

Tornado Wears Southern Oregon Conference Toga

Medfordites Overtake KF Crew 56-53

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct
Medford	9	1	.900
Klamath Falls	6	4	.600
Grants Pass	3	7	.300
Ashland	2	8	.200

When the 1956 Medford high school basketball season is history, the Black Tornado's thrilling struggle last Saturday night with the Klamath Falls Pelicans should be written into the campaign record book as one of the most memorable of the year.

Medford's rumbuling Whirlwinds, outplayed in the first two periods, fought a magnificent uphill battle in the second half, came through in the clutch in a tense and trying finish to overtake the Pelicans 56 to 53 and ran up the Southern Oregon Conference title banner for the third time in four seasons.

It was a real team triumph for the Black Tornado but big, rugged Dick McLaughlin had the major starting role. Terrific under the backboards in play which helped hold the Pelicans' tall ace, Glenn Moore, without a fieldgoal, McLaughlin flipped the two braces of free shots for the tying and winning counters.

One pair of the husky forward's gift line swishes, with the weight of victory or defeat on his shoulders, gave Medford its fourth tie of the night, 53-51, with three minutes left to play. His last pair with 63 seconds to go provided the winning counters. Medford had not led before in the fracas.

Medford's triumph was its ninth in 10 conference games and its 15th for the hoop year against five losses. The Tornado inflicted Klamath with its fourth conference setback but the Pelicans in defeat still gained the second state tourney spot from District 6 A-1, Ashland, already out of the running, crushed the hopes of Grants Pass Saturday by dumping the Cavemen 53 to 38.

The Black Tornado and Klamath Falls are the first two clubs in A-1 ranks to qualify for state tournament action.

Outlook for a Medford title-clinching victory was bleak when Klamath took a 10-point 33 to 23 lead on Butch Kimpton's long shot in the opening seconds of the third quarter. But the Black Tornado with a never-give-up poised whole team effort, which is the mark of champions, began its upward fight from this point. By surges the Medfordites picked away at the Pelicans, then traded them counter for counter for a spell, caught up, went in front and held on until time ran out.

Improved shooting after a second quarter lag and equal terms under the backboards, with McLaughlin heading this scrap, aided the Medford climb. Bob Tisdell with field goals and McLaughlin with eight free markers in nine tries headed the scoring but all hands contributed to the scoring. And in the final minute vital ballhawking by Lloyd Cearley and Tisdell helped preserve the Medford edge.

After Klamath took its 10-point margin Tisdell swished a long pusher, Plumley a hook shot and McLaughlin his first pair of gifts to cut the deficit to 33 to 29. Kimpton got a driver for KF but Cearley his from 15 feet for 35 to 31. Then Don Taucher drove in for a goal and

Orin Perkins canned a free shot and a rebound goal to make the score 40 to 31.

McLaughlin sank another two from the free stripe and Plumley plunked in a fielder for 40 to 35. Perkins got two free points for Klamath but Tisdell jumped from the side for 42 to 37. Earl Tichenor hooked for the Pels and Dick Coppel pushed from close range for Medford for 44 to 39 at the end of the quarter.

Medford slipped up to 44 to 43 in the tensing tangle when Cearley hit from far out and Tisdell dribbled for a lay-in off a jump ball. But Taucher got a free heave and Tichenor a pivot shot to up the count to 47 to 43. Tisdell made a long set but Cliff Sutherland hit in close for KF for 49 to 45. McLaughlin hooked from near the hoop but Tichenor got two free shots for 51 to 47. There were 3½ minutes left to play.

A goal by Tisdell was offset by two free tosses by Kimpton but those were Klamath's last points. Coppel flicked in a long jump for 53 to 51. With three minutes to play Taucher, driving for the basket and passing to Moore, fouled McLaughlin. The rugged Medford forward then calmly put in both tries to tie the score. Tallies which put Medford on top for the first time during the night came on a foul by Kimpton. McLaughlin again bearing up under the tension plunked the shots away.

Cearley in the final minute succeeded in tying up the ball. But Klamath got possession after the jump. Tisdell got the ball for Medford with a slick steal with 30 seconds left. Medford played keep-away until with four seconds left three Pels ganged up on Coppel and a four was whistled on Taucher. Coppel dropped in his first shot and missed the second.

Taucher then boomed in for a Klamath bucket but the buzzer had sounded, ending the game and nullifying the goal. The jubilant Medford squad put Coach Frank Roelandt on their shoulders and gave him the traditional ride. Klamathites headed by Assistant Coach Ray Coley go into a beef with Timer Paul Evensen in discussion of the invalidity of Taucher's bucket. Someone, reportedly a Klamath player, pulled Evensen, big Medford high grid line coach to the floor.

