

Tornado Beats Indians, Cinches Final Spot

Off-Form MHS Team Scrambles Back After Trailing Cleveland

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McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene — The Medford High Black Tornado basketball team came back from the brink of defeat in the fourth quarter here Friday night to defeat Cleveland of Portland, 42 to 37.

The victory put Medford into the finals of the 37th annual Oregon Class A high school basketball tournament against Eugene's Axemen.

For Medford, it was the third victory of the season over the Indians and their ace, Dick Jolley. However, the Tornado team was far off the form which earned them Oregon's No. 1 prep rating week after week in pre-tourney polls.

Lacked Sharp Edge Of Earlier Contests

The Black Tornado did show some of the hustle, drive and aggressiveness of its finest and most successful season in 10 years. But Friday it lacked the sharp edge and zip that marked many of its contests. Medford made three fourths of its field goals on close-in tosses, but only a couple of them came on real fast breaks.

The Medford cagers won the opportunity to encounter the "bridesmaid" Eugene Axemen in the Saturday finals.

Eugene, runner-up for the state's top prep hoop glory in both 1953 and 1954, gave the Central Catholic Rams a severe 73 to 46 chopping in the other round-of-four conflict Friday. Medford gained the finals for the first time since 1939, 16 long years ago.

Neither Glitter

Neither team was "glittering" Friday as Medford rang up its 25th consecutive victory of the season and its 26th in 27 games. But the Tornado overcame a seven-point Indian lead in a hectic, heart palpitating finish which had Medford Coach Frank Roelandt sniffing the smelling salts.

And Cleveland — the little Indians defended the taller Tornado players effectively and fought on almost even terms for the rebounds. Utilizing a slow deliberate offense, the Clevelanders had the Medfordites playing the type of game they wanted, and took the whoosh out of the usual hard-running Tornado attack. And, Jolley, a marksman from all angles, but particularly deadly on long shots, enabled the Indians offensively to make a stirring game of it.

Medford was tough on defense but, pestered by the scalp-hungry Indians and plagued by its own failure to connect on shot after shot, had to fight a desperate struggle.

Fight in 3rd Quarter

The tense, dramatic portion of the fracas began with Medford lagging 19 to 26 and less than 2 1/2 minutes remaining in the third quarter. The Tornado quint had been missing free shots all evening, but suddenly found the net for five plus a field goal to cut their deficit to 26 to 28 at the quarter's end. Bud Kastner and Jerry Kalapus each swished a brace of gifts and Frank Rector got one after a successful bucket from the field. Jay Bashore picked up a goal for Cleveland.

Kalapus tied up the count at 28-all with a hook shot as the fourth panel began. Jolley countered immediately with a jump pitch and 1 1/2 minutes later Rector retaliated in kind. The score was 30-all. Jolley got a bucket and a free throw for a 33 to 30 Tribe advantage. Glenn Peterson tipped in his own rebound for Medford and Jolley betted a longie for a 35 to 32 Cleveland margin. Kastner hooked in a shot from under the hoop for the Tornado. Then Rector dribbled the full length of the floor and flipped in a basket. Many in the crowd thought he took steps with the ball but Referee Len Patterson and Bill Williams didn't see that way and Medford had a 36 to 35 count. It was the first Tornado lead since a 10 to 7 spread in the first quarter.

Rector continued as the man of the hour with a close in jumper and a free shot for 39 to 35, with three minutes yet to play, and Medford hung on for dear life. With 2 1/2 minutes left Jolley dunked in a shot from under the basket. Larry Copple with 1 1/2 minutes to play pushed in one free toss and missed his second. Harvey Jones missed one long try for Cleveland in the final minute.

Time was running out fast as Rector rifled a pass to Kastner under the basket. Kastner flipped the ball in the hoop with 2 seconds to play for Medford's final 42 total.

Lead Changes

The lead changed hands four times in the first quarter. Cleveland led at the buzzer 14 to 10. Jolley picked up 10 of those points.

A weird second quarter saw only six points scored. Peterson and Copple got field goals for Medford and Bob Hevener collected one for the Tribe. Cleveland led 16 to 14 at halftime. Both had other opportunities for goals and each muffed three free toss opportunities. More than 4 minutes had been played in the period before Peterson broke the scoring freeze.

