

Tornado Passes First A-1 Hurdle With 58-49 Win

Medford Meets Milwaukie Next In Second Round Carnival Play

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McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene—Medford high school's Black Tornado, blew gustily along for three anxious quarters then breezed into complete command in the final panel here yesterday afternoon to dispose of the Beaverton Beavers 58 to 49 in the first round of its quest for Oregon Class A-1 prep basketball championship honors.

Safely over its first hurdle in a try for a third state hoop crown for Medford high, the Tornado advances into quarter-final contention tonight against a shorter but rugged, scrapping Milwaukie crew. The Mustangs turned in a hotter, steadier first half in another afternoon encounter yesterday to trim North Salem 58 to 47.

Taking the lead for keeps when the tussle was 1½ minutes old, the Medford quintet beat off surging Beaverton challenges into the fourth quarter with spurts of its own. Five straight field goals, while the Beavers went scoreless, then gave the Tornado a safe 14 point edge at 56 to 42. The Medfordites collected only one more field bucket in the last 3½ minutes of play but their ball control tactics and tough defense, spurred the Beaver hopes of an effective rally.

Not Spectacular
Action was not spectacular. Medford ran when it could on offense but the Beaverton zone defense forced a more deliberate set 'em up attack much of the time.

Dick Copple, who fell off his early season scoring stride in the late conference hassles for Medford, was the big gun in getting the Tornado out in front in the opening canto, high point man for the game, and a timely rebound retriever, Copple poked in 11 of his 19 points in the first panel.

And in the final period spurge of counters it was Neil Plumley's 6 feet 4 inches of rugged cager that paid off handsomely. Plumley got three of the five goals in the spurt. One came on a pass from out of bounds under the hoop from Tisdell, the second on a feed in close and the third on a rebound shot.

Medford went on top to stay in the mix when Plumley swished two gift tries for 4 to 3. From there the Tornado fought to 18 to 9 spread and at the quarter's close was ahead 19 to 11.

Beavers Best
Copple heaved Medford to a 21 to 11 margin at the start of the second stanza. But from that point the Beavers had the best of it in the period. They outscored the Tornado 16 to 13 and came within one point of overtaking the Southern Oregon Conference champs.

Larry Stearns, Furr Duncan, Glen Johnson, Bob Williams and Mickey Sinnerud all had a hand in producing 13 Beaver field points while Ed Reinking contributed two free shots and a field goal for Medford. That sliced the Tornado bulge to 25 to 24.

The Tornado got out of the tight spot with a follow shot by Copple, a free point by Tisdell, Dick McLaughlin's 18-foot bucket and Tisdell's drive-in funder on a fast break. The markers upped the Medford lead to 32 to 24. Duncan's basket off a rebound and his free heave for the Tualatin-Yamhill valley titlists

made the standing 32 to 27 at halftime.

As the third quarter opened Copple rounded out his point making for the fracas by casts from the side corner and from beside the key. The baskets made it 36 to 27 for Medford but the Beavers still wouldn't permit the southern Oregonians to

pull away. Don Anderson and Tom Weston connected for 36 to 31 score and Weston matched Tisdell's two gift tosses with a fielder for 38 to 33.

Braces of free heaves by Plumley and McLaughlin gave Medford 42 to 33 control. Plumley and McLaughlin each put in another gifter and Foust tallied

a goal from under the hoop for Medford. Duncan and Greg Altenhoffen tabulated field goals and Altenhoffen a charity throw for Beaverton for a third quarter count of 46 to 38.

Williams dumped in a close in shot and Roger Nelson got a rebound basket as the fourth session got underway, cutting the Medford margin to 46 to 42. Next came Plumley's three important scores along with two goals by Tisdell to just about settle the issue. Anderson got a driver bucket for Beaverton and Tisdell, who had trouble finding the range in the other three stanzas came back with a drive shot off a feed for 58 to 44.

Tornado Outhits From Field
Anderson got two points on a steal and Johnson two on a jumper. In the final seconds Stearns added a free marker to complete the scoring.

