

Black Tornado Edges Saxon Five 56-52 After First Half Scare

Medford Trails At Half By 10 Points

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 McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene — A frightened Medford High school basketball contingent, in one of its rare experiences this season under pressure, collected its poise and fought uphill through the second half to burst into the Saturday night finals here for the Oregon Class A-1 prep diadem.

Outplayed, outrun and outshot for half the conflict Friday night, the Black Tornado blazed back to outscore South Salem 34 to 20 over the last two stanzas and nudge the valiant Saxons 56 to 52 in a state semifinal scrap.

It was the Tornado's 20th straight victory of the 1959-60 maplecourt promenade and sent the Medford hoopmen into a titanic titular struggle with Marshfield of Coos Bay. The Golden Pirates outlasted Klamath Falls in the first of two Friday night adrenalin chargers 57 to 55 to reach the championship mix.

Southwest Gets Crown
 Semifinal outcomes spoiled hopes for an all-Southern Oregon conference state finale fray but assured the big school mantle for southwest Oregon. And, aptly matched were the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked quintets in the final coach and sportscaster-writer polls.

But, South Salem's cagers, a fiery tournament team, showed little, if any, respect for the No. 1 rated accorced Medford. Spurred offensively by Jay Brack and Charles Hudkins and defensively by the fierce play of Ed Maerz, John King and Hudkins under the backboards, the Saxons had the Tornado 10 points down 32 to 22 when the half-time buzzer blasted.

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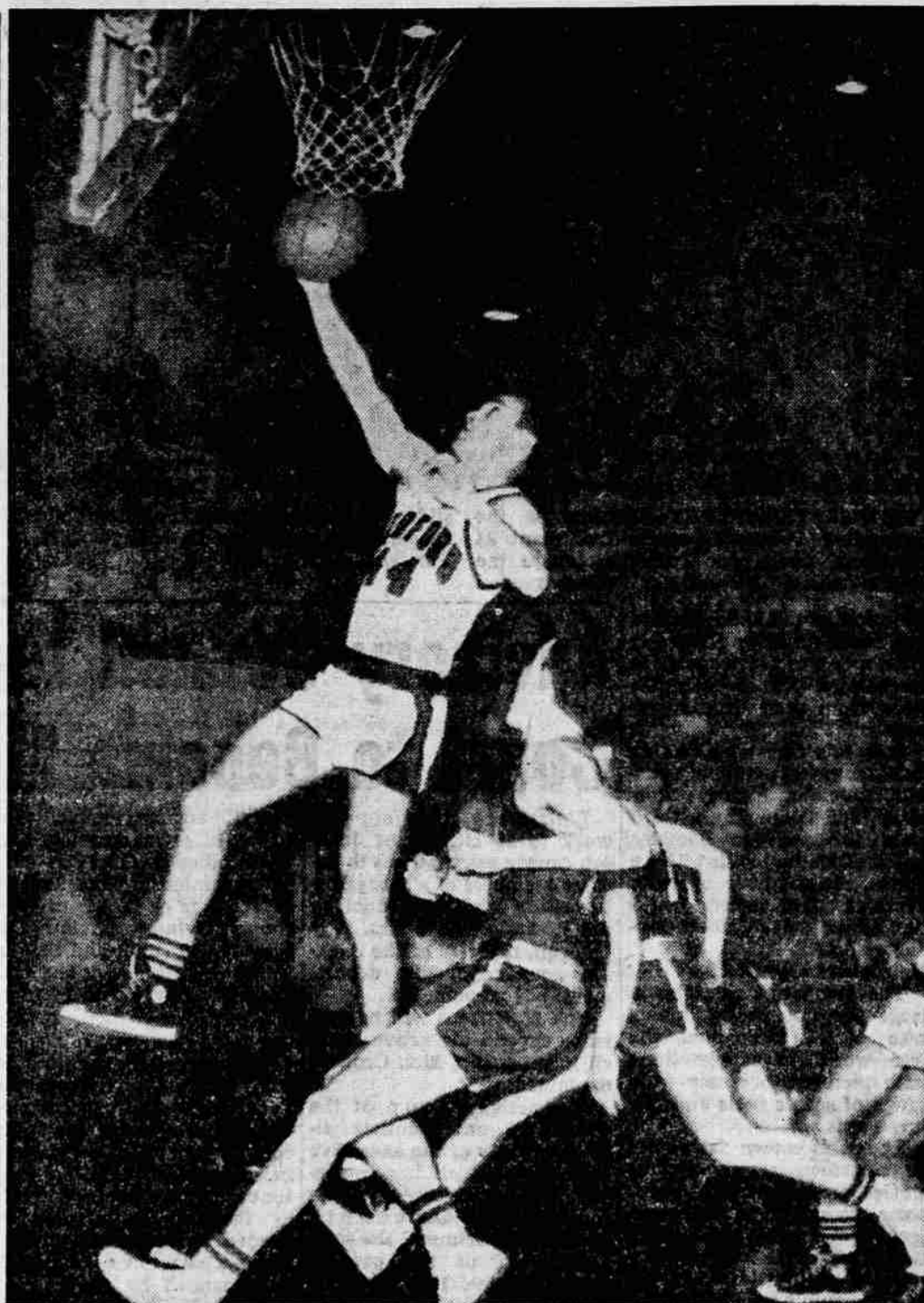
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SHULTS SCORES—Medford forward Jerry Shults leaps high in the air to score two points against the South Salem Saxons in semi-final action at the state A-1 high school basketball tournament at Eugene Friday.

