

Black Tornado Hoopsters Ramble Over Crater 78-50

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
|---------------|---|---|------|
| Medford | 5 | 1 | .833 |
| Grants Pass | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Klamath Falls | 4 | 2 | .667 |
| Crater | 2 | 3 | .400 |
| Ashland | 0 | 6 | .000 |

It could be said without fear of contradiction after the Medford high basketball team suppressed the Crater Comets here Saturday night that the Black Tornado won in a breeze.

Accelerated chiefly by their big men, the Tornados piled up an early and substantial bulge and never seriously were pressured as they whirled 78 to 50 over the Comets of Central Point in a Southern Oregon conference tussle.

Medford, with the triumph retained its half-game leadership in the District 6 A-1 chase over the Grants Pass Cavemen who on Saturday dashed Ashland 55 to 23. The Tornado verdict was its 10th in 11 games this season.

Jerry Anderson ran up 26 points for Medford and Lowell Dean 21 for the top scoring laurels. Wayne Allen potted 20 for the Comets. Dean, Anderson and George Koch

with 11, 10 and 10 retrieves were the powers under the backboards for Medford and Koch contributed some sparkling scoring assistance along with his own nine counters.

A steady, hard playing worker for Crater was John Burns who put in five field buckets for his team.

.466 From Field

The Black Tornado fired a torrid .466 with 30 field goals in 65 attempts and collected on 18 of their 27 free heave chances. In clearing the glass when shots were missed Medford piled up a 48 to 23 advantage.

Anderson's long push put the Tornado on the scoreboard in the opening seconds of play and Medford had run up 18 points by the time Royal Higginbotham gained Crater's first two points on free casts with just over five minutes contained in the game.

The Tornado led 22 to 4 at the quarter and with Anderson, Koch, Jerry Shults and Calvin Dean connecting had a 22-point 37 to 15 margin with two minutes left in the first half. Allen plunked two

field shots and Chuck Turner and Higginbotham hit free baskets to enable the Comets to close the deficit to 37 to 21 at the halftime buzzer.

Another free tally by Higginbotham just after the third canto began made it 37 to 22 but the Tornado broke away again. Anderson connected for four field goals and Lowell Dean and Koch each three in a 25-point third stanza which saw Medford run up a 31-marker spread at 62 to 31.

Margin Hacked

Crater flared up as the fourth quarter opened and Allen boomed in three field goals and Burns one to cut the difference to 62 to 39. After a Ken Durkee free marker for Medford and another Burns fielder the Medford edge was down to 22 points at 63 to 41. But the Comets couldn't come any closer and the Tornado widened back to 30 points at 78 to 48.

The comfortable leads built up in the first and third quarters allowed Medford Coach Frank Roelandt to make considerable use of non-starters in both the second and fourth periods. Crater had scoring edges of 17 to 15 and 19 to 16 in the second and fourth.

Anderson put in 10 field goals in 17 tries and Lowell Dean eight of 13. At the free stripe Andy had six of seven and Dean five of seven. Crater's Allen gunned eight for 19 from the field.

The Comets lost the services of Bill White when the fifth foul was toted against him with just 2½ minutes played in the second half.

Medford took a 57 to 38 junior varsity victory after a 27 to 17 halftime lead.

Cubs Potential 1st Division Ball Club

(This is the 11th of 16 dispatches by the major league managers giving mid-winter appraisals of their teams.)

By BOB SCHEFFING
Manager, Chicago Cubs
(Written for UPI)

Scottsdale, Ariz. (UPI)—The Chicago Cubs have a first division potential, and we almost made it last year.

I'm not predicting anything for the 1959 season, but I wouldn't be surprised if we're among the first four teams, especially if injuries don't plague our young, but promising pitching staff.

What hurt us last year, when we were going pretty good, only two and one-half games out of the lead on July 18th, was the arm-injury to one of our top right-handed pitchers, Moé Drabowsky. He didn't pitch again, and we slid out of the role of pennant challenger into the second division. I'm told he's ready again, but we're bringing him to spring camp early to have a good look at him.

"We've been coming up a little bit each season. We tied with the Cardinals for fifth last year, finished seventh the year before. That's not bad progress on our rebuilding timetable, since three seasons ago the Cubs were last.

Tony Taylor, a rookie last year, is back at second base, and Dale Long is at first, supported by Jim Marshall, whom we bought from Baltimore last August.

Catching are Cal Neeman and Sammy Taylor. Last year they traded the catching duties just about evenly, with Taylor, a left-handed hitter, in the lineup against right-handed pitchers.

