

SPORTS

Fanfare

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McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene—Medford's Black Tornado learned Thursday night in the Oregon Class A prep tourney's second round, what it really means to be a top rated favorite in a state tournament. The partisan Medford rooters, of course, vociferously backed their team. But everybody else was cheering for the McLoughlin High Pioneers, spillers of strong North Bend in the opening round, to pull another big upset. Eugene high's cheer section particularly joined the smaller Mac Hi representation and one of the Pioneer leaders even led a yell in front of the Eugene section. Perhaps, the Axemen backers were hoping for a set-up in tourney finals.

It's natural, however, to boost the underdog and blast the favorite. It's the price good teams have to pay and Medford's hoopmen weren't rattled. They took it with poise.

Cheers for the Pioneers lost their gusto when it loomed certain that they were outclassed. The yells and shrieks didn't reach the fevered pitch of the North Bend-Mac Hi fray.

OVERCONFIDENT

Big reason for the North Bend loss to the Pioneers apparently was that the Bulldogs had counted the chickens before they hatched. They weren't seriously thinking of the game of the moment. They regarded Mac-Hi lightly and were more concerned with what they might do to Medford in the second round. The overconfidence proved fatal and gave the less cocksure but still confident Black Tornado an easier quarter-final foe.

INTERESTING SPECULATION

It's interesting to speculate on just what might have happened had North Bend and Medford played Thursday in the championship quarter-finals here. The Black Tornado had nicked the Bulldogs by three points early in the season but North Bend had wins over Marshfield which gave Medford two tough battles in mid-season. In Thursday consolation play the Bulldogs shot 487 from the field and beat Franklin of Portland 75 to 67 compared to Medford's 407 and 60 to 51 over the Quakers on Wednesday.

There was a big difference in the two games. The Quaker's 6-9 sophomore Bjarnne Jensen played much more against Medford. He sat out quite a bit of the Medford fracas because of fouls. In

the opening quarter against NB, Jensen hurt his knee and never returned to action. The towering Quaker had opportunity for only three field tries and made just one against the Bulldogs for a game total of two points.

TUMBLER, TOO

By the time he is in college, Jensen may make cage followers in this state forget all about the fabulous Swede Halbrook. He's a tumbler and a boxer along with his basketball ability.

FURTHER SPECULATION

North Bend's second upset defeat of the tourney, to Baker on Friday morning by a 69 to 59 count, also caused pre-game speculation on the Friday night Medford-Cleveland scuffle in the championship bracket. Going strictly by comparative tourney scores the Tribe had rated a slight edge over Oregon's No. 1 team.

But neither Cleveland nor the Eastern Oregon club were playing their best ball in their tourney opener. Baker was at its best in dumping North Bend in the scramble of the Bulldogs, outscraping the coast team and overcoming a 14 to 23 first quarter deficit for a 35 to 33 halfway lead.

At that, the personal foul situation took some of the luster away from the Baker win. North Bend committed 23 infractions to Baker's 11 and the easterners grabbed advantage for 21 out of 36 gift shots while North Bend got only three out of 15. NB had a 28 to 24 margin in field goals.

BLOEDEL TOP REBOUNDER

Elmen (Red) Bloedel, Milwaukie, took over the state tourney rebound lead at the halfway point with 48. His 27 on Thursday was second high for one game in tourney history, trailing Swede Halbrook's 32 for Central Catholic in 1952. First day high's in the classic were 24 each by Jim Altenhofen of Central Catholic and Oliver McCord of Baker. Our Cleveland-Baker statistics sheet got stuck in a hind pocket Wednesday and we overlooked McCord in our previous fanfare.

Jerry Kalapus and Everett Kastner led Medford in rebounds after two games with 20 each.

MORAN SCORE LEADER

Mike Moran of Eugene and Dick Jolley of Cleveland took second day scoring honors with 27 each and Moran took the midway tourney lead with a 50 total.

PCL Prize Money Due For Livewire Teams

Los Angeles —(U.P.)— Pacific Coast League President Claire Goodwin backed up his "hustle" campaign with cash today as he announced some \$20,000 prize money will be handed out to livewire teams, players and managers during the coming baseball season.

The PCL directors approved the plan at a meeting here yesterday. The Pepsi Cola Co. will sponsor the program, which calls for monthly \$2500 awards to the club with the most hustle, and \$2500 prizes at season's end to the player, manager and umpire with the most pep.

ICE RING RECOMMENDED

Portland —(U.P.)— Commissioner of Parks Stanley W. Earl yesterday recommended development of a \$300,000 ice skating arena here.

Don Stamps of Albany had 45 and Bloedel 44. Jerry Kalapus of Medford tied for eighth in the total with 32. Copple had 31. Jolley was a shining light on Thursday despite a bad ankle.

AXEMEN SWIPE THUNDER

Eugene's 541 and 518 shooting averages enabled the Axemen to swipe a lot of No. 1 rated Medford's thunder in the favorite category of the tourney. Axemen brilliance contrasts to Dallas' pitiful .189 against Milwaukie on Thursday.

MORAN FIRES .769

The Axemen's superb Moran had a two-day .769 field goal average for best individual mark in the tourney. Kalapus with 11 made of 17 attempts shot .647 for Medford while Copple had 14 out of 29 and 483.

RAABE REPORTING

Seen daily on press row at the tourney is Joe Raabe, who moved to Eugene recently after holding the sports editor job of the Medford Hi Times. Joe is now writing for the Eugene school paper. We've missed him since he left Medford for he was good at providing Black Tornado statistics for us. We suggested that Joe spend a week end in Medford after the state tourney and work out the Tornado's season data. He politely declined.

