

Tornado Retains Class A State Title By 1/3 Point Margin

Rogue River 2nd In Class B; P. Rock 1st

A slim fraction of a point at Corvallis Saturday enabled the Medford high school Black Tornado to maintain its role as the near perennial track and field team champion among Class A Oregon high schools.

It was Medford's third consecutive title.

Medford's thirteenth, as in 1954, gleaned only one first place in the annual prep cinder carnival at Oregon State college's Bell field but the Tornado gang collected enough tallies in seven other events to shade its nearest competitors.

The Black Tornado compiled a count of 34 1/3. Right behind in a three-way knot for second place were North Bend, Roosevelt of Portland, and Eugene. They each had 34. Grant of Portland was fifth with 32 while Albany scored 22, Springfield 20, Jefferson of Portland 19 1/2 and St. Helens and Beaverton each 18. Thirty-eight Class A schools picked up points.

Pilot Rock Wins

Pilot Rock, powerhouse of northeastern Oregon rolled up 51 points to capture Class B laurels. Rogue River of Jackson county had 39, Malin 30 1/2, Moro 28, Lowell 27 1/6, Monroe 26 1/2 and Day's Creek 21 1/6.

Eldon Francis, favored in his event, provided Medford's only blue ribbon points by heaving the javelin 188 feet 6 1/2 inches. Tornado scores were provided by Don Crowl who followed John Erickson, Grant, in the quarter-mile and by Wally Larson who was on the heels of Clausen, Grant, in the low hurdles.

Bud Kastner tied for fourth in the high jump to give Medford 2 1/3 points and the fraction it needed for victory. Larson placed fifth in the high hurdles and the Medford relay quartet also was fifth. Danny Morris was sixth in the 200-yard dash and Jeff Williams got the same spot in the half-mile.

Three records fell in the 1955 classic. Duane Marshall put the shot 58 feet 2 1/2 inches Friday, beating the 1953 mark of 57-8 1/2 set by Jack Moad, Medford, in 1953. Bob Amble, Albany, hurled the discus 164-6 1/2 in Saturday's finals after breaking his record set in 1954 with a 161-6 1/2 cast on Friday. His 1954 mark was 156-11. Jim Grelle's 1:58 half-mile for Lincoln of Portland was a new modern standard in that event.

Other firsts were posted by Huey Hatten, Jefferson of Portland, in the 100-yard dash; Malcolm McBride, Lebanon, in the high hurdles; Mark Robbins, Roseburg, in his specialty, the mile; Hobby Schepman, North Bend, in the broad jump; Brumley, Eugene, in the high jump; Julius Strong, Roosevelt of Portland, in the 220; Jay Wilson, Cottage Grove, in the pole vault, and Roosevelt in the relay.

Chiefs Take Relay

In Class B Rogue River helped its second place cause by getting first in the relay. Jack Herburger was first in the discus. Ted Stanfield was second in the low hurdles and third in the broad jump for the Chiefs. Herburger was fifth in the shot put and Bill Headrick fifth in the javelin. Gary Phillips took sixth in the 440-yard run.

Medford was the favorite as the Class A rivalry got underway but the Tornado anticipated closer rivalry than in its two previous championship efforts. Exceptions proved out as four schools bunched close behind it. The Tornado nicked North Bend by 2 1/3 points.

Medford had 10 berths going into the finals.

Larson Tops Heat

In Friday qualifying Larson was first in his heat in the low hurdles and second in his high hurdle preliminary. Eldon Francis advanced to Saturday action with his 188-foot 6 1/2-inch javelin heave. Don Crowl was second

in his heat in the quarter-mile and Dan Morris was second in his 220-yard run. Medford relay team had fourth best preliminary time.

Jeff Williams and Jack Pool in the half-mile, Glen Allison in the mile and Everett Kastner in the high jump did not have to qualify on Friday.

Morris was third in his heat and missed out in the 100-yard dash. Mike Hawkins was eye-lashed out in broad jump. Neil Plunney in shot put and Mel Morgan in the javelin were eliminated.

