

Medford, Eugene Collide Here Tonight, Saturday

One of Oregon's strongest high school basketball crews displays its wares in Medford tonight. South Eugene's unbeaten Axemen are guests of the Medford Black Tornado on the Hedrick court.

The clubs also play here Saturday.

The Axemen are one of the strongest clubs the Medford contingent will face in the regular season this year and are expected to rank at the top of the heap along with Klamath Falls of the Tornado's own Southern Oregon conference when the first prep rating polls are published next week.

Medford is the definite underdog with a less experienced quint going against the veteran Eugene club. But the Tornado, win or lose, can gain considerable against a team the caliber of the Ax-

men. A good performance against the South Eugenians should bolster Medford confidence, strengthen the Tornado for its conference state and also raise its prestige.

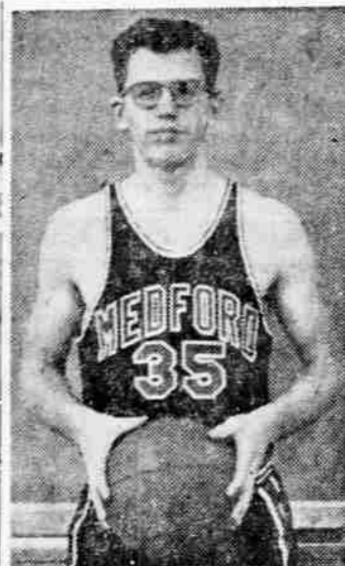
Eight Victories

Coach Hank Kuchera's Willamette valley gang comes here with a string of eight triumphs. The Eugene mentor is expected to open with an all-senior line-up paced by twice all-stater Charles Warren in the center slot. The big center has been the main scoring gun of the Axemen. He hit 43 points in one game last week end. Other possible starters are Niel Goldschmidt, Tom Jones, Dick Cerkoney and John Polhemus.

For Medford Mentor Frank Roelandt likely will call on Tom Hamlin, Ron Perry, Lowell Dean, Don Peek and Billbee Lane. Dean has led the Medford scoring so far this season with 81 points in six games. Lane has totalled 75 and Hamlin 49.

Varsity action will be at 8:15 p.m. both days. Two Medford junior varsity teams vie in today's 6:30 p.m. prelim and the Tornado jayvees meet the Eagle Point JV on Saturday.

While Medford has this non-league series, the four other members of the Southern Oregon circuit have counters. Klamath Falls is at Ashland for a two-night stand. Crater is host to Grants Pass at Central Point tonight and goes to GP on Saturday.



TORNADO SCORING LEADER — Lowell Dean, above, sophomore center, leads the Medford high basketball team in scoring with 81 points for the season. He'll be in action for the Black Tornado tonight and Saturday against South Eugene. The games are at 8:15 p.m. each night at the Hedrick Junior high gym.

Robertson Brilliant At Garden

By JOHN GRIFFIN
New York—Not since Hank Luisetti came storming out of the West with his amazing one-hand shots has a basketball player rocked New York in his debut like Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati.

"The greatest sophomore I have ever seen," said his coach, George Smith, after the Cincinnati sophomore smashed the Madison Square Garden scoring record by firing 56 points in a 116-54 rout of Seton Hall at the famed "pop shot palace."

And the echoing salute from the "big town" meant that Robertson is a cinch to win the annual award that New York writers give to the outstanding visiting player to appear here.

This is all that Robertson did Thursday night:

1. Broke the Garden single-game scoring mark of 54 points set in 1947 by Harry Boykoff of St. John's.
2. Led Cincinnati to a new Garden team scoring record, topping the 116 by Bradley last year.
3. Broke the Garden single-game record for baskets by notching 22, one more than the great George Mikan tallied in a game in 1945.
4. Broke the Cincinnati school record of 49 points set last year by Jack Twyman, now a pro star.
5. Personally outscored the whole Seton Hall team, 56-54, when he left the game with 2:38 to play; and
6. Topped even any scoring show by a pro in Garden history.

St. Mary's B Winner

St. Mary's high ran away from Prospect in the first half and had the edge in an more evenly fought second half last night to down the Cougars 59 to 29 in a Jackson County B league basketball game.

It was St. Mary's first victory in four league scuffles and Prospect's fifth defeat against no wins.

The Crusaders of Medford rolled up 26 points in the first half while holding the Cougars to three. Herb Wheeler put in a field goal and Floyd Seafie a free shot for Prospect.

In the second half the Cougars came back with 26 counters as Dave Gardner contributed 17 for high honors of the evening. However, St. Mary's collected 33 more points. The Crusaders hit 57 per cent of their field bucket tries.

Second place Butte Falls is host to first place Talent in the B loop tonight.

Odds Favor Yankees in Senior Tiff

Mobile, Ala. — North coach Joe Kuharich and Rebel mentor Paul Brown added finishing touches today on the eve of the ninth annual Senior Bowl football game.

The weather was expected to be fair with temperatures in the 60's at the 10:05 a.m. p.s.t. kickoff Saturday.

