

Tornado Faces Tall Basketball Player In Game Against Franklin Wednesday

College rules have taken some of the effectiveness away from the big boys but an extremely tall cager still carries plenty of advantage in high school.

Medford's Black Tornado will find out more about that on Wednesday night. For the Tornado takes on Franklin of Portland, otherwise known as Bjorne Jensen and company. Jensen is a 6-foot 10-inch hooper who has plenty of ability to go along with his height.

Franklin's Quakers go against Medford in the finale of a double feature program of basketball at new Hedrick junior high gymnasium here on Wednesday. In the opener another Southern Oregon conference school, Grants Pass, battles another Portland Interscholastic league member, Cleveland high.

The first game is set for 7:15 p.m. and the second mix will begin 20 minutes after the opener ends. These conflicts formally launch basketball play in Medford's largest gymnasium.

Main Cog
Jensen has been a main cog

in a substantially veteran line-up for Franklin since this season began. The Quakers are undefeated in some five pre-conference games. Victories have been scored over Central Catholic, North and South Salem with two wins recorded over Hillsboro. Franklin looms as favorite to take the PIL crown this season after having had to engage in a three-team play-off for Portland's second berth in the 1955 state tournament.

Black Tornado hoopers have met Jensen before. That was when Medford opposed Franklin last March in the first round of the state hassle. On that occasion, the Tornado successfully coped with Bjorne and some other elongated mates. Medford won the game from the Quakers 60 to 51. The newest version of the Black Tornado hopes to do as well, although it doesn't have quite the height that last season's Medford team had.

Drill at Hedrick
Medford players will have had a couple of drills this week in the new gym when they take on the Quakers. Coach Frank

Roelandt probably will pick Tornado starters from among six players when he sends the quint against his former high school. The six are John Foust, Dick McLaughlin, Neil Plumley, Bob Tisdell and Lloyd Carley.

Possible starters in addition to Jensen for Franklin are Ernie Spargur, Jack Luhrs, Jim Kuhn and Hutton. Spargur, Luhrs and Kuhn are returnees along with Jensen, who is third leading scorer among Portland courtmen in pre-league play.

Cleveland, which Medford plays at Grants Pass Thursday night when Grants Pass takes a crack at Franklin will have to pick up pace if it is to successfully defend its 1955 PIL crown. But the Indians have given the impression that they will do just that. The Tribe beat Gresham the other night after having suffered losses at the hands of North and South Salem and Central Catholic.

Springer Top Scorer
It's a rebuilding season for the Tribe. Hugh Springer is the only player back from last season with any considerable ex-

perience. But the 6-foot 4-inch youth is doing right well by himself now. In four games of pre-conference action he's piled up 85 points for a 21.25 average. He's leading PIL players in pre-league scoring.

Cleveland has two other boys back from last year's squad, Rodney Simonsen and Vern Jones. However, neither may be a starter. Those likely to open with Springer are Tom Ballen, Dave Roark and Ed Watson, juniors, and Jerry Jones, a sophomore. Watson, 6-2, and Springer are the only 6-footers in that possible crew.

Just what changes Coach Ray Davis of Grants Pass is making in his Cavemen combinations since the Crater game last week, aren't known. However, Davis could employ a platoon system using Larry Henderson, Jim Smith, Ron Davis, Tom Burnett and Chuck Nevi in one group and choosing among Larry Walker, Owen Winger, Allen Drews, Gary Hermann, Bruce Marks and Chuck Weller for the other.

Albert Not Hired, 49er Owner Says

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Frankie Albert, former Forty-Niner quarterback, and Tony Morabito, owner of the professional football club, denied today published reports that Albert had been selected as head coach to succeed the fired Red Strader.

"The man who started that rumor," Morabito said, "knows 2000 times more about my business than I do... period."

"Believe me," he added, "there is absolutely nothing new to report about the Forty Niner coaching situation."

Albert's name has been mentioned prominently for the head coaching job since Strader was fired earlier this month. He had been backfield coach under Buck Shaw and Strader, the only two coaches the team has had.