In Class B, Rogue River, the southern Oregon B district champ went into the final day with nine spots. The Chiefs had two men who qualified in two events, Ted Stanfield in the low hurdles and broad jump and Jack Herburger in the shot put and discus.

Jacksonville had only Ron Muir left in the mile after Fred DeVos in the 440 and Dick Sanford in the high jump were eliminated.

New B Marks

New B marks set in Friday action were Don Trautman, Concordia, 31.9 in the 440, Martin Sharp, Eagle Valley, 5-11 1/4 in the high jump, Harold Duncan, Moro, 20.9 in the low hurdles, and Bob Babb, Days Creek, 187-6 1/2 in the javelin.

TEAM SCORES:

Class A—Medford 34 1/3, North Bend 34, Roosevelt 34, Eugene 34, Grant 32, Albany 22, Springfield 20, Jefferson 19 1/2, St. Helens 18, Beaverton 18, Roseburg 14, Lincoln 12 1/3, North Salem 12, Cottage Grove 12, Ashland 12, LaGrande 10 1/3, Lebanon 10, Grant 9, Bandon 8, Drain 8, Gresham 7 1/5, Myrtle Point 7, Nyssa 7, Cleveland 5, Redmond 4 1/4, Benson 4, Pleasant Hill 4, Lakeview 4, Sweet Home 4, Waldport 2, Marshfield 2, Oswego 2, Baker 2, Corvallis 1, Pendleton 1, Elmira 1; Stayton 1, Franklin 3/4.

Class B Leaders—Pilot Rock 51, Rogue River 39, Malin 30 1/2, Moro 28, Lowell 27 1/6, Monroe 26 1/2, Days Creek 21 1/6, Gates 20, Union 20, Concordia 18, Yoncalla 15, Mapleton 14 1/4, Merrill 13.

Shot put—Marshall, St. Helens; Reed, NB; Johnson, Beav; Schult, Red; Henderson, Wald; Stettin, Corv. Distance 38-2 1/2, new state record, old record 37-8 1/2, Jack Moad, Medford, 1953.

120-yard high hurdles—McBride, Leb; Skowhede, SH; Giberson, Beav; Curtis, Rose; Larson, Medford; Ray Vailburg, GP. Time 1:51.

100—Hatten, Jeff; Brown, Eugene; Strong, Rose; Baker, Ash; Norval, N. Salem; Capri, Cleve; Time 1:01.

1/2 mile—Robbins, Roseburg; Stout, Grant; Herring, Spring; Duffon, Benson; Mitchell, Jeff; Belton, Pend. Time 4:28.

440—Erickson, Grant; Crowl, Medford; Pounder, Eugene; Dietz, Rose; McIntyre, Marsh; Christina, Elmira. Time 30.8.

Broad jump—Schepman, NB; Adams, LaGrande; Blake, Albany; Henderson, Lakeview; Norval, N. Salem; Wel-ler, GP. Distance 21-1 1/2.

180 low hurdles—Clausen, Grant; Larson, Medford; Sheffield, Spring; Giberson, Beav; Ballow, CG. Time 2:07.

High jump—Brumley, Eugene; the second Toombs, Nyssa; Woolstenhulme, NB; the fourth Adams, LaGrande; Kastner, Medford; Moen, Linc. Height 5-11 1/4.

220-yard—Strong, Rose; Baker, Ash; Hatten, Jeff; Brown, Eugene; Schwarze, Oswego; Morris, Medford. Time 2:24.

Pole vault—Wilson, CG; the second Richmond, MP; and Hialoo, GP. Wheeler, Pl. Hill; the fifth Smith, Red; Sheller, Gresh, and Joy, Gresh, and Kelly, Jeff, and Crandall, Frank. Height 12-4 1/2.

880-yard run—Grelle, Linc; Moore, Bandon; Gregory, Albany; Knight, Cleve; Herring, Spring; Williams, Medford. Time 1:58. (New modern state record, old 1:59 by Martin, CG, 1954).

Discus—Amble, Albany; Reed, NB; Estes, Spring; Morgan, Roseburg; Johnson, Beav; Roy, Stayton. Distance 164-6 1/2. (New record, old record 161-6 1/2 by Amble, Friday in prelims).