I say all these fellows add up to a potentially tough ball club, because they've proven they can win. If we could have added the last half of the 1957 season to the first half of last season, we'd have a pennant winning percentage.

Now, if we can make both halves of one season tough, we'll be in good shape.

BASKETBALL
SATURDAY COLLEGE SCORES
(United Press International)

Providence 90, Villanova 88
Dartmouth 70, Springfield 68
Washington 82, Siena 44
St. John's 91, St. Francis (NY) 44
Penn State 67, Pitt 58
Michigan 82, Cincinnati 44
La Salle 77, Canisius 64
Lafayette 80, Seton Hall 71
St. Joseph's (Pa.) 64, Temple 57
Army 80, Massachusetts 68
South 84, Georgia Tech 71
Furman 81, Wofford 75
Auburn 81, Georgia 66
Memphis St. 65, Mississippi 63
Louisville 78, Dayton 59
(Midwest)

Cincinnati 82, Xavier (Ohio) 68
Northwestern 89, Iowa 86 (OT)
Notre Dame 85, Illinois 75
Michigan St. 68, Minnesota 78
St. Louis 80, Drake 60
(Southwest)

Tulsa 61, Arkansas 54
Texas A&M 71, Houston 64
Oklahoma City 75, TCU 65
AF Academy 68, Wyoming 63
Oklahoma St. 47, Oklahoma 38
(West)

Colorado St. 87, N. Mexico 56
Washington 78, Oregon 60
Stanford 66, COP 55
Willamette 65, Pacific 58
Portland St. 75, SOC 67 (2 OT)
EOC 63, OCE 50
Pacific Luth. 82, Central Wash. 63
Oregon Fresh 78, Porter Trucks 72 (OT)
CW Nazarene 79, Col. of Idaho 76
Humboldt 66, Chico 61
Wash. Fresh 66, Yakima JC 49

HAWKS UP
NBL Spread
United Press International

The National Basketball association posted a liberal report today for the return of those runaway St. Louis Hawks.

St. Louis now leads the Western division by 14 games and practically all hope of catching the Hawks has been pinochled for next season.

Bob Pettit, with 29 points, and Cliff Hagan, with 27, were the chief guns in the Hawks' 115-111 victory over the New York Knickerbockers Sunday. Richie Guerin was outstanding in defeat, scoring 41 points for the Knicks.

Baylor Hits High

Rookie Elgin Baylor hit his high-water mark as a pro by scoring 41 points but it wasn't enough to keep the Philadelphia Warriors from defeating the Minneapolis Lakers 125-111.

Bill Sharman and Frank Ramsey scored four points apiece in an overtime period to lead the Boston Celtics to a 119-118 win over the Detroit Pistons.

Jack Twyman scored 17 of his 33 points in the third period to bring the Cincinnati Royals from behind to a 109-104 triumph over the Syracuse Nationals.

At least 12.5 per cent of the skilled labor force in the U.S. is said to be concentrated in New York state.

Wildlife Group Against Merger
Corvallis (UPI)—The Oregon Wildlife federation Sunday adopted a resolution opposing merger of the State Fish and Game commissions into a single agency.

A bill introduced in the legislature would combine the two groups.

A resolution was passed asking the ways and means committee to restore the Oregon Game commission's budget as submitted but one seeking similar action on the Oregon Fish commission budget was voted down.

Charles Stanton of Roseburg protested that the Fish commission, which handles commercial regulations, devoted most of its efforts to the Columbia river system.

AMERICAN HOCKEY
United Press International

A week end split with Hershey left the Buffalo Bisons in the same place today that they were before it all started—atop the American Hockey league and one point in front of the Bears.

After dropping a 5-2 decision to Hershey Saturday night the Bisons gained a 4-3 victory over the Bears in overtime Sunday.

Elsewhere in the circuit, the Cleveland Barons dropped both of their week end games, 3-1 to Springfield on Saturday and 6-3 to Providence on Sunday, but held onto their three place margin.

Willamette Lengthens NW Lead

United Press International

Willamette's Bearcats, kings of the Northwest conference in football, appear more and more the team to beat in basketball.

The Bearcats are breezing along with a 7-0 mark after sweeping a two-game series with Pacific over the week end.

They beat the Badgers 68-58 Saturday night at Forest Grove after subduing the visitors 87-68 at Salem Friday night.

Ed Grossbacher with 16 points led the Willamette win Saturday night.

