

# Black Tornado Launches Cage Action Tonight at Coos Bay

"We'll try to play our own game if they'll let us. We are just trying to play ourselves into shape."

Medford High school's Black Tornado had those ideas expressed by head coach Frank Roelandt - in mind today as it headed for the Oregon coast to start its basketball season, with very limited preparation, against the team regarded as "most likely to succeed."

The Tornado meets Marshfield high at Coos Bay this evening and tackles North Bend there on Saturday night. Both coast clubs should give the Medfordites some of the sternest rivalry they'll encounter in the 1959-60 slate but the bigger challenge for the Tornado is expected to be this evening.

Marshfield has a wealth of quality hoopers and is strong for that reason alone. But, the prognosticators look for the Golden Pirates to cut a swath through all opposition for one main reason - Mel Counts. Recovering from a back ailment at the start of last season, Counts as a 6-9 junior broke about every scoring record in the Midcoast loop and led his club to second place in the state tourney as top scorer and rebounder. He's an inch taller and is stronger as a senior and has that all-important experience behind him.

## Possible Buc Starters

With Counts, Buc tutor Bruce Hoffman may start Bob Burles, 6-3, and Jerry Weekly, 6-2, forwards, and Karl Coke, 6-1, guard. Choice for fifth man is from among Bob Burke, 6-1, Dick Shanley, 6 feet, and Lorraine Eickworth, 6-3. Eickworth could be in the line-up for Weekly.

The foregoing players, who are among 13 returning lettermen, are good reason for forecasters to be so high on Marshfield. But, it's certainly realized, too, that there is considerable ability and experience on the Medford squad along with some newcomers surely to be seen and heard from.

There's Jerry Anderson, 6-3, second team all-star, who paced the Black Tornado through the regular season and through the state A-1 tourney last March. Andy was by a wide margin the top rebounder and scorer for Medford. He put in 41 points in one game last year and was second high point man and fourth ranking rebounder in the state meet.

Anderson is among four two-year vets in the group of seven lettermen. Others are Lowell Dean, 6-3; his brother, Calvin, 6 feet, and Jerry Shults, 6-2. Lowell is a free and easy worker but still plenty rugged and aggressive.

**Second In Scoring**  
He was second in team scoring and third in rebounding last campaign. Shults is a dangerous shot from mid and outside range and from the corners, a good ball handler and had one of the better Tornado state tourney performances last season. Cal Dean is a fiery type player, scrappy and a good ballhawk good at feeding teammates.

Among the one-year lettermen Booth Deakins, 6-2, is a big steady player. He was third in team point production in the 1958-59 effort and fourth in retrieving the ball from the boards. Deakins was one of the club's more accurate shots last slate, both from the field and from the free line. There's Ken Durkee, 5-8½, a driver and terrific competitor who was among six who scored more than 100 points for Medford last season. Rounding out the monogram men is Henry Olson, 6 feet, who saw limited service.

Among the non-lettermen there's Dick Ragsdale, 5-10; Bob Quinney, 6-3½, Jim Barry, 5-10; Darrell Miller, 6-3, and Ken Jensen. Ragsdale is a cool, sure ballhandler who is a good shot and plays with the poise of a veteran. Quinney shoots with either hand. Coach Roelandt says he has wonderful basketball sense but lacks strength. He has a fine potential.

Miller but for a bad knee would have been heard from last season. His best asset now is his shooting and he has a fine touch from outside. Barry is quick and a hustler and

Roelandt expects him to come along by the end of the campaign. Jensen was a steady player, one of the better scorers and a leader for the jayvees last season.

North Bend will have taller men in the lineup on Saturday than possessed by the Tornado but none will equal Marshfield's Counts.

The Bulldogs have Chuck Johns, 6-6, Mike Payne, 6-5, and Dave Dick, 6-4. Other possible starters are Jeff Allen and Ron Kersey, both 5-9.

First home series for Medford will be on Dec. 18 and 19 against South Eugene.

## SPORTS

### Hunters Must Return Cards To Commission

Portland - With the deer and elk seasons over for the year big game hunters are reminded that it's time to get their report cards in the mail. These report cards received with the purchase of big game tags should be filled out and mailed to the Oregon game commission within 30 days following the close of the seasons.

