

Tornado Gains Oregon Hoop Tourney Berth With Victory Over Ashlanders

Grants Pass Quint Here On Tuesday

The Medford Black Tornado, its third straight state basketball tournament trip a certainty, today awaited its final home hoop conflict of the 1957 season.

Grants Pass will be here on Tuesday night for the prep finale at Hedrick court. The Tornado and Cavemen drop the curtain on 1957 Southern Oregon conference and District 6 A-1 rivalry at Grants Pass on Wednesday. Varsity scraps both days will be at 8:15 p.m. after 6:30 p.m. jayvee engagements.

Medford employed a forceful, aggressive, pressing action, hot field goaling and two to one control on the backboards Saturday night for its most decisive verdict of the season over the Ashland Grizzlies, 59 to 50. The Black Tornado pulled away from the Grizzlies after a hard fought first half for its third victory in four games with Ashland. A bulging margin was established by the Tornado but the never-say-quit Ashlander's fire up to close the gap at the rough-house and brawl finish.

A standing-room-only crowd was on hand for the scramble which saw Ashland partisans on the verge of riot when Medford's huge Neil Plumley smashed Ashland's Jack Tobiasson to the floor under the Grizzly basket with just 45 seconds left in the game.

Ashland Ends Season
Combination of the Ashland loss and the Medford win put the Tornado into the A-1 Oregon classic at Eugene starting March 12. It was the final frizzle of the season for the Grizzlies.

While the Medfordites were applying their clincher, Klamath Falls maintained its two-game lead in the conference chase with a 62 to 38 triumph over Grants Pass. The Pelicans of KF are expected to hold the circuit and district mantles by at least their current advantage when the regular slate closes Wednesday.

Crater plays at Klamath Tuesday and Wednesday. The Pels would have to lose both to the cellarites and Medford would have to take both tussles from GP for a Tornado-Klamath dead-lock for the title.

Lead Alters
There were seven lead changes.

Red Raiders Vie in NAIA Tournament

By UNITED PRESS
Oregon's regular small college basketball schedule wound up over the week end but one of the most important games is still to be played.

The Northwest conference, staging what has become its traditional finish, ended in a two-way knot at the top with Linfield and Pacific sharing the crown.

Willamette was responsible for cutting Linfield into the championship picture. The Bearcats eased out an 84-80 win over Pacific Saturday night to give the Badgers a 10-5 record, the same as Linfield already had compiled.

LC In Third
Final standings put Lewis and Clark in third with a 8-7 record; Willamette and College of Idaho tied for fourth with 7-8 records, and Whitman sixth at 3-12.

In the other half of Saturday night's schedule, College of Idaho whipped Whitman 71-57. Linfield and Pacific will hold a playoff at South Salem high Tuesday night for an NCAA small college spot.

Meanwhile, the district 2NAIA tourney opens at Milwaukie tonight with Portland States and the University of Portland meeting in one game and Southern Oregon tackling Lewis and Clark in the other. Winner of the two-night tourney gains a ticket to the finals at Kansas City later this month.

North Carolina Keeps Top Place

New York—(U.P.)—The United Press college basketball ratings with first-place votes and win-loss records through March 2 in parentheses:
Team Points
1. North Carolina 26 (24-0) 341
2. Kansas 7 (19-2) 303
3. Kentucky 1 (22-4) 284
4. SNU 23-3 273
5. UCLA 21-4 258
6. Seattle 22-2 256
7. California 15-4 254
8. Michigan State 14-7 251
9. Louisville 1 (20-5) 247
10. Bradley 19-5 243
Second 10 teams: 11. St. Louis 46; 12. tie, Dayton, West Virginia and Indiana, 19 each; 13. tie, Brigham Young and Vanderbilt, 13 each; 17. tie, Notre Dame and Kansas State, 12 each; 19. Iowa State 11; Ohio State 5; 21. tie, Xavier, Canisius and Oklahoma each; 23. tie, Manhattan, Idaho State, Morehead, Ky. State, Iowa and NYU, 1 each.

er and six tie scores in the first half Saturday evening as Medford battled to avenge its 45 to 42 loss on Friday to the Grizzlies. Ashland made a real struggle of it in the first two quarters largely from the free shots awarded off personal fouls of the pressuring Medford crew.