Relay—Roosevelt, North Salem, Eugene, Grants; Medford; Jefferson. 1:31.6.

Javelin—Francis, Medford; Henderson, Grant; Bernick, Gresh; White, Sweet Home; Clemens, Baker; Wayne, NB. Distance 188-6 1/2.

Corvallis—(UP)—Southern Oregon qualifiers state prep track meet in Corvallis:

120-Yard high hurdles: Ray Vailburg, GP. Pass; Wallace, Larson, Medford. 100-yard dash: Stuart Baker, Ashland. 440-yard run: Don Crowl, Medford. Broad jump: Charles Weller, GP. Pass. 180-yard low hurdles: Wallace Larson, Medford. 210-Yard: Eldon Francis, Medford. 188 feet 6 1/2 inches. 220-yard: Stuart Baker, Ashland; Don Morris, Medford. 880-yard relay: Medford.

Rogue Valley Participant In Golf Day

Announcement was made today by George Harrington, Manager of Rogue Valley Country club, that the club will take part in the National Golf Day competition on Saturday, June 4.

Golfers in the Medford area will have them a chance to match strokes with the nation's 1954 Open champions, Ed Furgol and Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who will play 18 holes the same day in San Francisco.

This will mark the fourth time that the Rogue Valley club has participated in National Golf Day. Last year about 200 local golfers took part and Tom MacLeod was the only one successful in beating Ben Hogan—with the aid of his official club handicap. Unrated golfers are judged by the Callaway handicap system.

Al Williams, pro at Rogue Valley, is hopeful that an even greater number will participate this year. Entrance fee will be only \$1.00 and a major share of gross receipts will be turned over to the American Red Cross.

Chairman Eugene Thorndike of the Jackson County chapter will have uniformed Red Cross volunteers at the first tee to register all contestants.

The Red Cross is enthusiastic about its part in this year's tournament. All expenses will be underwritten by Life magazine.

Seals Beat LA; Munger Whips Oaks

San Francisco — (UP) — The San Francisco Seals, continuing a week-long batting spree, raked four Los Angeles pitchers for 10 hits and a 6-5 victory Saturday. Fine relief pitching by Bill Bradford helped the Seals win their fourth straight and clinch the Pacific Coast league series, 4-1.

The Seals, averaging 13 hits a game this week, actually were out-hit 12-10 by the Angels but hit when it counted to hand Bubba Church his first PCL loss of the season.

Ewell (The Whip) Blackwell, former Cincinnati great, was credited with his first victory although he bowed out in the sixth after giving up four runs.

Hollywood — (UP) — Hollywood's veteran righthander Red Munger, tossing his streaking fast ball, goose-egged Oakland in eight innings today as the Stars whipped the Oaks, 6-2, and moved ahead 3-2 in the series.

Winner Munger (3-3) allowed eight hits, struck out six and walked three in going the distance. The Oaks scored off him only in the sixth inning. Bud Black (2-2), the first of three Oakland hurlers, was the loser in the Gilmore field game before 2,235 fans.

Munger held the Oaks scoreless to the sixth when the losers picked up two runs on a single by Joe Brovia, a triple by Bill Serena and an infield out by Russ Rose.

Sacramento, Calif. — (UP) — Homers by San Diego's Dick Sisler and Milt Smith sparked fourth-run rallies in the fourth and sixth innings that carried San Diego to an 8-1 Pacific Coast league victory over Sacramento last night. It was the eighth straight win for the league leaders and their 18th in 19 games.

Washington had a team score of 578. OSC was one stroke behind. OSC's Jerry Cloninger broke the course's nine hole record with a 29 and was medalist winner with 135.

OSC led at the end of the first 18 holes. Both teams were even down to the last hole where OSC's Larry Trogen took a double bogey six on the 36-hole. Washington's Kent McLauchlan parred the last hole.

Idaho squeezed by defending champion University of Oregon for fourth place with 608. WSC was third with 601. The Oregon Ducks were last with 609.