"I don't know anything about this," the former Stanford star said. "I haven't talked with anybody, that's sure, and I'm not the head coach."

Ft. Wayne Gains First Place in Pro Hoop Race

By UNITED PRESS

The Fort Wayne Pistons, playing 22 points under .500, moved into first place in the Western Division race of the National Basketball Association today, while the Eastern Division leading Philadelphia Warriors had their lead shaved to 2 1/2 games.

George Yardley, with 15 points, took scoring honors as the Pistons downed the St. Louis Hawks, 83-67, to take first place from the Hawks by two points.

The New York Knickerbockers, breaking a three-game losing streak, defeated the Warriors, 108-97, to move into a third-place tie with the Syracuse Nationals, who were edged by the Rochester Royals, 93-91. The loss was the first of the season for the Warriors on their home court. Rookie Ken Sears led all scorers with 26 points as five New Yorkers in all hit for double figures.

Ducks Play Colo. A&M

Eggen—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon basketball team resumes action tonight when it plays host to the Colorado A and M quintet of the Skyline Conference. The two teams also meet here Wednesday night.

Colorado A and M's most recent win was over Colorado, a team which earlier defeated both Oregon and Oregon State on a Willamette valley swing.

Oregon has won two and lost four so far this season. Coach Bill Borchert indicated he would start Ed Bingham and Bill Moore at forwards, Max Anderson at center and Phil McHugh and Jerry Ross at guards.

Providence Reds Grab Five Point Lead in American Hockey League

By UNITED PRESS

The Providence Reds, only two games away from equalling their entire victory total for last season, opened up a five-point lead today in the American Hockey League race.

The Reds gained their 19th win of the current campaign Monday night, 4-2, over the last-place Springfield Indians as the veteran Zello Toppazzini scored a pair of goals and picked up an assist.

The Cleveland Barons, struggling to get into the race, downed the Hershey Bears, 3-1, in the only other game played.

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Graham Leads Cleveland Browns To 38 To 14 Rout Over LA Rams

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Otto Graham returned to retirement today after a valetictory appearance in which he ran and passed the Cleveland Browns to a 38-14 rout over the Los Angeles Rams for their third National Football League championship.

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St. Mary's Trips Eagles; Talent Edged By Phoenix; Games at Phoenix Tonight

Eagle Point—Phoenix high staled out the final moments to overcome Talent 42 to 41 and St. Mary's of Medford survived an Eagle comeback to trim Eagle Point 46 to 38 in basketball games here last night.

The encounters made up the first of two doubleheaders among the four schools. Tonight the teams move to Phoenix where the host Pirates take on St. Mary's in the 7:30 o'clock starter and Eagle Point and Talent collide in the nightcap.

St. Mary's is filling in for Arcata, Calif., which school was unable to come to southern Oregon because of flood damage to highways. The Crusaders were to have met Phoenix in the second game this evening but the tangles were switched to accommodate the St. Mary's players who have a dance scheduled.

Victory came hard for the cold-starting Phoenix club last night. Talent took an early jump and when the Pirates did catch up the tangle turned into a tense nip and tuck affair. The score was deadlocked on four occasions and the lead changed hands five times. Talent's tough defensive and more aggressive Bulldogs were ahead at all intermissions by 13 to 7, 20 to 18 and 31 to 27.

Eagles Fire Up
St. Mary's was winning by a runaway score until the third quarter of its fracas. The Crusaders headed the sparkless Eagles 12 to 0 at the quarter and 22 to 3 at the half.

In the third period the margin increased to 25 points at 33 to 8. Then Coach Millard Webb sent in a complete team of Crusader reserves. Eagle Point fired up and took advantage of the situation to ring in 16 counters while the Crusaders went scoreless. Result was a tally of 33 to 24 favoring St. Mary's at the end of the period.

The Medford team, with four starters back in, shot back up to a 13-point, 41 to 28, margin. But the Eagles, still full of fight, cut the gap to a four-point 41 to 37 with less than two minutes to play.