Medford took the lead for keeps on Larry Perkins' 15-foot pusher off an out-of-bounds foul and his free shot which made the score 23 to 20. Mark Fitch's long push goal threatened the Tornado but Dick McLaughlin got two free points, Tom Hamlin swished a gift tally and Plumley dunked in the rebound on Hamlin's missed second shot. Tornado edged at the half was 28 to 22.

In the third quarter McLaughlin put in two jumpers, Dick Coplee a close in jump and a fast break bucket, Perkins hit from the back arc of the foul circle and Plumley got a charity toss for 11 Medford points. In the meantime Ashland had picked up just two markers on gifts by Tobiasson. With five minutes played in the stanza Medford had a 15 point gap of 39 to 24.

42 to 30 at Pause
In the next three minutes Coplee hit from the corner and got a free basket for the Tornado. Dale Olson rolled in a pair of gifts. Medford led 42 to 30 at the third intermission.

In five minutes of the fourth canto Plumley collected two field goals, Perkins two and McLaughlin and Dick Puhl one apiece and Plumley dropped in four free shots. Mel Dailey hit two goals and Eberhart one for Ashland and Medford's margin went to 22 points, 58 to 36.

Ashland forced the issue and came back strong during the remaining portion of the first half, in part of which Medford mentor Frank Roelandt had a number of reserves in action. Fitch started the comeback with a long push shot. Tobiasson added two counters on Plumley's fourth foul. Fitch added another free point on McLaughlin's fifth foul and Eberhart canned a jumper for 58 to 45.

Plumley Whams Tobiasson
Don Peck of Medford made it 59 to 45 on Roy Gray's infraction. Fitch picked up two more Ashland points on Hamlin's personal.

Then Tobiasson boomed down the court with the ball and was driving in for a lay up when Plumley crashed into him. Ashlanders were understandably aroused. The Medford center was charged with a deliberate personal infraction and banished from the game. The foul coincided with his fifth foul of the night. Tobiasson got the field goal and was awarded two free chances. He made the first on for the final point of the game.

Ashland took the lead on the Tornado four times in the first half but never by more than three points. The Grizzlies were on top 14 to 12 at the end of the first quarter. Coplee tied it up for Medford with free shots. Plumley scored on a Medford recovery under its hoop and got a free shot for 17 to 14. Fitch got a long goal and Eberhart a brace of free throws for a 20 to 17 Ashland lead.

Hot at Free Line
McLaughlin put in a singleton for the Tornado and added a close in jumper when Medford controlled the rebound on his missed second foul try. That tied up the mix at 20-all. Perkins put Medford on top for keeps with two minutes left in the half.

The Ashlanders put in 10 free shots without a miss in the first quarter. They failed to score on only two of 16 free tries in the first half. On one of the "misses" the ball actually connected but an Ashlander was in the lane too quickly.

Medford made only eight of 24 field casts in the first half but fired six for 11 in the third quarter and six for seven in the fourth for a game record of 20 of 42 and a 47.6 average.

In backboard play the Tornado had 34 retrieves to 17 for Ashland. First half margin was 16 to eight with Medford controlling 12 offensive rebounds to Ashland's one. Plumley claimed 13 retrieves and Coplee and McLaughlin each seven. Dailey and Tobiasson gathered six rebounds each for Ashland.

Tobiasson was high scorer as he made 11 out of 13 free shot attempts and had a 17 point total. Plumley had 16 points for Medford.