EX-TORNADOES SEEN

Seen and talked to so far are several ex-Medford high athletes now at University of Oregon, Jack Morris, Terry Maddox, Dave Newland, Norm Chapman. Jack finishing his freshman year after four years in the Air Force, is expected to star in Frosh track this season. He says he hasn't worked out much yet.

Maddox is anticipating a California jaunt with the baseball team soon. He's being given the finer points of catching after previous prep, semi-pro and college freshman service as a pitcher and outfielder.

Newland, newly crowned coast collegiate wrestling champ in his weight, has turned his attention to track and his pole vault specialty. So far he's just done some running to get his legs in shape.

Chapman is looking forward to spring football practice after the vacation period.

Morris has indicated that his brother, Frank, won't be out for track at Oregon this spring. There have been rumors he would. But Jack states that Frank hasn't recovered sufficiently from a polio attack last year.

NORTH BEND RAN

Some teams in this current tournament have stalled at the end to hold leads and in some cases it's almost proved fatal. North Bend, against Franklin, was a team which ran all the way. The Bulldogs, against the Quakers, too, lost Dick Woolstenhulme, Dave Hartley and Al Van Leuven but didn't seem severely hampered.

OLD ACQUAINTANCES

The state tourney is a fine place to meet and renew old acquaintances. We've seen two old college acquaintances, so far, whom we hadn't seen for years.

SFU Defeats LaSalle, 77-63; Duquesne Wins NIT by 70-58

Kansas City, Mo. —(U.P.)— San Francisco's Dons lived up to their No. 1 national ranking Saturday night by administering a decisive defeat to LaSalle's defending champions for the NCAA basketball championship. The score was 77-63.

Six-foot 10 inch Bill Russell, All-American center of the San Francisco club, electrified a sell-out crowd of more than 10,000 with an amazing display of all-around court skill. He poured in 23 points to feature the 26th consecutive San Francisco victory that brought the first national championship to the West Coast school.

Colorado's Big Seven champion Buffaloes fought from an eight-point underdog position to beat Iowa 75-54 in the consolation game.

Billed as a "Battle of All-Americans," the game began as that, but LaSalle's Tom Gola ultimately was forced to concede honors to his taller rival.

The lean San Francisco Negro coupled his size with unbelievable jumping ability to thrust an arm above the basket and guide many shots down through the San Francisco goal. Several of the counters made were credited by a gracious official scorer to teammates of Russell.

But it wasn't a one-man San Francisco triumph by any means. K. C. Jones, 6-1 guard with two of the quickest hands in the collegiate sport, not only did a great job in his assignment to guard Gola, but he rammed in 24 points — 18 of them in the final half when San Francisco definitely was in control.

Gola managed 16 points but in this crucial test saw a teammate, Charley Singley, gain the individual scoring honors. Singley got an even 20.

New York —(U.P.)— Duquesne's master ball-control artists, with all-American Si Green and Dick Ricketts combining to score all but 14 of their total points, won the National Invitation Basketball Tournament Saturday night by outclassing towering

Dayton, 70-58. A crowd of 18,496 — largest of the season at Madison Square Garden — watched Green score 33 points and Ricketts 23 in a superb two-man show that earned Duquesne its first NIT championship in eight tries.

Despite the brilliance of the two Duquesne stars, however, Maurice (The Magnificent) Stokes of St. Francis (Pa.) was unanimously voted "The Most

Willy Mays Says Fielding More Fun Than Hitting Ball

Phoenix, Ariz. —(U.P.)— Willie Mays, the major league batting champion, insisted today that outfielders should be paid for their fielding and not their hitting.

"You get a man out there in center field who's good with a glove, and can run and throw the ball good, and he's better than a guy who hits good but can't field," the Giants star said. "The way I feel, you don't have to hit so much, just long's you can go get that ball in the outfield."

Mays, of course, does both well—some say better than anyone else in the game. But if he had his way, he'd just as soon play the outfield all the time, and let the other guys do the batting.

Outfielder is "Real Fun" "Don't get me wrong," he said, "I like to hit, too. But there's nothing like getting out there in the outfield, running after a ball and throwing somebody out trying to take that extra base. That's real fun."

Last season it was hard to decide whether Mays was greater with a glove or bat.

His defense maneuvers were climaxed with that over-the-shoulder World Series catch off the bat of Cleveland's Vic Wertz. His work with a bat in his hands was told by the statistics: .345 batting average, 41 home runs and 110 RBIs.

Valuable Player in the tournament. Stokes, who scored 124 points in the four-tournament games, was the first player from a semi-final team to win the award since Ernie Calverly of Rhode Island State in 1946.

In the opening game, Cincinnati was forced into overtime by Stokes' brilliant shooting before pulling out a 96-91 victory over St. Francis (Pa.) for third place in the tournament.

Ski Conditions

Skiing conditions at Crater Lake National park were "poor to fair" Saturday, the ranger's office there reported. The snowpack, which is 90 inches deep compared to 128 last year, is rough and icy. There were light flurries of snow Saturday.

Highway 62 to the park is open, and the road to the rim is open with spots of ice. High temperature Friday was 44, and low Saturday with 11, with a 13 degree temperature at 8 a.m. Saturday. The warming hut will be

BOTH KO'D

Portland —(U.P.)— The wrestling bout between Kurt van Poppenheim and Eric Pedersen was called "no decision" Friday night after they collided head-on. Both were knocked unconscious.

open Sunday weather permitting.

Portland —(U.P.)— Weather conditions will clear in Cascade mountain ski areas Sunday, the weather bureau said, with winds of 20 to 30 miles per hour at elevations ranging from 5000 to 7000 feet. Skiing conditions at Mt. Hood were reported good.

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