Hunters are requested to send the cards in whether they were successful in bagging an animal or not. In other words, report cards showing unsuccessful hunters are just as important for a statistical analysis of the deer and elk harvests as are the cards showing those who had good fortune.

Hunter report cards are used by the game commission to prorate the big game kill by county and unit and the percentage of hunters in each county and unit. Total statewide kill is determined through a random survey of hunters. Survey questionnaires will be sent to hunters shortly after the first of the year.

All big game hunters are required by law to return their report cards to the game commission. Persons who fail to return their cards may be denied a deer or elk tag for the next season.

### Turk Shoot On Sunday

Elks lodge share of the profit in a Sunday merchandise trapshoot at Medford Gun club will go toward purchase of trophies for the state Elks tournament next June.

The local Elks and the gun club are joint sponsors of the turkey, ham and bacon shoot. Traps will open at 9:30 a.m. The shoot is open to all interested in participating. Members of the lodge and gun club have been asked to come and bring a visitor. Entrants will compete in their respective classes.

Lunch will be available at the grounds.

#### APPROVE FREEWAY

Los Angeles -UPI- The city traffic commission Thursday approved a 6-million dollar "pedestrian freeway" to carry baseball fans to the Chavez Ravine home of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The commission's proposals will now be studied by the City Council's police, fire and traffic committees.

### Walton League Meets Monday

Jim Allen, of Tru V boat firm, will show slides of a cruise of inland waterways of the British Columbia coast at the Monday, Dec. 14 meeting of the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton league.

The meeting will be at the American Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave. Time will be 8 p.m.

Members will hear a report of the Walton Oregon division convention. Recommendations for fishing regulations and problems of proposed landfill garbage disposal on Bear creek will come up for action.

A fishing regulation proposal asked curtailment of the salmon fishing season in the upper Rogue river by ending it on June 30. Waltonian officials consider landfill garbage disposal on Bear creek objectionable unless provision is made that will insure high waters of Bear creek from washing it out. A suitable retaining wall to keep out the stream is suggested.

Three Young Outdoor Oregonians will report on their state convention.

### Special Hunt Applications May Be Filed

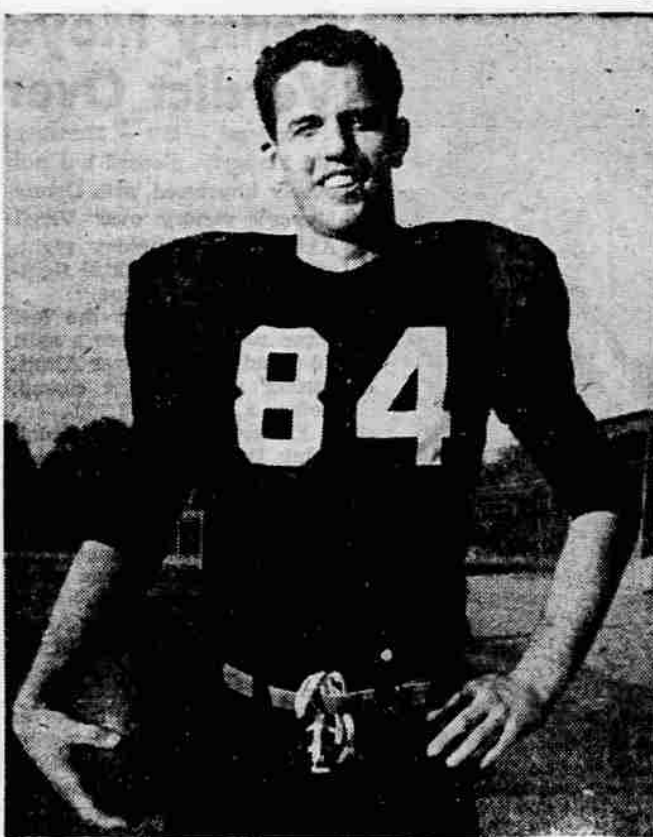
Portland - Oregon hunters who would like to participate in emergency big game hunts this winter to assist in alleviating game damage are advised by the Oregon Game Commission that they have until January 15 to file application.

