

# Medford Tornado Goes To A-1 Semi-finals With 65-53 Win Over Milwaukie

## Marshfield Pirates To Battle Medford For Chance at State Prep Championship

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McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene — The Medford high Black Tornado, outfought and outthrust through most of the first two quarters, zoomed out and stormed strongly during the final half here last night to tame the Milwaukie Mustangs 65 to 53 and push into the semi-finals of the Oregon class A-1 high school basketball tournament.

Struggle for the championship in the state's No. 1 prep sports attraction goes into the semi-final phase this evening with the Black Tornado competing in the night's hoop bill-of-fare in an 8:45 o'clock engagement with the rampaging Marshfield Golden Pirates of Coos Bay. Marshfield last night followed up Medford's triumph over Milwaukie with an impressive 67 to 45 decision over Jefferson, Oregon's No. 3 rated club at the end of the regular season.

**Southern Oregon Assured Berth**

Victories by the battling Tornado stalwarts and the big, booming Pirates assured southern Oregon of a representative in the Saturday night final skirmish. They are the only clubs remaining in the championship running of the lower bracket. Franklin and Lincoln, both of Portland, take to the court ahead of southern crews this evening in a hassle for the other finals berth.

Medford found the plucky and ambitious but smaller Mustangs about as tough to break in the first half as the strawberry roan of fabled song. But the Tornado turned the trick by holding the Milwaukie quint to a lone field in the third panel and outscoring the Mustangs during that session 18 to 8. And the Medfordites had the situation well in hand by the early minutes of the final stanza.

The point producing of Neil Plumley and Bob Tisdell, the rugged backboard work of Dick McLaughlin, Plumley and Dick Cople, the ballhawking of Tisdell and Lloyd Clearley and the aggressive work of Johnny Foust after Cople was held out because of a fourth foul, contributed to Medford's comeback and victory.

**Milwaukie Leads**

Sparked by sturdy Len Paola's rebounding and scoring, the Mustangs outhawked Medford during the initial two periods. Their defense kept a good share of the Tornado firing at fair distance from the net and broke up the Medford attack under the hoop. Milwaukie led most of the time up to the midway point.

The Mustangs went into the final half on top 32 to 29 but Medford went in front for good in the first minute of the third stanza. Tisdell hit a driver shot in the opening seconds of the quarter and at the minute mark swished a longie for 33 to 32. Cople connected from a corner and Plumley tallied on McLaughlin's feed and on a gifter for 38 to 32 before Milwaukie flicked the hemp again.

John Keyser swished two free tries for the Mustangs but McLaughlin picked up a loose ball and dumped it in and then got a rebound bucket. Tisdell made his first attempt on a one-and-one foul and Medford had a nine point gap at 43 to 34. Ed Grossenbacher picked up a pair of free points but Tisdell counter-

ed with a driver and Plumley with a couple of foul tosses for an 11-counter spread at 47 to 38. Milwaukie showed rally signs with Ron Betnar's jumper and free baskets by Keyser for 47 to 40 at the end of the canto. However, Medford pulled quickly away in the fourth frame. Plumley got a rebound goal and followed with a free shot. Tisdell took a defensive rebound and soloed down the floor. Grossenbacher canned a fielder for the Mustangs but Plumley and Foust got a brace piece of free points and Clearley a jumper goal from the side. The counters put Medford ahead 58 to 42. That 16-point difference was Medford's biggest margin. The edge after that never slipped below 11 markers and in the last moments Coach Frank Roelandt cleared his bench of Medford reserves.

**Tornado Scores First**

The Tornado got the first bucket of the contest on a steal by Tisdell but the pesky Paola got eight chalkers and Grossenbacher one to give Milwaukie a 10 to 2 bulge. Medford fought back with two long heaves by Clearley and one by Tisdell while McLaughlin pumped in a rebound and Plumley scored on a feed. In the meantime Grossenbacher got a free pair and Keyser a goal from back of the key. Result was a tie score of 14-all. Paola slipped behind Medford defenders and scored on a feed for 16 to 14, Milwaukie, at the quarter.

Plumley plucked the ball off the backboard and shoved it back for two points and a 16-all standing as the second chukker opened. That was the Tor-



BOB TISDELL  
Tornado High Point Man

**Beavers Ease Training For Seattle Exhibition**

Glendale, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Portland Beavers eased off in their training today as Manager Tommy Holmes announced his pitchers for tomorrow's exhibition game with Seattle.

Holmes said he will use Bob Alexander, Dick Waibel, Bill Griffin and Leroy Han against Seattle.

