

TORNADO PULLS TO THREE-FRAY CONFERENCE LEAD; FIRST CLUB TO GAIN TOURNAMENT BERTH

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct
Medford	8	0	1.000
Klamath Falls	5	3	.625
Grants Pass	2	6	.250
Ashland	1	7	.125

The Medford Black Tornado got off to a good start, slowed and cooled in the middle portions of the ruckus and finished with a rush that stemmed a Grizzly challenge to crush the Ashland high hoopers 65 to 49 Saturday night and take a three-game lead in the Southern Oregon Conference championship.

Medford, first A-1 cage contingent to qualify for state tournament play, ran its unblemished conference record to eight wins Saturday night and got help from the Grants Pass Craymen in opening the three-fray gap over the second place Klamath Falls Pelicans. Grants Pass nipped the Pels 47 to 46 to stay in the running for one of the two District 6 tourney berths.

Klamath Falls comes to Medford next Friday and Saturday and the Black Tornado needs only a series split with the Pels to gain its second successive league diadem.

Big Night At Free Lane

Against the Grizzlies at Ashland Saturday, the Tornado was warm in its first quarter shooting but turned cold from the field during the next two periods. But Medford had a big night at free toss line and got hot from the field in the final stanza to win by its substantial 16 points.

First panel count favored Medford 21 to 10. At halftime it was 30 to 19 and Ashland closed up to 42 to 35 in the third quarter.

At Klamath Falls Allen Drews sank a hook shot under the hoop for Grants Pass to break a 45-all deadlock with six seconds to play. Lee McGill of the Pelicans got two free shots with one second left but made only one of them. Klamath led through most of the fracas and was ahead at the half. Tom Bernert had 16 points for Grants Pass and Donn Taucher of KP and Drews 12 apiece.

Bob Tisdal was the only Medfordite who found the hoop with real regularity at Ashland. He had half of Medford's 20 field goals and seven free shots for 27 points. Dick McLaughlin sighted in for five fielders and had 17 points for the night.

Medford Stalls
The Tornado shot 20 for 56 for .357 for the evening from the field. A seven for 16 first quarter and nine for 17 last stanza built up the average. Medford got only two goals in 12 shots in the second period and just two for 11 in the third. However, at the gift stripe the loop leaders made 25 of 33 tosses.

Action in the second period was slow as Medford fought to bring the Grizzlies out of their zone. But Ashland out fought Medford in the battle for ball and played a steadier game in the third chukker.

Second period play was marked by a two minute stall on the part of the Tornado. Dick Coppel stood holding the ball with a slight grin on his face. The Ashlanders refused to come out after him. A Medford time out halted the dead stall and the Tornado passed the ball about to control it in the last seconds of the half.

The Tornado kept the lead in the game for good after Dick McLaughlin made it 2 to 1 on a close in bucket with 1 1/2 minutes played in the game. The margin was upped to 30 to 15 in the second quarter.

Gay Closed To Five

A free shot by Coppel and a jumper goal by Tisdal were the only Medford scores in the first four minutes of the third quarter. Ashland in the meantime put in two field goals and five free markers to slice the Tornado advantage to 33 to 28. That's closest the Grizzlies came. Medford got seven free shots and a field goal to Ashland's three fielders and one gifter to lead by 10 to seven tallies during the remainder of the quarter.

Syracuse Trims Knickerbockers

By UNITED PRESS
The defending champion Syracuse Nationals started to close in today in a playoff berth in the National Basketball association as Vince Borjia, New York's new coach, started to discover the headaches that plagued Joe Lapchick.

The Nats, buried in last place in the Eastern division, came through with a thumping 101-74 victory on Sunday and pulled to within two games of the third-place New York Knicks who bowed to Boston, 116-108.

In other Sunday games, all day affairs, the Fort Wayne Pistons increased their Western division lead to six full games by beating Minneapolis, 82-78, and the Eastern division leading Philadelphia Warriors downed the St. Louis Hawks, 87-79.

In the first four minutes of the fourth quarter, Medford picked up four field goals and five free shots while Ashland got four points to make the score 55 to 39. Wildest Medford bulge of the night was 19 points, 65 to 46.

Tisdal was able to collect his high total despite sitting out about eight minutes of action because of his third and fourth fouls.

Rebounding in the game favored Medford. Coppel and John Foust headed Medford with nine retrieves each out of a total of 31. Ashland picked off 21 with no Grizzly grabbing more than

BOX SCORE:

Team	fg	ft	pf	tp
Medford	10	2	4	2
Ashland	10	2	3	1

REBOUNDING:

Team	fg	ft	pf	tp
Medford	10	2	4	2
Ashland	10	2	3	1

SPORTS

CRATER CLIPS PHOENIX AGAIN; ILLINOIS VALLEY RECORDS FIRST VICTORY

ROGUE LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct
Phoenix	8	2	.800
Crater	7	3	.700
Eagle Point	4	6	.400
Illinois Valley	1	9	.100

Crater high was only one game back of first place and Illinois Valley had its first win of the 1955-1956 basketball season when the final buzzers sounded on Rogue league games Saturday night.

