

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Malin, Echo State B Basketball Finalists

Baker — (U.P.) — Echo and Malin chalked up Friday night victories to gain the Saturday finals in the 1956 Oregon state Class B high school basketball tournament here.

ed Brownville, 84-67, in a consolation semi-finals contest. In the other consolation bracket game, Sisters downed Jefferson, 72-64.

Ski Conditions

SKIING CONDITIONS Skiing conditions at Crater Lake National park were fair to good as of 4 p.m. yesterday. There had been only a trace of snow in the past 24 hours. There was 184 inches of snow on the ground, compared to 80 inches a year ago.

Odd Steelhead Behavior Puzzles Fish Biologists

Portland — (U.P.) — Biologists of the Oregon Fish commission have appealed to laymen to help them explain the baffling behavior of 750 steelhead at McNary dam in the Columbia river. When engineers began lowering the water level of the dam for repairs recently they found 750 steelhead living in the fish ladders. The sea-run trout are supposed to pass over the dam via the fish ladders and move upstream. Most of the species adhere to the custom but the 750 who refuse to budge have the biologists puzzled.

Basilio 2-1 Favorite in Saxton Bout

By ED SAINSBURY Chicago — (U.P.) — Welterweight Champion Carmen Basilio is a 2 1/2 to 1 favorite to retain his crown Wednesday against a former titleholder, Johnny Saxton, in a slam-bang 15-round brawl in the Chicago Stadium.

Lightburn Scores Lopsided Victory

New York — (U.P.) — Lightweight contender Ludwig Lightburn of British Honduras registered his seventh straight victory Friday night on the most lopsided decision of his career, but Manager Allie Clarke complained today. "He's so good we have no matches in sight."

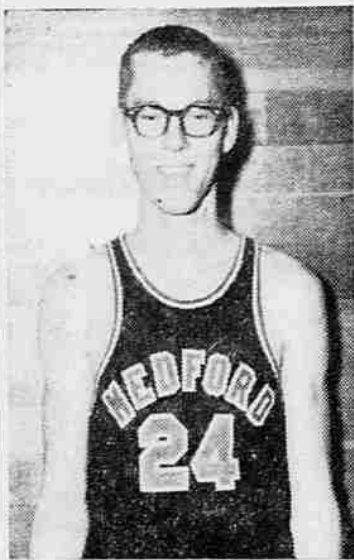
"It's going to be up to him to make the fight," Basilio said. "If he wants the title, let him come and get it. If he doesn't come after me, I win the fight." Basilio, an ex-Marine who has lost 11 times in 66 pro outings, said he was confident of victory without being over-confident.

John Landy Stops To Help Fallen Runner Off Track; Still Wins Race in 4:04.2

Melbourne, Australia — (U.P.) — Gentleman John Landy injured his ankle and spoiled chances of breaking his world mile record Saturday when he stopped on the last lap to help a fallen teammate off the track. It was the greatest sporting gesture ever seen in Australia and a record crowd at Olympic Park track gave Landy an ovation.

Basinski Signs Beaver Contract

Portland — (U.P.) — Signing of two more Beaver baseball players was announced Saturday by General Manager Joe Ziegler of the Portland Pacific Coast League club. Infielder Eddie Basinski, who played both second and third base last year and hit .271 in 98 games, inked his 1956 contract, as did Bob Alexander, right-hand pitcher, who had a 10-10 record with the Beavers last year.



AL-STAR MENTION — Jerry Kalapus, ex-Medford high, received honorable mention from the coaches in the selection of the Northwest Conference all-star basketball team. Kalapus was a varsity regular for Pacific university this season as a freshman and played center and forward for the Badgers. He was an all-Southern Conference choice in 1955 following his only season of varsity competition for the Medford Black Tornado.

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Medford Rival In A-1 Cage Classic Starter Took TVY Loop Title

Medford high's Black Tornado, champion of its own Southern Oregon conference, takes on the titlist of the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley league in its opening round struggle Wednesday in the Oregon state A-1 basketball tournament at Eugene. The Beaverton Beavers, whom the Tornado encounter in a 3 p.m. Wednesday engagement, like the Medford aggregation won their league championship for the second successive year. Recognized as one of the early season powers in the state and with eight lettermen back from their previous season's titular team, the Beavers went through their TVY slate with a 12-win 2-loss mark and like Medford had a 71-5 mark for the entire season. In the loop they edged out McMinnville, also a tourney qualifier, by a single game.

