

Performances of Medford High School Athletes Stand Out in 1955

Ex-Tornado Preppers Shine In College; Big Tourneys, Auto Race Highlight Year

Standout achievements by Medford high athletes, the increased number of ex-Medford prep stars making names for themselves on the college scene, three major tournaments, the inspiration example of ironman endurance shown by a hardtop auto racer, the performances of Rogue Valley Country club golfers in northwest action—those provided most of the highlights in another big year for sports locally in 1955.

Medford preppers took three state championships, were second in the state in one sport and in another, after winning district laurels, gave the eventual state titlist its toughest tussle of the season.

Two Oregon diadems came in track. The Tornado overpowered metropolitan opposition in the Hayward relays and fractioned by three other schools in the Class A division of the state meet. Jerry Kalapus then gave the Black Tornado a tennis cotitle with South Salem by capturing singles honors, first such toga for Medford in at least many years.

In basketball one of Medford's greatest prep teams in history was second in the state, losing only to the champion Eugene, twice in a 28-game slate. Medford's other district honors came in football in which sport it lost out to Marshfield in state quarterfinals. Marshfield went on to take the crown.

Medford high track produced an All-American javelin tosser, Eldon Francis. In basketball Larry Copple and Frank Rector



CAROLE KABLER
SO Golf Champion

Getchell and Pro Al Williams set RVCC course records.

Cecil James gave the example of endurance. He drove the entire 24-hours without relief to win the Labor Day hardtop auto marathon at the posse grounds.

In basketball, first major sport of the year, Talent high was the top B team of the county and Crater wrapped up small A school honors. Yellow Cab gave Medford its strongest independent team in a number of years. In track Rogue River high was the dominant B power of the area and Crater was the small A school standout again.

In baseball Grants pass won A-1 and Crater A-2 prep titles and GP went to the state tourney. Class B Talent was a state tourney participant. In semi-pro Drain won the Southern Oregon league and Glendale the Rogue Valley league. Central Point-Medford was American Legion district champion. Glen Gorbous, ex-Medford Nugget, reached the majors. Football season saw Phoenix end the Rogue League domination of Crater high and tie the Coquille in the district play-off while St. Mary's ruled county B schools.

In boxing Larry Lewis and Larry Nored, Medford, won state AAU togas. Among bowling highlights was the second place showing of Rose Barr and Audrey Swoape, Medford, in state Class A doubles. Medford kegglers had their first full year in the expanded facilities on North Riverside avenue.

Opening of a second junior high school in Medford brought with it an expanded athletic program which could help in building senior high teams of the future.

Sour notes of the year were in the apathy toward softball and pro baseball in Medford. The Medford Softball association folded and sufficient backing could not be found to accept an invitation to join the Northwest pro baseball circuit.

JANUARY
Ed Bingham and Dave Newland, ex-Medford high, won University of Oregon basketball, wrestling teams, respectively. Yellow-Cab leads Medford independent Basketball league. Medford high in Southern Oregon conference, Eagle Point in Rogue League, Talent in Jackson County B league favorites in basketball races; Eagles hampered by injuries. Paul Meyers wins Rogue Valley Country club holiday golf handicap. Medford high wrestlers defeat Illinois Valley, Grants Pass, lose to Klamath Falls. Rocky Stone, Paul Eckel, Mike DeVore, Medford high, named to state Shrine all-star football squad; Fred Spiegelberg, Medford, assistant coach. Medford high hoop team, beats Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Ashland each twice, shoot at 429 field goal average, end first half of loop play unbeaten lead Oregon Journal and Associated Press rating polls. Yellow Cab downs Yreka, Calif., All-Stars, Firmco of Myrtle Creek, Ferndandez

