

Tornado Nicks Ashlanders; Pelicans Down Grants Pass

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Klamath Falls	12	1	.923
Grants Pass	6	3	.667
Medford	5	6	.455
Ashland	3	9	.250
Crater	3	9	.250

Medford high's scrapping basketball aggregation lagged for three periods Friday night but emerged in a back-and-forth final canto to overcome the Ashland Grizzlies 42 to 40 in a Southern Oregon conference struggle on the Hedrick court here.

Larry Brown was Johnny-on-the-spot with a tip in goal that cracked a 40-all deadlock for the winning margin. Twelve seconds were left on the clock when he plunked the ball through the hoop on the rebound of a driving hook shot by Ron Peery which failed to go in.

Medford outscored the Ashlanders in each of the last three quarters but never got ahead until Peery swished the hoop on a drive-in try off the tip-off play opening the final panel. That made the score 32 to 31 for the Tornado. But the home club yielded the lead once more and saw the fracas deadlocked four times before Brown's game-winning basket.

Closer To GP
Victory upped the Medford third place status to two full games over the Grizzlies. And the Tornado rose to within one game of second spot Grants Pass Cavemen in the chase for one of the two state tournament berths from District 6 A-1. Two clubs from the district will go to the Eugene classic. Klamath Falls, which assured itself of a tourney spot last week, clinched the Southern Oregon conference championship for the second straight year by bouncing Grants Pass 70 to 61 on Friday.

Ashland commanded the game in the first quarter, going to a 13 to 4 bulge as Medford failed to put in a field bucket. But the Tornado

roused up its fighting spirit after that. It tussled for the ball on even terms in the second quarter, had backboard control over second half, improved its field shooting and had a slim edge in free tossing for the route to come out in front at the closing buzzer.

To a large extent the fracas was a battle of fouls and free shots with the Tornado's two point edge at the free line making the difference. Ashland had as many tallies from the foul toss stripe as it had from the field and Medford lankiness. Each quint collected 10 fielders. Medford fired 22 for 35 at the foul line and the Grizzlies 20 for 32. Twenty-three fouls apiece were whistled on the squads.

Grizzlies Lead Again
After Peery had given the Tornado its initial lead in the closing session, Bill Mauer sank a long pusher for 33 to 32 Ashland edge. Tom Hamlin tied the game for Medford from the gift line but Albert Hartwell drove in off an out-of-bounds play to put the Grizzlies ahead 35 to 33. Jerry Anderson knotted the fray on a 10-foot cast off a feed by Peery. Hartwell grabbed another driver from the Lithians but Hamlin's pusher from the side made it 37-41. Hartwell canned a charity heave for Ashland 38 to 37.

Prep Scores

High School FRIDAY BASKETBALL
By United Press

Grant 64, Roosevelt 56	Franklin 69, Jefferson 68 (overtime)
Cleveland 71, Benson 59	Washington 61, Wilson 53
Lincoln 49, Madison 45 (overtime)	Astoria 55, Central Catholic 46
South Eugene 60, North Bend 46	North Salem 55, South Salem 46
Springfield 53, Marshfield 41	Milwaukie 72, Gresham 53
Beaverton 75, Hillsboro 56	St. Helens 79, Oswego 46
Westview 62, Baker 48	Klamath Falls 70, Grants Pass 61
Pendleton 47, Hermiston 46	Libby 45, Lebanon 39
Corvallis 47, Sweet Home 46	Forest Grove 60, Oregon City 58
David Douglas 53, Parkrose 48	West Linn 60, Tillamook 58
Reynolds 45, Scappoose 43	Bend 67, Burns 50
Redmond 49, Madras 45	Dallas 96, Molalla 55
Clackamas 53, Pleasant Hill 37	Douglas 36, Sutherlin 33
Mac-Hi 70, The Dalles 62	Hood River 61, Rainier 52
Wy East 80, Verona 64	Grande 52, Baker 46
Sisters 60, Culver 48	Medford 42, Ashland 40
Westville 61, Lakewood 77	Drain 45, Creswell 23
Albany 65, Lebanon 49	Serra 48, Stayton 43
Silverton 61, Mt. Angel 34	Merrill 45, Klamath Falls JV 40
Bandon 32, Reedport 48	Seaside 58, Warrenton 49
Scio 86, Monroe 50	Pilot Rock 67, Helix 43
Eagle Point 70, Rogue River 38	Knappa 65, Tillamook Catholic 43
Talent 65, Mary 42	Jacksonville 59, Prospect 42
Philomath 48, Amity 27	Joseph 50, Walla 40
Enterprise 55, Union 42	Crow 59, Eddyville 35
Weston 53, Coburg 43	Myrtle Point 46, Coquille 38
Sheridan 53, Dayton 51	Oregon Tech JV 81, Malin 50
Gaston 62, Portland Christian 52	Yamhill 68, Salem Academy 44
Concordia 49, Sherwood 45	McKenzie 47, Mohawk 28
Woodburn 50, North Marion 40	Chualar 75, Jewell 43
Neah-Kahmie 50, Taft 49	Sandy 61, Canby 43
Grant Union 75, Ossa 48	