The Black Tornado outhit Beaverton from the field but it was better success at the free line through three stanzas that helped Medford hold on to its lead. Medford shooting under its season average, made 22 of 57 tries from the field for .386. Beaverton recorded 20 for 59 for .339. At the charity stripe

the Tornado put in 14 for 24 and the Beavers nine for 27.

Beaverton outhit Medford in one department, rebound snatching, but not by much. The edge was 39 to 32. McLaughlin topped the Medford gang with nine "boards." Plumley got seven and Copple six. Williams of Beaverton was the leading snagger with 11 and Altenhoffen was next for the TVV kids with eight.

Tisdell was the second high scorer in the game with 13 and Plumley came through with 11. Only Weston hit in double figures for Beaverton. He totaled 10.

Medford's adversary of tonight, Milwaukie, won over North Salem on a better first half performance. The Mustangs were warmer in their shooting and steadier. They displayed a pressing full court defense which troubled the Vikings and could be cause of concern for Medford. However, the aggressive, driving Mustangs turned cold while the Salemites grew hotter and used their greater height to more advantage.

Quarter scores in the fust favored Milwaukie, 15 to 5, 33 to 10, and 42 to 25. Eddie Grossenbacher, driving, bawling guard, got 20 points for Milwaukie and Len Paola, burly forward, 13 counters and 18 rebounds. Both men stand 5-10. Ron Betner and Butch Warthen 5-8 each were another pair of ball swiping guards.

Fay Landis, 6-2 is the only 6-footer on the Mustang tourney squad and he had only a reserve role against North Salem.

Milwaukie had a 17-win 7-loss record coming into the tournament and was second to Central Catholic of Portland in District No. 3.

Coch Frank Roelandt pointed out after the Beaverton brush that his Tornado club had weathered well the bugaboo of tournaments, the uneasiness pressure and tension that go with a team's opening game.

BOX:

	fg	ft	tr	reb	pt
Beaverton	11	10	10	20	39
Medford	22	15	10	20	58

Medford

	fg	ft	tr	reb	pt
Dick Copple	11	10	10	20	39
Neil Plumley	6	6	5	7	41
Ed Reinking	1	2	2	0	4
John Foust	2	1	0	3	2
Ed Reinking	1	1	2	2	0
Totals	22	24	14	32	58

Officials—Bert Burr and Pat Wohlers.



DICK COPPLE
Scores 19 for Medford High

Nationals Meet Knickerbockers

By UNITED PRESS

The Syracuse Nationals and the New York Knickerbockers clash in an afternoon playoff game today for the last berth in the National Basketball association playoffs.

The two teams finished in a tie for third place in the Eastern division Wednesday night when the Nats, who had been in third, dropped a 122-103 decision to the Boston Celtics in Boston and the Knicks whipped Philadelphia, 115-108 at New York.

The winner of today's single-game playoff will move into the Eastern division semi-finals against the Celtics, opening in Boston Saturday afternoon.

High School Scores

TOURNAYS AT A GLANCE

Class A-2 at Salem

Redmond 58 Molalla 51 (consolation)

Coquille 57 St. Francis 56 (third place)

St. Helens 75 Ontario 64 (championship)

Class A-1 Tourney at Eugene

(1st round games Tues. night)

Lincoln, Portland, 46 Central Catholic, Portland, 44

Klamath Falls 51 McMinnville 46

Wednesday Games:

(Still first round play)

Eugene 51 Pendleton 49

Franklin, Portland, 65 South Salem 62

Milwaukie 58 No. Salem 47

Medford 58 Beaverton 49

Marshfield 48 Mac-Hi 43

Jefferson, Portland, 50 Corvallis 48

THURSDAY SCHEDULE:

(Consolation bracket)

8:30 a.m.—Central Catholic vs. McMinnville.

9:45 a.m.—Pendleton vs. South Salem

11 a.m.—North Salem vs. Beaverton

1:45 p.m.—Mac-Hi vs. Corvallis

(Championship bracket):

3 p.m.—Lincoln vs. Klamath Falls

4:15 p.m.—Eugene vs. Franklin

7:30 p.m.—Milwaukie vs. Medford

8:45 p.m.—Jefferson vs. Marshfield

Dodgers Drop Four Out of Five

Bradenton, Fla. — (U.P.)—The world champion Brooklyn Dodgers now have dropped four out of five spring games, but they're happy because Carl Erskine appears a sound pitcher again.

