plays Seattle (22-5). The winners meet Saturday night for a spot in next week's NCAA semi-finals in Kansas City.

San Francisco was to work out at 1 p.m. today; Oregon State at 3 p.m.; Utah at 5 p.m., and Seattle at 7 p.m. The workouts were closed to the public.

Chiefs Improved

Coach Slats Gill, whose Oregon State team knocked off favored UCLA in the PCC playoffs last week, saw Seattle down Idaho State in San Francisco Tuesday night and said the Chiefs had improved greatly since they lost to OSC early in the season. As for San Francisco, he agreed that the Dons are one of the finest ball clubs ever to play on the West Coast.

Utah Coach Jack Gardner called his players a "great bunch of optimists" and said they had

come through before against tough opposition "so I don't know why I worry." San Francisco, meanwhile, was given added impetus by the naming today of its coach, Phil Woolpert, as the United Press coach of the year.

San Francisco is the nation's top defensive club.

Four centers pace the scoring 7-foot 3-inch of Oregon State all-American Bill Russell, 6-foot 10-inch for San Francisco; Art Bunte, a mere 6-foot 3-inch of Utah, and Dick Strickland, a promising 6-foot 6-inch sophomore, of Seattle.

Furman Has NCAA Crown In Offense

New York—(U.P.)—Team championships in defense and rebounding will be decided by play in the post-season tournaments, official NCAA basketball statistics disclosed today.

But Furman has nailed down the offense title, George Washington the field goal percentage, and Wake Forest the free throw percentage, while Darrell Floyd of Furman has put the individual scoring championship under lock and key.

San Francisco, the nation's No. 1 team, leads in defense average through games of March 8 with 51.3 points allowed per game.

Niagara Shows Best

Niagara shows the best rebounding mark, recovering 62.3 per cent of the rebounds in its game. Furman finished its season with a record average of 95.3 points per game. George Washington had a 47.8 percentage on field goals to 46.0 per cent for Wake Forest. The two teams reversed positions on free throws, Wake Forest on top with 75.6 per cent to George Washington's 75.1 per cent. Both are finished for the year.

Niagara has committed the fewest personal fouls, 13.8 per game.

Floyd compiled 35.9 points per game through games of Mar. 5, being followed by Buzz Wilkinson of Virginia with 32.1 and Robin Freeman of Ohio State at 31.5.

OSC Beavers Invited To Dixie Cage Classic

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Coach Slats Gill said today Oregon State has been invited to compete next December in the Dixie basketball classic at Raleigh, N. C. He said the bid had not been acted upon.

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