Then Medford took the lead 39 to 38 on a pair of foul throws by Anderson.

Medford turned to ball control with 2 minutes 20 seconds to vie. Brown collected a free point for 40 to 38. The fray was locked at 40-all with 45 seconds left at Hartwell flipped in a brace of gifters on Jerry Shults fifth personal infraction.

The Tornado opened a quick recovery after its rough first quarter and cut the deficit to 9 to 13. However, the Lithians widened to a 10 - marker spread of 22 to 12 before Medford got a persistent climb underway. Each aggregation picked up nine free markers in the second chukker, Medford outthit Ashland three to two from the field and the Grizzlies had a 26 to 19 half-time gap.

Shults Shines
Jerry Shults, 6-2 sophomore making his first Black Tornado varsity appearance Friday night, was the leader for his team in rebound retrieving and contributed all three field goals recorded for Medford in their third quarter effort to pull up on the Ashlanders. Peery had three free heaves and Anderson two during the stanza as the Tornado outthit the Lithia crew 11 to 5. That left the Grizzlies on top only 31 to 30 at the end of the period.

Scoring for the evening was headed by Maurer and Hartwell each with 15 chalkers. Anderson had 13. Hartwell put in 11 of 15 attempts from the free line and Anderson nine of 11.

Ashland had a 15 to nine backboard margin for the first half and Medford commanded 20 to 6 for the second half for 29 to 21 edge for the evening. Shults of the Tornado and Jack Tobiasson of Ashland had six retrieves each and Don Peck of Medford and Scott Peterson of the Grizzlies five each.

Medford averaged a .167 average on field goals for the opening half on three for 18, put in seven for 13 tries for the rest of the way for 10 for 31 and 32. The Ashlanders had 10 for 37 for .263.

Dean Missing
The Tornado was without the services of its leading pointmaker, sophomore Lowell Dean, who has been hobbled by a foot infection.

Both clubs lost two men on fouls in the fourth quarter with Peck and Shults of the Tornado and Tobiasson and of the Grizzlies being banished.

In defeating Grants Pass, Klamath had 15 to 11, 37 to 29 and 53 to 43 quarter spread. The Pelicans established gaps of 67 to 51 and 70 to 53 in the final quarter. Glenn Moore had 25 points and Dave Robinson 18 for Klamath and Mike Sparlin 19 for the Cavemen. Sparlin and Moore each recorded eight field goals.

Medford won its junior varsity preliminary 55 to 47 after a halftime margin of 29 to 23. Steve Gray had 12 points, Clark Smith 11 and Gerald Allen 10 for Ashland and Darrell Miller 10 for Medford.

VARSITY BOX:

Team	FG	FT	PF	TP
Ashland	10	20	23	40
Lombard	1	0	5	12
Maurer	8	5	2	12
Tobiasson	0	2	5	2
Hartwell	2	11	3	15
Peterson	1	1	2	3
Johnson	1	1	2	3
Daniels	0	0	1	0
Murray	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	20	23	40

VARSITY LINE-UPS:

10 Klamath Falls Grants Pass 61	7 Nil Smith 14
F 14 Petterson Lindquist 13	C 25 Moore Putnam 6
G 18 Robinson Hayes 2	C 25 Moore Putnam 6
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JUNIOR VARSITY:

35 Ashland Medford 47	F 2 Deakin Forrest 4
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C 8 Shults G. Allen 10	G 2 R. Allen Gray 12
G 2 R. Allen Gray 12	D 4 Dean Dickerson 5
D 4 Dean Dickerson 5	Substitutions—For Klamath, Don DeLap, Ankeny; for Grants Pass, Proctor 2, Thomas 2.

