

TORNADO BUMPS CRATER, 62-39

Medford Gets 5th Straight Hoop Victory

Never seriously challenged after taking a wide lead in the second quarter, the Medford high Black Tornado began its Southern Oregon conference basketball title defense and its bid for a third straight mantle by rumbolling over Crater 62 to 39 at Central Point on Friday night.

It was the fifth victory in a row for the Tornado which, like the Comets, compiled a 4-2 record in pre-league tune-up tussles. Crater in the fust made its debut in A-1 class hoop rivalry.

Medford was joined in the conference winner circle Friday night by Ashland. The Grizzlies with their deliberate style of offense slipped by Grants Pass 33 to 30.

The Tornado found the going tough in the early minutes of the fracas but managed to pull in front at the first quarter halt 11 to 8. Once ahead, the Medfordites never fell behind again.

Medford non-starters played the entire fourth canto. Crater finished up with reserves in the last half of the final period.

Crater's tenacious man-for-man defense and the long range shooting of Wayne Allen and George Juveland along with Medford inability to find the field goal range were factors in the Comet first stanza effort to make a game of it.

Allen scored for Crater on a pusher and then a jumper from far out to give the home team a 4 to 0 jump in the first minute of play. Dick Copple put in two shots 1 1/2 minutes into the fust for Medford but with three minutes played Juveland pushed from afar for a 6 to 2 Comet edge.

With 4 1/2 minutes contested Dick McLaughlin sank a brace of gifters. Thirty seconds later Copple swished from the side, ending the Medford field goal drought with five minutes played. That knotted the game at 6-6.

McLaughlin's free toss with 2 1/2 to go in the panel gave Medford its first lead and big Neil Plumley barged through the slot to hit from close range for 9 to 6 count. Juveland came back with a long jumper but Plumley closed out the quarter with a pair of gifters.

During the first quarter Medford had hit only two of 13 field tries for .154 average. However, in the next eight-minute session the Tornado cracked the Comet defense to score heavily from close range, making nine buckets in 15 casts for .600 accuracy. Larry Perkins put in all four of his field goals for the night in this stage of action.

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Boxing Association Rates Sugar Ray as No. Three Middleweight Contender; Humez, Giardello Listed

Milwaukee (U.P.) — The National Boxing Assn. Saturday rated Sugar Ray Robinson the No. 3 contender in the middle-weight division which he ruled until his defeat by Gene Fullmer last Wednesday night.

The NBA rated Robinson behind Charles Humez of France and Joey Giardello of Pennsylvania as contenders for the crown now worn by Fullmer.

A rematch between Fullmer and Robinson is scheduled for either March or June.

The NBA tagged Gaspar Ortega, No. 2 contender in the welterweight division, as December "boxer of the month." Ortega, unranked three months ago, scored victories over Isaac Logart and former welterweight champion Tony de Marco to move up in the ratings.

NBA rating chairman Fred Saddy said unless featherweight champion Sandy Saddler defends his title soon, the crown may be declared vacant. An elimination

series of bouts among top contenders would then be held to determine the new champion. The No. 1 and 2 contenders are Cherif Hamia of French Algiers and Miguel Berrios, of Puerto Rico.

Saddy said California welterweight Art Arson will be omitted from the NBA ratings while he is under suspension by the Texas Athletic Commission.

The champion and top five contenders by division are: Heavyweight, champion Floyd Patterson, Tommy Jackson, Bob Baker, Eddie Machen, Willie Pastrano, Harold Carter.

Light heavyweight, champion Archie Moore, Chuck Spieser, Hans Stretz, Gerhard Hecht, Yolande Pompey, Tony Anthony. Middleweight, champion Gene Fullmer, Charles Humez, Joey Giardello, Ray Robinson, Bobby Boyd, Ralph Jones.

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College Basketball

FRIDAY'S SCORES BY UNITED PRESS

Midwest Colo. State Col. 88, Adams State 66. Quincy 66, Illinois College 33. Wichita 74, Kansas State 34.

West Montana State 84, Montana Mines 64. Brigham Young 85, Montana 68. Chapman 73, California State 54. San Fran. 66, San Jose State 51. Idaho State 84, Colo. College 34.

