Tornados Down North Bend Bulldogs 68-56

Plumley Leads Medford Scorers

Neil Plumley, a tall, rugged and poised competitor, made his debut as a Medford high school varsity basketball starter Friday night by spurring the Black Tornado in a 68 to 56 verdict over the North Bend Bulldogs at the senior high court here.

Superior height made the difference as the Tornado spurned the challenge of a quick, slick and ballhawking Oregon coast country team. And Plumley, 6-foot 4-inch junior, injected the main force in the battle of the boards with his rebounding efforts and he led his team in scoring.

Medford took the lead in the tussle with 1½ minutes gone on a hooker by big Neil and the Tornado stayed ahead through out the evening. But the fast driving pack of Bulldogs turned the scuffle into a spirited one through the second and third periods and were still a victory threat until the Tornado roared out of reach in the concluding stanza.

Span Cut To Six

A 16 to 6 margin after the opening quarter seemed to have Medford in control. But North Bend cut its deficity to six points in the second span forcing a Medford burst to get a 34 to 22 halftime spread. The lead slimmed to three gaps of seven tallies in the third canto. A couple of quick buckets made it 51 to 40, however, at the end of the period. The spurt carried over into the final frame and the Tornado got leads of 20 points at 60 to 40 and 63 to 42 before reserve forces came in.

Backboard clearing totals of 46 rebound for Medford to 21 for North Bend were statistics revealing the Tornado advantage. Plumley picked off 15 of the bounders and Dick Copple and Dick McLaughlin lent the principal helping hands with seven and five apiece.

Double Figures

Four Tornado players hit in double scoring figures in a well-balanced attack. Plumley combined five field goals and six free shots for 16 markers. Lloyd Cearley was tops in the field shooting with seven goals and got a gifter for a 15 total. Most of his shots were from a good distance frm the hoop.

McLaughlin and Bob Tisdel had 10 chalkers each. The two and Dick Copple each got four buckets from the field.

Tisdel and Larry Perkins, assigned to guard Jack Shanley in turns during the evening held the Bulldog star to three field goals but Bert Why, an elusive speedster shook loose to pot eight from the field and took individual high scoring laurels with 19 points.

Shanley got seven free shots to go with his buckets for a total of 13 and Sam Hyatt, another quick Bulldog, collected six field goals for 12 points.

NB Hits Stride

Medford had its widest advantage in the backboards in the first quarter as the Bulldogs started slowly. But the North Benders hit their stride in the next spell of action and offset the Medford altitude with alert, aggressive action and superior speed and quickness. Medford managed only an 18 to 16 edge in scoring in the panel.

The efforts of the Bulldogs carried over into the third quarter and they outgunned the Tornado 18 to 17. A 20-footer by Copple and long side shot by Cearley were the spell breakers just before the stanza ended.

Johnny Foust gave Medford its quick pick up in the fourth quarter. He sank a 15-footer and another shot close in on a fast break then added a gift toss. Plumley followed with a tip in on a missed free shot by Foust and Cearley added a jumper from the key as the Tornado got nine points before North Bend could score in the quarter.

Roseburg Next

The clubs came out even in the foul shots with 14 apiece and Medford put in 27 field shots to the Bulldogs' 21. Medford was whistled down for 16 fouls and North Bend 15. Shanley was top free shooter of the night with seven out of eight and Plumley put six in the same number attempts.

Thirteen Medford players and 11 Bulldogs got into the game. Larry Gober of the Tornado missed the action because of sickness.

Medford next goes against Roseburg. The Tornado journeys to Indian town Tuesday night and Roseburg comes here Friday for the first tussle in the new Hedrick junior high school gym.