Long shots by Jolley made it 20 to 14 early in the third canto. Kalapus put in three gift tries to narrow the score to 20 to 17. After Jolley got two free ones and Copple a goal in close on a feed, the standing was 22 to 19. Bashore dropped in counters twice from the free line and Jolley flicked a fielder for the 26 to 19 gap.

While Jolley got more than two-thirds of his team's points, Medford's scoring was more evenly divided. Kalapus had 11 and Kastner and Rector each 10. Medford hit 16 out of 52 field goal attempts for a .308 average, poor for the Tornado. Cleveland was under that with 15 for 53 and .283.

Medford made seven out of 31 field attempts for a .226 average in the first half. Cleveland did little better with seven for 27 and .259.

At the free throw lane Medford recorded 10 for 22 and the Indians seven for 15.

Medford outscored Cleveland 16 points to nine in the last stanza.

In rebounding, the Black Tornado had a slim 40 to 37 edge. Jolley again was leader of the Tribe with 12 and Hevener had nine. Kalapus plucked nine and Peterson and Copple eight each for Medford.

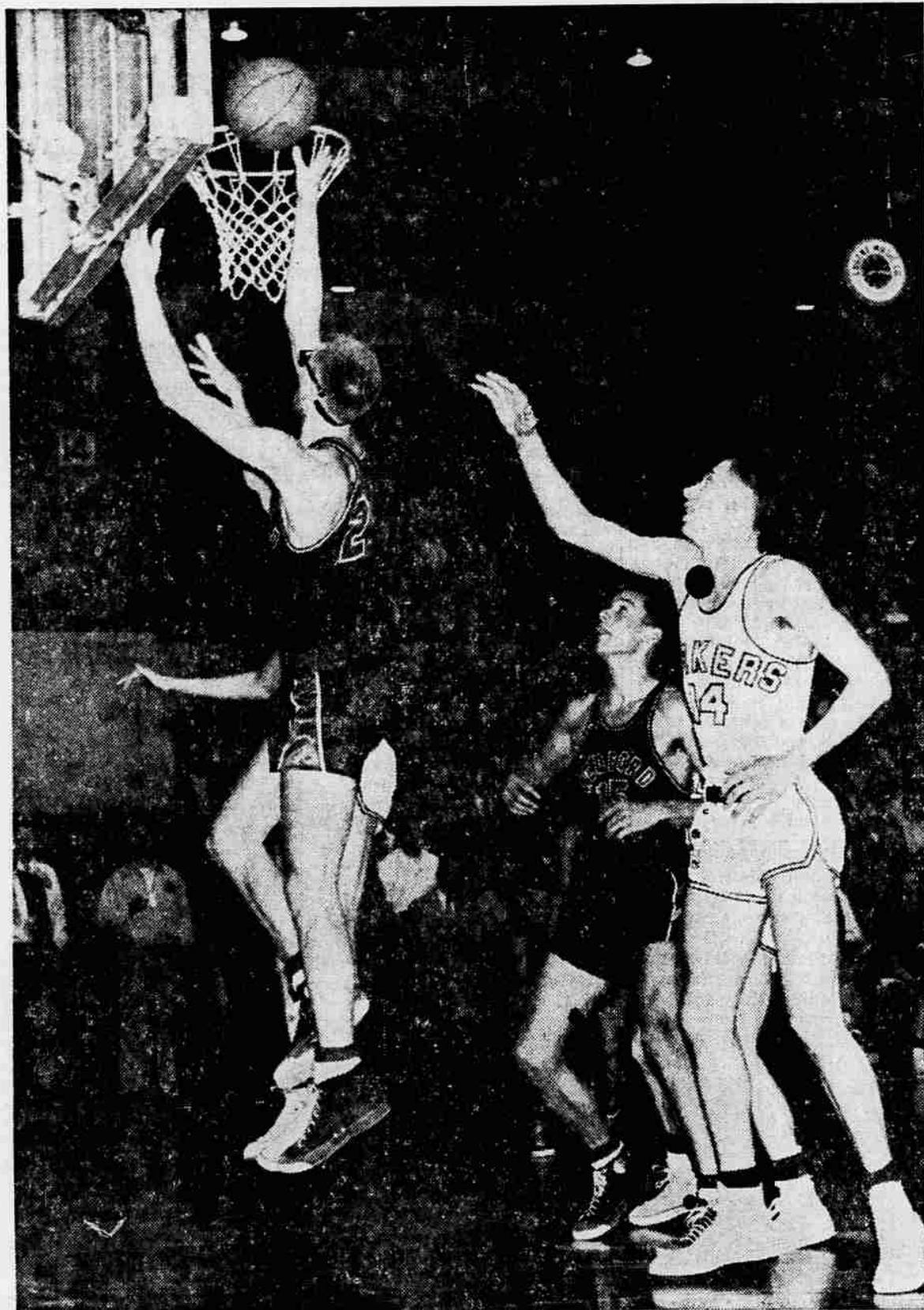
Earlier Games

Medford beat the Indians 58 to 48 and 56 to 40 in December encounters. The championship scrap last night also was the Tornado's third meeting of the season with Eugene. The Axemen took one mix 58 to 50 and Medford won the other 51 to 50, also in December.

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Medford	16	10	11	42
Peterson, f	2	0	2	4
Kastner, f	4	2	4	10
Kalapus, c	3	1	1	11
Copple, c	3	1	7	7
Rector, f	4	2	6	10
Foust, f	0	0	2	0
McCulloch	0	0	2	0
Cleveland	15	10	11	42
Jolley, f	10	5	4	25
Bashore, f	3	2	3	8
Hevener, c	1	0	2	2
Jones, f	1	0	2	2
E. Peterson, g	0	0	4	0

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SPORTS



TWO FOR MEDFORD—Jerry Kalapus, 6 foot 4 inch center, is shown above dunking in two points for the Black Tornado as Medford piled up a 60 to 51 victory over Franklin of Portland Wednesday night in the opening round of the state prep tournament at Eugene. Waiting for a rebound which failed to materialize