ROY: FG FT PF TP
Ashland: Dailey, f. 2 4 4 8
Tobiasson, c. 3 11 0 17
M. Fitch, f. 3 3 2 11
Hartwell, f. 0 0 0 0
Olson, f. 1 0 0 3
Sorenson, f. 2 2 1 5
Gray, f. 0 0 0 0
Totals 13 24 20 59
Medford: Coplee, f. 4 4 4 12
McLaughlin, f. 4 5 5 13
Plumley, c. 5 6 5 16
Puhl, f. 1 1 4 3
Perkins, f. 6 1 1 13
Hamlin, f. 0 0 0 0
Slesier, f. 0 0 0 0
Lane, f. 0 0 0 0
Peck, f. 0 1 0 1
Totals 29 19 21 53
References—Mailbox and Eselstyn.



ON RED HEAD CREW—Jackie Bray is playmaker and spark-plug of the All-American Red Heads women's basketball team which plays the grade school teacher's men's team on Wednesday night at Hedrick gym here. She is regarded as a clever ball handler, terrific driver and sharp passer who has a flair for fun and contagious smile. The game is sponsored by the Medford City Teachers association with proceeds to go to the fund for sick or injured teachers.

Grade Teachers Prep For Red Head Tussle

Medford Grade school teachers basketball squad was to hold its second drill of the season this afternoon. The crew it being groomed by coach and manager Loren Soderlund for its fracas at 8 p.m. Wednesday with the All-American Red Heads, famed girls' team, at Hedrick gymnasium.

Soderlund reported that the faculty squad, which practiced yesterday, would rest Tuesday in order not to go stale. He stated that the teachers are in "as good condition as can be expected."

May Platoon
The faculty men plan no set offense but probably will use a platoon system, according to Soderlund. Defense is causing some concern. Zone style won't be permitted, the men have been told. They can't use man-to-man. It will have to be man-to-woman.

Members of the teacher's squad are Soderlund, Jim Akerill and Bill Brew, Washington; Bob Phillips, Jefferson; Don Perry, West Side; Bruce Metz-

ger and Max Killingsworth, Oak Grove; Paul Gant, Jackson; Herb Wing and Morrie Jimenez, Lincoln; Cliff McLean, Roosevelt; Howard Gang, McLoughlin, and Bob Huff and Barney Riggs, Hedrick.

Starting line-up is yet to be named.

Spring Handicap Matches Billed

Match play will start Wednesday in the men's spring golf handicap tournament at Rogue Valley Country club.

Participants will have through March 17 to complete their first round contests. There are 116 entrants in the tourney. Harry Millette, Lee Flink and Carl Schmidt tied for low gross honors with 76s in qualifying. They will play-off for medalist. Decision on the low net winner awaits final action on establishment of handicaps.

No New Policy Agreed On For Aid to Athletes

Portland, Ore.—(U.P.)—Faculty representatives of the Pacific Coast conference adjourned a three day meeting Sunday without agreeing on a new policy for aid to athletes.

That meant that any new changes in the controversial PCC code would have to come at the regular spring meeting at Spokane, Wash., on May 19.

Earlier in the meeting, the PCC made a C grade average the least that an athlete must have before starting his third session of varsity competition. The conference also stiffened the requirements for academic work to be taken, and for transfer students.

The scholarship spokesman said the representatives felt they did not have enough information at this time to take any action on the problem of financial aid to athletes.

Boston Celtics Cop Pro Crown

By UNITED PRESS
After 11 frustrating years, the Eastern Division championship of the National Basketball Association today belongs to the Boston Celtics.

Boston blasted Rochester, 111-102, Sunday to cop its first division title in that time.

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Radio Station KMED will broadcast the Glide-Phoenix high basketball game at Roseburg tonight.

SPORTS

Tornado JV Tops Ashland Prep Scores

Medford high jayvees evened the score for previous night's loss to the Ashland junior varsity hoophumens by bouncing the Grizzlies 47 to 28 here Saturday night.

First half the game was close but Medford picked up an 11-point spread of 34 to 23 in the third quarter. The junior Tornado widened its advantage through the second half mainly on the strength of free shots. It had 14 free tosses and five field goals over the last two periods.

