

Tornado Vies Here Tonight, Saturday Against Eugene 5

Class A-1 high school basketball makes its first appearance of the 1955-1956 season here when the Medford Black Tornado launches its home pre-conference slate against the Eugene Axemen.

Site of the conflict will be the senior high gymnasium and starting time will be about 8:15 p.m. following a 6:45 p.m. preliminary Crater high and Medford junior varsities will collide here again on Saturday night. The same jayvee teams will contend in the preliminary.

Medford's home campaign won't begin with quite the fanfare originally intended because inaugural of the New Hedrick junior high floor has been necessarily postponed by lack of baskets.

Plenty of Interest

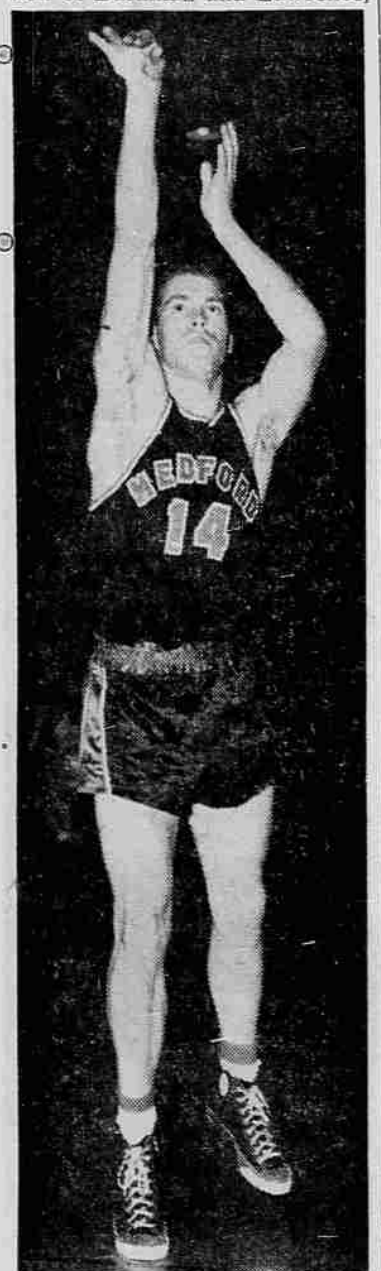
But there still will be plenty of interest. It stems mainly from the fact that Eugene was state champ for 1955 and Medford was runner-up. And fans this season want to know how well the Axemen and Tornado will uphold the prestige gained by their respective schools.

Both clubs are starting virtually anew. The full time regulars of the 1954-1955 campaign are gone and Eugene, as well as Medford, reportedly is lacking the great height asset it had last year. The latest editions have drawn from varsity reserves, strong jayvee aggregations and transfers.

However, scanning the Eugene roster shows that it does have some tall men on hand with actually a bit more height than Medford. Just how effective the taller Axemen are hasn't been learned. Tallest on the squad is Dave Hickman, a 6-6 senior, and next is Ed Bennett, a 6-4 senior. They are followed by Charley Warren, 6-3, sophomore. Of the three advance indications are that Warren is the only probable starter.

Don Lawrence, 6-1, and Dave Powell, 6-2, may be the opening Eugene forwards. They are the only two from last year's varsity roster who are lettermen. The guards tonight may be Mel Olsen, 5-10, a last year's squad member, and Doug Lunstrom, 5-10, up from the jayvees.

Craig Bushman is a 6-2 junior on the squad, Roger Peters is 6-1. Six-footers are Ed Farrell, a transfer letterman, Bill Muhr, and Dave Quiby. Of the squad all are seniors with the exception of Bushman and Lawrence.



FACES AXEMEN—John Foust above is ticketed for a forward berth tonight when the Medford high Black Tornado battles the Eugene Axemen hoop quintet on the senior high floor here. The game will open a two-game series with the second set for Saturday night. Foust last saw action for the Tornado against Eugene in the state tournament finals last March. He's the leading returnee in service among five lettermen on the current squad.