BOX:

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Medford				
Copple, f	4	0	3	8
McLaughlin, f	4	2	3	10
Plumley, c	5	6	1	16
Cearley, g	7	1	3	15
Tisdel, g	4	2	1	10
Riley	0	0	1	0
Slessler	0	0	0	0
Foust	2	3	1	7
Perkins	1	0	3	2
Clemens	0	0	0	0
Stearns	0	0	0	0
Sides	0	0	0	0
Reinking	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	14	16	68
North Bend	FG	FT	PF	TP
Whittick, f	2	0	2	4
Shanley, f	3	7	1	13
Bloomquist, c	0	2	0	2
Hyatt, g	6	0	3	12
Why, g	8	3	2	19
Smith	0	2	5	2
Jacobsen	0	0	1	0
Rust	2	0	1	4
Prosa	0	0	0	0
Graham	0	0	0	0
Way	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	14	15	56

Referees—Clarence Melibye and Bill Esselstyn.

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SPORTS

Southern Oregon Rallies To Overcome Yellow Cab

Reputation as top independent basketball team of Jackson county will be at stake Monday night when Yellow Cab of Medford plays at Prospect.

Currently, Prospect is leading the Medford Independent League with an unmarred record. The Cabbies won the city loop championship last year but this season are playing an independent slate rather than defending their laurels in regular loop action.

Sparked by Lloyd Hoffine and Bill Hollingsworth, the Southern Oregon college cagers staged a second half comeback at Ashland Friday night to bounce independent Yellow Cab of Medford 67 to 55.

Hollingsworth had not suited down for the game because of a cold but joined the action when the second half opened with the Raiders behind by 32 to 28. His presence and Hoffine's shooting made the difference as Southern Oregon caught up and then pulled away.

Hoffine Scores 29

Hoffine had 29 points for the game. Eighteen of these were in the second half and 14 in the last 10 minutes. Southern Oregon managed to pull up to the Cabbies midway in the last chukker. The battle was close for a bit. Then SOC took command.

Chuck Stacey was main gunner for Yellow Cab with 15 markers.

The scrap attracted considerable interest since Tiger Bob Smith, Bill McLean, Dale Newton and Keith Johnson are ex-SOC players.

Southern Oregon goes back into action on Monday and Tuesday as host to Humboldt State college at Memorial court.

LINE-UPS:

SOC 67		55 Yellow Cab
Munsell 1	f	5 Smith
Hoffine 29	f	8 Reese
Titus 7	c	15 Stacey
Bates 12	g	11 Wendt
Tenney 4	g	4 Werner

Substitutions—For Southern Oregon, Biddington 5, Hollingsworth 9, Lowrance; for Yellow Cab, McLean 6, Newton 2, Johnson 2, Effinbeck 2.

Phoenix High Raps Chiefs

Phoenix — Phoenix high ran off in a fast start and rolled on to trounce Rogue River 63 to 38 in Friday basketball at Rogue River.

Hitting a good percentage of their shots the Pirates built up a 22 to 5 command in the first quarter. Their halftime bulge was 35 to 17 and after three quarters the score was 48 to 25. Jim Korth and Delmar Brood led the opening panel surge with four and three field goals respectively.

Phoenix ballhawking, principally by Ray Dahl and Brood, enabled a lot of close in shots and Bill Madden, Korth, and Charles Wall gave the Pirates strength in the backboards in their best game of the season so far.

Korth topped score making with 19, Brood had 15 and Madden 14. Bill Weaver got 11 and Bilbee Lane 10.

Phoenix won the jayvee game too, 48 to 38, as Don Wallace made six long field shots and collected 14 points.

LINE-UPS:

Phoenix 63		38 Rogue River
R. Dahl 4	f	6 Moore
Wall 2	f	10 Lane
Madden 14	c	11 Weaver
Korth 19	g	8 Phillips
Brood 15	g	8tinchcomb

Substitutions—For Phoenix, James 4, Seitzinger 3, Simmonds, Blankenship 2, Wallace, D. Dahl for Rogue River, Elledge 1, Wilson 2, Good.

Talent Nicks Mt. Shasta

Talent—Talent high failed to score a point in the last 11½ minutes of their Friday night hoop scuffle here but managed to defeat Mt. Shasta, Calif., 32 to 28.