At Central Point the Crater Comets came from behind in the fourth quarter to boom by league-leading Phoenix, 49 to 46. At Cave Junction the IV Cougars got by Eagle Point 54 to 53 for their initial hoop victory in 17 conflicts.

The Comets, adding the Saturday night verdict to a 72 to 54 win on Friday, took a series sweep over the Pirates and stayed in the running for the conference diadem. Illinois Valley, which dropped a 41 to 39 Friday game, got a week end split with the Eagles.

Eagle Point's bid for at least second place in the final loop standings was ruined and week end results insured first round byes for Phoenix and Crater in the southern division tourney of District 6 A-2.

Comets Warm Up
In their Saturday engagement the Comets warmed up in the second half after being cold in the first. They fell behind in the early moments of action and never caught up until the fourth quarter when Dick Callender's jumper made it 40-all. Callender followed with another jumper bucket for 42 to 40 and Crater kept on top from there. Phoenix had intramission leads of 12 to 8, 23 to 19 and 36 to 34.

IV's Cougars were a fired up team Saturday. They held 22 to 12, 32 to 25 and 46 to 38 margins at the quarters. Eagle Point surged up in the third quarter to knot the score at 32-all. The Cougars pulled away from there and had an eight-point lead halfway through the fourth quarter. The Eagles closed in but couldn't quite overtake the Cave Junction squad. After climbing to 53 to 54 Eagle Point missed its two final tries from the field.

The Crater-Phoenix fust was over all, a defensive struggle and for the second night in a row the Comets' Fred Herrmann did a fine job in holding down Bill Madden, tall center of the Pirates. Madden accumulated only 10 points.

Most of Crater's shooting opportunities were good ones and the Comets swished them in the second half where they didn't in the first. The Comets had 20 field goals to the Pirates' nine in the skirmish and put in just nine gifts while Phoenix got 18.

Phoenix headed by one to three points much of the fracas and opened a nine-point gap in the third period.

Ray Dahl of the Pirates got 17 points and Herrmann, Bob Gray and Nathan Douthit of Crater each 12.

George Plumlee was the big shooter for the Cougars on Saturday with 28 tallies, 19 in the first half. Gary Foran did a good job of holding Plumlee down during a big share of the opening half but midway in the second quarter was sidelined when he bit through his lip.

Ray Drake Picked Over Smallwood

New York—(U.P.)—Handsome Ray Drake of Far Rockaway, N.Y., is favored at 7-5 to beat Hardy (Bazooka) Smallwood of Brooklyn tonight in their TV-middling 10-rounder at St. Nicholas arena.

Drake, 25, is favored because of his skill and ruggedness although he lost his last two bouts to Peter Mueller of Germany and slugger Tony Baldoni.

Jack Greb was the Eagle high point man with 22.

Rebound retrieving was about even in both Saturday games.

Rogue league play winds up this Friday and Saturday with Phoenix meeting Illinois Valley and Eagle Point playing Crater.

LINE-UPS:
Illinois Valley 54
Pickle 6
Preston 4
Plumlee 28
Kinney 11
Kenny 3
Substitutions—For Illinois Valley: Camp 2, Smith, King; for Eagle Point: Boren 4, Tresham 1.

Crater 49
Shama 5
Herrmann 12
Madden 12
Lefler 2
Douthit 12
Substitutions—For Crater: Callender 6, Goyette; for Phoenix: Wallace 2.

Fay Crocker Golf Winner

Miami Beach, Fla.—(U.P.)—Fay Crocker of Montevideo, Uruguay, had her educated putter to thank today for a second straight triumph in the \$3,500 Sebring Women's Golf Tournament.

Miss Crocker, Women's Open champion, won the tournament yesterday when she outplayed Patty Berg in the final round to finish with a 36-hole total of 144. Miss Crocker sank a seven-foot putt on the final green for a par four and a 73 while Miss Berg faded on the final three holes.

Cathy Cornelius of Lake Worth Fla., Betty Dodd of San Antonio, Tex., and Ruth Jensen of Seattle, Wash., tied for third with 148s.

Kroll Victor At Tucson

Tucson, Ariz.—(U.P.)—The best tournament golfer of his career made veteran pro Ted Kroll, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., \$2,000 richer today as he and the rest of the touring professionals headed into Texas for more stops on the winter circuit.