Cavemen Win 6-3, 4-1; Earn Berth In State Tourney Play

Central Point — Grants Pass high claimed the District 6A baseball championship yesterday and with it a state tourney bid.

Ending a scheduled two-out-of-three play-off with two straight victories, the Cavemen downed Crater high 6 to 3 and 4 to 1 in the city field here. Crater had won the A-2 mantle and Grants Pass the A-1 laurels.

The conflicts were the fourth and fifth in three days for the Cavemen who split a twinbill with Klamath Falls on Thursday, then turned back the Pels Friday in a play-off for the A-1 title.

Grants Pass was assisted by erratic Comet play in the first game. In the second fracas Bill Mendenhall came through with a one-hitter mound chore while his Cavemen mates were combining walks and hits given up by Crater Thrower Ray Kelley for their runs.

Crater tallied first in the opening scuffle on a double by Donn Johnson, a wild pitch on Mel Harsh's third strike and another wild heave by Pitcher George Herr. In the second frame GP got two runs on two errors, two hit batters (by Hurler Fred Hermann), a fielder's option and hits by Herr and Raleigh Burr.

Comets Catch Up

The Comets got a run back in the third panel on singles by Johnson and Harvey Tonn and an error. They caught up at 3-all in the fourth on a walk, fielder's option, wild pitch and single by Ken Bailey.

Grants Pass went back in front in the fifth panel on Don James' triple and Mel Drews' squeeze sacrifice. The Cavemen then added two counters in the sixth inning on three Comet miscues and sacrifices by Burr and Chuck Nevi.

Heavy hitters in the first fray were Del Oden of GP with two doubles in four times up, Johnson of Crater with a double and single in four turns and Tonn of Crater with two singles in three turns. Hermann gave five hits to Grants Pass. He fanned six batters, walked one and hit two. Herr whiffed five and walked four in a seven hit afternoon. Crater was charged with seven errors.

The Comets again got the first score in the second mix. Harold Lefler walked and Kelley sacrificed him to second. Johnson three-baggered to bring in the lone run. Grants Pass did most of its run making in the fourth, getting three tallies. The Cavemen took advantage of singles by Oden and Nevi and three bases on balls, along with a fielder's option and a wild pitch.

Baseball Title Play Retained

Corvallis — (UP) — Motions to eliminate the state high school football and baseball tournaments drew mixed reaction Friday at the annual spring meeting of the Oregon School Activities Association.

A motion to eliminate the baseball championships was defeated by one vote, 11-10. A motion to present an amendment to eliminate grid playoffs was carried 15-5, but it could not be acted upon in time to halt next season's tourney.

The 1956 baseball tourney could still be halted by delegates to the OSAA's November meeting.

A run in the final canto came on two walks and an error.

Mendenhall struck out seven, walked three and hit one batter. Kelley was reached for only four hits. He fanned eight and walked six. Nevi hit two for three in the fray.

Medford TRIBUNE

SPORTS

GRANTS PASS CAPTURES 6 A-1 BASEBALL CROWN

A second-inning surge of runs, fine mound work by little Freshman Pitcher Larry Cochell and good defense enabled the Grants Pass high Cavemen to thump Klamath Falls 8 to 0 Friday and claim the District 6 A-1 baseball banner.

The Cavemen and Pelicans, who tied in regular season Southern Oregon Conference and district contention, played-off the deadlock on the neutral Medford high school diamond.

Grants Pass bludgeoned out five hits as it collected six runs in the second frame. Cochell sufficiently scattered out the seven hits he gave up. And he had near perfect fielding support, including two double plays, one at a crucial moment.

Bill Krumholz three-baggered for GP in the second inning and Bill Mendenhall, Del Oden, Jay Reese and Larry Cochell all socked singles in the second inning. A walk to Mel Drews, a sacrifice flyout by Chuch Nevi and a fielder's option on Raleigh Burr's infield blow aided in the run production.

Grants Pass scored once again in the third frame on two successive miscues. In the fourth inning Nevi singled and stole second base. He advanced to third on Krumholz's groundout and tallied on Drew's hit.