Interested persons are asked to apply immediately by post card for eligibility on the county rosters.

Information on the cards should include the applicant's name, address, telephone number, and the county applied for. Applicants are cautioned to apply for only one county since duplicate applications will be discarded.

Authority for emergency big game hunts was authorized by the legislature to control crop damage. Since the need for an emergency hunt cannot be predicted it is necessary to establish rosters of eligible hunters in advance. Residents 17 years of age or older may apply by mailing a card to the game commission, 1634 S. W. Alder in Portland.

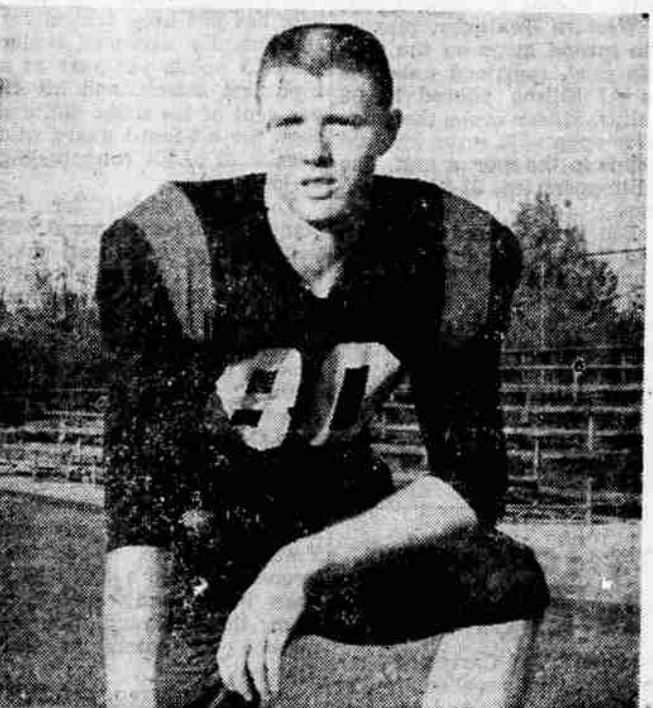
Hunters are advised that if an emergency season is authorized they will be called to participate on short notice. A hunting license is not required at the time of filing application but is necessary before participating in a hunt.



LOWELL DEAN  
Outstanding Tornado Griddler



SKIP BENNETT  
Named Top Medford Back



JERRY ANDERSON  
Medford Line Standout

### Tornado Gridders Honor Dean, Bennett, Anderson

Lowell Dean, 6-3, 200-pound end, has received the top recognition of the year from his teammates on the state championship Medford High school football squad.

He was voted the Black Tornado's outstanding player for the 1959 season. Dean, rugged on offense and defense and a great pass catcher, was picked by a decisive margin.

Also honored were Skip Bennett and Jerry Anderson. Skip Bennett, 168-pound half-back and team workhorse, was chosen as outstanding back by a good margin in the balloting. Anderson, 6-3, 180-pound end, won out in a close race for outstanding lineman. Go Both Ways

All three of the players were first line players both on offense and defense for the Class 1-A titlists. They are seniors. Anderson, eager and like Dean a fine pass receiver, teamed with Dean to give the Tornado the best flank combination in the state. Bennett was the club's leading scorer. He called signals for the Rogue River

Bandit defensive unit. As a further honor, Dean and Bennett were named by head coach Fred Spiegelberg as honorary team co-captains for the fall. They served as game captains on numerous occasions, particularly during the state play-offs.

Medford's football crew will be honored at two service club events next week. They will be dinner guests of the Medford Lions club on Tuesday night and luncheon guests of Kiwanians on Wednesday noon.

#### LUTES WINNERS

Portland -UPI- Pacific Lutheran defeated Portland State 54-42 in a college basketball game here Thursday night. The visitors pulled away in the second half after leading 23-22 at intermission. Bill Williams with 20 and Ralph Carr with 15 led the winners while Don Bridges scored 11 and Don Powell 10 for Portland State.