Slessler, Richard Puhl, brought up from the jayvees for varsity games at the end of the season, has been with the squad lending a hand during state tourney preparations. Medford and Eugene in the 1955 tourney finals are featured on the cover of the reference guide published for the 1956 A-1 hassle. An action picture of the final contest spreads over most of the cover. Members of the Black Tornado contingent, All-Staters Larry Copple and Frank Rector along with Jerry Kalapus and Ed McCullough are shown. Copies of the guide have been mailed to newspaper sportswriters throughout the state.

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Bowling

CITY LEAGUE Ed's Barber Shop took over the lead in City Bowling League this week with a 3 to 1 win over Crater Electric. Lamports got high team game with a 951. Gordon Schulz of Central Market took high individual game with a 218.

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Grants Pass Cyclists To Sponsor Field Meet

Grants Pass — Grants Pass Red Squirrels will sponsor a Motorcycle field meet on Sunday, March 18, south of Crescent City, Calif., off Highway 101. The meet will begin at 9 a.m. There will be a stake race, slow race, drag race, Australian pursuit competition and a pee wee Daytona run.

College Basketball

FRIDAY COLLEGE SCORE By UNITED PRESS Oregon State 74, Oregon 69; UCLA 85, Southern Cal. 70; Idaho 78, Washington State 62; Chicago (A) (B team) 5, Cincinnati (N) (B team) 8; Chicago (N) 3, Cleveland (A) 3; Cincinnati (N) 3, Chicago (A) 4; Milwaukee (N) 5, Philadelphia (N) 3; Washington (A) 8, Detroit (A) 2; New York (A) 0, St. Louis (N) 1; Pittsburgh (N) 1, Kansas City (A) 3.

Stanford Downs Cal to Tie for PCC Standings

Stanford, Calif. — (U.P.) — A disputed basket by Bill Bond as the buzzer sounded gave Stanford's basketball team a 70-68 victory over California in overtime Saturday and tied the two teams for third place in the Pacific Coast conference final standings.

Stanford looked a sure winner through most of the game, holding a 45-31 edge at halftime and still leading by seven points with nine minutes to go. But Cal came roaring back and pulled into a tie at 64-64 with two minutes to go and the regulation time ended that way.

In overtime the teams matched baskets until the score was 68-68 and then Bond made his game-winning shot. California protested that the buzzer sounded before the shot but was overruled.

SO Conference Stars Honored On TV Program

Members of the Mail Tribune's 1956 All-Southern Oregon Conference basketball squad, seven of them appearing in person, were honored Thursday night on the "Let's Kick It Around" program of television station KBES. All-Stars appearing on the show were Bob Tisdell, Dick McLaughlin, Dick Copple and Neil Plumley, Medford; Gene Parent, Ashland; and Chuck Nevi and Tom Bernet, Grants Pass. Pictures of Glenn Moore, Donn Taucher and Earle Tichenor, all of Klamath Falls, were shown.

Medford Coach Frank Roelandt commented concerning Klamath Falls and Grants Pass players and Mentor Ray Davis on Medford cagers and Ashland's Parent.

Tom MacLeod, radio station KYJC sportscaster, was master-of-ceremonies for the program. The all-star poll is conducted annually for football and basketball by the Mail Tribune sports department. The coach of each team and one sportswriter and one sportscaster from each conference city vote in the poll.

Black Tornado Thinclads Will Open Slate March 31

Track and field men of Medford high school, who'll defend the state championship again this year, will open their 1956 season on Saturday, March 31, according to the schedule announced by Head Coach Bob Newland.

First event of the season will be the Southern Oregon college invitational at Ashland. The track meet is being organized as a replacement for the invitational B basketball tourney held many years at the college.

Two relay meets follow the opening competition. Medford will defend its Rogue Relays crown on April 7 here and its Hayward metropolitan toga on April 13 at Eugene.

On April 21 the Black Tornado will vie in the Grants Pass Rotary club meet. Entry of the Roseburg Indians will make the engagement a triangular affair. Dual tussles are slated here against Ashland on April 28 and against Klamath Falls on May 5. District Defender

The district track meet for A-1 will be May 12 at Klamath Falls with Medford again in the defending champ role. Tornado qualifiers from the district scrape will go to the state meet at Corvallis on May 18 and 19.