are Medford Forward Glenn Peterson, and Bjarne Jensen, Franklin's 6 foot 10 inch sophomore center. Kalapus tallied 20 points against Franklin to take second high scoring honors as Larry Copple picked up 24 for Medford. Jensen topped Quaker scorers with 16. —(Brainard Photo by Kenn Knackstedt)

Albany Drubs St. Helens For Fourth Place Tourney Berth

Eugene, Ore. — (U.P.)—Albany High school rode over St. Helens 62 to 29, Saturday with a smashing attack that gave them fourth place in the State Class "A" High school basketball tournament here.

In another afternoon consolation game, Milwaukie drubbed Baker 58 to 38 to give last year's

State champion Milwaukie team fifth place in tourney standings. Milwaukie led all the way

Eugene — (U.P.)—Mike Moran, big Eugene center, led individual scoring at the end of the third round of the state high school basketball tournament with 71 points. He was followed by Don Stamps of Albany with 68, Dick Jolley of Cleveland with 61 and Ted Miller of Milwaukie with 58.

against the Eastern Oregonians, spearheaded by Guard Ted Miller who scored high for the game with 22 points.

The largest crowd in state tournament history—8141—saw the Axemen and the Black Tornado advance to the finals Friday night in a pair of games that provided plenty of contrast.

Eugene, rolling in high gear since its narrow squeak over Milwaukie Wednesday, crushed Central Catholic 73-46. But Medford, top-ranked team in the

TOURNEY AT A GLANCE
By UNITED PRESS

Friday's Results

Championship Bracket
Medford 42, Cleveland 37
Eugene 73, Central Catholic 46

CONSOLATION
Milwaukie 70, Redmond 37
Baker 69, North Bend 59
Albany 47, South Salem 38
St. Helens 65, Mac-Hi 47

state, had to go all out to down Cleveland, the Portland champion, 42-37.

Albany downed South Salem for the third time this year, 47-35, to go into the fourth place finals against St. Helens, which took Mac-Hi 63-47.

Baker upset North Bend 69-59 and Milwaukie crushed Redmond 70-37 as all-star Ted Miller hit 30 points.