The North squad was a slight favorite, partly because of its weight advantage on defense. The Yankee defensive unit was expected to hold an average five-pound per man edge on the South forward defensive wall. The overall weight for the North was 211 as compared to the Rebel average of 206.

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY COLLEGE SCORES
By UNITED PRESS
(East)
Cincinnati 118, Seton Hall 54.
Xavier (Ohio) 71, Iona 61.
Holy Cross 100, American Inter. 85.
(South)
Wake Forest 87, South Carolina 63.
North Carolina 82, Virginia 66.
(Midwest)
Omaha 60, Creighton 54.
(West)
Whitman 73, Linfield 70.
Willamette 68, College of Idaho 58.
Clark JC 68, OSC Rooks 66.

Fish Regulation Hearing Today

Portland — The first of two public hearings to consider 1938 Oregon fishing regulations was held today.

Tentative regulations will be set after the meeting with final regulations after another hearing in two weeks.

Studies of seaside vegetation indicate that the level of the ocean has risen about 12 inches in the last 100 years.

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Coaches Listed By Methodists

Don Hale, Charles Thompson Jr., and John Kent are coaches of Medford First Methodist basketball teams competing in the three YMCA church leagues.

Hale is tutoring the men's team, Thompson the senior high quint and Kent the junior high aggregation.

First Methodist senior high team has won the trophy for its division twice and will seek to retire it this season. First Baptist also has twice won the hardware emblematic of the championship.

League regulations have church and Sunday school attendance requirements and other standards.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Griffin Creek Hoopsters Win

Griffin Creek — Griffin Creek turned in a torrid second half here last night to bounce Gold Hill 36 to 22 in a grade school basketball game. The Griffins led only 12 to 11 at the half. Terry O'Connors spurred the winners with 17 points while Albert Harrison had 15 for Gold Hill.

Beavers Hand Bowen Release

Portland — Tommy Heath, general manager of the Portland Beaver baseball team, today announced the outright release of pitcher Vern Kindsfather and first baseman Ron Bowen, who played with the team late last season.

The United States capital was moved from New York City to Washington in 1790.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE
By UNITED PRESS
The Montreal Canadiens have some really bad news for their National Hockey league rivals today in the wake of their 11-3 rout of the Chicago Black Hawks — the "varsity" should be back in action by Saturday night.

Three of the Canadiens' top stars—Maurice Richard, Jean Beliveau and Doug Harvey—were sidelined while the Canadiens ran up Thursday night's big count.

The Detroit Red Wings also achieved their highest scoring total of the season in the other game Thursday night when they whipped the Boston Bruins, 6-1, and took over sole possession of third place.

PLOEN TO REPORT

Clinton, Iowa — Ken Ploen, quarterback of Iowa's Rose Bowl champion football team in 1937 who played last season for Winnipeg in Canadian pro football, has been ordered to report for induction into the Armed Forces Feb. 6.

MOORE POSTPONES BOUT

Sao Paulo, Brazil, Jan. 10 — An attack of food poisoning has forced world lightweight champion Archie Moore of San Diego, Calif., to postpone until Jan. 17, his non-title bout against Luiz Ignacio of Brazil originally scheduled for tonight.

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Graders Start Cage Scuffle

Medford city grade school basketball season opened last night with four junior varsity games.

In the tussles Washington licked Roosevelt 36 to 18, Jefferson nipped Lincoln 31 to 29, West Side trimmed Oak Grove 38 to 10 and St. Mary's nudged Jackson 15 to 6.

Varsity games this afternoon were Jackson at Jefferson, Roosevelt at Lincoln and Oak Grove at Washington.

Shasta Ski Tow Slate Changes

Mount Shasta, Calif. — Changes in the schedule for the ski tows at Snowman's hill were announced today by Manager Gordon Hart.

These include: Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.; Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. only. The course, which has about a foot of packed snow, will be closed other days.

A hare and hounds race is planned for Sunday, with the hare to be chosen at a drawing at the upper warming hut at 12:30 p.m.

The hare will wear a long stocking cap and will lead the hounds through the woods between 1 and 3 p.m. The winner must return with the cap by that hour and will be awarded a steak dinner for two at a local cafe.

Hart said the T-bar had been closed until about two more feet of snow have fallen and that only the rope tow is being operated now.

ARAGON TO FIGHT

Hollywood — Art Aragon, making his third appearance since his license was reinstated after a reversal of an attempted bribery conviction, will meet Walter Tyler, Los Angeles, in a 10-round bout at San Bernardino, Calif., Jan. 21, it was announced here.

Cancer Takes Life of Diver

Ann Arbor, Mich. — John Murphy, two-time All-American diving star at the University of Michigan, is dead today at the age of 22 — a victim of cancer.

Murphy, Redwood City, Calif., died Thursday at University hospital, where he had been a patient the past two months except for the Christmas holidays.

He knew two years ago he had cancer but continued diving and last year won All-American mention for the second year. He also placed third in the three-meter event at the National Collegiate Athletic association meet last March at Chapel Hill, N.C., and fifth in one-meter diving.

The first Great Lakes steamer, Walk-in-the-Water, was launched at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1818.