Puget Sound 70, Western Wash. 64. Oregon State 64, Stanford 62. Santa Clara 73, Pepperdine 54. California 76, Washington S. 38. Washington 76, S. California 72. Loyola 71, Fresno State 67. St. Mary's 72, COP 67, overtime. Modesto Junior College Tourney

Quartettinals Modesto 53, Long Beach 44. Hancock 69, West Contra Costa 34. City College of SF, San Jose 41. Bakerfield 65, Fresno 61. Sacramento State 64, Stanford 62. City College of LA 38, Stockton 33. Ventura 63, Sequoia 61.

W. Oregon State 64, Stanford 63. UCLA 64, Idaho 63, overtime. California 92, Washington State 58. Washington 76, USC 72. San Francisco 66, San Jose State 51.

Oregon Tech 91, Portland State 63. Eastern Oregon 72, Southern Oregon 60. Puget Sound 70, Western Washington 67, overtime. New York State 73, College of Pacific 67, overtime. Santa Barbara 63, San Diego State 64.

Skagit Valley JC 42, Wenatchee JC 39. San Francisco State 77, Cal Aggies 76. Clara 73, Pepperdine 54. Loyola Los Angeles 71, Fresno State 67.

George Fox 70, Pacific Bible 61. Lassen 104, Central Oregon 68.

High School Scores Milwaukee 44, Astoria 39. Berkeley 64, Hillsboro 46. Bend 38, Washington 42. Clatskanie 60, Reynolds 46. Jefferson 54, Lincoln 32, 2 overtimes. Central Catholic 64, Beaverton 47. Grant 31, Clatskanie 33. Roosevelt 57, Clatskanie 33. Gresham 44, David Douglas 29. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. Siletz 45, Monroe 33. Cottage Grove 35, Redwood 54. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. South Salem 58, Sweet Home 53. Halsey 60, Scio 50. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. St. Boniface 60, Chemawa 29. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. Cascade 73, Silverton 54. Springfield 64, Bend 47. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. Albany 30, Corvallis 49. Serra 44, Mt. Angel 41. Marist 41, Junction City 36. Sherwood 20, Corbett 45. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. Seaside 56, Molalla 46. Seaside 56, Molalla 46. Myrtle Point 57, The Dalles 43. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. Estacada 60, Rainier 49. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. Willamette 65, Elmira 34. North Marion 53, Gervais 27. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. Bandon 46, Siuslaw 42. Ontario 49, La Grande 42. Duwamish 53, Cascade Locks 33. Nestucca 32, Warrenton 33. Klamath Falls 60, Reno, Nev. 48. Yamhill 46, Seaside 38. Neahkahnie 61, Seaside 40. Tillamook Catholic 40, Jewell 39. Astoria 52, Perrydale 46. Grant Union 53, Burns 43. Lewis 64, Weston 46. Eagle Point 61, Illinois Valley 38. Ashland 33, Grants Pass 30. Drain 37, S. Francis Eugene 48. Creswell 47, Prussian Hill 42. Yoncalla 62, Days Creek 32. Knappton 42, Lakeview 38. Lorane 42, Mohawk 38. Corvallis 69, Crow 28. Medford 66, West 38. Prospect 52, Talent 31. Butte Falls 63, Jacksonville 39. Hermiston 54, Medford 52, Rogue River 31.

YMCA League Starts Soon

The YMCA Church Athletic association Basketball League heads into its seventh season next week with three divisions playing.

The junior high division is for boys up to 14 years old. High school division is for boys up to 19. Young men's division is for unlimited age groups.

Games of the junior division will be played Thursday nights at Lincoln. Games of the senior high division will be played at McLaughlin school, also Thursday nights, and the men's division will be played Saturday nights at the YMCA gym.

League officials have said they are grateful for the co-operation of Medford schools who open their gyms evenings so that teams may play and practice. Rules and schedules worked out in manager's meetings are being distributed by League Manager Ronald D. Sherman, and will be ready for teams to pick up Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the YMCA.

Purpose of the Church Athletic league, officials said, is to provide opportunity for friendly competition and recreation for members of each parish, to provide those who are unable to go on a school team a chance to belong to a team, and to stimulate church and Sunday school attendance by requiring that players be selected from those who are regularly in attendance at

Grizzlies Top Cavemen 33-30 Friday

Ashland — Coach Earl Iba's ball controlling Ashland Grizzlies dumped the invading Grants Pass Cavemen Friday night 33-30 in a thriller that saw the hometowners play before a near capacity crowd.