Pacific Lutheran shot 375 from the field compared to 238 for Portland State.

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# Jackson County B Basketball Jamboree Here This Saturday

A preview of Jackson County B league basketball will be seen on Saturday night at the St. Mary's high gym in Medford.

Participants will be Talent, Butte Falls, Prospect and St. Mary's. Each club will be on the floor for three periods of eight minutes each since each member of the loop will op-

pose each other for one quarter.

The order in which teams will compete will not be known until just before the 7 p.m. opening tipoff. A drawing will decide the order of appearance. The evening program actually will amount to 1½-games of play.

Action tomorrow is expected to give some indication of how the teams match up for league play. Outcome of the various rivalries won't be altogether indicative, however, since some experiment with lineup combinations is anticipated. St. Mary's is defending league champ.

#### Coach Debuts

Three coaches will make their debut in league cage activity. They are Duane Payne, Prospect; Dick Pepple, Butte Falls, and Don Moore, Talent. Bill McKibbin is in his third season at St. Mary's.

Only two of the teams have games tonight. St. Mary's, which has elected Bob Evans captain, goes to Eagle Point. Prospect vies at Rogue River. St. Mary's starting unit Sat-

urday may be named from among Bob and Dick Evans, Al Yates, Roger Hout, Andre Knutson, and Jim Calhoun. Talent may have Mike and Bob Jacobs, Butch Thompson, Tom Atchison and Tom Johnson. For Prospect the possibilities are Lee Williams, Dave Hall, Bob Fitch, Floyd Scaif and Craig Gardner. Butte Falls may open with Don Remsen, LaVerne Baker, Raymond Abbott, Daryl Hawkins and Roger Ellefson.

## BASKETBALL

**THURSDAY COLLEGE GAMES**  
Detroit 85, Iowa 67  
Western Kentucky 78, Seton Hall 69  
St. Francis (Pa.) 73, Westminster (Pa.) 68  
Centenary 84, Miami (Fla.) 77  
Louisville 75, Eastern Kentucky 67  
Vanderbilt 62, Rice 72  
Georgia Tech 70, South Carolina 64  
VMI 107, Hampden-Sydney 93 (triple OT)  
Ohio St. 81, St. Louis 74  
DePaul 74, Bowling Green 68  
North Texas St. 82, Hardin-Simmons 89  
Santa Clara 69, San Fran. St. 54  
Gonzaga 78, Whitworth 64  
Pac. Lutheran 54, Portland St. 42

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# KYJC BASKETBALL

**Friday, 7:45 p.m.**

**Medford vs. Marshfield**

**Saturday, 7:45 p.m.**

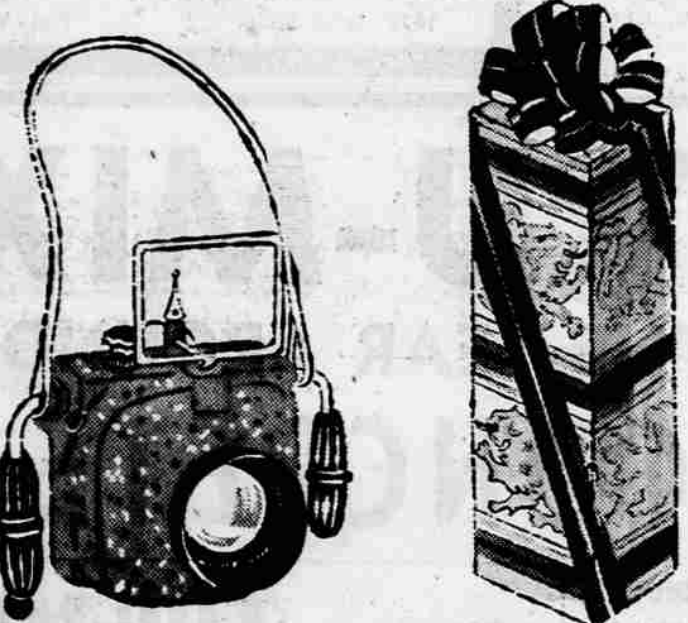
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