

Jury Convicts Giardello on Beating Charge

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — An amazed Joey Giardello, convicted of beating a service station attendant, fought for a new trial Thursday to remove the blight on his jeopardized middleweight boxing career.

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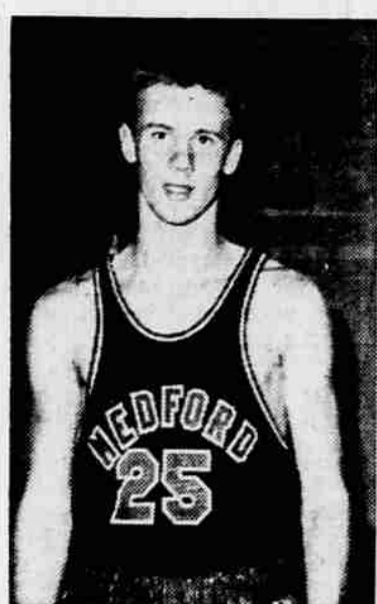
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Medford Clobbers Mac Hi, 61-41; Play Cleveland

Rector Leads Tornado To Win; Fast Battle With Tribe Seen

By DICK JEWETT
Mail Tribune Sports Editor
McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene—Sending the 1955 classic's "Ciderella" team back to its ashes last night, Medford's sturdy, confident cagers joined Eugene, Central Catholic of Portland and Cleveland of Portland for this evening's round of four in the championship bracket of the Oregon class A high school basketball tournament here.



FRANK RECTOR Scores 21 Points

Outclass Pioneers
Medford, breezing to triumph mainly on the strength of a big third quarter spurge, outclassed scrappy but ragged and erratic McLoughlin high of Milton-Freewater 61 to 41 in the tourney's second round to earn its semi-final berth against Cleveland's swift-moving Indians. Cleveland put the first blemish on the previously spessless St. Helens Lions' 1954-1955 record, fighting an uphill battle to win 65 to 62 in overtime. The Lions had won 23 straight this year.

Eugene, smashing 77 to 47 victor yesterday over Albany, and Central Catholic, winner by 45 to 31 over South Salem, collide in tonight's semi-finals. This evening's victors via Saturday night for Oregon prep basketball's most cherished crown while the losers mix for third place.

Medford last was a semi-finalist in 1946 and seeks its third diadem and first since 1929.

Mac Hi, the surprising conqueror of high ranked North Bend, in Wednesday's opening round and tourney "darling" for the upset, had little to offer offensively against the No. 1 rated Black Tornado. Stout Medford man-to-man hoop protection gave the Pioneers little chance to operate effectively and get good shots. The Eastern Oregon quint got only seven field goals in the first three quarters.

But the combination of deliberate pioneer maneuvering to pave the way for close in jumpers and high-spirited defense—furious play under the backboard—held down the Tornado for most of the first half. It was the same type of play which broke the North Bend Bulldogs. Medford, however, didn't crack. The Tornado kept on top after taking a 4 to 3 lead three minutes into the game.

The advantage stretched to 10 to 3, slipped to 10 to 8, was 12 to 8 at the quarter, increased to 18 to 11, then shrank to 18 to 15 midway through the second period. Medford put on an eight point burst to go to 26 to 16 at the half.

In the third quarter, the powerhouse from the Rouge valley whirled away all chances for a second straight upset by the ambitious Pioneers. Finally catching full stride the Tornado blew up a 19-point gale while completely blanking Mac Hi for five full minutes. That ran the count to a spread of 29 points at 45 to 16. At the end of the stanza Medford led by 26 with a score of 49 to 23.

Rector Medford Star
Frank Rector was Medford's star performer with 21 points for the night despite a cold which has handicapped his efficiency. During the big third quarter assault he contributed nine of the counters and his 12 tallies in the first half, six in each quar-

ter, were a big reason why Medford got on top and stayed there during an early stage of the game. His first two buckets gave Medford the upper hand on the scoreboard. Two others during the first half relengthened shrinking Medford margins and another got the Tornado on its way to a wide command. Jerry Kalapus contributed his usual stellar duty on the backboards with 14 retrieves and he had 12 points and second high scoring honors for his team.

