

AXEMEN CUT DOWN TORNADO 63-52 IN STATE A-1 TOURNEY

Medford, Albany Vie for 5th Place

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McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene—Medford High's Black Tornado title-mixed after two consecutive years as runner-up in Oregon Class A-1 basketball tournaments, won't even be the "bridesmaid" again this year.

Eugene's slashing and No. 3 rated Axemen, aiming for a second crown in three years, took care of that last night by cutting down the Big Breeze in the opening round of the five-day scramble for the state's big school cage championship. Never trailing in the ruckus, the Axemen, led by Don Coe, All-State Charlie Warren and Don Lawrence, slashed the hemp at a torrid rate to chop Medford 63 to 52.

The loss shoved Medford into the consolation struggle for fifth place. Tornado sluggers were fired at a scorching 457 from the field, best in the tournament's first eight games while Eugene advanced into the quarter-finals against the Pendleton Buckaroos who fought uphill in the second half to nudge Albany's Bulldogs 53 to 50 on the tourney's first round conclusion.

Coe Is Big Gun
Eugene, with Coe the big gun, fired at a scorching 457 from the field, best in the tournament's first eight games while Medford's 246 was among the poorest marks. That Axemen accuracy and Medford coldness told most of the story. The hometown combined shooting with early game edge in aggressiveness and took advantage of Medford's chilliest streak of the night to assume a command which was challenged at times but never seriously endangered.

Medford kept close to Eugene through most of the first quarter but the Axemen pulled to a 16 to 9 margin by the end of the period. Bill Goldschmidt led off the second canto for Eugene with a jumper field bucket. He got another from in under the hoop. Warren followed with a hook at close range and Coe swished a long one hander. Warren put in two gifters to round out 10 point surge in 2½ minutes of the quarter. The Tornado went without a score of any kind in the first four minutes of the panel and Eugene was ahead by 17 points at 22 to 9.

While the Axemen never had a spread wider than 17, Medford could come no nearer to the purple clad crew than nine courters. An eight-point surge back in the second stanza brought the trailing to 26 to 17 as Dick Puhl got a drive-in goal. Dick McLaughlin, a shot from the line range, Dick Coppie, a jumper from the inside the circle and Tom Hamlin a close on Coe's feed.

Lawrence hit from short distance and got a free shot and Coppie hit a jumper for Medford which made the count 29 to 16 at halftime. Eugene's lead

Medford Man Is Car Show Entry

Jack Gault, 124 King st., Medford, has entered his 1949 Ford club coupe in the annual North Oregon California Custom and Rod show, scheduled March 16 and 17 in the exhibit buildings of the 27th agricultural district fairgrounds at Anderson, Calif., it was reported today.

Two new classes, the roadster pick-up and custom pick-up, have been added to this year's show, according to Roger Whipp, manager of the show.

Admission prices this year have been reduced to 90 cents general admission and 40 cents for children eight to 12-years-old, Whipp said.

Midgets Billed With Heavies in Tag Team Scrap

Grants Pass—A type of match that has wowed the wrestling crowds in several large cities in Texas will be tried in Oregon for the first time this Friday night at Grants Pass Fairgrounds arena. Two midgets, Lord Littlebrook and The Brown Panther, will team up with 205-pound Tito Carreon against midgets Tom Thumb and Irish Jackie and 210-pound Martino Angelo.

This will be the main attraction down for one hour or the best two out of three falls. Carreon and Angelo will wrestle only against each other because when one is tagged the other must automatically come in.

Hilarious

No matter who wins this one the crowd should see a lot of hilarious action. Littlebrook is recognized as the outstanding midget wrestler in the world and big boy Tito Carreon is fast becoming an Oregon favorite on Portland TV. There should be plenty of lumps as these six matmen turn loose on each other.

The one hour semi-final on this big card will feature Wild Bill Savage from Joliet, Ill., against handsome Reg Parks. Savage lost a close one to Luigi Macera in his last appearance here and Reg Parks defeated Alec Pere.



IRISH JACKIE Midget on Card

Savage has developed a back-breaker that is hard to beat while Parks favors the giant swing followed by a press. Extra seats will be installed to take care of the expected crowd to this card.

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Prep Scores

By UNITED PRESS
A-1 at Eugene
Pendleton 53, Albany 50
Eugene 63, Medford 52
Central Catholic 59, Redmond 28
North Salem 41, Ontario 40
Grant 55, McMinnville 47
Marshfield 36, Klamath Falls 31
A-2 at Salem
Scappoose 58, Madras 51 (Title)
Molalla 57, Dayton 36 (3rd Place)
Glide 45, Drain 43 (Consolation)

18,442 Fans Jam Court For A-1 Tilts

Eugene — (U.P.) — Surprising Marshfield, Pendleton, North Salem, and Eugene joined four Portland schools in the quarter-finals of the state class A-1 high school tournament today.

A total of 18,442 fans jammed into McArthur court for the three tournament sessions yesterday, including a record 8882 last night.