Until the Eagles began hitting stride in the third chucker, they missed a lot of shots and passed up a lot of shooting opportunities and found the defense of the more experienced Crusaders tough to penetrate. Eagle Point then got the edge in the second half scoring, 21 to 11 in the third quarter and 14 to 13 in the fourth.

Laval Meunier of St. Mary's was top point maker with 23 while Gary Foran topped Eagle Point with 12.

Free Shots Difference
It was free shots which made the difference for Phoenix. Talent outgunned the Pirates 12 to 11 from the field but Phoenix had the edge 20 to 17 at the gift stripe. Phoenix, which was slow and zipluss much of the early part of the game and lost the ball frequently, shot only at a 22.2 per cent clip from the field.

And Talent did not give the Pirates a lot of good chances.

The Bulldogs had a pronounced edge in rebounding near the start of action and had the edge in retrieves 40 to 34 for the evening.

After trailing at the end of the third stanza, Phoenix caught up at 33-all on four free shots by Jim Korth and two by Bill Madden while Hoffman was scoring from the field for Talent. Madden followed with a tip in goal and Charles Wall with two gifters for a 37 to 33 Phoenix lead.

Ray Weinholt of Talent exchanged shots with Madden then Mel Wallace put in four free shots to tie up the game at 39 each with two minutes left to play. Madden got a bucket from about 15 feet away and Korth a free shot for 42 to 39. Gordy Thoreson plunked in a sleeper basket for Talent with 1 1/4 minutes left to play.

Phoenix got its first lead in the second quarter at 17 to 16, but the Bulldogs got it back at 18 to 17. The Pirates slipped in front again 25 to 24 in the third quarter but Talent took command again at 27 to 25.

Madden was high gunner with 22 markers while Wallace had 16 with eight free throws out of eight tries.

Talent last night was without the services of regular Jack Barrett, who was ill, and of Eldon McGarity, who was on a trip.

Los Angeles scored in the second on a Van Brocklin pass to Volney (Skeet) Quinlan, good for 67 yards.

Graham scored twice in the third period. The first one was on a 15-yard rollout following a 46-yard drive highlighted by substitute fullback Maurice Bassett's blast through center for 27 yards. Otto punched over from the one for the second eight plays after center Sam Palumbo picked off another Van Brocklin pass.

Cleveland tacked on the final one in the middle of the fourth when Graham lobbed 35-yards to Renfro.

The Rams got their second and last score in the fourth with halfback Ron Waller taking it four yards off tackle following a 57-yard march.

Savage, Weaver To Defend Tag Wrestling Toga

Grants Pass—Wild Bull Savage, the rowdy ex-gob, and Buck Weaver, will defend their northwest tag team championship Wednesday night on the wrestling card at the Grants Pass arena at the Josephine county fairgrounds.

Challengers are John Paul Henning and Thor Hagen. Henning is the current heavyweight titleholder in the northwest. Both Henning and Hagen have caught the fancy of fans here.

In preliminary bouts Savage will fight Hagen and Henning with wrestle Weaver.

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Ed McCullough has won a numeral award in football at Anderson (Ind.) College. Ernest Rangazas, director of intercollegiate athletics at the Hoosier school, has announced.

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Wednesday Schedule Of Y Program Listed

Medford YMCA is open this week through Friday with periods of gym and swimming activity for various age groups. Following is the schedule for Wednesday.

GYM SCHEDULE:
Wednesday—10-11 a.m., junior high boys; 11 a.m. to noon, junior high boys; noon to 1 p.m., senior high and college boys; 1-2 p.m., senior high and college girls; 2-3 p.m., Prep and Triangle boys; 3-4 p.m., Prep and Triangle boys; 4-5 p.m., junior high boys; 5-6 p.m., senior high boys.

POOL SCHEDULES:
Wednesday—11 a.m. to noon, junior high boys (ages 13-14); noon to 1 p.m., men and senior high boys; 2-3 p.m., senior high and college girls; 3-4 p.m., junior high girls; 4-4:45 p.m., advanced boys class; 4:45-5:15 p.m., Prep and Triangle girls.