Erskine, former ace of the staff, dropped off to an 11-13 record last season with a sore arm. But in his spring debut Wednesday he threw without pain and seemed like his old self as he held the Cincinnati Reds hitless for three innings. The Redlegs went on to win, 6-3, on five unearned runs set up by infield errors.

The Milwaukee Braves play host to the Dodgers here today. A homer by Billy Bruton started the Braves on the way to a 5-2 win over Kansas City Wednesday.

FIGHTS

By UNITED PRESS

Chicago—Johnny Saxton, 146 lb.,

Brooklyn, outpointed Carmen Basilio,

146, Chittanooga, N.Y. (15)—won

world welterweight championship.

Saxton Defeats Carmen Basilio To Regain Title

Chicago—(U.P.)—Promoter Jim

Norris will try to stage a return

welterweight title fight between

recrowned Johnny Saxton and

Carmen Basilio at the Chicago

Stadium in June because of the

stormy dispute over Saxton's

upset but unanimous victory

Wednesday night.

Saxton, a sleek, well-proportioned

Brooklyn Negro orphan, became

the eighth man in ring history

to recapture the 147-pound "by

fighting" just as I planned—stick

and move, stick and move.

Weighting 146½ pounds to Basilio's

146, Johnny not only wrestled away

the title in Carmen's second defense,

but broke the popular Chittanooga,

N.Y., mauler's unbeaten string

at 15.

The dispute and the unexpectedly

large gate of \$104,288 paid by

12,145 at the stadium brought an

appreciative gleam to promoter

Norris' eyes today. He said, "Both

foughts so well that a return bout in June would

make a top attraction for Chicago. I'll

begin negotiating as soon as possible."

Tactics Pay Off

Twenty-five year old Saxton's

in-and-out tactics with left jabs

and left hooks, and his speedy

combinations whenever forced

to close quarters, won the unanimous

verdict over the 11-5 favorite. But a

United Press poll of ring-side writers

showed 11 for Basilio and seven for Saxton.

Beetle-browed, hatchet-faced

Basilio, 28, forced the fighting in

every round and landed the harder

punches. But the three ring officials

apparently were captivated by Saxton's

speed, grace, and remarkable left jab.

They favored the taller and rangier

Johnny on a 10-points-must system as

follows: Referee Frank Gilmer, 144-142; Judge

James McManus, 144-142; Judge Ed Hintz,

145-138. The United Press had Basilio ahead, 145-142.

Baseball

By UNITED PRESS

Cleveland (A) 7, Baltimore (A) 6

Chicago (N) 5, New York (N) 2

Milwaukee (N) 5, Kansas City (A) 2

Cincinnati (N) 6, Brooklyn (N) 3

Boston (A) 2, New York (A) 0

St. Louis (N) 7, Detroit (A) 4

Wash. (A) 10, Phila. (N) 6

New York (A) 8, Pitts. (N) 5

St. L. (N) 8, Cincinnati (N) 6

HALIMI BOUT SET

Paris, France — (U.P.) — Al-

phonse Halimi, 24-year-old bantam-

weight boxer from French North

Africa, meets Billy Peacock of

Philadelphia in a 10-round bout

at the Palais de Sport Friday night.

Halimi has won all 10 of his fights, nine by

knockouts.

HEADS LIST

Bowie, Md. — (U.P.) — The

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of the top distaff racers last year

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MEMORIAL STATUE
Philadelphia — (U.P.) — A memorial statue of Connie Mack—waving a scorecard in front of the dugout—will be erected in Reymburn Park, a small square across the street from Connie Mack stadium. A sculptor already has been commissioned to create the statue. Funds will be raised by a public solicitation of baseball fans throughout the country.

CARDS VS. PHILLIES
St. Petersburg, Fla. — (U.P.) — The St. Louis Cardinals play host to "slumping" Philadelphia in an exhibition game here today. The Cardinals beat Detroit Wednesday for the second straight time, 7-4, but the Phillies dropped their fourth loss in five games, 10-6, to Washington.

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