First quarter score was 9 to 6 for Medford and the halfway count was 20 to 17.

Ron Peery had 18 points for Medford, 12 on free shots, and Jim Funston had 12 markers. Doug Fitch collected 10 for Ashland.

LINE-UPS:
Medford JV: Ashland JV 28
1. Rasmussen, 2. Maurer, 3. Plankenhorn, 4. Moores, 5. F. Funston, 6. Mickie, 7. Brauner, 8. Taylor, 9. G. Peery, 10. D. Fitch
Substitutions—For Medford, Hamilton, 1. Monroe, 1. Whaley, Barlow, 2. Friesen, Bergman, Peterson, Manley; for Ashland, Lombard, 2. Bjorlie, Peterson, Baker, 2.

Basketball Scores

BY UNITED PRESS
(East) Canisius 80 Niagara 67
(Midwest) Iowa St. 69 Kans. St. 67
Purdue 85 Wisconsin 66
Minnesota 86 Illinois 75
(South) Florida 85 Georgia 65
Morehead (Ky.) 78 Cincinnati 70
W.V. 73 Virginia 69
N. C. State 75 Wake Forest 71
(Southwest) St. Louis 102 Houston 84
TCU 74 Texas 60
SMU 87 Arkansas 59
Tulsa 85 Drake 70
(West) Brigham Young 65 Denver 51
Utah 85 Wyoming 57
Kansas 68 Colorado 57
Oregon St. 70 Washington St. 49
S. Cal 71 Oregon 62
Stanford 71 Idaho 63
California 73 UCLA 68
Utah St. 69 N. Mex. 61
Colo. A&M 66 Montana 59

Suggs, Hagge Leaders In Jacksonville Open

Jacksonville, Fla.—(U.P.)—Louise Suggs matched her steady golf game against the putting mastery of Marlene Bauer Hagge today in the final round of the \$5,000 Jacksonville Women's Open tournament.

Miss Suggs, of Sea Island, Ga., and Mrs. Hagge, of Delray Beach, Fla., teed off for the final 18 holes over the tricky Hyde Park course tied for the lead and two strokes ahead of their nearest rivals. Both had 54-hole totals of 222.

Outdoor Store AAU Champion

Hermiston—(U.P.)—Portland Outdoor Store won the Oregon AAU basketball title last night by whipping the Ione Merchants 85-63.

The Outdoor team travels to Seattle next week to meet the Washington champ for the Northwest title.

Klamath Falls defeated Arlington 76-75 for third place.

Prep Scores

SATURDAY BASKETBALL
By United Press
Astoria 80 Parkrose 57
Benson 37 Cleveland 44
Roosevelt 51 Jefferson 49
South Salem 56 Lebanon 44
Medford 59 Ashland 50
North Bend 72 Cottage Grove 60
Roseburg 49 Marshfield 48
Bend 42 Central Oregon JC 39
Klamath Falls 62 Grants Pass 38
Prineville 75 Lakeview 64
Reedport 58 Toledo 30
Glide 64 Phoenix 47
Cohob 61 Harrisburg 58
Redmond 63 St. Francis 53
Sisters 45 Culver 40

Isle Royale in Lake Superior has an area of 210 square miles.

David Jenkins Skate Titlist

Colorado Springs, Colo.—(U.P.)—The United States remains dominant in figure skating competition today on the performances of two youngsters unequaled in the world of amateurs.

David Jenkins, 20, kept the men's world figure skating championship in the United States Saturday night with his flawless display before 3,000 in the Broadmoore Ice Palace. His brother, Hayes Alan Jenkins, won the championship from 1953 through 1956, but did not compete last week.

Carol Heiss, 17-year-old skater from Ozone Park, N.Y., had retained her women's world crown earlier in the week.

OSC SWIM VICTOR

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Oregon State was the new Northern Division swimming champion today after piling up 200 points to 99 for Washington in the five-team meet here Friday and Saturday.