IC4A ADDS SCHOOLS—New York—(U.P.)—The Inter-collegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America IC4A has admitted Notre Dame, Adelphi of Garden City, N. Y., and Iowa of New Rochelle, N. Y. to membership, boosting the total membership to 64 schools.

Juniors, and Warren. Dick McLaughlin, who has been hampered by a pulled leg muscle, is getting pretty well over the injury. Medford Coach Frank Roelandt reported, McLaughlin, he said, is likely to start at center. Dick Copple and John Foust may be at forwards

with Lloyd Cearley and Bob Tisdell at guards. Mike Stearns, center, and Larry Perkins, could see a lot of service. Roelandt has said that his two tallest varsity men, Neil Plumley, 6-4, and Larry Slessler, 6-3, are coming along nicely. McLaughlin and Stearns are 6-2.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Roy Campanella Selected As Most Valuable Player

By FRED DOWN

New York—(U.P.)—Roy Campanella, who climaxed baseball's "comeback story of the year" by winning his third National league most valuable player award, said today that he wished Brooklyn Dodger teammate Duke Snider "had won this one."

"Winning the award three times is just an overwhelming experience and I can't say how happy I am," the brilliant Negro catcher said. "But, at the same time, I really wish Duke could have won this one. He's such a great hitter and, after all, I did win the award twice before."

Campanella, who also won the award in 1951 and 1953, beat out Snider this year in one of the closest races in history. The 34-year-old backstop polled 226 points to Snider's 221 and was named on each of the 24 ballots while the slugging Brooklyn outfielder was left completely off one.

Ernie Banks, the Chicago Cubs' brilliant shortstop, was third with 195 points while Willie Mays of the New York Giants, who won in 1954, was fourth.

Oklahomans Top Club in Points Made

New York—(U.P.)—Final NCAA football statistics told a simple story today about why Oklahoma was rated the No. 1 team in the nation—more points scored than anyone else and more yards gained.

The Sooners, bound now for an Orange Bowl date on Jan. 2 against Maryland, came within eight points of a third statistical crown announced today—least points allowed. That honor went to Georgia Tech, and Army won the defense championship.

Oklahoma ran rampant through a perfect season this year and extended its unbeaten string to 29 games by ripping off 36.5 points per game and rolling up 410.7 yards gained per game.

Denver was second in scoring with 31.0 points per game, and rounding out the top 10 were: Texas Christian 29.3, UCLA and West Virginia, 28.5 each; Army 28.4; Southern California 26.5; and Michigan State 26.2; Wichita 25.2, and Mississippi 25.1.

West Virginia 2nd. West Virginia, Southern conference champion, took second in total offense with 384.5 yards gained per game and rounding out the top five were Denver at 368.9, Michigan State at 364.4, and Navy at 385.6.

Oklahoma closed out its triumphant season by scoring shut-outs in its last five games, but still the Sooners couldn't win the least-points-allowed title Georgia Tech, bound for the Sugar Bowl, won that by allowing only 4.6 points per game, followed by Oklahoma with 5.4.

Army's defense stood the test in the big victory over Navy and the Cadets won the total defense crown with 160.7 yards allowed per game.

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CHAMPS CHALK UP ANOTHER ONE—All-American Bill Russell (6) chalks up two points as the University of San Francisco scored its 29th consecutive victory with a 72-47 win over San Francisco State College in San Francisco. It was the nation's number one team's third victory of this season. USF players are Bill Mallen (12) and Mike Farmer (17). State players are Thatcher Nance (11) and Gary Kenney (6).