Chieftains Spill Baker Quint 81-60

United Press International

Come-through performances by such workmen as Seattle's Don Ogorek, Stanford's Paul Neumann and Fresno State's Jan Barrett gave West Coast basketball fans more to talk about today than usual.

Ogorek, although double-teamed most of the evening, sank 21 points Saturday to give the Chieftains an upset 81-60 victory over the Buchan Barkers AAU team.

Neumann came through with 16 points in the second half, although one miscue resulted from fouling out, for Stanford's 66-55 triumph over College of the Pacific. And Barrett, a sub, dropped in a pair of free throws with seconds to play which gave the Bulldogs a 78-76 chiller over Long Beach State.

In Saturday's only Pacific Coast conference game, Washington rolled to its third straight victory by walloping Oregon, 79-60. The win nudged the Huskies into a three-way tie with Oregon State and Stanford for third place in the PCC. Pace-setting UCLA and second place California have non-conference games this week.

PCC STANDINGS

| Team | CONF. W | CONF. L | ALL W | ALL L |
|------------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| UCLA | 4 | 2 | 10 | 4 |
| California | 4 | 2 | 10 | 4 |
| Washington | 4 | 3 | 11 | 6 |
| Oregon State | 3 | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| Stanford | 4 | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| USC | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| Idaho | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| Oregon | 1 | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| Washington State | 1 | 6 | 8 | 9 |

WEST COAST CONFERENCE

| Team | CONF. W | CONF. L | ALL W | ALL L |
|--------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| St. Mary's | 3 | 0 | 9 | 4 |
| Pepperdine | 2 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Santa Clara | 2 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| COP | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| USF | 1 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| Loyola | 0 | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| San Jose St. | 0 | 3 | 2 | 11 |



POUND FOR POUND WHO WAS GREATEST HOME-RUN HITTER?

The late Mel Ott, who weighed 165 pounds, hit 511 home runs in his 21-year major-league career. Only two men have bettered his mark, Jimmy Fox, who weighed 190 pounds and hit 534 homers in 22 years, and Babe Ruth, who hit 714 in 21 years, his weight being 215 pounds.

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PCL Grants Solons Week for Decision

By BILL McFARLAND
Phoenix, Ariz. (UPI)—The Pacific Coast League's weathered schedule today called for the opening of the baseball season on April 17 in Phoenix, San Diego, Salt Lake City and Sacramento.

The operators in the Pacific Northwest will be played May 3 at Vancouver, Seattle, Portland and Spokane.

League officials settled on the later opening in the Pacific Northwest in hopes that the experience of last year—when rain washed out most of the first two weeks of play—could be avoided. The season will be 154 games.

In the same way, Phoenix will be away from home during most of the month of August when temperatures soar to 110 degrees in this capital city.

In other action in a week end directors' meeting, the conference served an ultimatum on Sacramento, voted to retain Leslie O'Connor as president through the 1959

season and named an executive vice president.

League directors told Fred David, president of the Sacramento Solons, he had one week to decide whether the ball club could operate during the 1959 season.

If David can not show by Jan. 31 that he can operate during the season, O'Connor said the PCL would take over the franchise, try for 10 days and then move the club to another community if that failed.

The selection of Dewey Soriano, former Seattle general manager, as the executive vice president of the league was made Saturday at the same time the directors voted to retain O'Connor.

Soriano To Move Up

The move was seen as a step toward preparing Soriano to assume O'Connor's duties when the league president retires from baseball in 1960.

The All-Star game was set for July 20 at San Diego.

Glendale Trims Eagles For 3-Way Tie in Rogue Circuit; Phoenix Victor

United Press International

Glendale high bounced Eagle Point 60 to 55 Saturday night to create a three way tie for the Rogue league basketball lead and Phoenix whipped Rogue River 48 to 35 to pull out of the cellar.

Trailing 41 to 46 when the fourth quarter opened, Glendale caught the Eagles at 53-41 with two minutes left and then capitalized on fouls from the Eagle Point full-court press to swish seven free shots in seven tries to win the fray.

The Pirates of Glendale are now knotted with Eagle Point and Illinois Valley for No. 1 place in the standings. Eagle Point suffered its first league loss Saturday, Phoenix in beating the Chieftains wrote in their first loop win.

Central Point—Grants Pass High won 10 of the 12 individual matches on Saturday night to defeat Crater 42 to 8 in a wrestling match here.

Butch Barber won by a fall in the 103 pound class and John Taberna took a decision at 135 pounds for the only Comet wins.

Crater next faces Ashland here on Friday night but the Comets are pointing more for their return tussle on Feb. 9 with Medford.