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nado's last field goal for 5 3/4 minutes. Nine free shots during that drouth kept Medford on the Mustang hoofs until Tisdell got a couple of buckets as the half drew to a close. Milwaukie sported one nine point lead over Medford at 28 to 19.

**Tisdell Scores**

Tisdell put in 21 points for Medford, getting 10 field goals. Plumley, sharp at the free line, made 10 gifters in 11 attempts and had 20 points. Paola got 18 and Grossenbacher 16 for the Mustangs. Under the boards Paola grabbed the ball 20 times. McLaughlin had 14 retrieves, Plumley 10 and Cople eight.

Medford outgunned Milwaukie from the field both in number of goals made and in percentage. The Tornado made 22 of 53 tries for a .379 average while Milwaukie turned in the poorest shooting in the two days of tourney play with a paltry .246. The Mustangs hit 15 for 61. Both clubs did well at the charity stripe. Milwaukie canned 23 of 32 tosses and Medford 21 to 28.

Milwaukie cause suffered a blow when Paola fouled out midway through the last quarter.

Bill Haller, Grossenbacher and Betnar complemented Paola's backboard work with their aggressive floor play. The Mustangs passed and worked the ball well in the first half.

**Medford Leads Rebounding**

Medford had an edge of 44 to 35 in overall rebounding.

Tonight's fracas will be a rubber game for Medford and Marshfield. The Tornado caught the Pirates 80 to 44 at the start of the season but in late January the Coos Bay quint whacked Medford 57 to 52.

The Pirates are big and rugged with four men six feet two inches tall or better in the starting five. And Marshfield runs and drives well for its size. That was in evidence in the verdict over Jeff. The Coos Bay five ran hard against the pressing Democrats and was potent under both the offensive and defensive boards to establish command in the first quarter.

Marshfield had quarterly advantages of 27 to 11, 41 to 25 and 59 to 34 over Jefferson. Roger Johnson got 22 and Sandy Fraser 20 points for the Pirates. In the backboarding Fraser got 19 and 6-4 Barry Bullard claimed 13. Chuck Rask was high scorer for Jeff with 15. Margin on the backboards for Marshfield was 61 to 43.

Johnson, Fraser, Bullard, Hardy Spurgeon and Denny Baker are likely Pirate starters tonight with Cople, McLaughlin, Plumley, Clearley and Tisdell probably getting the call for Medford.

ROX:	fga	fg	fta	ft	reb	pt
Cople, f	8	1	0	0	8	4
McLaughlin, f	9	3	2	1	14	7
Plumley, f	7	5	11	10	10	3
Tisdell, g	24	10	2	1	6	4
Foust, f	8	3	1	0	1	6
Clearley, g	8	3	1	0	5	3
Reinking, f	0	0	2	1	0	0
Perkins, g	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stearns, c	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gober	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	58	22	25	21	44	19

  

MILWAUKIE:	fga	fg	fta	ft	reb	pt
Haller, f	5	1	2	1	2	4
Paola, f	11	6	9	6	20	5
Keyser, c	8	1	5	4	6	4
Grossenbacher, g	15	3	10	10	3	16
Betnar, g	18	2	4	0	4	2
Landis, c	1	0	0	0	0	0
Schmeibel, g	2	1	2	1	0	3
Nelson, f	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	61	15	32	25	17	53

Officials—Bob Howell and Dan Jones.

## High School Scores

**TOURNEY RECAP**  
(Championship Round)  
Marshfield 67, Jefferson 45  
Medford 65, Milwaukie 53  
Franklin 56, Eugene 59 (overtime)  
Lincoln 57, Klamath Falls 44  
(Consolation Round)  
Central Catholic 26, McMinnville 40  
Pendleton 72, South Salem 53  
Beaverton 66, North Salem 69  
Mac-Hi 64, Corvallis 29

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**  
(Consolation Bracket)  
9:45 a.m. Central Catholic vs. Pendleton  
11 a.m. Beaverton vs. Mac-Hi  
(Third Place Bracket)  
2 p.m. Klamath Falls vs. Eugene  
3:15 p.m. Jefferson vs. Milwaukie  
(Championship Bracket)  
7:30 p.m. Lincoln vs. Franklin  
8:45 p.m. Medford vs. Marshfield

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## FIGHTS

By UNITED PRESS  
New York — Johnny Brusco, 140, New York, outpointed Frank Ippolito, 129 1/2, New York, (8).

Philadelphia — Jimmy Soo, 136 1/2, Philadelphia, outpointed Earl Hilton, 137 1/2, Philadelphia, (8).

Birmingham, Ala. — Bobby Spaeth, 183, Topeka, Kans., outpointed Tommy Thompson, 184, Birmingham, (10).

