

# Back Tornado Qualifies For A-1 Cage Tournament; Downs Crater

**SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS**  
(As of Friday)  
Klamath Falls ..... 11 4 .723  
Medford ..... 10 6 .623  
Grants Pass ..... 10 6 .623  
Crater ..... 2 13 .133  
Ashland ..... 2 13 .133

Medford's High school's Black Tornado looked forward to participation in the Oregon Class A-1 basketball tournament today.

Victory by 59 to 43 over the Crater Comets Friday night qualified the Tornado for the big school hoop classic and assured Medford of second place in the final Southern Oregon conference standings.

Coach Frank Roelandt's Tornado will learn sometime Monday who its foe will be in the tournament March 17 through 21 at Eugene. Drawings are scheduled at the Oregon School Activities association office in Portland at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Medford found the Comets a rugged and determined foe in the early going Friday night. Crater gave the Tornado a tough battle under the boards for at least the first half and had a zone defense that made the Medfordites work hard to get open for good shots. Still the Tornadoes were able to get a larger number of good shooting opportunities, including three at long range, than were the Comets against harassing Medford man-for-man protection.

**Anderson Has 19**  
In the late stages the Tornado applied its somewhat sharper shooting, rebound control, and effective ball-hawking against a shaky Crater offense to maintain dominance.

Jerry Anderson sparked the Tornado with 19 points and nine rebounds while Bill White had 16 markers and Chuck Turner 12 rebound retrieves for the Comets. Four Medford men were in double scoring figures, Jerry Shults getting 11 and Booth Deakins and Ken Durkee each 10. Wayne Allen put in 10 counters for Crater.

For the full game Medford led in rebounds 40 to 29 and fired a .393 average from the field to .360 for Crater.

Medford went ahead for good with 4½ minutes played in the game when Anderson's shot from the corner made the score 9 to 7. Shults

added two field goals and Deakins a fielder and free shot for Medford while Dennis Edwards put in a rebounder and John Burns two free markers for Crater for a 16 to 11 first quarter score.

**Comets Threaten**  
Crater threatened in the early second panel coming up with one point three times. A long jump by Allen and hook by White cut the Medford lead to 16 to 15. Shults and White traded buckets for 18 to 17 and after Anderson and Burns exchanged drivers, the scoreboard read 20 to 19.

It was Medford the rest of the way. Shults goaded twice and Durkee and Calvin Dean each once in the pull-away move for 28 to 19. At half-time the score was 33 to 23.

## Grants Pass Ends Slate By Downing Ashlanders

Grants Pass - Grants Pass high wrapped up its Southern Oregon conference basketball slate Friday night by downing Ashland 53 to 49 and winding up in third place in the loop standings.

The Cavemen gained control of the contest in the third quarter when they outscored the Grizzlies 15 to 8. Ashland closed up the spread in the final minutes.

Quarter margins, all favoring GP, were 13 to 10, 26 to 21 and 41 to 23. The Climate city club led 51 to 37 with two minutes left in the rough and scramble game.

**Benner Tallies 18**  
Ashland had early leads in the tussle and pushed on to 16 to 15 in the second quarter. Ashland went ahead for good at 18 to 16 midway in the stanza.

Rex Benner hit nine of 11 field goal tries for GP and topped all scoring with his 19 points. Bob Johnson had

ford moved out in 2½ minutes to a 39 to 25 bulge and with 10 seconds to go in the period headed by 15 points at 45 to 30. A free shot by Edwards of the Comets made it 45 to 31 at the rest buzzer. Widest spreads of the Tornado were 18 points at 55 to 37 and 59 to 41.

Medford completed its home season with the Friday game and returns to the A-1 tourney after a one-year absence, making its fourth Eugene jaunt in five seasons.

**Crater Cops JV Game**  
Coach Frank Roelandt of the Tornado started an all junior line-up Friday night while Crater mentor Lloyd Hoffine began with a sophomore, two juniors and a senior. Not in uniform for the game for Medford were George Koch, because of illness, John Harvey, because

of an ankle injury and John Frohnmayer, because of a choir trip.

Crater jayvee kept it from being a perfect night for Medford by nipping the Tornado JV 51 50. Earl Cooper put in the winning bucket with three seconds to play.

Medford was on top 50 to 49 and had the ball with 25 seconds left to play. The Junior Tornado lost possession when the ball went into the back court. Crater took it out of bounds. Edwards tried a shot and missed and Cooper came up with the winning close-in shot after a scramble under the hoop.

It was a close tilt all the way with Medford having the quarter leads at 16 to 10, 27 to 26 and 37 to 36. Cooper had 18 points for Crater and Edwards 15. Dick Allen and Bob Quinney each put in 13 for the Tornado.

The verdict for the Comet junior varsity followed a decisive win last week end over Grants Pass.

13 for Ashland, hitting seven of nine free shot tries. Johnnie Olson of GP put in seven of eight from the gift strip.

Grants Pass won the junior varsity scrap 43 to 33.

BOX:	FG	FT	R	PF	TP
Crater	2-1	4-4	5	3	8
Edwards	8-2	2-1	12	1	5
Turner	15-8	3-0	3	2	16
Burns	8-2	3-2	4	2	8
Sharp	6-0	0-0	1	1	0
W. Allen	9-5	2-0	3	0	10
Hir'botham	2-0	2-0	0	1	0
T. White	0-0	1-0	1	0	0
Cooper	2-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	50-18	17-7	29	10	43

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Olson	8-2	8-7	4	2	11
Bjork	8-0	4-4	3	3	10
Benner	11-9	2-0	8	4	18
Leonard	6-0	1-1	2	4	1
Hayes	7-4	1-0	3	2	5
Burton	8-1	0-0	5	3	2
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