

Tornado Hoopmen Defeat Ashland

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS (As of Friday)

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Klamath Falls	10	2	.833
Medford	9	3	.750
Grants Pass	4	8	.333
Crater	2	10	.167
Ashland	1	11	.083

Assuming complete command in the third period after a shaky start, the Medford high basketball team passed the three-fourths mark in the Southern Oregon conference race by upending Ashland 55 to 39 here Friday night.

The Black Tornado was still a full game back of the hoop heading Klamath Pelicans but firmed up hold of second position in the District 6 A-1 standings with the victory.

Ashland, hustling and working the ball well against the Tornado, which opened slow, cold and unsteady, grabbed a first quarter lead on Medford. Then Tornado firepower perked up with the entry of Jerry Shults in the action. Medford pushed on top, lost the lead temporarily and finally went ahead for keeps just before the half-time horn.

Rugged Under Board

Tornado stalwarts, turning in some rugged play under the backboards to dominate the rebounding through the game, had the aid of free shots and rounded out with field buckets in the third panel to build margin Ashland couldn't close.

Shults with 12 markers, all on field shots, Jerry Anderson and Lowell Dean with 11 tallies each and Ken Durkee with 10 points, shared Medford scoring laurels. Dean and George Koch headed backboard retrieving with 11 snare apiece and Anderson claimed eight rebounds. Jim Bjork had 10 points for Ashland and Doug Forrest nine board retrievals.

A pusher from the side of the free line by Shults for 25 to 24 put Medford on top to stay with 30 seconds left in the first half. Koch's rebound bucket made it 27 to 24 at halftime.

Lowell Dean plopped in two free shots a half-minute into the third stanza. Bob Hardy put in a rebounder for Ashland but Koch got a gifter, Anderson a field goal on Koch's assist, Durkee two free points and Anderson a

single gifter. Score was 35 to 26 with 4 1/4 minutes left in the quarter and Medford was in control. Durkee pushed in a long shot and Dean and Anderson plunked rebound baskets while Hardy and Smith put in free markers for Ashland. Medford out-scored Ashland 14 to 4 in the canto and led 41 to 28.

19-Point Spread

In the final quarter Medford stretched to its widest bulge at 53 to 34.

Ashland opened the game's point-making on Forrest's free toss and Koch tied it at 1 to 1. Then Forrest added another free tally, Don Taylor and Bjork field baskets and Taylor a gift throw for Ashland 7 to 1.

Shults put in his first goal for Medford and Durkee got a free shot but a free heave again by Forrest and his fast break driver again gave the Grizzlies a six-point difference to 10 to 4. Bjork traded shots with Dean for 12 to 6. After Dean's free cast and pusher to narrow the count Ashland still led 12 to 9 at the quarter.

In the second quarter Durkee hit a long pusher and Shults hit twice from far out and then a bit closer to complete a Medford rally of 11 points while Ashland failed to get a marker. On top for the first time, the Tornado had a jump of 17 to 12.

46 to 23 In Rebounds

However, Taylor swished a fielder and Hardy two charity tosses for 17 to 16. Deakins hit twice from free stripe. Shults pushed from the corner and Durkee fired in from the side for 23 to 16 Medford.

Then it was Medford's turn for a drought while Ashland scored eight, Taylor two free markers, Forrest a driver and Hardy a pair of rebounders. Ashland was in front 24 to 23. Shults followed with his shot to put Medford in the lead for good.

The Tornado led in rebounding 46 to 26 and shot .363 from the field. Ashland Medford won the junior varsity mix 65 to 50 and the sophomore game 47 to 35. Bob Quinney poured in 26 points for the Tornado jay-vants who had 14 to 10, 31 to 23 and 50 to 36 gaps in the quarters. Steve Harris scored 23 for Ashland.

Larry Brown tabulated 18 and Howard Brown 13 for Medford while Dave Jackson had 17 and Jim Stewart 12 for Ashland. Quarter scores favored Medford 12 to 1, 23 to 7 and 32 to 29.

BOX:

Team	FG	FT	R	PF	TP
Ashland	12-22	10-13	9	2	7
Medford	4-10	6-6	12	4	2
Forrest	4-0	3-2	2	4	2
L. Dean	1-0	3-3	3	0	4
B. Johnson	7-2	3-3	3	0	4
Forrest	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Stemple	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hardy	9-3	4-3	3	5	9
Totals	37-11	27-17	29	19	39

Medford

FG	FT	R	PF	TP	
Anderson	13-4	4-3	8	2	11
Shults	10-10	1-1	10	6	6
Koch	3-1	2-2	11	3	4
Durkee	7-3	3-4	4	2	10
Deakins	2-2	0-0	2	0	2
Shults	10-6	0-0	2	4	12
Forrest	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
C. Dean	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Frohnmayer	1-1	1-0	0	0	2
Harvey	2-1	2-1	4	2	3
Rasmussen	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	55-20	24-15	46	17	55

Referees—Warren and Ford.

JV LINE-UPS:

Ashland	50
Harris	23
Stewart	17
Quinney	10
Forrest	8
Stemple	7
Harvey	6
Deakins	5
Shults	4
Anderson	3
Hardy	2
Forrest	1
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