

Capable Grants Pass Hoopmen Bow To Black Tornado 42-39

Medford Leads Conference Play

Table with 3 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Medford 5, 0, 1.000; Grants Pass 3, 2, .600; Ashland 1, 4, .200.

They may not have an impressive, sparkling record but the Grants Pass high hoopmen are capable of creating anxiety aplenty in the Southern Oregon Conference.

Tornado cagers ran their conference triumph string to five straight against no defeats but only after narrowly averting upset by the slow 'em down Cavemen in Oregon's Climate City.

The outcome enabled the Black Tornado to maintain its two-game leadership over second place Klamath Falls in the District 6 A-1 banner battle.

Chuck Weller of Grants Pass stepped to the free line on Dick McLaughlin's infraction with this brief time remaining.

The effort failed with both the Tornado and Referees Jim Bocchi and Harold Douglas wise to the seeming strategy.

Grants Pass trying for close jumpers and pushers and for goals or free shots off drive in attempts hopped in front at the start of action and it wasn't until the second canto that the Tornado could tie up the fracas and get the lead.

Medford Pressed Medford resorted to a pressing defense toward the end of the first quarter to launch its push on top.

Medford, behind 4 to 6 at the end of the first quarter, rolled in 16 markers and limited Grants Pass to another six in the second period to grind into the lead in the scuffle.

John Foust on Bob Tisdell's feed made it 34 to 24 at the final quarter opened but sharp-shooting Tom Bernet hit from key slot for GP for 34 to 26.

Tisdell swished a shot from the corner for another spread of 10—the last one. Weller dropped into free shots for 36 to 28 then Neil Plumley got a free one for Medford for 37 to 28.

Foust fought free under the hoop to make it 39 for Medford but a moment later fouled Drews who put in the 33rd and 34th points for the Cavemen.

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Foust and McLaughlin tallied on feeds by Cople and Tisdell goaled from the side as Nevi got a pair of gifters for GP for an 18 to 12 score.

The Cavemen kept an eagle eye on Medford's high scoring Tisdell but he had five field goals and headed Tornado scoring despite their efforts with 13 points.

Cople and Plumley were Medford's leading rebounders for the night with nine retrieves apiece. Cople was the chief feeder and second high Medford scorer with 12.

Tom Bernet was the GP offensive thorn in Medford's flesh. He had some good goaling chances and made good use of seven of them and added three

field shots for 17 points and high tally laurels for the night.

Medford had a 28 to 22 edge in rebounding in a contest between two teams of equal height. A good number of "lost balls" were marked down for each club in the first half but play was steadier in the second.

The Tornado didn't get many shots and didn't hit too well at the beginning but wound up with a commendable .414 average for the night from the field.

Along with deliberate play it was free shots which helped Grants Pass make a close game of it. The Cavemen had 15 gift goals to Medford's eight.

Medford was better from the field 17 to 12.

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

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JACKSON COUNTY B LEAGUE STANDINGS. St. Mary's 4, 0, 1.000; Talent 3, 1, .750; Prospect 3, 1, .750; Rogue River 3, 3, .500; Butte Falls 1, 3, .250; Jacksonville 0, 4, .000.

St. Mary's high of Medford, the front aggregation in the Jackson County B league, will display its prowess this afternoon on its home floor by taking on a Klamath Falls parochial school basketball team.

Sacred Heart high of the Klamath County B loop will provide the opposition for the Crusaders.

There will be a junior varsity tussle at 1:30 p.m. with the varsity game to come shortly after that prelim action.

Leaders in the Jackson County B Basketball upped their margins over lower division aggregations Friday night at St. Mary's high of Medford, Talent and Prospect came through with victories.

St. Mary's won by a lopsided 68 to 44 count over Jacksonville to keep undefeated in the circuit. Talent held its second place knot with Prospect by turning back Rogue River 53 to 47 while Prospect was fighting past Butte Falls 61 to 53.

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Rogue River in absorbing its third league setback gave the Bulldogs a fairly tight battle over the distance. Talent had period leads of 15 to 9, 28 to 25 and 43 to 36 but had to bust a 35-all deadlock in the third.

Bill Weaver of the Chiefs was high point man in the mix with 14 while Jack Barrett and Gary Combs each tabulated 13 for the winners.

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over Butte Falls. The Cougars grabbed the lead in the first quarter and were tied but were not overtaken until the third period when Butte Falls went on top 41 to 40.

The game was tied at 16-16 at the quarter mark. The Cougars had a 34 to 30 halfway margin and led 46 to 44 at the third intermission.

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Eight MIBL On Schedule During Week

Eight Medford Independent Basketball League contests, several of them crucial for clubs battling for berths in the upper half of the circuit, are on the slate for this week.

In addition Hawkinson Tire Tread will step outside the league for one night in March of Dimes benefit action and YMCA will mix in a prelim to Harlem Globetrotter-House of David play.

Company A of the National Guard, which has caught stride of late and is in fifth place, hopes to make progress toward a first division spot when it scuffles the Phoenix Merchants in the 7 p.m. scruple Monday at McLoughlin junior high.

YMCA, tied with Phoenix for second, goes to Butte Falls for 8 p.m. play on Monday.

On Tuesday Headquarters Company of the National Guard will be foe of YMCA in the early game at McLoughlin while fourth-place Hawkinson's go after Phoenix in the second hassle.

Company A will make another bid toward the upper group against YMCA in the early conflict on Wednesday at the junior high. Phoenix, victor over Prospect in non-league play but loser to the Lions in the conference, gets another try at the upper Rogue team in the other Wednesday affair.