Loggers of Longview, Wash., Hal's Sport shop of Klamath Falls, loses to Martin Sign of Eugene, waxes Andy's Jewelers in March of Dimes benefit after City Firemen defeat City Police; Jewelers subdue Hal's. Rogue Snowmen using more powerful ski tow on Garfield slope, Crater lake. Jackson County chapter, Isaac Walton league successful in appeal to Oregon State Game Commission for longer winter steelhead season on longer stretch of Applegate river. Osa Waggoner president of Mount Ashland Motorcycle club. Rogue River high defeats Talent to take over Jackson B league lead. Ladies City bowling winners: Fashionette team; Vi Florey, Dorothy Royce, doubles; Vera Findley, singles; Vera Blunt, all-events. Ashland high to play in A-1 baseball district. Medford high junior varsity hoopers win 14th game without loss. Gordon Carrigan, ex-Crater high in Oregon State college Rooks starting lineup. Mel McGrew commodore of Western Speedboat association. Crater high holds Rogue League basketball lead. Larry Copple heads Medford high basketball scorers with 232 points. Reds beats Blues in Medford Gun club team shoot. Winners in Medford Bowling association tourney: Medford Steel team; Dick Miller, singles; Gale Culy, and Frank Martin, in the doubles; Charles McWhorter, all-events.

FEBRUARY
Medford high wrestlers lose to Roseburg twice, defeat Illinois Valley, Grants Pass, Les Welch, Paul Eckel, Bill Dyer, Medford, high, gain berths in state wrestling tourney. Bracken's Flash, Labrador retriever, owned by C. Weldon Kline, Medford, rated ninth among derby dogs in country. Cincinnati Reds draft Glen Gorbous, ex-Medford Nugget, baseball player. World's fastest miler, John Landy, Australia, answers query by Bob Newland, Medford high track coach, on training methods. Medford high basketball team downs Marshfield twice then licks Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Ashland each twice for Southern Oregon conference championship; has record of 20 straight wins and mark for season of 21-1; still rated No. 1 in state press polls. Oregon Game Commission plans planting, fencing, ponds in management area along the Rogue River in Camp White district. Yellow Cab, Medford, independent basketball league champ, unbeaten in race, downs Southern Oregon Plywood for District 10 title; defeats Oregon Tech and hands first loss to Alsea Lumber company of Corvallis. Bob Watson, ex-Medford high, football backfield coach at Oregon State college. Talent deadlocks Rogue River high hoopers in Jackson County B league and wins play-off for title. Larry Lewis, Junior McDonald, Bob Lyons, Medford, win boxing bouts in Portland. Pro wrestling resumed at Merrick's arena. Washington city grade school basketball champion unbeaten. Medford junior high ninth grade, Central Point eighth each unbeaten in 12 basketball games in season; Medford junior high seventh grade wins 12, loses one. Crater high wins Rogue League and Little Six subdistrict basketball title. Donald E. Faber reelected Southern Oregon Baseball league president. Gary Johnson, Ted Stanfield, Rogue River; Jim McCabe, J. Lloyd Wood, Talent, and Tim George Blum, Tillamook, high Dugan, St. Mary's, Jackson B basketball league all-stars. Overall in early spring traphoot at Medford Gun club.

MARCH
Gordon Carrigan, ex-Crater high, fourth high scorer for Oregon State college Rooks in basketball. Hight Real Estate, Medford, fourth in Class B of State Bowling tourney. Medford high cagers thump Crater for District 4A championship; defeat Franklin, McLoughlin, and Cleveland, lose to Eugene in state tourney to take second place; Larry Copple first team, Frank Rector second team in all-state choice; Tornado has 26-2 record for hoop year. Talent loses to Malin in District 5B basketball play-off. Central Point defeats Rogue River for Jackson county grade school basketball title in high school districts. Larry Lewis, Billy Wright, Jimmy Evans, Bob Little, Don Wolfe, Medford, victors in Medford Police Athletic league bouts here; Jack Pucas, Eugene, beats Tucker Spot, Eureka. Adrian Bahler, Coos Bay, high aggregate. Oregon State college team winner in the sectional pistol shoot here. Yellow Cab, Medford, beats Eiter's Grocery, Carlton, loses to Martin Sign, Eugene; in state AAU basketball tourney. Bend in Southern Oregon Baseball league. Medford junior varsity cagers win 22 out of 22 games in season. Larry Copple, Frank Rector, Jerry Kalapus, Medford; Dave D'Olivo, of Klamath Falls; and Jim Reid, Grants Pass, on Mail Tribune's all-Southern Oregon conference basketball team; Glenn Peterson, Bud Kastner, Medford, on sec-



WINS OREGON OPEN—Bruce Cudd, right, receives Oregon Open golf trophy from Dr. L. P. Walker of Rogue Valley Country club.