The game sea-sawed back and forth until Mel Dailey sunk a long one handed push shot from the corner of the sidelines to ice the game for Ashland with two minutes left in the game.

The game was featured by individual scoring sprees on the part of the Ashland hoopers. In the first half Jack Eberhart kept Ashland in the game with 8-8 from the free throw line and 10 points. Then in the second half Mel Dailey took up the slack for the Grizzlies and dumped in 13 points as Coach Iba's hoopers won their 7th straight game without a set back.

The Grants Pass scoring was evenly distributed and the Cavemen although rattling all the first half knotted the score at 8-8 in the first quarter. Ashland forged ahead 18-16 at halftime only to see an inspired Cavemen crew nudge ahead 26-25 at the three-quarter mark.

Jerry Putnam and Jim Smith, the big scorers for Grants Pass put the Cavemen out front 30-29, only to see Dailey score the net with his long one handed shot a minute later calmly step to the free throw line and cash in on two charity tosses to wrap up the contest and initiate their first win of the new season as both clubs made their conference debut Friday.

Lineup Ashland 33 Grants Pass 30 Eberhart 10 P 6 Putnam 20 S 9 Smith 13 C 4 Henderson 2 Fick 0 G 6 Tompkins 8 Hartwell 8 C 6

Grants Pass scorers: Rembert 2, Walker 2, Fowler 2, Halftime score: Ashland 18, Grants Pass 16. Officials: Melbye and Lee Flink.

Low Draw Suspension For Grades

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Oregon State star halfback Paul Lowe, 20, of Los Angeles has been suspended from the school because of poor grades, Assistant Registrar Dallas Norton disclosed Friday night.

Norton said notice of Lowe's suspension had been mailed to his Los Angeles home address Dec. 27.

E. B. Lemon, dean of administration, said: "Lowe's academic record is such that we cannot permit him to continue. Because the boy has the ability and at times showed promise, we were hopeful he might justify the time spent here. However, when his grades for the term just ended on Dec. 18, were compared with those of the members of the team there seemed to be no alternative to the action taken."

Lemon said Lowe must have been aware of his situation at Oregon State because he stayed in California after the Rose Bowl game at his own request.

Under college rules, Lowe could not return to the school for a year after his suspension, which would be after the 1957 football season. However, he could be reinstated if he indicated to the academic deficiencies committee that he had made up his grades through extension work or at another school.

SIGNS CONTRACT Ottawa — (U.P.) — Former Purdue University star end Bernie Flowers, who was cut by the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League after a two year hitch in the U.S. Navy, has signed a 1957 contract with the Ottawa Rough Riders of Canada's Big Four Football Union. Flowers played with Ottawa in 1953 and scored nine touchdowns.

their church. Teams will join in a sports award banquet at the close of the season to award trophies to winners.

St. Mary's, Butte Falls Record Victories Friday; Prospect Wins

St. Mary's of Medford and Butte Falls recorded victories by wide margins and Prospect was victor by a nose on Friday night as Jackson County B. League basketball aggregations opened their loop campaigns.

Prospect fought by Talent 51 to 51 as Leo Daniels' bucket broke a 50-50 deadlock with less than 1 1/2 minutes to go. St. Mary's thumped Rogue River 32 to 31 and Butte Falls romped over Jacksonville 63 to 39 on the strength of heavy scoring by brothers Bill and Jim Irwin.

The Cougars of Prospect had to exercise a come from behind effort to trip Talent. Prospect led 16 to 11 after the first canto but fell behind 22 to 30 in the second quarter and still trailed 38 to 44 when the third period concluded. Score was tied at 44, 46, 48 and 50-48 before Daniels got his winning goal. Fred Helm got a chance to knot the game at 52-52 each with about a minute to go but missed his second try on a one and one free shot situation.

Bill Irwin poured in 27 points and Jim 23 for Butte Falls which had period gaps of 11 to 5, 27 to 22 and 43 to 32. The Loggers in addition to their hotter shooting had a stiff zone defense that Jacksonville had trouble working against. Clyde Smith and Maurice McIntyre each tallied 12 points for the Redskins.

In junior varsity scrapes Butte Falls nosed Jacksonville 34 to 29, Talent beat Prospect 47 to 29 and St. Mary's downed Rogue River.