The Bulldogs were on top 32 to 16 after 4½ minutes of the third quarter. Coach George Bray sent his second crew into the mix. They couldn't find the hoop. When the others went back in they were cold.

A rough second half was somewhat responsible for the lack of scoring although during the drouth Talent missed free shots. Mt. Shasta got only four points in the last panel. Halftime score in the match was 23 to 14 following an 8-all quarter.

Bob Hoffman was main tally man for Talent with 14. Chitwood had 10 for Mt. Shasta. Jack Barrett and Gary Combs of Talent fouled out as did Menneni of the visitors.

LINE-UPS:

Talent 32		28 St. Shasta
Barrett 7	f	5 Chambers
Ray Weinhold 2	f	7 Menneni
G. Combs 6	c	2 Tannehill
M. Wallace 2	g	10 Chitwood
Hoffman 14	g	4 Sutherland

Substitutions—For Talent, P. Combs, McGarity, Thoreson 1, Ron Weinhold; or Mt. Shasta, Stilley, Williams.

Lightburn Beats Dupas

New York —(U.P.)—"Lightnin' Luddie" Lightburn, the unrated but betting-favored lightweight who beat third-ranked Ralp Dupas with body punches Friday night, today dared Cisco Andrade to fight him next.

Managing Director Harry Markson of the International Boxing club said, "We'd like to have Lightburn back at the Garden on Feb. 17 against Andrade or any other contender. He's a fine young fighter."

Lightburn, a rangey young Negro from British Honduras who learned boxing from his father, Donald, and practiced it against his older sister, Hortense, declared, "I want to fight Cisco Andrade."

Lightburn, 21, was unranked when he went into the ring but he was favored at 7-5 in the betting because of his speed and his punch. He weighed 137¾ pounds to Ralph's 138½.

Luddie broke 20-year-old Dupas' unbeaten string at nine straight by retarding his backpedalling, switch-hitting, shifting and tying-up maneuvers with left hooks and short rights to the body. Of course, he landed many head blows also.

Cougar Five Whips 'Skins

Jacksonville—Prospect high's maplecourt crew subdued Jacksonville 66 to 43 here Friday night in a non-loop affair between two Jackson County B League members.

The Cougars of the upper Rogue headed at every intermission 15 to 8, 31 to 17 and 53 to 27.

Don Vannice was high point man for the victors with 19. Jim Daniels and David Gardener each got 13. John Allen topped the Redskins with 10.

Jacksonville won the junior varsity encounter 50 to 31.

LINE-UPS:

Prospect 66		43 Jacksonville
Pope 4	f	2 Driskell
Daniels 13	f	8 C. Smith
Vannice 19	c	6 Pawlowski
Bean 6	g	5 Daley
Gardener 13	g	6 King

Substitutions—For Prospect, Shafer, Gillespie, Davidson 9, Valentine 2; for Jacksonville, Paxton, Muir 2, Allen 10, Branson 4.

Turkey Shooters Vie at Gun Club

Medford Gun club is scene today of the final turkey shoot of the pre-Christmas season.

Hams as well as turkeys are prizes for the day-long event. There will be competition for non-shooters and the public is invited. The shoot is planned rain or shine.

Central Point Lions club has charge of lunch concessions.

Ski Conditions

Skiing conditions were fair to good at Crater Lake as of 4 p.m. yesterday. There were 60 inches of snow on the ground and 5½ inches of new snow. Highway 62 was open and chains were advised. The road from Annie Springs to the rim was open and chains or snow tires were required. The warming hut will be open today, weather permitting.

U. S. TOPS LIST

Cortina Dampezzo, Italy—(U.P.)—Officials of the Olympic Organizing Committee announced that the United States topped the list of countries buying tickets for the 1956 winter games. Next came Germany, Austria and France.

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Pete Susick, Brad Ecklund Star Tutors

Portland— (U.P.) — Pete Susick of Marshfield and Brad Ecklund of Gresham, whose football teams met in the state high school title match this year, will be gridiron foes here again next August.