By UNITED PRESS

Holiday Festival at New York (1st Round)

Holy Cross 87, Syracuse 74
San Francisco 79, La Salle 62
UCLA 93, St. John's, N.Y. 86
Duquesne 73, Fordham 70

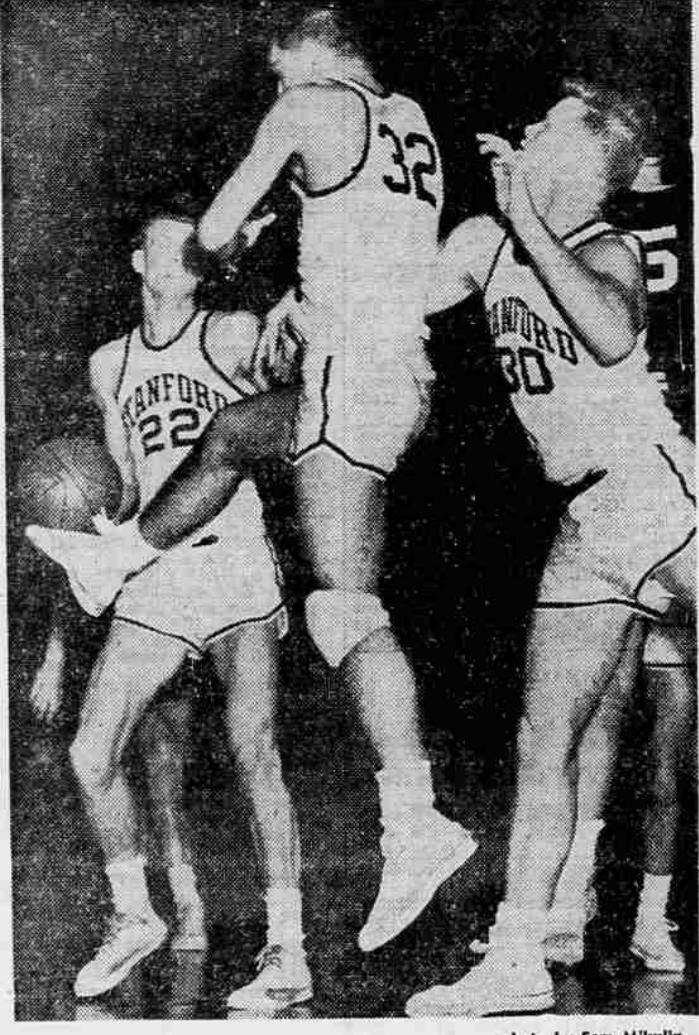
Wichita 69, Santa Clara 60
Marquette 72, North Dakota 37
Miss Southern 60, Wash. St. 58
St. Mary's, (Calif.) 72, Sacramento St. 46.

By UNITED PRESS

Milan, Italy—Dulio Loi, 139, Trieste, Italy, knocked out Gordon Goodman, 138, England (6).

New York—Yama Bahama, 150 1/2, outpointed Paolo Melis 147, Montreal (10).

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



FIELD GOAL—Stanford's Hap Wagnew (32) doesn't know it but field goals, a la football, don't count in this game. The ball got loose during Stanford's tilt with Dartmouth in San Francisco's Cow Palace. Others are Bill Flanders (30) and Barry Brown (22) of Stanford. The Indians won, 56-55.

DONS TOP POLL RECORD TO LEAD HOOP RATINGS

New York—(U.P.)—San Francisco's wandering Dons, in the midst of a coast-to-coast tour that will test their claim to greatness, led the United Press college basketball ratings today with the highest point-total ever amassed by any team.

Thirty-three of the 35 leading coaches who make up the United Press rating board voted San Francisco No. 1 this week, and the two other coaches on the panel picked the Dons second. That gave Coach Phil Woolpert's men 348 out of a possible 350 points. No team ever has been such a solid choice of the Board of Coaches since the United Press ratings were inaugurated in 1950.

Dayton, undefeated in its first eight games, received the two other first-place votes and jumped up to second place, while North Carolina State retained the No. 3 rating. Louisville and Illinois, tied for eighth place, were this week's newcomers among the top 10 teams.