WANTS GRID INFO
Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. William E. Miller (R-N.Y.), calling for a complete congressional investigation of all pro sports, has started by asking for the National Football league's official stand on three items—the player draft, a players' association and a guaranteed yearly salary.

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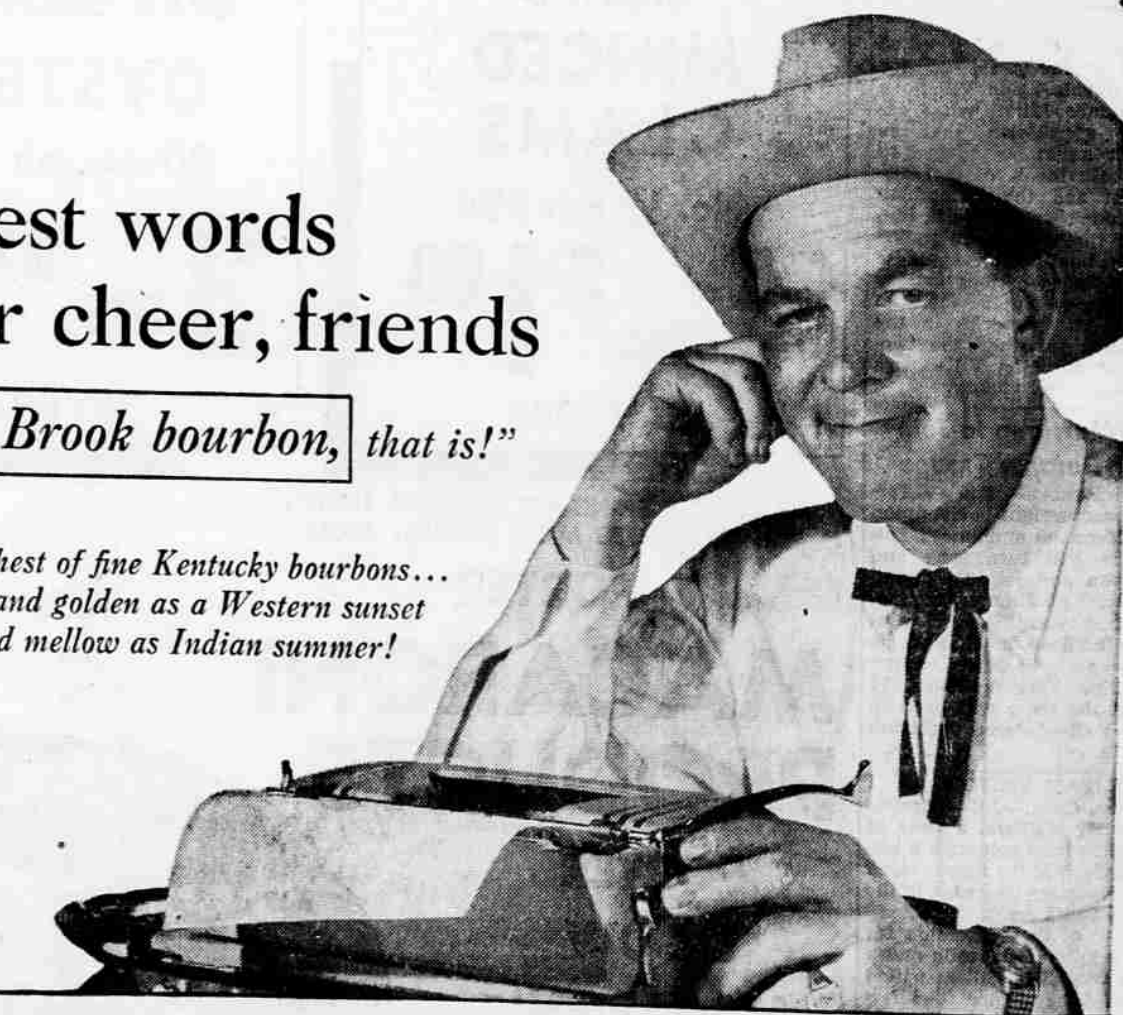
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