Kroll captured the 11th edition of the \$10,000 Tucson Open Saturday with a 72-hole total of 264, the lowest in his career.

Next stop on the tournament trail is the \$20,000 Texas Open which begins Thursday in San Antonio.

Finsterwald Bids
In his final five-under-par 65 round, Kroll held off a bid by Dow Finsterwald.

Finsterwald shot a 67 for a 72-hole score of 267, three strokes behind Kroll.

Gene Littler of Palm Springs, Calif., finished in third place with a 268. Tied for fourth at 269 were Don January, of Abilene, Tex., Paul Harney, Belmont, Mass., and Lionel Hebert, Erie, Pa.

GIANTS SIGN PITCHERS

New York—(U.P.)—Two young pitchers—right hander Ramon Monzant and lefty Joe Margoneri—whom the New York Giants hope will make the club this spring have signed their 1956 contracts.

Bowling

BANTAM BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Rainbow Cafe	16	11
Bud Wilson's Chevrolet	16	11
Hudson's Pharmacy	16	11
Kiwans	15 1/2	11 1/2
V. F. W. 3	13 1/2	13 1/2
Cummings Agency	13 1/2	13 1/2
W. O. T. M.	13	14
Ginn's Flower Shop	11	16
Hawthorne Market	8	19

W. O. T. M.

Team	W	L
Ed Floate	168	168
Carl Booth	177	177
Mike Jantzer	200	200
Handicap	262	228
Handicap	966	961

V. F. W. 3

Team	W	L
Jobie Kellogg	164	164
Ron Bauman	121	121
Darrell Floate	182	182
D. Bauman	202	202
Handicap	422	284
Handicap	1010	926

Cummings 3

Team	W	L
Jim Wise	174	174
Richard Lenz	148	148
D. Bohannon	173	173
Mike Jantzer	200	200
Handicap	118	160
Handicap	953	936

Rainbow Cafe

Team	W	L
Ralph Goode	223	223
Mary Elrod	148	148
M. Jantzer	170	170
Mike Jantzer	200	200
Handicap	123	358
Handicap	967	948

ROGUE ROLLERS LEAGUE

Vivian Knox of Ralph's Restaurant took high game and high series in Rogue Rollers Bowling League Friday night with scores of 210 and 524. It and M. Shell had high games series, 796 and high team series, 2297. Doris Hickson of Clave Construction picked the 6-7 split.

Team

Team	W	L
Ralph's Restaurant	22	6
Brooks Electric	16	12
B-B Auction	16	12
Mike Jantzer	16	12
H and M Shell	15	13
Women of the Moose	14	14
Rogue Sportsmen	13	15
First National Bank	9	19
Clave Construction	9	19
Chris Drug	8	20
W. O. T. M.	8	20
R. Wadlow	408	324
S. Coulter	374	450
M. Tremblay	321	370
M. Fordyce	380	403
E. Olson	431	503
Handicap	321	2252

B-B Auction 1

Team	W	L
J. McCready	409	380
A. Zohrow	318	383
M. Tremblay	321	370
H. Cully (sub)	427	452
V. Findley	454	409
Handicap	457	2109

F.N.B. 4

Team	W	L
H. Reed	418	407
J. Davis	320	341
V. Schmidt	278	343
M. Martin	378	315
C. Sellsack	383	347
Handicap	1879	1813

Rogue Sportsmen 6

Team	W	L
D. Paul	405	432
D. Webster	358	397
E. Johnson	372	429
A. Frost	353	406
Handicap	83	2133

St. Mary's Eyes Title; Defeats SH

St. Mary's high of Medford will be intent on capturing the Jackson County B League basketball pennant Tuesday night.

The Crusaders have to win only one of their remaining two games this week in the circuit for a clear cut title to the flag and tomorrow evening they are hosts to Jacksonville, last place team in the loop.

Other Tuesday night scraps take Talent to Rogue River and Prospect to Butte Falls. The regular league seasons ends Friday with Jacksonville at Butte Falls, Rogue River at St. Mary's and Talent at Prospect.

St. Mary's all but put Talent, only remaining contender, out of the running last Friday. Talent's hope at best is a deadlock in the final standings and a play-off for the mantle but the Bulldogs must win two and Crusaders must fall twice for that to happen. And the consensus establishes that possibility as a major miracle.

The Medford parochial quint is undefeated in eight league hassles while Talent has lost twice, both times to St. Mary's.

St. Mary's of Medford defeated Sacred Heart high of Klamath Falls 59 to 43 yesterday in a basketball fracas at Klamath Falls.

The home club Trojans were on top 11 to 8 at the quarter and 25 to 23 at the half but the Crusaders of Medford fought ahead 41 to 32 in the third quarter.