Biggest upset of the day was Marshfield's 36-31 win over Klamath Falls. The Pirates from Coos Bay played a slow-down game which paid off against the favored Pelicans. All-state Roger Johnson hit 17 for Marshfield.

Central Catholic of Portland, paced by Jim Altenhofen's 20 points, had an easy time against Redmond, winning 59-28.

Pendleton and Albany had a real donnybrook with the eastern Oregon team winning out 53-50, although Albany led at the half 33-27. Dick Wilson of Albany hit 22 points, high for the tourney so far.

Closest game of the day saw North Salem edge Ontario 41-40 with a last-quarter comeback, while Grant of Portland disposed of McMinnville 55-47. Gene Carlson of McMinnville had the scoring honors with 14.

Lincoln and Benson of Portland won Tuesday night games. Today's quarterfinals matched Lincoln and Benson at 3 p.m., Marshfield and North Salem at 4:15, Grant and Central Catholic at 7:30 and Eugene and Pendleton at 8:45.

Consolation round games saw St. Helens battle Astoria, Klamath Falls meet Ontario, Medford play Albany and McMinnville meet Redmond.

567 to 564.

The game was played before a record crowd for Wednesday night of the tourney, the 8,882 spectators, surpassing the 7,975 total on the same night in 1956. Eugene drew a host of hometown followers.

Albany, if it matched its early pace against the Buckaroos, loomed as a tough foe for the Tornado today. The Bulldogs led most of the way against Pendleton but missed out on championship quarter-finals when they got only two points in the last quarter. Pendleton, which lagged by 10 points in the first half and by nine late in the third quarter.

Fieldgoals Missed
Gene Tague's jumper from the slot in front of the hoop put the Bucks on top 51 to 50 with 2½ minutes remaining in the game. Kent Rothrock got another goal with 45 seconds to play. John Wilson failed to put in a free shot and the Bulldogs missed a couple of field casts in the final minutes.

Wilson was the high scorer for Albany with 22 points and Buz Wilfert had 14 for the Bulldogs. Wilfert is the tallest Bulldog at 6-5 and got 11 rebounds against Pendleton. The Albany line-up includes Bob Close, 6-3, Joe Prohoska and Wilson at 6 even and Jack Rohrbough, 5-6.

The setback was Medford's third at the hands of Eugene this season. Tornado cagers went to Eugene in December for two games, their openers of the year. Victory took the Axemen count for the year to 19 wins and 4 losses. Medford stood 16-7.

Medford was knotted with Eugene only once last night and that was at 2-all when Coppie scored from the field after Coe had two pointers for Eugene.

BOX:
Eugene
Goldschmidt, f. 12 24 15 2 10
Lawrence, f. 10 20 15 2 10
Warren, c. 12 24 15 2 10
Coe, f. 10 20 15 2 10
Jones, g. 10 20 15 2 10
Willers, c. 10 20 15 2 10
Coons, g. 10 20 15 2 10
Bushman, f. 10 20 15 2 10
Powell, f. 10 20 15 2 10
Cerkoney, g. 10 20 15 2 10
Totals 21 21 42 35 63

Medford
McLaughlin, f. 10 20 15 2 10
Plumley, c. 10 20 15 2 10
Puhl, f. 10 20 15 2 10
Perkins, c. 10 20 15 2 10
Hamlin, f. 10 20 15 2 10
Sinker, c. 10 20 15 2 10
Peck, g. 10 20 15 2 10
Lane, g. 10 20 15 2 10
Totals 15 22 47 24 32

Quarter Scores:
Eugene 16 13 18 16 63
Medford 9 10 11 22 52
Officials—Bill Gatch and Dan Jones.

Scappoose Tops Madras For A-2 Title

Salem — (U.P.) — Scappoose upset favored Madras 58-51 here last night in the championship game of the Class A-2 state high school basketball tourney.

The underdog Scappoose club led over the entire distance in handing Madras its first loss of the entire season.

Big 6-5 Bob Powell paced the Lion attack, chucking in 24 points for the night.

Third place honors went to Molalla, 57-36, winner over Dayton.

The consolation title went to Glide which eked out a last second 45-43 win over Drain in yesterday's afternoon contest.

A pair of free throws by sub Guard Ed Farmer in the last two seconds broke a 43-41 deadlock.

Madras placed two men on the all-star team with champion Scappoose landing one berth.

Paul Stine and Murray Newton represented Madras on the first team with Sheldon Berg, Scappoose; Dick Smith, Glide; and Virgil Merrill, Drain, rounding out the squad.

Second team berths went to Dave Brock and A. J. Myrick of Molalla; Dick Weiser, Madras; Larry Engstrom, Scappoose, and Paul Budke, Dayton.