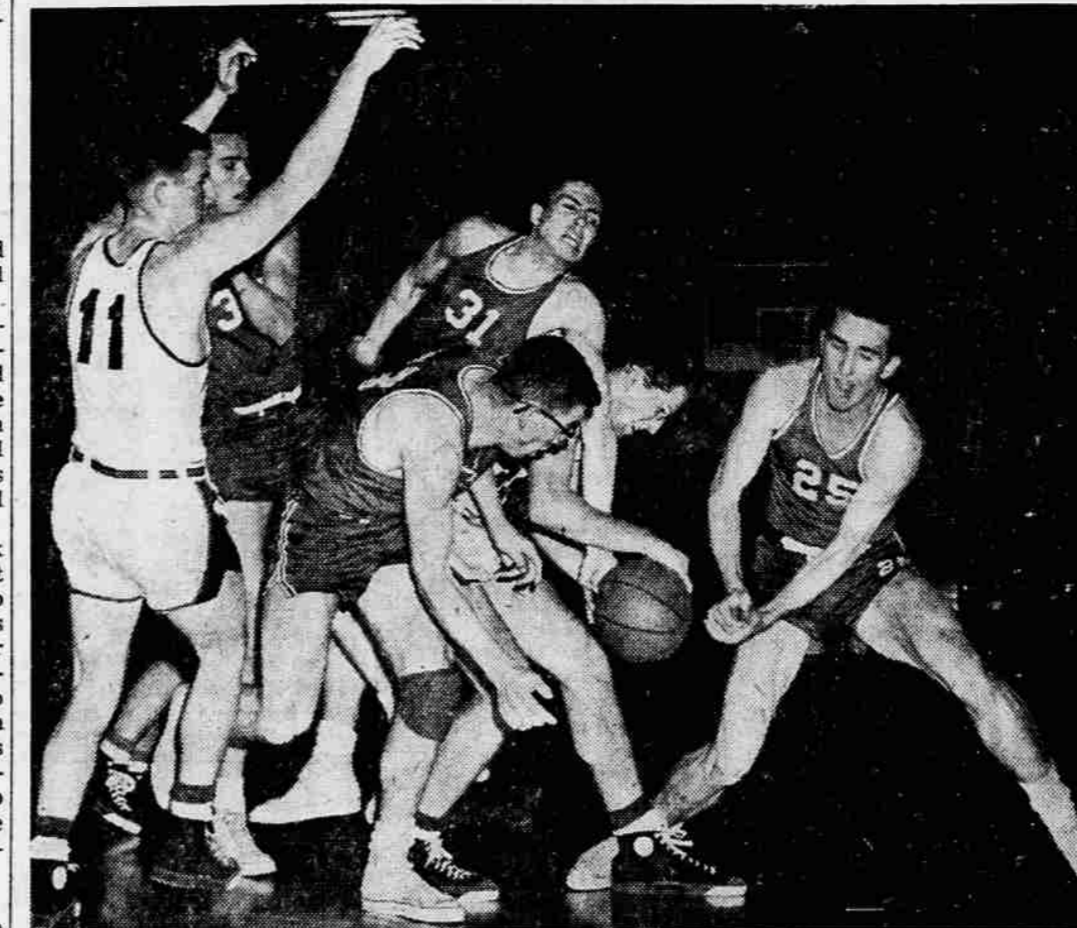
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BROWN SURROUNDED—Medford high's Larry Brown, surrounded by Grizzly cagers, holds tight as Kip Lombard (31) and also in the play is Albert Hartwell (25) of Ashland. Standing at the left are Ron Peery (11) of Medford and Jack Tobiasson of the Lithians. Medford won 42 to 40.