Los Angeles — Joey Dorando, 146, Hollywood, Calif., outpointed Joe Abasta, 147 1/2, Azusa, Calif., (10).

## Santee To Run In AAU Mile

Cleveland, Ohio — (U.P.) — We s Santee, running between appearances in New York State Supreme Court, again provides excitement for track fans and red faces for National AAU officials tonight by competing in a special mile at the Cleveland Knights of Columbus indoor meet.

The AAU tagged Santee a professional Feb. 19 when it banned him from amateur foot racing for life for accepting excessive expense money in 1955. The lanky Kansan then touched off one of the biggest rhubarbs in amateur sport history by obtaining a temporary injunction against the ban.

## Nationals Win Berth In NB Playoffs

By UNITED PRESS  
A brilliant five-point burst in the final 80 seconds of the playoff game carried the Syracuse Nationals into a berth in the National Basketball Association playoffs today and a date to meet the Boston Celtics in Boston tomorrow.

The Nationals broke out of a 77-77 tie to whip the New York Knickerbockers, 82-77, yesterday in Syracuse. The two teams had finished in a tie for third place in the Eastern Division, the last playoff berth.

**DAYTON PLANS TOURNEYS**

Dayton, Ohio — (U.P.) — Dayton, the nation's third-ranked college basketball team this year, announced today they will compete next season in two major court tournaments — the Kentucky Invitational at Lexington and the Sugar Bowl Tournament at New Orleans.

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## Prep Slate Narrowed To Four, Franklin Eliminates Eugene

Eugene — (U.P.) — Medford, Marshfield and Lincoln and Franklin of Portland were still in the running for the 1956 Oregon class A-1 high school basketball title today.

Medford meets Marshfield and Lincoln plays Franklin tonight for championship berths. Eugene, the 1955 champ, was

eliminated 56-50 in overtime by Franklin in yesterday's feature game, a late afternoon affair which drew 8878 fans. Other title-round clashes saw Lincoln take Klamath Falls 57-44, Medford down Milwaukie 65-53 and Marshfield clobber Jefferson of Portland 67-45.

## Herbert Leads Petersburg Open

St. Petersburg, Fla. — (U.P.) — Lionel Herbert, portly professional from Erie, Pa., carried a one-stroke lead into the second round of the St. Petersburg Open Golf tournament today after a first round in which 55 of the 148 golfers broke par.

"It was one of those days that when I had a three-footer to make, I could make it," Herbert commented after the round.

Actually, Herbert had to be considerably better than that to card his brilliant, seven-under-par 65 which earned him the one-stroke lead over Art Wall Jr. of Pocono Manor, Pa., and Frank Stranahan of Toledo.

## S. P. True Wins Shooting Match

Stanley P. True, University of Alaska student from Medford, recently won a shooting medal in the Gold Nugget Championship competition on campus.

The Tanana Valley Sportsmen's association sponsored the competition as part of the Fairbanks Winter Carnival activities. It was the largest match ever held in the territory, and was open to both Alaskan and Yukon Territory residents.

The agriculture sophomore is the son of Mrs. Amy M. True, 401 Newtown st., Medford. He won second place in tyro in an aggregate event which was a combination of matches fired with iron and "any choice" sights.

## Local Riders To Attend Crescent City Races

Several riders from the Medford area plan to participate in the annual Red Squirrels' motorcycle field meet at Crescent City, Calif., at 9 a.m. Sunday, it was announced today.

The races will be held at low tide on the beach about three miles south of Crescent City. There will be no admission charge for spectators. Those planning to attend from this area should contact their local cycle shop.

Timber wolves are getting fewer all the time, Wisconsin game experts report. They paid bounties on only 55 of the animals between 1953 and 1955.

## Pittsburg Meets McNeese in NAAI Semi-Windups

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — Pittsburg (Kan.) State, winner over the top-seeded club, meets McNeese (La.) State in the featured semi-final of the 18th NAAI tournament tonight.

Texas Southern, seeded eighth, meets Wheaton, Ill., seeded third, in the other semi-final.

Pittsburg lost only one game in the regular season after winning 20 straight. It ousted top-ranked Western Illinois, 83-67, in the final minutes of its game Thursday night while fourth-seeded McNeese downed Tennessee A&I, 76-68.

Texas Southern defeated Mid-Western of Wichita Falls, Tex., 85-82 and Wheaton easily topped Gustavus-Adolphus, 90-73.

**VALDEZ-MACHEN TO FIGHT**

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Nino Valdez, No. 1 heavyweight contender, and unbeaten Eddie Machen of San Francisco were signed Thursday for a 10-round "black-out" bout at the Cow Palace on April 16. Machen has won 12 straight fights.

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