Dons Stay On Top
San Francisco launched a 6,000-mile tour last week by beating Wichita and Loyola of New Orleans to run its two-season winning streak to 33 games. The Dons, who were the coaches' pre-season best bet to win the national championship for the second year in a row, now have topped the ratings four straight weeks.

Last week's start of the heavy holiday contention claimed Utah, Brigham Young and Kentucky among its leading victims. More shuffling of the ratings is expected after the tournament strife reaches its peak this week.

North Carolina and Iowa advanced even though they were idle last week. North Carolina (5-0) moved up four notches to fourth and Iowa (3-1) jumped one place to fifth. Utah, second last week, dropped all the way to sixth after losing twice in the Kentucky Invitation Tournament. Holy Cross held the No. 7 ranking, Louisville, and Illinois, made big advances to share eighth place, and Marquette retained 10th.

Kentucky Drops Out
Brigham Young (fifth last week) and Kentucky (ninth last week) both dropped out of the top 10. Coach Adolph Rupp's Wildcats thus found themselves out of the top 10 group for the first time in the six-season history of the United Press ratings.

The voting was so concentrated this week that San Francisco, Dayton and North Carolina State divided all the second-place votes and all but 11 of the third-place votes.

New York—(U.P.)—The United Press college basketball ratings with first-place votes and won-

lost records through Dec. 24 in parentheses:

Team	Points
1. San Francisco 33 (7-0).....	348
2. Dayton 2 (8-0).....	300
3. North Carolina St. (8-0).....	269
4. North Carolina (5-0).....	137
5. Iowa (3-1).....	136
6. Utah (5-2).....	71
7. Holy Cross (5-1).....	70
8. Tie Louisville (7-0).....	68
8. Tie Illinois (5-1).....	68
10. Marquette (5-2).....	51

Second 10 Teams—11. Brigham Young, 50; 12. Kentucky, 45; 13. Vanderbilt, 37; 14. Rice, 33; 15. Duke, 30; 16. St. Louis, 28; 17. Indiana, 25; 18. Alabama, 23; 19. tie, Southern Methodist and George Washington, 20 each.

Bahama Beats Melis

New York—(U.P.)—Yama Bahama, the speedy young West Indian welterweight who Monday night won the first main event shutout decision in the 59-year history of St. Nicholas Arena, will have another TV fight at St. Nick's on Jan. 30 or Feb. 6, probably against Chico Vejar.

Each of the three ring officials gave 22-year-old Bahama all 10 rounds over Paolo Melis of Montreal, former welterweight champion of Italy, for his 18th straight victory.

In his first New York main event, Yama's rapid-fire hooking combinations and accurate up-purcuts made the bout so lopsided that it became dull at times.

Bahama was favored at 2-1 although he fought as a substitute for Chico Vejar of Stamford, Conn., who withdrew from the match last week because of an alleged backstrain.

ENTER GOLF TOURNAY
Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Billy Maxwell, Bob Rosburg, Ed Furgol, Walt Burkemo and Dutch Harrison have entered the 30th annual Los Angeles Open golf tournament, Jan. 5-9, it was announced today.

Industrialist Says Not Such Smart Age
Atlanta, Ga.—(U.P.)—Not so, says industrialist Frank J. Soday, of Decatur, Ala., on whether this is a pretty smart age.

Soday said Monday in a paper to the American Association for the Advancement of Science that of the 12 most important industrial developments of the past 25 years, only one—nylon—was based on 20th century fundamental investigation.

Nine volcanic islands comprise the Azores chain.

Navy Quarterback Leads South To 20-7 Grid Win Over North

Miami, Fla.—(U.P.)—A little guy who used to pitch lumps of coal as a kid in Coaldale, Pa., added a new star to his crown as the nation's leading college football passer today.

Navy quarterback George Welsh was the unanimous choice as "Outstanding Player" of the annual Shrine college all-star game Monday night as he led the South to its sixth victory over the North, 20-7. The five-foot-10 future admiral's throw produced one touchdown and set up two others, one of which he

scored himself.