Susick has accepted an appointment as coach of the State All-Stars, and Ecklund has agreed to direct the Metropolitan squad, in the annual Shriners' hospital All-Star game next August in Portland's Multnomah stadium.

Kowaso Helper

Deputy Police Chief Eugene Ferguson, managing director of the annual benefit contest, said Susick will be assisted by Dutch Kowaso, who coached Vale to a state A-2 championship and Spike Leslie, Coquille.

Aiding Ecklund will be Tom DeSylvia of Portland's Jefferson High School, and Doug Vickery of Washington High School in Portland.

Eagles Bow To Oakridge

Eagle Point — Oakridge high defeated the Eagle Point cagers Friday night in a hoop fracas here, 50 to 28.

The Eagles were in the running for three quarters and won the battle of the rebounds but could muster only four points in the closing stanza while the Warriors chalked up 15. Period advantages, all favoring the visitors, were 10 to 8, 20 to 14 and 35 to 24.

All week long Eagle Point had worked on means to overcome the height advantage of the Warriors in their 6-foot 6-inch Oberg. It paid off in that the Eagles had a 32 to 29 edge in rebounding.

Jack Greb, Eagle Point, was high man in points with 17. Tirrill got 13 for Oakridge and Oberg 11.

Better shooting paid off for the Oakridge players. They hit 19 out of 53 while Eagle Point was getting 10 for 46 from the field.

Crater high won the Freshman preliminary 45 to 27 over Eagle Point.

LINE-UPS:

Oakridge 50		28 Eagle Point
Clark 5	f	17 Greb
Snyder 5	f	2 Boren
Oberg 11	c	Foran
Tirrill 12	g	5 Friend
Lambert	g	2 Veach

Substitutions—For Oakridge, Spencer 7, Russell 4, Dunning 4, Jones 2, Smith; for Eagle Point, Christian 2, Tresham, McDonald, Wallace, Dusenberry.

McLoughlin Ninth Victor

McLoughlin junior high ninth graders came out on top 35 to 31 Friday night in their basketball engagement with the Ashland high freshmen.

The Bulldogs ran up a 9 to 6 count at the quarter and pushed to a 22 to 14 advantage at halftime. Ashland crept up in the third period which ended 26 to 22 and the clubs were even in their last quarter point-making.

Taylor of Ashland was high in individual scoring with 14 tallies. Bob Plankenhorn paced Medford with eight.

Coach Mel Boldenow said that the Bulldogs played better ball than the week before against Grants Pass and that the club is "coming along."

LINE-UPS:

McL. Ninth 35		31 Ashland
Plankenhorn 8	f	Bjork
Funston 7	f	6 Mickle
Turner 6	c	6 Sturgill
Peterson	g	4 Patzke
Reich 2	g	14 Taylor

Substitutions—For Medford, Barr 2, Sellers 2, Hamilton 2, Lyons 2, Clark 4, Grier, Pond; for Ashland, Woodell, Rosenbrum, Tepper 1.

Rector Gets 18 Counters

Portland—(U.P.)—University of Portland outran the taller Fresno State Bulldogs here Friday night to defeat the visiting California team by an 86-61 margin.

The Portland Pilots were never headed by the Bulldogs, and benched their regulars with a little more than four minutes to play while holding a 79-54 lead.

Winters Has 23

Little Jimmy Winters, 5-foot 8-inch Portland guard, led the scoring with 23 points, 16 of them picked up from field goals. Lynn Brown of Fresno State was second high scorer with 19 points.

The game's other top scorers were Frank Rector and Jack Scrivens, who each tanked 18 points for the Pilots. Dick Diebert was second high for the Bulldogs with 12 points.

