

Tornado Defeats Pirates 75-57 To Win Finals Berth

Medford Shoots Torrid .409 Average To Gain Decisive Semi-Final Victory

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McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene—The Medford Black Tornado, denied in its 1955 quest for Oregon high school basketball's most coveted laurels, became a state tourney finalist for the second successive year Friday night, with a blistering 75 to 57 triumph over the Marshfield Pirates in the class A-1 extravaganza here.

Medford's "desire" team, able and worthy successor to last year's "dream" Tornado, whizzed itself into a battle against Portland's Franklin high Quakers in the Saturday night titanic ruckus. Franklin emerged over Lincoln, also of Portland, 48 to 40 in the other Friday semi-final.

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Fraser, f	16	4	10	4	11	5	12
Spurgeon, f	4	1	1	1	1	2	3
Bullard, c	5	4	9	5	3	13	3
Johnson, g	19	6	5	3	6	5	15
Baker, g	13	5	1	0	4	4	10
Page, f	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amstutz, f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langenberg, c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hines, g	5	1	0	0	1	1	2
Buck, f	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	63	22	26	13	44	23	57

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McLaughlin, f	13	8	9	4	11	3	20
Cople, f	14	4	2	1	15	2	8
Plumley, c	7	4	5	3	13	4	11
Tisdell, g	23	9	6	9	4	24	4
Cearley, f	7	3	4	3	3	7	2
Foster, f	2	0	3	4	2	3	0
Gober, f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stearns, c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benkins, g	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Perkins, g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	66	37	37	21	52	18	75

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Spargur, f	13	4	1	0	11	2	8
Kuhn, f	15	6	7	4	10	4	10
Jensen, c	19	4	9	3	24	2	11
Lehrs, g	13	3	4	1	5	3	7
Hutton, g	6	3	1	3	2	1	1
Jarboe, f	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Porter, f	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	67	17	29	14	53	14	48

Lincoln	fga	fg	fta	ft	reb	pf	tp
LaBorde, f	10	2	8	5	9	4	9
M. Doherty, f	11	4	1	0	11	2	8
Holman, c	8	1	2	1	16	2	8
Miller, g	5	1	4	1	2	4	3
Cloutier, f	6	2	0	0	3	1	4
Goodard, f	7	1	2	1	6	2	3
Anderson, c	5	4	6	2	10	4	10
M. Doherty, g	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Blitz, g	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	69	15	31	10	48	17	40

Jensen Leads Scoring In A-1 Prep Tourney

Eugene—(U.P.)—Bjarne Jensen, Franklin's High's tall center, set the individual scoring pace today in the State Class A-1 High School Basketball tournament here with 69 points in three games.

Charlie Warren of Eugene had 62 points at the end of the third round, and Bob Tisdell of Medford had 58. Roger Johnson of Marshfield was in fourth spot with 57.

Maxwell Leads Petersburg Open

St. Petersburg, Fla.—(U.P.)—Billy Maxwell and Lionel Hebert dueled in a hole for hole match yesterday and it took all the skill Maxwell could muster to preserve a one stroke lead at the end of 54 holes in the St. Petersburg Open Golf tournament.

Maxwell, the former National champion from Odessa, Tex., who started the blustery, cold day off with a three stroke lead over his Erie, Pa., opponent, enters the final round today with a 204 total to Hebert's 205.

Both were in the same threesome yesterday and Hebert erased Maxwell's three-stroke advantage at the seventh hole. It was almost match play from there on with the lead saw-sawing before a gallery of more than 1,000 persons.

Marlene Steward Leads Women's Amateur Tilt

Pinehurst, N.C.—(U.P.)—Tiny Marlene Steward, the Canadian champ from Fontville, Ont., and teenager Anne Quast of Marysville, Wash., chopped down two U. S. Curtis coppers Saturday with impressive fairway play to move into the semi-finals of the North and South Women's amateur golf championship.

Defending champion and only Curtis cupper left in the prestige tourney, Wiffi Smith of St. Clair, Mich., and deliberate Wanda Sanches also advanced with crisp victories.