Klamath clearly was the better club in the first half. Moore and Perkins were the big guns in two to one backboard control for the Pels and deadly hook shooting by Tichenor and the driving of Taucher paced the offense. Medford, nevertheless had a good first quarter and after falling behind once 12 to 19 was on the short end only 18 to 21 after the period ended.

In the second quarter the Tornado was met by good defense play and managed only two field goals in 11 tries. Klamath was in front at the half 31 to 23. Tisdell with eight field goals topped point producing with 18.

New York — (U.P.) — Al Worthington, a 19-game winner with Minneapolis last season, was signed to his 1956 contract with the New York Giants today. Manager Bill Rigney hopes Worthington will develop into a steady winner for the Giants this year. His salary was estimated at \$18,500.

Tichenor had 14 for the Pelicans.

Klamath led 30 to 22 in backboard retrieving for the night. The Pels had 16 to Medford's eight in the first half but the rebounds were 14 each in the last two quarters. Perkins had nine and Moore eight for KF and McLaughlin eight for Medford.

The Tornado had a 396 field goal average with 21 for 53. Best mark was six for 10 in the fourth quarter. Over the route Medford bettered Klamath 21 to 18 from the field but KF had the free throw edge 17 to 14.

Southern Oregon conference play winds up in anti-climax

manner this week end with Medford meeting Grants Pass and Klamath playing Ashland.

BOX SCORE:

Team	fg	ft	pf	tp
Medford	28	11	12	7
McLaughlin, f	3	1	4	5
Plumley, c	2	1	2	1
Coppel, f	8	2	2	18
Tisdell, g	5	2	2	12
Cearley, g	1	0	2	2
Foust	1	0	2	2
Totals	21	14	15	58

Team	fg	ft	pf	tp
Klamath Falls	3	6	1	12
Perkins, f	3	6	1	12
Tichenor, f	6	2	2	14
Moore, c	0	2	2	2
Kimpton, g	3	3	2	9
Taucher, g	4	4	3	12
Burke	0	0	0	0
Sutherland	2	0	0	4
Totals	18	17	10	53

Referees—Virgil Swanson and Lee Flink.

SPORTS

Phoenix Pirate Quint Rogue Loop Champion

didn't allow the Cougars many shots. Only 18 fouls were toted in the fray.

Crater trailed the Eagles 43 to 42 after a nip and tuck third quarter but got the lead early in the final canto and kept it. The Comets were on top 13 to 7 at the quarter and 31 to 25 at the half. They were in front 21 to 19 at one time in the second panel but the Eagles put in five of eight long shot tries to pull up.

Nathan Douthit had 16 points for Crater and John Shama of the Comets and Gale Friend of Eagle Point each 13 markers. Shama and Fred Herrmann of Crater fouled out. Herrmann limited the Eagle's good gunner, Jack Greb, to one field goal.

Phoenix high closed out its regular season basketball schedule Saturday night by lacing Illinois Valley 56 to 29 to hold sole possession of the Rogue League basketball bunting.

The Pirates kept their one-tussle edge over the Crater Comets who tipped Eagle Point 57 to 52 in the other Rogue final.

Hoop activity will continue this week for all league schools when they compete with Henley and Brookings in the District 6 A-2 southern division tourney at Central Point. The play-off will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Phoenix maintained the upper hand Saturday all the way in a slow moving affair in which there was little fouling and in which both quints used zone defenses. Period standings were 12 to 8, 24 to 14 and 40 to 19. Don Wallace scored 16, Charles Wall 15 and Bill Madden 14 for the Pirates and Howard Pickle for the Cougars with seven.

Good Outside Firing
Good shooting from the outside helped the Pirates and they

LINE-UPS:
Medford JV 60
King
Funston
Albert
Peery 2
Brauner 3
Substitutions — For Medford: Mullen 6, Hamlin 13, Russell 7, Publ 8, Payne 6, Wisely 2, Riley 9, Berteau, Lane 4, Bergman, for Klamath: Yuen 2, Ankey, C. Tichenor 2, Green 2, Shaw 5, Cox, Van Buskirk.

LINE-UPS:
44 Klamath JV
5 Tawney
6 Croxford
14 Robertson
6 Bestwell
2 Niles
Substitutions — For Medford: Mullen 6, Hamlin 13, Russell 7, Publ 8, Payne 6, Wisely 2, Riley 9, Berteau, Lane 4, Bergman, for Klamath: Yuen 2, Ankey, C. Tichenor 2, Green 2, Shaw 5, Cox, Van Buskirk.