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TIMBER CAPITAL CHAMPIONS—Medford Bowling lanes entries who won honors in the recent Timber Capital Fall Handicap tournament at Roseburg are pictured here with their trophies. Left to right are Del Christianson and Marguerite Rone of H-M Shell service, Talent, Anna Dale Bohannon, singles and high overall champion; Roy Miller, H-M Shell sponsor, Jack Sigman, tourney manager, and Elsie Baker and Eleanor Lenz, of H-M Shell. The service station crew had a score of 2752 for women's team honors. Mrs. Bohannon had 630 and 1960 totals. Sigman came from Roseburg to Medford Bowling lanes to make the presentations. Gertie Blind, not pictured, was a member of the team.

Committee Declares Wrestling Not Sport

Sacramento—(U.P.)—The chairman of a State Assembly committee indicated Saturday he will introduce legislation to take wrestling out of control of the State Athletic commission.

Assemblyman Frank G. Bonelli (D-Huntington Park) said he had concluded after a lengthy hearing with members of the commission that wrestling is "only an exhibition, a show" and should not be protected by a state agency.

"My thinking now is that wrestling has reached such a deplorable state that it should be removed from the jurisdiction of the commission and that no one in the state should have anything to do with it," Bonelli said.

Bonelli is chairman of a subcommittee of the Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Economy committee which is investigating boxing and wrestling in California.

Bouts Predetermined

Bonelli and other members of the committee repeatedly said during the hearing that it had been proved that wrestling is not a legitimate sport—that the results of bouts are predetermined and that the matches are mere exhibitions, not contests.

His anlysis was supported by testimony from two veteran referees of wrestling matches—Joe Woods and Al Billings, both of whom testified that results of wrestling matches are "fixed."

Members of the Athletic commission themselves agreed that wrestling is not a true contest.

Wrestling Is Ehibition

"Sure, wrestling is a show, an exhibition," said commisison member Dan O. Kilroy. "In fact, if you had true scientific wrestling in this state, it would be the quickest way to kill wrestling I know."

But Kilroy argued that some state agency should supervise wrestling to guard against "grotesque shows" and to provide "standards of decency" in the ring and guarantee thorough physical examinations of the participants.

Kilroy likened wrestling to the western movies that his kids watched on television every night.

"The people seem to enjoy watching the villain prevail for the first 23 minutes and the hero come through in the final three minutes."

MH Jayvees Tip Ashland

Medford high junior varsity basketball team overcome a nine point deficit in the last quarter Friday night to trip the Ashland jayvees 49 to 42.

The fracas was the prelim to the Medford-North Bend varsity contest here.

The junior Tornado trailed 38 to 29 as the fourth quarter opened. In 2½ minutes they had sliced away the Grizzly lead. Richard Puhl tied up the mix at 40-all with a free shot.

Murray put the Ashlanders back in front with a fielder by Jay Mullen retaliated for a 42-all count. Steve Wisely's shot with two minutes left put Medford on top. Tom Hamlin added a free shot and a field goal and Puhl another from the field to round out the score.

Murray was high man with 15 points. Mullen and Hamlin headed Medford 14 to 13 respectively.

Ashland led at the quarter 7 to 4 and at the half 21 to 15.

LINE-UPS:

Medford JV 49		42 Ashland JV
Hamlin 13	f	15 Murray
Mullen 14	f	4 Eberhart
Russell	c	1 Dailey
Bergman	g	10 Hartwell
Brauner 2	g	Walrus

Substitutions—For Medford, Payne 2, Puhl 7, Funston 3, D. King, Berteau 2, Perry 4, Wisely 2; for Ashland, Gray 12.

AAU Sanctioned Hoop Tourney Scheduled Here

Eight AAU basketball teams, seven from Oregon and one from northern California, representing top competition in their respective areas, will take part this month in a Southern Oregon Holiday Invitational tournament here.

The affair is set for December 28, 29 and 30 at St. Mary's school gymnasium. It has AAU sanction. Medford's Yellow Cab quintet is the host.

Coach Jim Vernon of the Cabbies said that entries will include the Yreka, Calif., All-Stars, Hal's Sport shop, Klamath Falls, Camp's Electric, Grants Pass, and Myrtle Point. Additional entries are expected to include teams from Eugene and Portland.