A number of Medford thinclads will compete on June 9 in the Oregon AAU meet. There is reportedly an effort underway to bring that scuffle to Medford. Junior, high school and college division events are conducted in the annual AAU tests.

Tornado track hopes loom bright with 24 lettermen and five promising transfers. Lettermen Told

Lettermen sprinters are Bob Gould, Denny Miller and Ken Tucker. Monogram-wearing quarter-milers are Don Gray, Pete Kershaw, Wayne Breeze and Mike Russell, state junior AAU champ. Half-milers who have won "M's" are Wilcey Winchell, Les Lingschett and Bill Richey. Hurdler lettermen are Wally Larson, Mike Stearns and Mike Hawkins, who is also a broke jumper and sprinter.

Lettermen in field events are all-American and State Champion Eldon Francis and also Gary Lewis, javelin tossers; Lew Breazale and John Reeder, pole vaulters; Neil Plumley and Larry Anderson, shot putters; Bob Tisdell, Wayne Close and Mike Smith, broad jumpers; Larry Slessler, discus man, and Dave

Bergman, high jumper. Anderson is also a discus thrower, Tisdell a high jumper and Close a high hurdler.

Transfer sprinters are Gary Riley, junior from Baker, and Johnny Jones, sophomore from Grant high of Portland. Bob Eastgate, junior from Eagle Point, and Bilbee Lane, sophomore from Rogue River, are half-milers. Dave Johnson, pole vaulter, is a senior transfer from Palo Alto, Calif. Lane ran a 2:09 half-mile last year as a freshman. Johnson reportedly has cleared 12 feet.

Rooks Topple Frosh Quint

Eugene — (U.P.) — Oregon State's Rooks defeated the Oregon Frosh, 67-53, here Friday. The close contest was broken up when Don Stamps hit two consecutive field goals to put the baby Beavers ahead, 47-43, in the second half.

Ted Miller led the Rooks with 25 points, followed closely by Gary Goble with 23. Dirk Davidson with 14 was high for the Frosh.

Portland State Tourney Bound

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland State, District 2 NAIA basketball champion, left here Friday night for Kansas City for the national NAIA tournament which opens there Monday. The annual 32-team tourney lasts for six days.

Advertisement for Jacuzzi, featuring a picture of a Jacuzzi and text: "Be Choosy Buy Jacuzzi", "1/2 H.P. Deep Well Pump \$103.00", "1/2 H.P. Shallow Well Pump \$96.50", "WE GIVE S & H GREEN STAMPS", "SISKIYOU HARDWARE", "225 West Main".

Large advertisement for Crater Lake Motors, featuring a picture of a car and text: "TIP FOR HAPPY LIVING", "wise drivers always put SAFETY FIRST!", "Give Your Car this over-all SAFETY \$6.95 SPECIAL \$6.95 MINOR TUNE-UP", "THIS MONTH ONLY '49 to '56 Ford Passenger Cars and Light Trucks", "WE WILL CHECK COMPRESSION FIRST THEN IF O.K. We Will . . .", "Install New Points and Condenser", "Scope Distributor", "Set Timing", "Adjust and Clean Plugs", "Adjust Carburetor", "Adjust and Check Fan and Generator Belts", "Clean Fuel Pump Bowl", "Check Battery and Cables", "BE SAFE SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO BE SORRY LATER ON", "ALL FOR ONLY \$6.95", "CRATER LAKE MOTORS", "WHERE GOOD SERVICE IS A MUST", "Phone 3-4547 • Medford • Main & Fir Sts.".

Advertisement for Oil City Samuelson & Hillier, featuring text: "QUALITY ATTENTION", "LOGGERS", "COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS", "CONTRACTORS", "TRUCKERS", "SEE US REGARDING RATES", "1. TANK TRUCK DELIVERY", "2. INDIVIDUAL METERS", "3. COMMERCIAL RATES", "4. TANKS AVAILABLE", "OIL CITY SAMUELSON & HILLIER OIL DISTRIBUTORS", "1880 NORTH RIVERSIDE", "Phone 3-5401 or 3-9000", "SERVICE".

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