

# North Bend Foe Of Tornado Tonight; Marshfield Here for Saturday Scrap

Results of a week of heavy Black Tornado attention at grabbing the rebound off of basket backboards will be seen tonight and Saturday when the Medford high basketball clubs takes on a couple of always rugged rivals from the Coos Bay coast.

Medford plays North Bend this evening and Marshfield tomorrow night with both scuffles billed for the senior high map-boards.

The Tornado found a rebounding weakness hurtful last week end in a split with the Eugene Axemen and have been working hard to overcome it in the past

four practices.

Tonight the Medfordites will carry some height advantage into the scrap with the Bulldogs but tomorrow, when the Pirates will be here, the success of the week's work will get a tougher test for Marshfield will have the all-around altitude edge.

Experiencewise Medford and

North Bend will be on even terms for their battle while Marshfield will have more veteran strength to shove against the Black Tornado. North Bend has three returning lettermen, only one of whom was a previous regular. Medford has five monogram wearers only one of whom saw a great amount of

duty last season.

**Possible Starters**

At center tonight Medford Coach Frank Roelandt will call upon either Neil Plumley, 6-4, or Dick McLaughlin to start at center. John Foust or Dick Cople could be at forwards and Lolyd Cearley and Bob Tisdal at guards. Reserve Larry Guber has been out of school this week because of cold. He was back at classes yesterday but is not expected to suit up tonight. Foust missed yesterday because of a cold but should be on hand, Roelandt said.

Jack Shanley is the regular back at North Bend and the other lettermen are Bert Why and Sam Hyatt. Bob Jacobsen at 6-1 is listed as tallest on the roster with Ken Carver the only other 6-footer shown.

Marshfield has four regulars back in Barry Bullard, 6-4, Roger Johnson and Sandy Fraser, both 6-2, and Denny Baker, 5-8. They may be the starters here along with Hardy Spurgeon, 6-2, high scoring transfer from Coquille.

Medford and Ashland junior high varsities are prelin foe tonight and on Saturday Hedrick junior high ninth and the Ashland freshmen will meet in the 6:45 p.m. affair.

## Kentuckians Making Poor Hoop Start

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The amazing evidence continued to pile up today that the Kentucky basketball team may have been badly over-rated.

Loaded with height and high-scoring veterans, this was supposed to be one of the best teams turned out in recent years by Coach Adolph Rupp, the highly successful "Baron of the Bluegrass." But a 62-61 victory over Maryland Thursday night, saved only by a desperate "freeze," was the Wildcats' third poor showing within six nights.

First, last Saturday, it was Temple that stunned the court world by whipping the Wildcats, 73-61, in the biggest upset this season. On Monday night, DePaul nearly did the same thing, losing, 71-69, only on Jerry Bird's basket for Kentucky with six seconds left.

If there's something seriously wrong with the Wildcats, they're in for plenty of trouble very quickly. They return home Saturday night to play host to Idaho, a visitor from the Pacific Coast conference, and then on Tuesday night they meet Minnesota in the opening round of the Kentucky Invitational tourney, followed the next night by a clash with either Utah, the nation's No. 2 team, or fifth-ranked Dayton.

**San Francisco Opens**

San Francisco, the nation's No. 1 team, opens its seven-game national tour tonight at Chicago, risking its 29-game winning streak against Marquette in the opening round of the DePaul tournament.

It's the biggest test so far for the national champion Dons. for Marquette is ranked 13th nationally and has a topnotch six-eight center in Terry Rand who figures to stage a tough battle with All-America, six-10 Bill Russel. Duquesne, ranked No. 8 nationally and winner of last season's National Invitation tournament and this year's Steel Bowl tourney, meets DePaul in the other game, with tonight's winners clashing Saturday.

The Blu-Gray tournament at Montgomery, Ala., also a two-night affair ending Saturday night opens tonight with Texas facing Auburn and Eastern Kentucky playing Mississippi in first-round games.

## Eagles Hosts To Oakridge

Eagle Point—Eagle Point high basketballers have been working on means to overcome a height disadvantage and to stop a fast break rival offense this week in preparations for the Oakridge Warriors.

The two clubs vie here Friday and Saturday nights.

Oakridge has superior height in the person of its 6-foot 6-inch center, Oberg, and they have fast break power with Tirrill, a guard, as principal scorer.

Coach Art Thompson has reported his inexperienced Eagle club is getting better. Possible starters are Jack Greb, center, and among Gale Friend, Ron Veach and Errol Tresham, guards. Dennis Boren has been looking good in drills this week and could break in the starting five at forward, Thompson reported.

The 6:45 p.m. preliminaries will match the Eagle Point and Crater freshmen on Friday and Eagle jayvees and Butte Falls varsity on Saturday.