Cyclotron Breaks Track Record At Tanforan

San Bruno, Calif.—(U.P.)—Cyclotron, an "unsound" horse, closed with a rush to win the \$15,000 California Handicap at Tanforan Saturday as the heavily-favored Colonel Mack ended up in third place.

Cyclotron ran the mile and one sixteenth in 1:42 1-5 — cracking the old track record of 1:42 3-5 set in 1952 by Trusting.

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PAL Boxers Will Battle Burns Boys

Medford police athletic league boxers will meet fighters sponsored by the Burns Elks club and from Ashland on a boxing card set for April 7, at 8:30 p.m. at the St. Mary's High school gymnasium.

Both the main event and the semi-final fights will be five rounds. Proceeds from the bouts will be used for maintenance of the PAL club.

In the main event, Jackie Puscas, national AAU lightweight champion, will meet Clifford Sams of Burns. The semi-final will match PAL club pugilist Larry Lewis, Oregon state AAU lightweight champ, with Lloyd Louis of Burns.

Following the fights a dinner will be given for all PAL club boxers and the regular fighters will be presented with trophy jackets. Mrs. Kay Crowell is in charge of dinner arrangements.

Tickets for the bouts are now on sale at the city police station. Prices are \$2.50 for ring-side reserve, \$1.50 for general admission, and \$1 for general admission, all taxes included.

Santee Runs 4:06.9 Mile

Cleveland—(U.P.)—Wes Santee demonstrated one and for all today that he's back at his championship peak.

With a blazing 4:06.9 performance in Friday night's Knights of Columbus meet, the Kansas Marine once again is a threat to challenge Kurt Nelsen's world indoor mile mark of 4:03.6. It could almost be said that all that stands between him and the mark is the courts.

It wasn't only that Santee sliced five seconds off his best previous mark of the indoor season that caused the track experts to gasp. The key fact was that Wes, for the first time since he started his running court battle with the national AAU, demonstrated that he still has his famous last-quarter "kick."

Wes hit the halfway mark at 2:04.5, and reached the three-quarter in 3:06.7. Then—at the point where he tired in his two earlier races — Wes turned it on and lapped the entire four-man field with a blazing 60.2 second final quarter.

Air Academy Is Interested in Scheduling OSC

Washington—(U.P.)—The Air Force Academy is interested in scheduling a football game with Oregon State college but suggested dates in 1959 and 1960 are unacceptable, Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) was informed Saturday.

Norblad recently wrote academy officials endorsing an Oregon State proposal for games on Oct. 3, 1959, and Sept. 24, 1960. He pointed out the 35,000 seat Multnomah stadium at Portland would be available.

Lt. Gen. H. R. Harmon, academy superintendent, replied that he agreed with Norblad that an appearance of the academy team in Oregon would be valuable.

But he said the 1959 date already has been scheduled tentatively. And he said the academy has a policy of not scheduling September games since cadets do not return to the academy for the fall term until the middle of that month.

Harmon said, however, that contact will be maintained with Oregon State officials "with the hope of working out some kind of competition between Oregon State and the Air Force Academy."

Chicago Bears Slate 12 Games During 1956

Chicago—(U.P.)—The Chicago Bears have announced a regular-season schedule of 12 games for the 1956 campaign, six at home and six away.

The Bears open Sept. 30 at Baltimore and close the season Dec. 16 at home against Detroit.

The schedule includes games with the San Francisco Forty Niners Oct. 14 at Chicago and Oct. 28 at San Francisco and with the Los Angeles Rams Nov. 4 at Los Angeles and Nov. 18 at Chicago.

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San Francisco Dons Score Easy 72-61 Win Over UCLA

Corvallis, Ore.—(U.P.)—The national champion University of San Francisco Dons moved into the NCAA basketball quarter-finals Friday night by easily defeating the highly-touted UCLA Bruins, 72-61.

The University of Utah Utes were never behind in defeating the Seattle University Chieftains 81-72.