The Hawkinson's team has non-league activity on Wednesday evening when it plays Yellow Cab in a March of Dimes benefit at the senior high. Medford Police and Firemen will be rivals in the opener of the doublebill. YMCA scraps the Cabbies Thursday at Central Point prior to Globetrotter-David's presentation.

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Firemen Have Vets Back for Mix With Policemen; Treadmen Play Cabbies in MOD Double Feature

While the Medford Firemen don't claim to have a lot of actual basketball experience, they'll have a "veteran" squad back for the second annual court skirmish with the City Police-men at the senior high school gym on Wednesday night.

The two city of Medford forces play at 7 p.m. that night in the first game of a March of Dimes benefit doublebill. Yellow Cab and YMCA are contestants for the second game.

Capt. Dale Davis of the Smoke Eaters has named a 13-man squad for the evening. Of this group eight were on the squad which last year trimmed the Patrolmen. Five of the eight now loom as probable starters.

Others who were on the 1935 roster are Gene Williams, Vern Ritchie and Ted Marcisz. Also on the club are Howard Funk, Kenneth Randle, Jim Minnis, Merlin Farnsworth and Bob Hawkins.

Davis is the tallest on the squad at 6 feet 5 inches and Dawson the shortest at 5-6. Hawkinson Tires currently is running in fourth place in the Medford Independent Basketball League just 2 1/2 games behind the leader. Yellow Cab won the MIBL championship last year but this season is contending outside the loop.

The Cabbies have several ex-Southern Oregon college and ex-southern Oregon prep players on their roster. Dale Newton, Tiger Smith and Bill McLean are former players for the college at Ashland. Don Reese has played at Gonzaga university and Grants Pass high and Gary Effenbeck was a hoopster for Shasta junior college.

Don Wendt was a B all-stater at Jacksonville high and Bill Werner played for Medford's Black Tornado. Dick Knutson is an ex-St. Mary's high stand-out and Chuck Stacy is a veteran of many seasons of AAU and independent ball.

Of the Hawkinson team brothers Jack, Darrell and Lloyd Johnson had prep experience at Red Oak, Ia., and Stanford, Ia., before their independent play. Lloyd was a state tourney hoop player for Stanton and made all-state in football. Fred Johnson, another brother, has played several seasons of independent ball and was with Yellow Cab last year.

Bob Cavanaugh played for an Alameda, Calif. high school and in the Navy. Bob Serak has had prep and independent experience in Chicago. Jack Boardman is an ex-Medford high cager and Orville Nichols was a Talent high hoopman. Dick Wallace has taken part in military service and independent ball.

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OSC-Rooks Trim-Frosh

Corvallis—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Rooks, losers in their first two outings this season, broke into the win column Friday night with a 69-53 basketball victory over the Oregon Frosh.

The game was a preliminary to the Oregon State-Stanford game at Gill Coliseum.

The Rooks, paced by tall Gary Goble, jumped into a 20-4 lead and kept the Ducklings from scoring a field goal for the first nine minutes of play. The Rooks led at halftime, 34-20.

Goble scored 19 points and Don Pino got 15 for the Rooks. Bud Kukendall scored 15 for the Ducklings.

Table with 4 columns: Player, FG, FT, PF, TP. Rooks: Goble 4, 2, 2, 19; Pino 3, 3, 2, 15; Kukendall 2, 2, 2, 15. Total 9, 7, 6, 49.

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Erskine Starts Ninth Season With Dodgers

Brooklyn—(U.P.)—Right-hander Carl Erskine, about to start his ninth season with the Dodgers, has signed for approximately the same \$20,000 he received a year ago and reported to Brooklyn officials that his arm is sound again.

Erskine, who sent in his signed contract from Anderson, Ind., Friday, began brilliantly in 1935 by winning his first six games. But he suffered arm and back trouble after that and wound up the year with a disappointing 11-8 record.

The popular veteran, who led all Dodger pitchers with 18 victories in 1934, told Brooklyn officials that the soreness is gone from his arm and back and that he feels he can become a consistent winner again. Erskine's lifetime record of 100 victories and 57 defeats is one of the best among all active pitchers.

Beavers Win Friday Play

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Coach Slat's Gill's Oregon State Beavers shot a sizzling .393 from the field here Friday night to turn back Stanford, 69-59, in a Pacific Coast conference basketball game.

With big 6-7 Dave Gambee leading the way, the Beavers had little trouble handling the Indians and at the same time chalking up their second PCC win of the season in five starts.

The first half of play was close. The score was knotted eight times before the Beavers were able to go out in front to stay at 23-21 with five minutes remaining in the half. From the 32-26 halftime margin the Beavers began to increase the bulge and twice during the second half held leads of 14 points.

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Basketball

FRIDAY COLLEGE SCORES. Holy Cross 96, American Int. 78; Iowa St. 81, Drake 60; Utah 60, Oklahoma City 58; Montana St. 63, Whitworth 58; Utah 60, Oklahoma City 58; Oregon St. 69, Stanford 59; Washington 62, Washington St. 42; Oregon 84, Idaho 76; Portland 69, Regis 59; Oregon State Rooks 69, Oregon Frosh 53; Montana State 63, Whitworth 58; Eastern Oregon 85, Oregon College 84; Gonzaga 77, Seattle Pacific 65; Western Washington 52, British Columbia 36; Northwest Nazarene 79, St. Martins 49; Southern Oregon 87, Portland 81; Central Washington 76, Eastern Washington 66.



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Gambee, the leading point producer for the Orange and Black this season, collected 10 of his day's 16 points in the waning minutes.

For Stanford it made it four-win in counting play for the year against a pair of losses. The Beavers received for their fourth loss in six Coast conference tilts thus far.



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