Junior Baseball Session Tuesday

Final organizational meeting for the Southern Oregon Junior Baseball League will be held Tuesday, May 24, in Room 1 of Medford senior high school. The session is set for 8 p.m.

Lee Ragsdale, who has served as president for the past year, stated that teams will not be included in any of the leagues unless they are represented at this meeting.

He advised persons interested to have others come in their places if they, themselves cannot attend. Ragsdale said that it will be taken for granted that teams not represented do not wish to play this year.

Items on the agenda include election of a president for 1955, determining final composition of the pee wee, intermediate and cub leagues and consideration of a tentative schedule.

GRIDDER INDUCTED

Cleveland, Ohio — (UP) — Chet Hanulak, Cleveland Brown's halfback, has been inducted into the armed forces. Hanulak, who gained 296 yards in 59 attempts last year, joins another Cleveland halfback, Billy Reynolds, in the Air Force.

Ramon Fuentes, Gil Turner Draw

New York — (UP) — Welterweight contender Ramon Fuentes, displaying stepped-up speed and power, will be rewarded with another television fight at Madison Square Garden on June 17 for holding middle-weight Gil Turner to a surprise, return-bout draw Friday night.

Stocky, saddle-nosed Fuentes of Los Angeles will meet Sugar Ray Robinson or Chico Segar, matchmaker Billy Brown said today.

Turner of Philadelphia, who weighed 154 1/2 pounds to Fuentes' 153 1/2, apparently underdogged the Los Angeles Mexican whom he had stopped in the fifth round of their previous bout at the Garden, Aug. 12, 1953. Gil was favored at 8-5 Friday night.

Twenty-four-year-old Turner let Fuentes take the play away from him at the finish of many exchanges in their close-quarter fight. Ramon, 29, landed the harder punches and buckled Gil's knees with three "repeater" left hooks in the seventh round.

Turner is slated for a return-bout with Gene Fullmer at West Jordan, Utah, on June 20. Gil recently tagged Fullmer with his first defeat.

Cochell issued only one base on balls and struckout two men.

Had To Work

The Cavemen were pre-season favorites in the district and started strong but in the end they had to scrap for the championship. After winning five straight league and district games, Grants Pass lost three out of four contests with Medford.

In the meantime, Klamath began a winning streak and soon was knotted with GP. Each had seven wins and three losses. The two clubs met at Klamath Falls on Thursday and split, giving each an 8-4 mark. That was the reason for the extra game played here.

Medford was third in the loop with a 7-5 record and Ashland finished with a 1-11 standing.

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Tichenor and Kelly; Cochell and Drews.

Tornado Nine Splits with Bend Team

Medford high baseballers split a doubleheader at Bend Friday afternoon, losing the first game to the Lava Bears 4 to 3 but taking the second tangle 6 to 1.

The split gave Medford a record of 11 wins and seven losses for the season.

Paul Eckel was the big hitter for Medford. His double drove in two runs in the opener and he slammed a homer with one man on base in the second game. Scores in 7th.

Bend tallied its winning run in the last inning of the starter. The Bears had a runner on third with two out. A slow roller went for a hit and the runner tallied from third.

Duane Sides went the distance as hurler for the Black Tornado in the last tussle. Ken Piland was the Medford twirler in the other game. Bend's winning pitcher was Bonsell.

The Medford scorebook was unavailable last night for additional details on the series.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

CONTRACTS DISAPPROVED

New York — (UP) — The New York State Athletic Commission has disapproved the contracts for a 10-round bout between middleweights Ray Drake and Danny Giovannelli at Syracuse, N.Y., June 24, because the two men recently were managed by the same man, Lippy Bredbart.

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(1340). Class B 100-yard dash: Robert Hoover, Eugene. 440-yard: Gary Phillips, Rogue River. 180-yard lows: Ted Stanfield, Rogue River. (22.0). Shotput: Jack Herburger, Rogue River. Broad jump: Ted Stanfield, Rogue River. 880-yard relay: Eugene Francis, Medford. 138.9. Javelin: Bill Headrick, Rogue River. Discus: Jack Herburger, Rogue River. 137 feet 8 inches.

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