USF Coach Phil Woolpert called on the famous and the obscure for his victory.

The famous was 6-foot, 10-inch center Bill Russell — everybody's All-American and "Player of the Year." He shackled UCLA's great Willie (The Whale) Naulls, scored 21 points, blocked sure baskets time and again, and grabbed 23 rebounds, more than half the UCLA rebound mark of 43.

Brown Top Scorer

The obscure was sophomore Gene Brown, looking very much like All-American guard, K. C. Jones, who he replaced for the Dons. Jones, USF's play-calling sparkplug, was sidelined after the regular season. The little guard used up his collegiate eligibility and USF's plea for a waiver was denied early this year.

But the "green" Brown, who had followed only three games

in the first quarter and kept it. The Pioneers built up a halftime gap of 14 points and still had a 12-point edge after three periods. But the pressing Pendleton quint had the better of it during the final stanza and McLaughlin had to survive a strong Buckaroo bid at the finish to retain its status as No. 1 club from District 7.

Pioneer quarterly margins were 11 to 7, 30 to 16 and 38 to 26. Pendleton slimmed the McLaughlin bulge to four points at 43 to 39 with 3½ minutes to play and again at 49 to 45 with less than 1½ minutes to go.

Mac Hi won on free shots. Potting 29 to the Bucks' seven, Pendleton had the field goal edge 21 to 15. The Pioneers had board control 53 to 32 in the mix with George Liewallen getting 25 rebounds. Gary Tague, Pendleton, was high scorer with 22 while Norm Weiss got 16 and Bob Olinger 15 for Mac Hi.

Eugene Axmen Win A-1 Fourth Position

McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene—Eugene nabbed fourth place and McLaughlin high of Milton-Freewater took fifth in the Oregon Class A-1 prep basketball tournament by winning Saturday afternoon encounters.

Eugene's Axemen, rated No. 1 in the state before the tourney, overcame Jefferson of Portland 78 to 76 in a rousing finish and Mac Hi defeated Pendleton 55 to 49 in a tangle of Blue Mountain conference entries.

Axemen Lead

The Axemen shoved in front at the start of their combat but Jeff surged on top 17 to 13 by the end of the quarter. At the half the Democrats of Portland still headed 33 to 26 but the Axemen slugged back for a 57 to 51 advantage at the third intermission. The final panel was hotly contested. Jeff tied the score at 63-all and 65-all.

Eugene went ahead 72 to 65 and the Demos cut it to 72 to 70. The Axemen went to 76 to 70 but the count was only 76 to 75 with 32 seconds left. Chuck Rask put in six free shots and missed two tries in the last 2½ minutes for Jefferson.

Rask topped all scorers with 27 points and Dave Powell piled up 19 and Charlie Warren 17 for Eugene.

The hot firing Axemen and Demos racked up the highest scoring totals of the tournament. Eugene hit from the field at a .468 average and Jefferson at a .424 clip.

Blue Mountain Special

In the Blue Mountain special McLaughlin fought into the lead

all season, was the game's top scorer with 23 points — most of them on long field goals.

It was the 52nd consecutive victory for the dazzling Dons, who pulled away early in the contest and were never seriously threatened.

UCLA, which suffered its first defeat in 18 games, closed the gap to 57-48 in the second period on some sharpshooting by Morrie Taft, but the Dons, apparently coasting, pulled away again in the final moments.

Taft and Naulls each had 16 points for the Bruins.

Coach Johnny Wooden of UCLA hailed sophomore Brown as "better than Jones offensively," but added that Jones was still tops on the defense.

The towering Russell said after the game: "I've been trying to tell people about Brown — now maybe they'll believe me."

Seattle Rallied

Utah, led by some great clutch shooting by Gary Bergen, overcame a second half Seattle threat to earn the dubious right to meet the Dons. The Chieftains were never ahead but with a sudden rally they tied the score at 66-66 with only seven minutes remaining.

Bergen then went to work. The big 6-foot, 8-inch senior, playing with four fouls on him, sank three straight buckets and two free throws to make it