# SPORTS

## Yellow Cab Quint Tussles Southern Oregon Tonight

Yellow Cab, strong independent basketball crew and AAU district champion, makes its formal bow before a paying audience by opposing Southern Oregon college at Ashland this evening.

A number of old hands are back and some new faces have and will be added.

Three players who were with the Cabbies through the season last year and one who was with them at the end of the slate are possible starters tonight. They

are Don Wendt and Bill Werner, guards, and Chuck Stacey, center, the full season hands, and Ter Reese, forward. At the other forward may be Bill McLean or Bob (Tiger) Smith.

Wendt was an all-stater while at Jacksonville high and Werner is an ex-Medford prep. Stacey counts many seasons as an independent player. Reese is an ex-Grants Pass high standout and has played varsity ball at Gonzaga university. McLean and Smith are ex-Southern Oregon college players and Smith currently tutors the SOC junior varsity.

**Newton on Team**

Others on the currently slim squad are Dale Newton, ex-Phoenix high and SOC, Keith Johnson, ex-SOC, and Gary Effinbeck, ex-Shasta junior college. Dick Bartel and Ron Marshall, both ex-University of Portland are slated to join Yellow Cab shortly after the first of the year, according to Coach Jim Vernon.

The Cabbies whipped Camp's Electric of Grants Pass 61 to 42 here Wednesday in the St. Mary's gym.

The Medford independents will play next Monday at Prospect and on Thursday, December 22, will oppose the Harlem Clowns at Crater high in Central Point. On December 28, 29 and 30 the Cab quint will be host to seven clubs from throughout Oregon and one from northern California in a Southern Oregon Holiday tournament sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union.

Vernon is not able yet to report his club's complete slate.

Eugene—(U.P.)—Coach Len Casanova left here yesterday for San Francisco where he is an assistant coach for the West team which will play in the annual Shrine game.

## Crater Has Cal Jaunt

Central Point—A contingent of 26 Crater high school basketball players will go by bus to Crescent City, Calif., Saturday for games with Del Norte high. Comet jayvees will play the Del Norte lightweights in the preliminary to the varsity action.

Both Crater teams will seek to even the score for losses suffered at Central Point two weeks ago.

The Comets are showing "signs of improvement," Coach Leonard Warren has reported. He said that the Crater varsity likely will be without the services of Neil Green, center, who has missed practice all week because of a sinus infection. Harold Lefler, a guard, has been hobbled by an ankle sprain but is expected to play.

Those who may open action for the Comets are Fred Herrmann and John Shama, forwards, Dick Callender or Dick Davis, center, and Don Goyette and George Juveland, guards. Gordon Tidwell is ticketed for duty at forward and Lefler and Nathan Douthit at guards.

## Basketball

### THURSDAY COLLEGE GAMES

- East: Yale 97, Wesleyan 36; St. Bonaventure 77, Iowa 52; Tufts 36, Harvard 76
- South: Kentucky 62, Marquette 61; Tennessee 67, Springfield 33
- Mid-West: Kansas St. 62, Loyola (Calif.) 66; Drake 72, Colo. South Dakota 67
- Southwest: Okla. City U. 69, Wyoming 59; Tulsa 67, Western Ky. St. 56; Oklahoma 66, Arkansas 59
- West: Willamette 68, Whittier 58; Whitworth 71, Eastern Washington 59
- 59: Gonzaga 69, Whitman 66; George Fox 76, Concordia 33

## Graham On OSC Athletic Board

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Crawford (Scram) Graham, a 1934 graduate of Oregon State and a past president of the OSC Alumni Association, has been appointed to the Board of Intercollegiate Athletics at OSC, it was announced today.

He will fill the vacancy created when Paul Dunn, former dean of the school of forestry, left to enter private business.

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## Willamette Tops Whittier Quint

Salem—(U.P.)—Whittier College of California suffered its second straight road defeat in Oregon last night, this time at the hands of Willamette, 68-58. Whittier lost to Southern Oregon Wednesday night, 68-66.

Pete Read of Willamette paced the victory by scoring 27 points, 13 of them on free throws. Stan Hubert of Whittier hit 18 points.

## Saddler Will Defend Featherweight Crown

San Francisco—(U.P.)—World featherweight champion Sandy Saddler has signed to defend his crown against Flash Elorde, champion of the Orient, in the San Francisco Cow Palace Jan. 18, according to promoter Bennie Ford.

Elorde whipped the champion in Manila earlier this year in a wild 10-round non-title bout.

**RELEASE FIRST**  
Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—Art Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, today refused to dicker with former Pitt star Henry Ford until he gains his release from the Toronto Argonauts. Ford already has expressed a desire to play with the Steelers next season.

**ALL-AROUND COWBOY**  
Denver—(U.P.)—Casey Tibbs of Fort Pierre, S.D., today was acclaimed the all-around champion cowboy in 1955 competition by the Rodeo Cowboys association.

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