Pioneer Ace Gets 18
Gene Lieullian gleaned the glory for the Pioneers with 16 points and 16 rebounds but his laurels were of the empty sort. Eight of his counters came in the fourth quarter and six of them when the Medford line-up was flooded with reserves. The Tornado subs filtered into the action through the various stages of the final stanza which saw two regulars, Larry Coppel and Bud Kastner, foul out. Except for appearance by Glenn Peterson for brief seconds, the reservists played the last 4 1/2 minutes of the tussle.

Medford had one of its lowest nights of the season in field goaling average with .389 but the Pear City boys shot less and made more than the Pioneers. Twenty-one field goals in 54 tries was the mark for Medford while Mac Hi ran up 14 for 66 for a poor .212.

The Pioneer deliberateness on offense and zeal on defense curtailed somewhat the Medford fast break. The break did whoosh at times but not always for baskets. Indians Tough
With Cleveland's Indians tonight expected to play a hard running game, the Medford offense could swing back in its style. Nevertheless, the Indians, twice beaten by Medford, 58 to 48 and 56 to 40, in early season, showed every indication last night that they'll give the Tornado a battle.

The Tribe's encounter with St. Helens was a thriller-diller and it was the 27 and 16 point shooting of all-state candidates Dick Jolley and Eric Peterson, respectively, and the rebounding of Jay Bashor, Bob Hevener and Jolley which principally manufactured the win. But Lion fouls in the final quarter had a lot to do with it. The Tribe, lagging 42 to 49 after a Lion surge in the third quarter and 44 to 53 early

in the final stanza of regular playing time, made nine out of 10 gift tries in the period.

Cleveland caught up with St. Helens at 59-all on two gift shots by Bashor with 2 1/2 minutes to play. Jolley put the tribe on top at 61 to 59 but Jim Spears, St. Helens big gun of the second half tied up the score. Cleveland stalled to try for one sure shot but never got the chance. A pass went astray, St. Helens got the ball and Jim Ross shot and missed at the buzzer.

Jolley and Petersen provided the Cleveland goals in the overtime. Marlin Marsh made a free shot for St. Helens which had six or seven field shots at the hoop but couldn't pump in the ball.

Eugene, with huge Mike Moran showing the way with 27 points and 13 rebounds, turned in by far the outstanding showing of the quarter-finals. The Axemen, in lashing Albany, a team which beat them once by 12 points, shot a sizzling .518 average from the field. Albany, unable to hit and outplayed and outthumbed by the hometowners, never was in contention, even with Don Stamp's 27 points.

The Axemen led once by 40 counters, 62 to 22. Central Catholic and South Salem lacked luster. The Rams won by holding the Saxons to only two points in the last quarter while getting 17 themselves. Jim Altenhofen of the Catholic school was the star of the piece with 17 points and 19 rebounds.

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St. Helens Loses First Game in 24

Eugene — (U.P.) — Medford meets Cleveland of Portland and Eugene faces a young Central Catholic club in tonight's semi-finals of the 37th Oregon state class A high school basketball tournament.

The top-ranked Medford team overpowered Mac-Hi of Milton-Freewater 61-41; Cleveland snapped a 23-game St. Helens winning streak with a thrilling 65-62 overtime victory; Eugene rolled over Albany 77-47 and

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND
Medford 61, Mac-Hi 41
Cleveland 65, St. Helens 62 (overtime)
Eugene 77, Albany 47
Central Catholic 45, South Salem 31

CONSOLATION
North Bend 75, Franklin 67
Baker 58, Astoria 44
Milwaukie 67, Dallas 33
Redmond 52, Hillsboro 41

Central Catholic pulled away in the second half to down South Salem 45-31 yesterday. Four eliminated Astoria, Dallas, Hillsboro and Franklin were eliminated from the tournament. Four more teams were due to fall by the wayside today in consolation action that sent Milwaukie against Redmond at 9:45 a.m.; Baker against North Bend at 11; South Salem against Albany at 2 p.m. and St. Helens against Mac-Hi at 3:15.

Attendance continued high yesterday with the tournament total now at 45,738.

Medford was given a battle by Mac-Hi in the first quarter but the Black Tornado had too much for the eastern Oregon squad. Guard Frank Rector poured in 21 points for Medford while George Lieullian hit 16 for Mac-Hi.