Nod Given To Miteff, Nino Weeps

New York — The manager of big Nino Valdes will be ordered to substantiate officially his fixed-fight charges, made after young Alex Miteff had won a split decision over Valdes Friday night in their gray heavyweight battle at Madison Square Garden.

William Thomas, chief counsel for the New York State Athletic commission, said today manager Bobby Gleason "will be called right in."

Thomas said "These are serious charges and should get immediate attention; and if they are unfounded, Gleason should be reprimanded."

Gleason yelled his charges during a hysterical scene in the dressing room where Cuban Valdes wept and screamed in Spanish. The two wildly emotional men claimed the fight should have been stopped because of a deep gash on the bridge of Argentine Miteff's nose, from the second round on. And that even if it hadn't been stopped, Nino should have been voted the decision.

But Nino, weighing 209½ pounds to Miteff's 205, didn't win because the "fight was in the bag," Gleason declared.

"Even in the ring, the referee said nothing could help us. I went to the commission in the morning and told them that the way the betting was going we would have to win by a knockout. I had heard rumors that the fight was in the bag."

It was a grand fight, in which 23-year-old Miteff forced the action like another "Wild Bull of the Pampas," although he was fighting through a mask of blood and through eyes that were swollen practically shut at the finish.

Both Alex and big Nino were drenched from the three-quarter-inch nose gash, and the referee appeared to be wearing red gloves and his gray shirt was smeared with crimson.

Rathburn, Johnson Top Skiers at West Valley

Bijou, Calif. — Rex Rathburn, San Francisco, and Marge Johnson, University of California, took top honors in the Cross C Far West Ski association giant slalom championships Saturday at Heavenly Valley.

Rathburn, skiing for the Sugar Bowl, was clocked in 1:08 through the 25 gate course to top 59 men. Leonard Miller, Roseville, was in second and Donald Behbein, Sierra club, third.

Miss Johnson was timed in 1:16.3 and beat out Nancy Piper, Mount Shasta, and Vivian Nesbitt, Oakland, who finished second and third.

Gambee, Harman Provide Spark in Beaver Victory

By GENE BRYANT
United Press Sports Writer
The University of San Francisco Dons have all but cinched a berth in the NCAA play-offs next month but it looked Saturday as if California and Oregon State would battle right down the wire for the right to represent the PCC in the western regionals.

California was in the driver's seat after Friday games with a 9-2 record. UCLA had 8-3 and Oregon State college 8-3. UCLA, however, is still ineligible for a berth in the play-offs and "official" title.

Johannson Bout Victor

Gothenburg, Sweden — Sweden's Ingemar Johannson, who made smorgasbord of the world heavyweight boxing picture with his TKO of Welshman Joe Erskine, made it plain today his immediate plans do not include champion Floyd Patterson.

"I'm going to the United States in the spring," said Johannson after his upset victory scrambled the plans of promoters on two continents.

"But I'm not going to fight—only to study boxing in American rings."

19th In Row
"I hope to fight a top-ranking American like Willie Pastano in Stockholm next July," Johannson continued. "The outcome of that match would decide whether I'd challenge Patterson or not."

A crowd of 6,200 in Gothenburg's Fair Hall saw the 25-year-old Swede score his 19th straight pro victory when Erskine's handlers threw in the towel at the end of the 13th round. Erskine's only previous loss was to Cuba's Nino Valdes on a first-round kayo, Feb. 19, 1957.

BETSY LEADS

San Francisco — Betsy Rawls has maintained a 75.18 scoring average in the first five tournaments sponsored this year by the Women's Professional Golfer's association to hold the lead in money-winning at \$3,503.25. Patty Berg ranks second in both departments with a 75.21 average and \$2,534.75.

PHILPOTT SIGNED

Chicago — The Chicago Cardinals Saturday announced the signing of Dean Philpott, former Fresno State college fullback. Philpott, the Cardinals' 11th draft choice, is a 210-pound six-footer.

Boxing Proceeds Will Be Shared By Heart Fund

Medford Police Athletic League will share the proceeds with the Heart Fund when it holds a boxing card on Saturday night March 15.

The bouts will be at the new Medford armory. A 12-match program is projected.