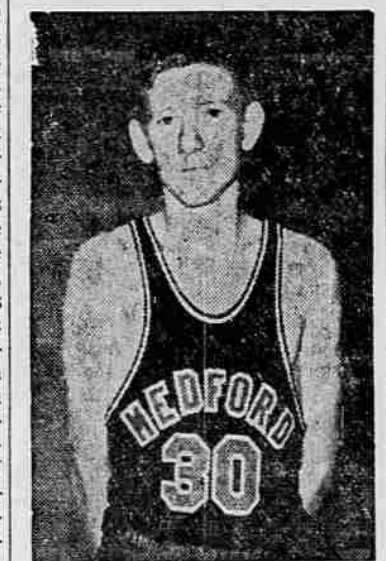
MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

ond team. Barney Riggs named head coach for new east side junior high here. Medford high had 443 field goal shooting average in 24 games up to state tourney; Larry Copple tops scoring with 427. Oak Grove non-high grade school basketball champion. Rogue League all-star basketball team is Vern Partridge and Jim Higinbotham, Crater; Bill Madden and Ron Vreken, Phoenix, and Bill Caldwell and Frank Feich, Eagle Point. Ed Oldfield, Roseburg, ties Rogue Valley Country club non-competitive golf record with 67. Roseburg replaces Brookings in Southern Oregon Baseball league. Medford high downs Klamath Falls in track, wins district meet qualifying for 14 state meet berths, wins third straight state cinder toga by one-third point over North Bend, Eugene, Roosevelt. Rogue River high wins district B track meet, takes second in state B. Medford high baseballers win three of four from Grants Pass, loses three to Klamath Falls, beats Yreka, Calif., splits with Bend. Crater trips Bandon for A-2 district baseball mantle, Grants Pass cops play-off with Klamath Falls for A-1 district mantle. Grants Pass beats Crater twice for state tourney spot. Talent wins Jackson County B league baseball title, beats Malin for district crown, dumps Moro for state tourney berth, loses to Echo, Gaston in state meet. Medford high tops Roseburg, Marshfield in golf, ties for fifth in state link tourney. Eldon Francis, Medford, top prep javelin heaver in nation for April. Jack Moad, ex-Medford high, sets University of Oregon shot put mark of 50-3; Moad stricken with polio. Ashland, Phoenix, win Southern Oregon Conference sportsman trophy. Mrs. W. W. Davies, Medford, tops Williamette Valley - Southern Oregon Golf tourney. L. E. Brentlinger, Eugene, wins Medford Rifle club outdoor tourney. Don Sample wins motorcycle field meet at Copper. Willow lake opens to anglers. League Bowling champions: Table Rock Lumber, Commercial; City Slickers, Evergreen; Norton Lumber, City; Elk Lumber, Ladies Classic; Hammer's Sporting Goods, Men's Classic; Hi Voltage, Copco; Continental Lumber, Rogue Valley; Pacific Telephone, Industrial; Scrubs, and Hi Lo, Sunday Mixed; U. S. Bank, Victory; Rogue Rollers, Rogue Sportsman. Southern Oregon Handicap bowling leaders: Jovin Brake Supply, Roseburg, Jorgensen's Dairy, Medford; Shirl Coe, Roseburg, and Mae Shoelcliff, Myrtle Creek, Ellen Jones, Myrtle Creek, doubles; Bob Jones, Myrtle Creek, Billie Gardner, Grants Pass, all-events. Roseburg beats Medford Studs twice, Studs whip Yreka, Calif. George Harrington, Medford,

nabs Roseburg Golf invitational. Pro wrestling ends here because of state ban on lady grapplers. Cincinnati Redlegs trade Glen Gorbous, ex-Medford Nugget, to Philadelphia Phillies.