The Cleveland - St. Helens game was a lulu. St. Helens held a nine-point lead early in the fourth quarter and seemed on its way to its 24th straight. But the Indians, led by Dick Jolley, came back to go ahead and then see the game tied at 61-all as Jimmy Spears hit a push shot.

Jolley, who wound up with 27 points, and Eric Peterson hit field goals in the overtime for Cleveland while the Lions made but one free throw.

Eugene simply had too much for Albany. Six-foot-eight-inch Mike Moran scored 27 points for the Axemen as a record afternoon crowd of 8136 watched. Moran sat out more than a quarter. Don Stamp had 25 points for Albany.

Central Catholic's win over Salem was paced by Sophomore Jim Altenhofen who scored his team's first six points and wound up with 17. It was close until the final quarter. Consolation round games yesterday saw Milwaukie drub Dallas 67-33; Baker beat Astoria 58-44; North Bend down Franklin 75-67, and Redmond take Hillsboro 52-41.

Eugene — (U.P.) — Mike Moran, tall Eugene center, led individual scorers at the end of two days of the state tournament with 50 points. Don Stamp of Albany was next with 45 and Red Bloedel of Milwaukie had 44.

Eugene — (U.P.) — Dr. Ruskin Blatchford of Salem missed his first state tournament basketball game in nine years yesterday. Dr. Blatchford, who had seen 216 consecutive tournament games, failed to get here in time for the 8:30 a.m. Redmond-Hillsboro clash. Dr. Blatchford has attended at least part of all but the first state tournament, which was in 1919.

Grimm Sees Chance For Braves To Cop Baseball Pennant

By LEO H. PETERSEN
United Press Sports Editor
Bradenton, Fla. — (U.P.) — Charley Grimm is going into the 1955 pennant race figuring his Braves have "as good a chance as anybody."

"We definitely are a first division ball club, and I'm optimistic as hell," Grimm said. "I know the league is going to be tougher because it will have better balance, but we figure to be a lot stronger, too."

Grimm, still jolly despite a stomach ulcer, likes his pitching, calling it "the best in the league in depth." So he figures if his club can avoid the injuries which plagued it last season, "it could go all the way."

The only weak spot he can see on his team is if his star catcher, Del Crandall, should be injured and lost to the team for any length of time.

Grimm figures the addition of catcher Jack Parks, 312 hitter at Atlanta, George Crowe, a first baseman who hit .334 at Toledo and Charles Tanner, an outfielder also up from Atlanta where he batted .323 gives his team the left-handed pinch hit-

ting bench strength it lacked last season. Along with that improvement, he expects a full season's play out of Bobby Thomason, who got into only 43 games, many of them as a pinch hitter, after breaking his ankle in spring training. Henry Aaron, a rookie star last season until he, too, broke an ankle, also seems fit, and Grimm expects pitchers Chet Nichols and Bob Buhl to do better.

Buhl, who looked great last spring, won only two games while losing seven while Nichols, just out of service, won nine and lost 11. Last spring Grimm figured the two of them should be good for 30 victories and this year he believes they will make it.

They will be his starters along with Gene Conley (14-9); Warren Spahn (21-12) and Lew Burdette (15-14). Dave Jolly (11-6), Ernie Johnson (5-2), the veteran Dave Koslo (1-2) and Ray Crone, who won seven at Toledo, are relief pitching possibilities.

Crone could win a starting job, according to Grimm, along with Jim Wilson, (8-2). The infield is set with Joe Adcock at first, either Danny O'Connell or Johnny Dittmer at second, Johnny Logan at short and Ed Mathews at third.

Grimm has an outfield prob-

Baseball

Exhibition Games
Boston (A) 8, Milwaukee (N) 5
Kansas City (A) 8, Chicago (A) 2
Detroit (A) 3, Philadelphia (N) 2
New York (A) 7, St. Louis (N) 4
Washington (A) 6, Cincinnati (N) 4
Chicago (N) 8, Cleveland (A) 7 (11 innings)
Baltimore (A) 5, Brooklyn (N) 4 (10 innings)

lem "but a mighty happy one" because it involves picking three regulars from Thomson, Andy Pafko, Bill Bruton and Aaron.

With such hard hitters as Adcock and Mathews in the infield, Grimm is not worried over the fact that none of his regular outfielders hit .300 last year.

Roy Smalley, who used to be the regular shortstop with the Cubs, probably will win an infield utility post.

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