CI Gets Back Lead in NW

College of Idaho was back on top of the Northwest conference basketball standings today, after being sidetracked to second spot for a week.

The Coyotes two-timed Whitman over the week end, taking a Friday night game, 87-80, and then following up Saturday with a 77-66 win.

The two wins put the Coyotes pack to the front of the league with a 10-4 record for the year. The only counting game remaining on the Idaho schedule is a return engagement with Whitman this week end at Caldwell.

Linfield, holder of the top spot for a week, tumbled into second place as it was bumped by Pacific Saturday night, 76-58. The Wildcats now hold a record of 8-4 and Pacific is close behind with a record of 8-5.

In other action this week end, Lewis and Clark improved its standing twice by bouncing Wilamette, Friday night by a 70-64 margin and Saturday an 80-73 count.

Archie Moore To Fight King
San Francisco — (U.P.) — The world light heavyweight champion Archie Moore, still clamoring for another shot at Rocky Marciano, goes to work for the first time in five months tonight when he meets Howard King of Reno, Nev., in a 10-round, non-title bout. Moore's last fight was against Marciano in New York on Sept. 20, where the Rock kept his world heavyweight title by knocking out Archie in the ninth round.

Four Clubs Have Berths in NCAA

Memphis State, Holy Cross, Marshall and Connecticut owned berths in the NCAA basketball tournament today, while Niagara became the eighth team to accept a bid to the National Invitation shindig.

Marshall and Connecticut automatically joined the NCAA parade by clinching their respective conference championships during the week end, while Holy Cross and Memphis State were named as "at large" entries.

This year's NCAA championships will include 25 teams. Thus, 14 more conference representatives and seven additional independent teams must be selected before the eliminations get underway on four widely-scattered fronts March 12.

Officials of the NIT have a much easier row to hoe. They have been getting the jump on their NCAA rivals by signing up independent teams for the last three weeks and now have only four berths unfilled.

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Prep Jayvee Aggregation Tips KF Club

Medford high school jayvees put the brakes on a Pelican rally and pulled to a comfortable lead Saturday night to whack the Klamath Falls junior varsity 60 to 44 in the preliminary to the varsity cage contest.

The Junior Tornado romped to a 33 to 21 advantage in the third quarter. Then it appeared that a Pelican surge would catch it as it did Friday night. But, after the gap had been cut to four points twice at 36 to 32 and 38 to 34, Medford rolled away again.

First quarter score was 7-all. At half-time the count was 24 to 19 for Medford and after three quarters it was 36 to 28. Robertson of Klamath was the high point producer with 14 and Tom Hamlin carded 13 for Medford.

There was evidence of spirited feeling between the two clubs in the second half.

Gorbous Signs Up At Philadelphia

Clearwater, Fla. — (U.P.) — Slugger Del Ennis, infielder Ted Kazanski and outfielder Glen Gorbous were signed by the Philadelphia Phillies today. Ennis, who hit .296 and drove in 120 runs last season, is believed to have signed for \$32,500.

Red Hat Supporters To Ask Smith's Support

Portland — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith will be urged to continue activities of the Red Hat Day education program for Oregon hunters.

L. C. Binford, chairman of the governor's red hat committee, said he would urge continuance because of "encouraging results" from 1955 activities.

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Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

Hedrick 8th Whacks KF

Hedrick junior high's eighth graders were the fourth aggregation Saturday to win basketball action from Klamath Falls.

The Hornets stung the KF eighth 43 to 38 with the Medford regulars encountering little resistance.

Hedrick had 15 to 2, 27 to 9 and 39 to 16 quarterly gaps. Spread was 19 to 2 at one time and in the third quarter the locals pushed to 37 to 9. Good tight Hedrick defense kept the Klamath five from getting good shots.

LINE-UPS:
Hedrick 43
Moore 4
Frohnmayer 3
McGill 8
Olson 2
Anderson 10
Substitutions — For Hedrick: Furrer 2, Criswell, Parsons, Cantrell 4, Kliever, Smith 2, Deakins 8, Miles, Dunn; for Klamath: Hawkins 4, Elliott, Olivera, Myers, Lewis McPhetridge, Boling, Warrick.

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SUPPORT PROMISED

New York, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, has disclosed receipt of a letter from the California commission promising complete support of the ban against the N.Y. Guild. The California commission has passed a resolution banning the licensing of any N.Y. Guild member.

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