LINE-UPS: Butte Falls 33 39 Jacksonville B. Irwin 27 f 17 Pawlowicki P. Conley 8 c 12 C. Smith Mattern 3 g 7 Powell M. Conley g 12 McIntyre J. Irwin 22 g 11 Hansen J. Substitutions—For Butte Falls, Dillon 2; for Jacksonville, E. Smith.

Prospect 52 f 51 Talent Yarnice 18 f 17 Wallace P. Daniels 8 c 7 Allen Davidson 6 c 15 Holman J. Gardner 4 g 9 Helms Substitutions—For Prospect, Cummings, Scott, Decker, Talent, Gingrich 2, Baer, Weinhold.

St. Mary's 32 31 Rogue River St. Mary's 32 f 31 Wilson Birmingham 8 f 3 B. Bigman Flakus 16 c 7 Allen Daley 14 c 6 E. Helge Substitutions—For St. Mary's, Red, Fogel, Milsche, Laden, Burroughs, Kerr, for Rogue River, G. Brangman, Kelly 2.

Local Wrestlers Down KF Team Klamath Falls—Hedrick Junior High school ninth grade wrestlers had no trouble dropping their counterparts from Klamath Falls 53-25 here Friday.

Hedrick wrestlers winning by pinning were Kenny Johnson, Leland Johnson, Rick Middlecoff, Kelly Somers, Jack Joyce, Roger Spour, Carl Seig and Cranston.

Winning by decisions were Bob Criswell and Allen Hubbard, of Hedrick. Hedrick's Lloyd Wright fought to the only draw of the bout.

Al Espinosa Dies of Cancer at 64 Friday Oakland, Calif. (U.P.) — Al Espinosa, who lost the U. S. Open golf title to Bobby Jones in a playoff in 1929, died Friday of melanoma, a rare form of cancer. He was 64.

Espinosa, who played on the U. S. Ryder Cup team six times, finished in a tie with Jones in 1929 only to lose the playoff by 23 strokes in one of history's most one-sided playoffs.

EP Subdues IV 50-28

Eagle Point — Eagle Point high pulled away after three close quarters Friday night to subdue Illinois Valley 50 to 38 in a Rogue league maplecourt scuffle here.

The Eagles had field goaling trouble in the first half missing a lot of good shots but built up a 15-point 48 to 33 advantage in the fourth quarter to sew up the victory.

Quarter scores all favored EP 6 to 5, 21 to 17 and 32 to 31. IV made a bid in the third quarter when Eagle Point switched to zone defense. Larry Preston rang up four field goals a this stage. EP continued its zone except for putting Ron Veach man to man against Preston to bottle up the Cougar the rest of the way.

The Eagles made up for their troubles of cold shooting with 33 to 20 edge in backcourt retrieving. In the field goaling they shot 16 times in the first quarter without connecting, getting what points they did in free tosses. They made 18 goals in 74 tries in the game for .243 average.

Preston was high scorer with 14 points. Gary Foran scored 13 for Eagle Point and Jack Greb 11.

LINE-UPS: Eagle Point 50 38 Ill. Valley Christian 9 f 1 Shannaker Green 10 c 1 Goodwin Foran 13 c 9 Woodbury Boren 5 c 6 Piller Veach 8 g 6 Kerrigan Substitutions—For Eagle Point, Brown 2, Clement 2, Hanson, E. Freshman; for Illinois Valley, Preston 14, Hogan.

Paul Waner Shows Improvement Sarasota, Fla. — (U.P.) — Paul Waner, baseball's famous "Big Poison" and one of seven major hits, was reported "out of danger" today after a serious attack of pneumonia.

Dr. Thomas Scott, the attending physician, said Waner has shown improvement and that his temperature has returned to normal. Mrs. Waner reported Paul's temperature had risen to 105 on Thursday.

The former Pittsburgh Pirate star won three National League batting titles during his brilliant career.

MARINE MAY RIDE Indianapolis (U.P.) — If the United States Auto club which sanctions the Indianapolis 500-mile auto race, approves a plan devised by Capt. R. J. O'Leary, the Marines may be represented in this year's racing classic. O'Leary who is in charge of Marine recruiting here, said he will try to find an experienced driver in the corps to ride in the event.

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