THIRD TOURNAMENT TALKED BY OSAA
Eugene — (U.P.)—The Oregon School Activities Association gave tentative approval early today to a plan to have a third high school basketball tourna-

Knickerbockers, Lakers Favored

By UNITED PRESS
The New York Knickerbockers and Minneapolis Lakers were slight favorites today to reach the semi-finals of the National Basketball Association's post-season division playoffs.

Fresh from two days of rest, the Knickerbockers took on the Boston Celtics in an afternoon game at Madison Square Garden while the Lakers played the Rochester Royals in a night game at St. Paul, Minn. The winner of the New York-Boston clash meets Syracuse in the eastern division final and the winner of the Minneapolis-Rochester game plays Fort Wayne in the western division windup.

The two winners will then play a best-of-seven game series for the league championship.

The Knickerbockers lost their opener to the Celtics in Boston but bounced back for a 102-95 triumph at the Garden last Wednesday. They held a 9-5 edge over the Celtics in playoff games the last few years and are in perfect physical condition.

The Royals squared their series at 1-1 Friday night when they eked out a 94-92 victory over the Lakers at Rochester. Arnie Risen scored 10 points and Odie Spears 17 to lead the Royals while Clyde Lovellette tossed in 19 for the Lakers although handicapped by four personal fouls throughout the entire second half.

Idaho Pugilists Lead Tourney

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.)—The Idaho State boxing team held a strong lead over 10 other western colleges Saturday as the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Boxing tournament entered its final day.

Going into the finals, the Idaho State team had a total of 23 points, followed by Washington State with 18 and San Jose State with 16. Other teams in the scoring column include Cal Poly 10, Santa Clara 9, Nevada 3, and Chico State and Stanford 2 each.

Tonight's finals in the nine weight divisions will be worth five points each.

Friday night, heavyweight Mike McMurtre, last year's named the list of five victorious national collegiate champion, head Idaho State fighters. His championship style showed as he defeated tough John Rehder of Cal Poly.

Andrea Lawrence Slalom Winner

Stowe, Vt. — (U.P.)—Andrea Mead Lawrence of Parshall, Colo., swept to her second win in two days today as she captured the giant slalom event at the second annual American-International ski races.

The 21-year-old Mrs. Lawrence displayed perfect form as she cut through 36 gates on the three-quarter mile course in 1:53.4. Catherine Rodolph of Reno, Nev., was second in 1:54.8 and Skeeter Werner of Steamboat Springs, Colo., was third in 1:55.8.

144 Pros, Amateurs, On Open Entry List

One hundred forty-four of an expected 170 entries for the annual Oregon Open Golf tournament had entered up to Saturday afternoon, the Rogue Valley Country club reported.

The annual links event will make Medford the focal point of northwest golf enthusiasts this week. The tourney gets under way with the professional-amateur rounds Thursday, with the actual tournament starting Friday and concluding with 36 holes Sunday.

The entry list includes 95 amateurs, 35 professionals and 14 seniors.

Pros Enter

Among the new entries in the ranks of the professional players are Ray Honsberger, Ranier Country club, Seattle, who holds the record for the most consecutive birdies in a row (seven, in the 1953 Oregon Open); Joe Greer, Yakima Country club, Pacific Northwest Professional Golf association champion; George Buzzini, Diabolo Country club, San Francisco, Northern California Open champion.

Other professionals are Al Feldman and Ockie Eliason, both Tacoma; Joe Mozel, Portland, and Ron Caperna, Astoria Country club.

Among the top-ranking amateurs who have entered in the last day or two are Dick Price,

Longview, 1953 Washington state amateur champion; Dick Hanen, Coos Bay, a frequent player here; Bob Prall, Salem, one of the better of the young Oregon players; Ad Huycke and Ted Fleskes, both Oswego; Sid Milligan, Eugene, and Dick Bailey, Redding.

Stanford Teammates

Phil Getchell, youthful Medford player now attending Stanford, will be among the contenders, and it was learned last week that four other members of the Stanford golf team also will enter the tourney. One of them is John Brodie, quarterback on the Stanford football team who was rated third in passing in the nation last season.

Local players who have entered the lists include Larry Butler, Everett McGraw, Clayton Lewis and Carl Schmidt.

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