JUNE:
Medford Studs win two baseball frays from Yreka, Calif., nab four from Grants Pass, split with Bandon and Bend, lose two to Drain, down Mt. Shasta, Calif., defeat Scott Valley, Calif. Derald Wooton, ex-Medford high pitcher, quits pro ball, joins the Studs; Pitcher Terry Maddox University of Oregon most valuable, unbeaten in Northern division, ex-Medford high, joins Studs. Roseburg wins state Elks trapshoot here. George Harrington, Mrs. W. W. Davies, Medford, state Elks golf champs. John Willener, Eugene, wins Mail Tribune trapshooting trophy with 100 straight. Eldon Francis, Medford, hurls javelin 194 1/2 for state AAU prep division mark. Jack Morris, ex-Medford high, cops state AAU college division hurdes. Central Point-Medford American Legion junior baseballers beat Ashland, Klamath Falls twice, Lakeview four times. Ernie Guiducci, Crescent City, Calif., top racer Western Speedboat association regatta, Emigrant lake. Sue DeVoe fires 74 for Rogue Valley Country club non-competitive golf record; runner-up for Oregon Golf association junior championship and medal honors, Portland. Kent Ballard, Medford, second in Yreka junior rifle tourney. George Harrington's 67 ties men's non-competitive mark for men at RVCC. Portland Lind Forestists club Klamath Falls Bonettes in women's softball here. George Harrington, Al Williams, RVCC, defeat Billy Maxwell, Bo Wininger, touring pros

match play in Pacific Northwest Golf association tourney, Getchell out in semi-finals, Harrington in quarter-finals; Sue DeVoe, Medford, second low qualifier in women's PNGA, loses in semi-finals. Police Chief Charles Champlin reelected president of Medford Police Athletic league. Oregon Isaac Walton league directors meet here, approve the



LARRY COPPLE
All-State Cager

John Day dam, oppose blanket either sex deer season in Eastern Oregon. Grand Pacific shoot of Pacific International Trapshooting association held at Medford Gun club; winners are: George Morin, Fairchild, Wash., high overall; Gordon Miller, Drain, all-around; Dan Orlich, Reno, AA and doubles; John Simpson, Portland, 250 straight for singles; Lloyd Hauptman, Chemult grand handicap; George Blum, Tillamook, new PITA president. Medford intermediates, Grants Pass Cubs southern Oregon junior baseball champs; Medford Tigers take southern pee wee division. Glendale wins regular Rogue Valley league baseball play. George Harrington defeats Bob Rasmussen for Rogue Valley Country club men's golf mantle.

AUGUST:
Medford Studs baseball club beats Crescent City, Calif., lose two to Drain, lose to House of David, drop two to Bend, win two from Coquille, split with Coos Bay-North Bend. Medford pee wees southern Oregon junior baseball champs. Alton Stone, Mike DeVore, Medford, in Shrine all-star grid game, Portland; injury keeps Paul Eckel out of game; Virgil Swanson official for game. Jim McAbee, Talent, outstanding line-man for West in B Shrine football game. 373 boys in Medford school summer baseball program. Tom Hamlin Jr., Phil Mongrain camp Mira Frohnmayer girls' chappy in Rogue Valley Country club golf tourney. George Harrington, Medford, second in Oregon Golf association medal tourney, ties for father's honors in state father-son tourney. Rogue Valley QT's lose in state softball tourney. Glendale tops Butte Falls

in Rogue Valley league baseball playoff. John Kovenz added to Medford senior high coaching staff. Charles Williams, Karl Kahle, Robert Work, Bernard Averill added to junior high coaching staffs. Wrestling, golf, seventh grade intramural football added to junior high athletic program. Don West, Jerry Kalapus, Medford, win Washington park junior doubles, Portland. Rogue Valley Retriever club trophies go to Kip, owned by Ken Demman, open all-age; Cindy, owned by Lee Skaggs, puppy stake; Bell, owned by Earl Wescott, qualifying stake; Rip, owned by Gene Hunt, derby stake. Pro Al Williams' 64 new non-competitive RVCC course record; Williams fourth in the Roseburg open. Harry Terrell Sr., RVCC senior golf champ. Millard Webb named St. Mary's high coach. Mrs. W. W. Davies defeats Sue DeVoe for RVCC ladies' club golf toga. Tom Hamlin, Medford, Ashland city golf champ. Medford high starts football drill with 19 lettermen. QT's beat Durham, lose to Orland in softball double-bill. Art Thompson new Eagle Point high basketball coach. Drain wins Southern Oregon baseball league title. Gary McGill, Medford, second in junior 50 meters, Portland junior Olympic swimming. Don Sample wins Gypsy cycle tour events. Phil Davies' 66 in Southern Oregon Golf qualifying new RVCC competitive record; Clayton Lewis shoots 67, Harry Millette 68.

