

Black Tornado Trips Grants Pass 8-5 To Gain Leadership of SO Conference

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Medford	6	3	.667
Grants Pass	7	4	.636
Ashland	6	6	.500
Klamath Falls	2	8	.200

Medford high's determined and upsurging baseball aggregation blasted into front-running position in the Southern Oregon Conference and District 6 A-1 yesterday by whacking the Grants Pass Cavemen 8 to 5 on the Grants Pass diamond.

Victory gave the Tornado lone loop leadership for the first time this season. Medford once shared the lead with GP and Ashland. The Tornado took over top spot on a percentage basis, having won one less and lost one less contest than the Cavemen.

Grants Pass and Medford met again today with the scene this time on the Tornado diamond. The Tornado diamonders were aiming at widening their advantage while GP was working for a decision which would mean at least a tie for the loop mantle.

In yesterday's ruckus Medford won out on the basis of a four-run punch in the sixth inning and the sterling relief mound work of Henry Putney. Backed by tight fielding, Putney "shut the door" on the Cavemen in the last two innings.

The Tornado grabbed a 4 to 1 edge in the first two innings of contention. That bulge was lost when Grants Pass collected four markers in the fifth canto to go on top 5 to 4.

Four Runs at Once
In Medford's big sixth Gordon Owsley singled with the bags loaded and was able to make a complete circuit of the bases himself, when the line drive to center field was misplayed for an error. Dick McLaughlin and Henry Putney had walked and Jim Putney had singled to fill up the bases. Owsley smashed his hit on a 3-2 pitch with the runners going.

Larry Gober doubled to drive three Medford runs in the opening stanza. Owsley and Ed Reinking had drawn bases on balls and Larry Perkins had safetied ahead of Gober's blow. For one run in the second frame Jim Putney walked, Ernie Tyler sacrificed him to second, Owsley got on base on an error and stole second and Reinking singled to score Putney. Owsley, trying to score was trapped and caught in a rundown between third and home plate.

Dennis Eckstein tripled for Grants Pass in the second stanza and scored on an error

on Walt McCurdy's ground ball. For GP's big fifth, Jerry Christean got on base on a dropped outfield fly, Jim Smith three-baggered, Charles Lasher doubled, Larry Cochell got on base on an error, going all the way to second, Allen Drews grounded out, advancing Cochell to third base and Cochell scored on a passed ball.

Putney Gets Win
Henry Putney went on in relief with one out in the fifth and yielded one base on balls before retiring the side. He retired the batters in order in the sixth and seventh innings and had a record of two strikeouts, one walk and no hits in 2 2/3 innings. Putney got credit for the win.

Tyler, starting on the hill for Medford, was reached for six hits. He struck out two and walked one in 4 1/3 frames. Smith and Frank Thomas, combining on the mound for GP, were tagged for a total of seven hits. They gave up eight walks and one strikeout was recorded.

Ashland Beaten Monday
No batter got more than one hit.

Catcher Dick McLaughlin escaped what might have been a serious injury in the fifth in-

ing. A ball struck his mask, shattering his glasses and sending slivers of glass around his eye. The glass was cleaned out from around his eye and he continued the game without specs. McLaughlin has a pair of shatterproof glasses but they were in need of repair and the catcher hoped to have them ready for today's game.

McLaughlin had the pitcher role Monday in a semi-varsity practice game with Ashland which the Tornado won 7 to 4. He went the seven-inning distance, allowing only five hits, fanning six and walking four.

Big inning for Medford was the fourth when six runs got home. Ed Reinking, McLaughlin, Jim Putney and Steve Shorey all got hits. There were three errors and a passed ball in the canto. Reinking got two hits in three times up in the fray and McLaughlin slapped two for four including a double.

LINESCORES:
(Tuesday Game)
Medford 310 004 0-8 7 3
Grants Pass 010 040 0-5 6 3
Tyler, H. Putney (5) and McLaughlin; Smith, Thomas (6) and Christian, Tippett (6).

(Monday Game)
Medford 100 500 0-7 8 1
Ashland 011 002 0-4 5 3
McLaughlin and Knight; Parent, Bowlin (6) and Murray, M. Fitch (6).

Bears Win 28-12 Over Indian Nine

By UNITED PRESS
Yakima and Spokane played a Northwest League baseball game last night and ended up with a football score.

The final result was Yakima 28 Spokane 12. The victory kept Yakima hot on the heels of Eugene.

Herm Lewis was the big gun for Yakima with two homers. He banged a two-run homer in the second and had a grand-slam circuit clout in the fourth. In all, Yakima collected 22 hits.

Spaced Four Hits
For contrast, Vern Kindsfather spaced four hits to pitch the Tri-City Braves to a 5-0 decision over the Salem Senators.

Kindsfather was never in trouble as he fanned eight hitters and did not walk a man. Duane Helbig helped him out with a two-run homer in the second.