First Negro To Play in Sugar Bowl on Dec. 30

New Orleans — — Al Abant, the Marquette basketball team's number one substitute guard, and not Pittsburgh's fullback Bobby Grier will become the first Negro athlete to participate in a Sugar bowl event, it was learned yesterday.

Marquette is one of the four teams that will participate in the 1955 Sugar bowl basketball tournament next week. The other three are Alabama, Notre Dame and Utah. The Crimson Tide is the only Southern team in the event and its supporters could kick up a row over the appearance of Abant.

The announcement that Pittsburgh would play Grier against Georgia Tech in the Sugar bowl football game Jan. 2 touched off a storm of protest, primarily in Georgia.

The Sugar bowl basketball tournament is three days before the football contest. In the opening night games, Alabama meets Notre Dame and Marquette plays Utah.

On the second night, the two first night winners meet for the championship while the losers play in a consolation contest.

Connie Mack To Be Discharged From Hospital

Philadelphia — (U.P.) —Connie Mack probably will be discharged from Presbyterian Hospital next Tuesday, three days before his 93rd birthday anniversary, his physician said yesterday.

Dr. Illarian Gopadze said that Mack was undergoing x-rays and a general checking and was "coming along fine."

Mack reentered the hospital last Thursday for examination of his hip broken in a fall at his home eon Oct. 1.

Willamette Defeats Puget Sounders 74-61

Salem — (U.P.)— Willamette defeated College of Puget Sound, 74-61, here Friday night in a non-conference basketball game.

Forward Jack Bishop led the Bearcats with 14 points. Guard Bob Miller scored 10 points, all on free throws. Miller hit 10 out of all attempts.

Odds Favor Browns Win

By JACK HEEGER

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Local odds Saturday favored the Cleveland Browns to beat the Los Angeles Rams by 3½ points in the National Football League championship playoff Dec. 26, but bettors are having a tough time finding anyone who will give or take the odds.

From all indications the game appears to be about even, and the "$2 bettors" feel that the 3½ points are not indicative, especially with the Rams now scheduled to be at full strength for the first time this season.

The Rams are an up-and-down team and have played brilliantly at times while at other times have not resembled a Western division championship team. The offense was extremely weak during the first part of the year and it was an outstanding defense that kept the Rams at the top.

On the other hand, the Browns are noted for being a slow-starting team, and the 38-21 exhibition defeat the Rams hung on the Cleveland team early in September can't be counted. The Browns seemed to have all kinds of troubles during the exhibition season, but when Otto Graham came out of retirement and started throwing his accurate passes, they picked up.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Lewis To Fight On Ashland Card

Ashland — Larry Lewis, of Medford Police Athletic league, an Oregon AAU champion will be one of the participants in the main event of Kiwanis AAU boxing card at the Southern Oregon college gym on Friday night, December 30.

Name of his opponent is yet to be announced.

Ten bouts are planned. Proceeds will go to the Ashland-Talent Youth Fund drive and to Kiwanis boys' activities.

Lewis, a ninth grader, has had 24 fights and has won 11 by knockouts. The 112-pounder has suffered one setback and reversed that in a later fight.

A special bout will feature Ken Jones, president of the Ashland-Talent Youth council against Gordon Hayes, chairman of this year's ATY fund drive. Attorney Sid Ainsworth and Dr. Chris Hald will be in Jones's corner and Attorney Sam Davis and Dr. John Bradshaw in Hays niche of the ring.

Jimmy Evans, of Medford PAL, will fight Dennis Garrard, Ashland.

DORAIS HONORED

Milwaukee, Wis. — (U.P.)—Gus Dorais, who made Notre Dame and the forward pass familiar household words, Saturday was named to the Wisconsin Sports Hall of Fame.

Dorais, born in Chippewa Falls, Wis., in 1892, died last year at the age of 61.

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