SEPTEMBER:
Bob Atkinson, Portland, beats Dick Bailey, Redding, Carole Jo Kabler, Sutherlin, downs, Mrs. W. W. Davies, Medford for Southern Oregon Golf titles here; tourney has record entry, 219 men, 63 women; Shirley Siegmund, Eugene women's medalist. Cecil James goes 3,157 laps without relief to win Jaycee 24-hour marathon hardtop race here. John Kovenz to be head baseball coach at Medford high. Medford high footballers beat Cleveland, lose to Gresham, down Roseburg, tie Milwaukie; Halfback Gary Riley of Baker joins Medford gridders. George, Gary Harrington, Rogue Valley Country club father-son golf champs. Lake of the Woods treated; all fish killed to rid lake of trash, spiny fish. Phil Morris, ex-Medford, sparks University of Oregon gridders over Utah. Eldon Francis named to Scholastic Coach magazine all-America track team with second best javelin throw in country. National champ Jack Pucas, Eugene, Larry Lewis, Dave Mansfield, Gene Cronin, Jimmy Evans, Roger Hout, Larry Nord, George Harrington, Medford, winners in Police Athletic league boxing card. Norm Chapman, ex-Medford center on U of O grid squad. Phoenix high stuns Crater in football.

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TERRY MADDOX
UO Most Valuable

won all-state prep honors and in football Monte Holist and Gary Riley received all-state recognition.

University of Oregon had the top number of ex-Tornado stars—they included Jack Morris, Norm Chapman and Mike DeVore in football; Morris, Ed Bingham and Jack Moad in track; Terry Maddox the school's most valuable baseballer, and Dave Newland, coast college wrestling champ. Everett Kastner was on the Frosh basketball squad.

At Oregon State college Larry Copple and Glen Peterson were on the Rook basketball was starring for the University squad. Frank Rector, all-stater, of Portland cage varsity while Jerry Kalapus was on the varsity at Pacific university. Ed McCullough made the starting football team at Anderson college, Indiana.

The three big tourneys were the Grand Pacific of the Pacific International Trapshooting association in which George Morin was high gunner, the Oregon Open golf event won by Bruce Cudd and the Southern Oregon Golf tourney won by Bob Atkinson and Carole Jo Kabler, national junior women's champ.

Golf standouts from RVCC were in state and northwest meets, George Harrington, Phil Getchell, Harry Millette, George Harrington, Sue DeVoe, Mrs. W. W. Davies and George Beechler. The latter, an Ontario resident, won the state amateur match crown and Getchell and Harrington placed high in the



ELDON FRANCIS
Track All-American

in exhibition here. Harrington, Ray Wise, down Bill Blackledge, Norton Smith, for RVCC two-ball partnership title. Fred Richardson upped to head coach at Jacksonville high. Doris Hickson hurls no-hitter for Rogue Valley QT softballers. Belle, Labrador, owned by Earl Wescott, cinches Rogue Valley Retriever club qualifying stake trophy. Bob Stevens Western Six Game Singles bowling champ here. Phil Getchell, Harry Millette, RVCC, semi-finalists in Oregon Golf association tourney; Harrington, DeVoe, out in quarter-finals. Painter, Central Point, Romino, Ashland, throw no-hitters in southern Oregon junior baseball.

JULY:
George Beechler, Ontario, defeats Phil Getchell, Medford, in Oregon Golf association tourney finals. Medford Cheney Stud finals. Medford Cheney Studs baseballers lose three to Coquille, lose two to Washington Cheney Studs, tie McCloud, Cal., beat Crescent City, Cal., down Roseburg twice, bounce Mt. Shasta, Calif., whip Grants Pass twice, lose two to Coos Bay-North Bend, drop two to Bandon. Central Point-Medford American Legion junior baseballers fall twice to Klamath Falls, win three from Ashland, cop district title, loses two to Roseburg in regional play-offs. Jack Cooney new manager of Medford Studs. Getchell plays on northwest Morse cup golf team. Getchell, George Harrington, Medford, among the low eight medal scorers to reach

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