BASKETBALL

Thursday College Results:

East
Seton Hall 87, West Ky. 85 (ot)
NYU 74, Georgetown, D.C. 69
Columbia 83, CCNY 67
Maryland 52, William & Mary 51
South
Memphis St. 87, Hardin-Simmons 72
Midwest
Bradley 94, So. Dakota 73
Louisville 80, Wayne 52
Rice 62, Oklahoma 47
West
Seattle 77, Santa Clara 54
College of Idaho 64, N.W. Nazarene 63
Whitworth 67, Montana 65
Lewis and Clark 75, Concordia 49

THURSDAY PRO GAMES

St. Wayne 105, Syracuse 94

MORSE IRISH CAPTAIN

South Bend, Ind.—(U.P.)—Jimmy Morse, a junior halfback from Muskegon, Mich., has been named captain of the 1956 Notre Dame football team. The 20-year-old halfback was injured early in the 1955 season and missed the first two games but thereafter averaged 52 minutes of playing time in eight games.

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Small Colleges Schedule Action

By UNITED PRESS

Oregon's small conference basketball teams, still tuning up for league action later, are in action again this week end.

Linfield plays host tonight to Oregon College of Education at McMinnville. Willamette meets College of Puget Sound at Tacoma tonight and Seattle Pacific Saturday night. Lewis and Clark plays Seattle Pacific tonight and Puget Sound Saturday.

Eastern Oregon plays host to Nevada and a two-game series at La Grande starting tonight. Oregon Tech travels to Arcata, Cal., to meet Humboldt state in a pair.

Portland and Portland State meet Saturday night in a rematch. Portland won the first game Dec. 1. Next Monday Portland U. plays host to Linfield and Willamette meets Seattle Pacific.

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BYU Quintet Duck Foe on Provo Court

By UNITED PRESS

Tenth-ranked Brigham Young, which downed UCLA twice last week end, seeks to mesmerize Oregon in the same way tonight when it opens a week end series against the Webfoots in the Provo, Utah, gym.

Plenty of basketball is on tap. Denver and Purdue have a week end fust starting tonight against UCLA and Southern California in the Long Beach City college gym. The Pioneers play UCLA tonight in the first half of a double header while USC tangles with Purdue. Then it will be Purdue against UCLA Saturday and Southern California against Denver.

OSC Plays Wyoming

Oregon State, the defending PCC champion, and Washington are under the gun to come up with better performances on their home floors.

Coach Slat's Beavers, 0-3 so far this year, meet Wyoming in a pair of week end games while Washington plays Baylor in a brace of games at Seattle.

California plays St. Mary's, one of its oldest rivals, tomorrow night on the Berkeley court while Washington State meets Utah State tonight and Gonzaga tomorrow night in Corvallis.

Chico State also has a game on tap tonight against College of the Pacific in Stockton.

Sports Broadcasts

Radio stations KYJC and KMED will broadcast the Medford-Eugene high basketball series tonight and Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Station KWIN will carry the Ashland-Fortuna high cage scrap from 8 to 9:30 o'clock tonight. Television station KBES will bring the Kansas-Wisconsin collegiate basketball game starting at 12 noon on Saturday and the San Francisco-Baltimore pro football game beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Television KBES will bring the Bobo Olson-Sugar Ray Robinson middleweight title boxing bout at 7 o'clock tonight.

WAGNER SERVICES

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—John Peter (Honus) Wagner, whose death earlier this week removed another colorful figure from the ranks of baseball's living immortals, was buried this afternoon. The Rev. L. O. Burry, Wagner's hometown pastor from Carnegie, Pa., conducted services prior to the famed "Flying Dutchman's" burial in Jefferson Memorial park.

Miami Open Golf Meet Restarted

Miami, Fla.—(U.P.)—A field of 153 golfers started the Miami Open all over again today with Doug Ford and Billy Maxwell as marked men.

An afternoon downpour washed out the first round Thursday and officials decided to "bob-tail" the tournament to three rounds of 54 holes so as to finish on Sunday as scheduled. The distribution of \$12,500 in prize money will remain the same with \$2,200 going to the winner.

Caldwell, Ida.—(U.P.)—Jay Dean, former Oregon State star, scored 22 points last night but his Northwest Nazarene basketball team dropped a 64-63 decision to College of Idaho here on a last gasp shot. Charlie Jenkins, freshman from Washington, D.C., scored a lay-in with four seconds left to give C of I the win. Jenkins also scored 22 points.

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