In all, Welsh connected on 12 of 20 passes for a net of 164 yards. And his ball-handling fakery with Georgia's hard-headed fullback Bobby Garrard carrying the ball, produced telling gains in the touchdown drives.

Top Ends in Action
Welsh had the services of two of the country's finest ends, All-America Ron Beagle of Navy and Harold Burnine of Missouri, top pass catcher of 1955.

With the game only one minute and 15 seconds old, Beagle caught a 31-yard throw from Welsh for the South's first score. Garrard kicked the first of his two-out-of-three extra points.

Welsh's three passes to Beagle for 36 yards in the second period set up the second touchdown just before halftime which the 165-pound field general collected himself with a three-yard sneak.

On an 80-yard march in the third period, Welsh hit four times for 68 yards. Garrard scored the final points with a one-yard plunge after contributing a 16-yard-run in the drive. North Scores Once

Southpaw Freddy Wyant pitched 38 yards to Don Hollender, 1954 All-America from Army, as the second period opened for the North's only touchdown, a play that helped Hollender win the choice as the North team's most valuable player.

Twice more the "Yankees" went to the shadow of the South's goal posts with Wyant connecting with Hollender and end Gene Kapish of Notre Dame on long passes. But both times, the South's defenders, led by Steve De La Torre of Florida, Bill Dole of Mississippi State and Joe Silas of South Carolina threw back the threats inside their 10-yard line.

AAU Tourney Planned Here Called Off

The Southern Oregon Holiday Invitational Basketball tournament planned for eight AAU teams here this week has been cancelled.

Coach Jim Vernon of Medford's Yellow Cab quintet said that Portland Outdoor Store, Paddock Inn of Eugene and Myrtle Point called off their trips here. Bad weather and resulting bad and dangerous road conditions were the reasons.

The teams indicated they had no desire to get stuck somewhere along the road between home and Medford.

The tourney was to have opened on Wednesday and to have continued through Friday at St. Mary's gym. Other participants were to have been Westside Tavern of Bend, Hal's Sport Shop of Klamath Falls, Camp's Electric of Grants Pass and Yreka, Calif., All-Stars.

TRACK MEET SET
Melbourne, Australia—(U.P.)—Bobby Morrow of Abilene Christian will be pitted again world record-holder Hector Hogan of Australia in two track meets at Melbourne, Jan. 4, and Jan. 7. Morrow currently is touring New Zealand with two other Americans—Lon Spurrier of San Francisco and Parry O'Brien of Los Angeles.

SEEKS RIDING TITLE
Miami, Fla.—(U.P.)—Bobby Ussery, the leading rider in New England this year, is making a bid for the Tropical Park Jockey championship with 23 winners for the first racing days. Willie Hartack, who is not expected to resume riding until Jan. 2, has 25.

Dons Near Consecutive Win Record

By UNITED PRESS

It's holiday tournament time in college basketball, with five major Christmas week carnivals in full swing tonight, and the spotlight is squarely on San Francisco's national champions as they drive for a new record for consecutive victories.

La Salle Defeated
San Francisco, paced by Bill Russell's 26 points and 26 rebounds, whipped La Salle, 79-62, in Tuesday night's opening round of the Holiday Festival Tournament at New York for its 34th straight win.

The Dons' target is the major college record of 39 straight, set by Long Island University in 1935-36 and tied by Seton Hall in 1940-41. If the Dons can beat Holy Cross in Wednesday's tourney semi-finals, they will tie the 1927-29 Arkansas team for the fourth longest winning streak in major college history.

Duquesne Faces UCLA
The other semi-final Wednesday matches defending champion Duquesne against UCLA. San Francisco will meet one of these teams in the final, or third-place consolation, and could leave the tourney with 36 straight wins. The experts figure they would be a cinch for a new record because their next four rivals are weaker—Pepperdine, Santa Clara, Fresno State, and, on Jan. 28, California.

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Spout Spring Ski Jump Trials Delayed by Wind

Spout Springs, Ore.—(U.P.)—The second jumping trials for four combined berths on the U.S. Nordic Olympic ski team were postponed yesterday because of strong winds.

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