Prep Basketball

SATURDAY GAMES

United Press International

Klamath Falls 60, Bend 49
Eaker 84, La Grande 27
South Eugene 55, Springfield 52
Medford 78, Crater 50
Grants Pass 65, Ashland 28
North Bend 37, Roseburg 35
Marshall 67, Cottage Grove 50
Astoria 57, Beaverton 47
Madras 59, Burns 41
Pendleton 53, Hermiston 43
Monroe 52, Elkton 42
Waldport 50, Coquille 46
Serra 60, Mt. Angel 53

Pel Frosh Tip Hedrick

United Press International

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—UPI—Marlene Stewart Streit added a new title to her amateur golf winnings Sunday after narrowly beating Joanne Goodwin in the finals of the 27th annual Doherty tournament. The veteran amateur from Toronto, Ont., defeated Miss Goodwin, of Haverhill, Mass., two-up, sinking a seven-foot putt for a birdie-four on the 36th and final hole Sunday.

A single oyster produces from 55 million to 114 million eggs in a lifetime.

Wrestling Tiff Taken By Henley

United Press International

Eagle Point-Henley recorded 70 points Saturday to win the Southern Oregon A-2 Invitational Wrestling tourney.

Brookings scored 49, Douglas 34 and Eagle Point 23.

The Hornets won out on the strength of eight second places. Eagle Point took one individual championship and final of the other schools four.

FINAL MATCHES:

97-Robbins, B, pinned Weaver, H; 105-Hertager, E, pinned Cay, H; 114-Peters, D, dec. Sinoir, B; 122-McClendon, D, dec. Kinnon, H; 129-Witt, D, dec. Pooles, H; 135-Stelnic, B, dec. Clarke, B; 140-Williams, H, dec. Knight, E; 147-Peters, D, pinned Kenworthy, E; 156-Poolle, H, pinned Harrell, B; 167-Dehlinger, H, pinned Moffitt, H; 177-Clayton, B, pinned O'Keefe, H; 190-Long, H, pinned Keefe, H; 190-Long, H, pinned Hereford, H; unlimited-Ross, B, pinned Shelhorn, H.

Tiremen, Jayvees Grab Independent Loop Wins; Game Here This Evening

United Press International

Southern Oregon college junior varsity and Hawkins Tire Tread Service picked up week end victories in the Southern Oregon Independent Basketball league.

The Jayvees stayed unbeaten leader by defeating Butte Falls 86 to 52 on Saturday evening and third place Hawkins whipped Riddle 64 to 57 yesterday.

The SOC club is a game ahead of Christie's Silver Dollar, Grants Pass, which downed Hawkins' and Riddle during the past week.

Butte Falls is billed to play Hawkins' at 8 o'clock tonight at McCoughlin gym here in the tussle leading off the week. Riddle will play the college team at Ashland on Friday.

Gardner Has 17

The Jayvees had 22 to 11, 42 to 20 and 61 to 37 quarter margins on Butte Falls in the Saturday fracas. Dave Gardner put in 17 points and Ritters and Darwin Moore, the loop's top point man had 16 for Butte Falls.

Hawkins took the lead for good on Riddle at 54 to 53 yesterday. The Tiremen

got field buckets then by Fred Johnson, Doug Witte and Dick Niles and pairs of free markers from Fred Johnson and Bill Madden to stay on top. Cavener got Riddle's other four points.

Riddle had a 30 to 24 lead right after the start of the second half but was overtaken by the Medford team at 48 to 47. The lead then switched back and forth until the Tiremen got their 54 to 53. Score was nip and tuck through the first half with Riddle heading 28 to 24 at the pause.

Bill Madden of Hawkins' and Cavener each had 18 points.

LINEUPS:

64 Hawkins' Riddle 57
F 11 Niles Markham 6
F 18 Madden Rice 7
C 12 Wootton Jones 4
G 4 F. Johnson Cavener 18
G 15 Serak Beitic 4
Substitutions—For Hawkins' Riddle 2, McKay, D. Johnson 3, for Witte, Hadley 2, Montelone, Dietz 4, Lavassan 2.

86 SOC JV Butte Falls 52
F 17 D Gardner B. Irwin 11
F 16 Jones D. Moore 16
C 12 Flakus J. Moore 6
G 13 Puhl Owen 11
G 7 S. Peterson Baker 12
Substitutions—For SOC, Harper Scott 11, Callender 6, for Butte Falls, Dillard 2, Turk 5.

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