Dick Paup of St. Mary's and Rick Wickline of Sacred Heart each scored 16 points.

The Trojans are the second place team in the Klamath County loop and St. Mary's leads the Jackson circuit.

St. Mary's won the jayvee prelim 50 to 43.

LINE-UPS:
St. Mary's 59
Wain 3
G. Dariand 11
Mikache 8
Miller, g
Milton, g
Paup 16
Substitutions—For St. Mary's: Flaik 2, J. Dariand 3, Birmingham, Pruitt, Bechard; for Sacred Heart: Sari 2, Conforti, Ambers, Jackson.

Portland Evens Seattle Series

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland evened up its two game series with Seattle University here last night, handing the Chieftains a 97-84 setback in a rough and tumble game marred by 60 fouls.

Scoring leaders were made at packed 40 minutes as Portland's Jimmy Winters led the Pilots with 34 points, 20 of them coming from the charity stripe. High for the Chiefs was Cal Bauer with 37 and 19 of those were of the one point variety.

Seattle lost four men via the personal route and a fifth man was ejected by the officials for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Southern Oregon Sweep Series From OCE Wolves

By UNITED PRESS
Portland State, the pace setter in the Oregon Collegiate Conference, faces a "make-or-break" week as the Vikings go to the post three times in what could virtually clinch the league toga.

The Viks have a pair with Southern Oregon on the weekend, all on their home floor.

Action the past week didn't hurt the Viking standing any either as their nearest rival, Eastern Oregon had to be satisfied with an even split with Oregon Tech.

The Owls won the opener at Klamath Falls Friday night, 74-55, only to see the Mountaineers rebound for a 70-67 decision in the Saturday night tangle.

Southern Oregon two-timed Oregon College to maintain at least a mathematical chance at the league title, Friday night the Red Raiders coasted to an easy 80-64 win and followed up Saturday with nearly as easy 78-63 verdict at Ashland.

The Raiders hopped to 8 to 0 advantage at the start Saturday but halfway through the first half the Wolves went on top 19 to 18. SOC came back to head 32 to 30 at halftime.

Margin for the victors was 67 to 50 with five minutes to play.

Southern Oregon shot 26 for 56 for .464 from the field. OCE made 25 for 70 for .357.

BOX SCORE:

Team	fg	ft	pf	tp
Adams, f	10	0-0	0	0
Jones, f	6	0-1	3	10
Young, c	4	6-12	3	14
Girod, g	1	0-0	1	2
Miller, g	7	3-4	2	17
Milton, g	2	0-1	0	4
Summers, g	1	2-2	1	4

'Cats Subdue Cl 2nd Time

By UNITED PRESS
Action in the Northwest Conference resumes on two fronts tonight, taking only a one night breather from the week end's action that put the top three clubs into a real scramble for the league leadership.

Linfield hosts Whitman at McMinnville while College of Idaho moves to Salem for a one game engagement with Willamette.

Linfield stunned the look dopsters over the week end by rising up to twice belt down the league leading Coyotes from Idaho. Friday night it was a rout for the Wildcats, winning 89-51. Saturday it was more difficult but the same result with Linfield taking a 75-64 decision.

At the same time Willamette two-timed Whitman, Friday by a 92-56 shellacking and followed up with a 59-42 win Saturday at Salem.

Lewis and Clark and Pacific fought out the only close game in the loop during the week end's action at Forest Grove before the Badgers gained a 64-62 win over Lewis and Clark.

Washington Husky Fund Does Exist

Seattle, Wash.—(U.P.)—The existence of a "downtown fund" for aid to University of Washington athletes was confirmed Sunday night by its proprietor but he denied it was used to pay "salaries" to football players.

R. C. (Torchy) Torrance, Seattle businessman known as the chief recruiter of football talent for the university, said the "downtown fund does exist." But he said it does not contain the \$75,000 widely rumored.

Torrance made his remarks in a radio-television broadcast set up to answer the charges of ousted Football Coach Johnny Cherberg that Torrance was part of an "unhappy triumvirate" which brought about Cherberg's firing.

Just about everyone knew about the fund, Torrance said, except top university officials, and "they've heard rumors."

"Every conference school and every other university of any consequence knows of such funds," Torrance said.

Cherberg told a committee of the Washington state legislature that Torrance got him kicked out because "Torrance was afraid he would lose control of the fund unless I was out of the picture." The legislature is investigating the disturbed athletic picture at Washington.

More than 330 reservoirs have been built in northeastern Brazil as an anti-drought protection measure.

Martinez Grade Cagers To Play St. Mary's Five

Martinez, Calif., division championship basketball team, in the 85 pound class, from St. Catherine's parochial school, will be in Medford, Saturday, Feb. 18, to play an exhibition game with a St. Mary's squad.