There will be a double main event. Larry Lewis, Medford PAL, will take on George Lish, Portland PAL in one of the frays and Larry Lord, Medford PAL, is to face Gary Henderson, of Lakeview, in the other.

Record Set In 880-Run By Aussie

Perth, Australia — Herb Elliott, Australia's new mile sensation, ran in the 880-yard race Saturday at the West Australian track championships and set a meet record of one minute, 49.5 seconds.

Elliott, who completed each of his last three one-mile races in less than four minutes, clipped 2.5 seconds off his former West Australian mark. He missed his national 880 record of 1:49.3 by two-tenths of a second.

Mervyn Lincoln, beaten by Elliott recently in two one-mile races although he also bettered four minutes in each, competed today in the Victorian championships at Melbourne. Lincoln also took part in an 880 race today and posted the best time he has recorded for the distance, 1:52.4.

Lincoln knocked a fifth of a second off his previous best time but was 3.1 seconds off Elliott's national record. Elliott set the record on the same Olympic park cinder track which Lincoln ran on today.

Lincoln defeated Frank O'Connell, former Australian 880 champion, by 12 yards. O'Connell was timed in 1:54.2.

Gothenburg, Sweden —

Lee Harman, out for three weeks with a shoulder injury, returned to Coach Slat Gills' OSC line-up and his performance in dribbling and ball handling was a big factor in the Beaver victory.

But again it was Gambee, the 6-7 Corvallis kid, who came through with the points when they were needed. He wound up with 24 points one nine field goals in 17 attempts and six out of six from the foul line.

Gambee has five games left in the conference and needs only 27 points to break Bob Houbregs' all-time three-year PCC scoring mark.

Southern California got off to a fast start in the first half and grabbed a 6-1 lead before the Beavers took control. Seven straight points put Oregon State ahead 8-6 and from that point on the best USC could do was tie the score once.

Ten Beavers Score
By halftime, thanks to an eight-point spurge by Gambee, Oregon State had a 35-23 lead. The Trojans threw subs into the second half and the Beavers widened their lead to 20 points several times.

High scorer for Southern California was Jim Hana with 12. Jim Anderson threw in 11 counters over the Beavers while Harman had six. In all, 10 of the 11 OSC players who saw action scored.

Harman showed little effects of the shoulder injury. Gambee sat out the last four minutes.

When Goble and Moss also were in the lineup at the same time Gambee played outside and connected on some long shots. Moss gave the crowd a thrill in the first half when he stuffed in a shot with a back-over-the-head move, as Bill Russell of San Francisco did once in a while.

Pease Tops 16-Yard Event in Trapshoot

Ed Pease, Medford, was high gunner in the 16-yard event, Ray Coleman, Jacksonville, and George Jantzer, Medford topped handicap shooting and Howard Hazzard, North Bend, paced the field in doubles Saturday during the opening day of the Early Spring trapshoot at Medford Gun club.

The event ends today with 16-yard rivalry opening the program at 9 a.m. About 30 scattergunners were on hand yesterday.

Pease took Class B in 16 yards with 99 birds out of 100. Gene Hunt, Medford, and each busted 97 and will shoot off today for runner-up. George Jantzer, Medford, and Ted Jantzer, Trail, each cracked 98 in Class A and George Jantzer took a trophy by coin flip.

Venturi Closes Gap in Texas Golf Tourney

Houston, Tex. — Young Ken Venturi, a pre-tournament favorite but now five strokes behind the leader in the \$30,000 Houston invitational golf tournament said driving rain which forced postponement of Saturday's third round may have helped his chances.

The 26-year-old San Francisco pro posted a score of 144 at the 36-hole mark after Friday's second round, five strokes off the pace set by a virtual unknown, 42-year-old Pete Mazur of Buffalo, N.Y.

In Class C Wes Toppings, Drain with 96, and Donna Woolley, also Drain, with 95, were one-two.

Coleman and George Jantzer shattered 98 each in the handicap and will shoot-off today.

Hazzard busted 47 out of 50 in Class II doubles and Ted Jantzer 46 in Class I. Walt Hileman, Cottage Grove, in Class I, and Harold Woolley, Drain, in Class II, were runners-up with 43 each.

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