Basketball Scores

By UNITED PRESS
East
Brown 88, Cornell 36
NCAA Small College
At Evansville, Ind.
Quarter-final Round
Kentucky Wesleyan 72, Buffalo 68
Mt. St. Mary's 86, Rider (N.J.) 66
Los Angeles 80, San Diego 45
Yonkers 80, South Dakota 80

NAIA Tournament
At Kansas City, Mo.
Second Round
Western Ill. 80, Wm. Jewell 67
Eastern Ill. 110, Villa Madonna 78
Tennessee A&I 87, Portland 70
Hamline 81, Stevens Pl. (Wis.) 69
Yonkers 80, Emporia St. 74
Pacific Lutheran 105, Stetson 83
SW Okla. St. 90, SW Texas St. 78

Southwest: Lakes along south coast producing warm-water fish — perch and bullhead catfish predominate, but largemouth black bass are also beginning to hit well; surf fishing also improved along the rocks and jetties; striped bass fishing in Coos Bay only fair.

Northeast: Rivers and streams in Umatilla county roily; angling for steelhead poor; lower Imnaha river produced some nice catches of steelhead; lower Grande Ronde high and muddy; Snake river yielding some steelhead, sturgeon and channel catfish.

28 Diamondmen Turnout at Crater

Central Point — About 28 diamond hopefuls turned out for varsity baseball squad this week at Crater High school. Al Piche, new Crater coach, reported today.

Included in the group, he said, are about six returning lettermen from last year's Crater team. They are Neil Green, first baseman; Bob Fowler, third baseman; Wayne Allen, shortstop and pitcher; Charlie South, outfielder; and Fred Herrmann, pitcher.

The new diamond coach added there may be other lettermen working out but those were the only names he had at this time. Uniforms were issued the players earlier this week for workouts consisting of baseball fundamentals and conditioning. By the end of next week steps will start to cut down the squad's size, according to Piche.

Piche previously was baseball coach at Corvallis High school in 1948-49. He has been out of coaching for the past six years. Last year the Crater baseball team advanced as far as the quarter finals in state A-2 competition before they were defeated.

OSC's Gambee Wins PCC Scoring Race

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Oregon State's Dave Gambee today was credited with winning the 1957 Pacific Coast Conference basketball scoring race.

Gambee bucketed 353 points during the 16-game schedule for a 22.1 average, according to final figures released by the PCC commissioner's office. The six-foot, seven-inch junior at Corvallis, Ore., had 119 field goals in 319 attempts and 115 free throws in 149 tries. He recovered 171 rebounds and committed 42 fouls.

Smart Seis Record
Doug Smart of Washington was credited with a new field goal percentage record but lost the rebound title by one recovery. Smart, a six-foot, seven-inch sophomore, shot 55.1 per cent

from the floor, hitting on 125 of 227 attempts. The old mark of 53.1 per cent was set in 1953 by Bob Houbregs, also of Washington.

Hal Duffy of Oregon nosed out Smart for the rebounding crown in the final week end of play. Duffy finished with 15.03 per cent on 203 recoveries in 1,351 tries to 14.97 per cent for Smart.

Idaho's Gary Simmons set another conference record for free throws. He sank 48 points in 53 attempts for 90.6 per cent. The old mark was 87.5 per cent. He also bucketed a record string of 26 consecutive free throws, topping the old mark of 25.

Following Gambee in the high scoring department were Smart with a 21 point average; Larry Beck, Washington State, 20.6; Danny Rogers, Southern California, 19.4; Charlie Franklin, Oregon, 19.3; and Larry Friend, California, 19.1.

The winner will meet the Lakers, who drew a first-round bye in this "playoff before the playoffs."

If the Hawks beat the Pistons, they will meet Minneapolis at St. Louis Saturday afternoon. If the Pistons win, they will play the Lakers at Fort Wayne Friday night.

The three-way tie developed on the final night of the regular season Wednesday night when Fort Wayne whipped the Syracuse Nationals, 114-81; Minneapolis beat the Philadelphia Warriors, 114-97; and the Rochester Royals upended St. Louis, 114-81.

In the Eastern division, the pennant-winning Boston Celtics eliminated New York from the playoffs by trouncing the Knickerbockers, 122-91.

Congressman Urges Players' Bill of Rights in Baseball

Washington — (U.P.) — Professional sports are "different from business," and should be bound by a "players' bill of rights" instead of the federal anti-trust laws, according to Rep. Kenneth Keating (R-N.Y.).

Keating, top-ranking Republican member of the House Judiciary Committee, said Wednesday night he is drafting such a "bill of rights" as a compromise solution to the anti-trust furor that has suddenly sprung up.

He said he was finding it tough to frame a bill that would be "applicable to all sports," but hopes to have his measure ready when the judiciary subcommittee opens consideration of the other two sports bills.

Already offered are a bill to place baseball under the anti-trust statutes by Rep. Patrick J.

ACCEPT INVITATIONS
New Orleans — (U.P.) — Vanderbilt and Loyola have accepted invitations to compete in the Sugar Bowl's 1957 basketball tournament, Dec. 28 and 30. Vanderbilt's appearance in the tourney is its first while Loyola will be competing for the second time.

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