Eugene squeaked by Lewiston 4-3 with a run in the bottom of the ninth when Bill Girdley's single drove in Bill Eastburn from third.

Turner, Saxton Tussle Tonight

Chicago — (U.P.) — Gil Turner wanted only "an even break" in officiating tonight to defeat welterweight champion Johnny Saxton and vault back into a challenger's role in the world middleweight boxing lineup.

Turner was an 8-5 underdog for the Chicago stadium television match, chiefly because he has lost four of his last six fights. But he believed he could down the smaller titleholder because "I beat him before and I can do it again."

Saxton's defeat by Turner was on a split decision June 15, 1953, and was the first loss in Saxton's pro career after 39 straight wins and one draw.

Lane Will Take Pilot Rock Post

Baker — (U.P.) — Max Lane, track coach and former football mentor at Baker high school, announced here that he has accepted a position as track and basketball coach and director of physical education at Pilot Rock high school.

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SPORTS

AAU Upheld by Judge In Wes Santee Case

New York — (U.P.) — The Amateur Athletic Union, often under fire because of its interpretation of rules violations, stood vindicated today by the New York Supreme Court for its action in declaring miler Wes Santee a professional.

Justice Walter A. Lynch, in a decision rendered in less time than it takes Santee to run a mile, said the AAU was entirely within its right in suspending him for life because of expense account violations.

No Injunction Basis
Santee had sought a permanent injunction against the suspension which was invoked because he accepted a total of

\$1,335 in cash payments above allowable expenses for meets last summer.

Judge Lynch said there was no basis for such an injunction to be granted. He emphasized the AAU would have been remiss in its duty had it not taken action against Santee.

"Failure to do so could properly have brought down upon the AAU the condemnation of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and the exclusion of the American team from the Olympic games," said Judge Lynch.

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Sportsmanship Trophy Goes To Ashland High

Ashland — Ashland High school won the Southern Oregon Conference sportsmanship trophy for A-1 schools as the result of a vote of the various members, yells, squads, student councils, coaches and the referees.

This is the third straight year that Ashland has won the trophy, which now becomes a permanent possession.

Ashland was rated by all of the schools it met this year and came out with a grade average of 2.31. Medford was a close second with a grade point of 2.38.

For a number of years the schools of Southern Oregon have vied for this trophy which takes into account the sportsmanship not only for the team but for the yell leaders, student body and coaches. A rating sheet is sent to the sportsmanship chairman and the grades are averaged.

Phoenix Wins
The trophy awarded has a winged victory athlete on the top.

Winner of the cup for the A 2 schools was Phoenix High school with a grade point of 2.11. Illinois Valley was runner up in the A2 league with a score of 2.22.

Ashland was awarded the cup at the spring meeting of the Southern Oregon Principals and Coaches association which was held at Klamath Falls, Saturday, May 11.

WVSO Ladies Vie in Golf Tourney Here On Thursday

Golfers of nine member clubs will contend in two team competitions along with vying for individual laurels Thursday in the Willamette Valley-Southern Oregon Women's Golf association medal play tournament at Rogue Valley Country club.

Approximately 150 women are expected to participate with initial tee-off times set for 8 a.m. at both the first and 10th tees. This tourney is the first of four medal events scheduled by the WVSO this season.

In one of the team tussles the four low net scores of each club will be tabulated toward a championship decided on an overall season basis. Scores of the three remaining WVSO tangles will count toward the trophy.

Evans Trophy Play
Low Net scores of six women of each club will count in contention for the Evans trophy, sponsored by Mrs. David Evans, Eugene. Play for this award is held at a different club each year with Rogue Valley getting the 1956 play.

Clubs represented in addition to Rogue Valley are Grants Pass, Coos, Reames of Klamath Falls, Eugene, Laurelwood of Eugene, Bend, Corvallis and Roseburg. Some members of Rogue Valley Country club are expected from Crescent City and Eureka, Calif.

Officers and club representatives were to hold a meeting this

afternoon. A general meeting is scheduled in connection with the 1:30 p.m. buffet luncheon on Thursday. Officers are Mrs. A. C. Stipe, Bend, president; Mrs. W. W. Davies, Medford, vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Grimsley, Bend, secretary, and Mrs. Ronald Romig, Eugene, treasurer.

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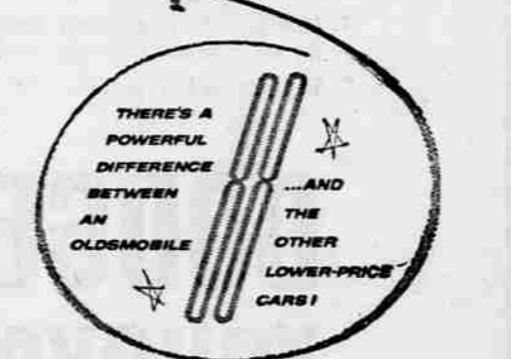
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