Medford battled back from a 32-22 half-time deficit and won the encounter by a 56-52 score. The win advanced the Tornado crew into the championship game with Marshfield last night.

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Totals 19-54 14-31 39 17 52

Medford fg ft reb pf pt
 L. Dean 1-11 1-2 8 4 3
 B. Burles 1-6 3-7 7 2 3
 K. Coke 2-9 1-3 4 5 5
 Quinney 4-10 2-3 12 2 10
 Shults 4-8 1-3 9 3 9
 Ragsdale 1-5 1-2 2 2 3
 Deakins 1-1 1-2 2 2 3
 Durkee 4-11 2-4 4 0 10
 C. Dean 0-0 2-2 4 0 0
Totals 20-63 16-24 49 22 56

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gagement matched Medford and the Coos Bay school for the second time this season. In December non-league play Medford lost to Marshfield 66 to 58. It was the Tornado's season opener.

In its Friday semi the Marshfielders had to go the last four plus minutes without the services of Counts. He fouled out with the Pirates leading 49 to 42. The Klamath Pelicans then proceeded to catch up in the evening first feature of a double thriller program. Dean Dunson, Bruce Brickner and Paul Bishop got field goals and Bishop two free casts while Bob Burles gained a single gift heave for the Pirates. That made it 50 each with less than 2½ minutes to play.

Counts Has 24
 A Burles' bucket and giffter then gave the Bucs 53 to 50 edge. Gary Patzke got a free loss for KP but Dick Shanley fast broke for a Coos Bay goal. Shanley followed up with double success at the gift stripes for 57 to 51 with 1½ minutes left. Dunson goalied for Klamath in the final seconds and Brickner netted the ball at the buzzer.

Counts did plenty to help the Bucs before he retired with 24 points and 23 rebounds. Paul Bishop had 20 KP points and Brickner 14 board retrieves.

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South Goes Ahead
 Brack's jumper gave South its 20 to 19 lead. Hudkins' long push and two free counters, Maerz' gift throw and Brack's pusher made a 28 to 19 score. Shults' driver and Anderson's charity shot cut it to 28 to 22 but Hudkins and Brack each goalied to establish the halftime count.

In three minutes of the third session, Medford reduced its trailing margin to five points at 33 to 28. Durkee got a brace of field goals and Anderson and Durkee free points while Brack hit just a singleton for South. Brack and Deakins exchanged baskets, then Hudkins flicked the net for 37 to 30. Lowell Dean's free shot and Anderson's pair of buckets hacked the gap to 37 to 35.

Hudkins pushed a shot from the circle but Anderson and Deakins made it up at the free stripe. Salem then upped the spread to six on Ed Swearing's driver and Hudkins jump from the corner. Durkee free tosses made it 43 to 39 at the pause.

Seven Times In Finals
 Medford advanced into the state basketball tourney finals for the third time in six years and became a seventh time finalist. In 1955 the Tornado bowed to Eugene in the finale and in 1956 it lost to Franklin of Portland. In each of those former tussles, the Medford opposition was bolstered by a giant player. Saturday night the Tornado had to face another skyscraping cager in Marshfield's 6-10 Mel Counts.

The 1960 championship en-

climb Anderson, held to three points by Salem's stiff under-the-hoop defense, rang in 12 counters in the second half for Coach Frank Roelandt's Tornado team. Durkee contributed seven markers and Quinney five. Cal Dean and Deakins came off the bench to help steady Tornado skirmishing in the clutch.

Quinney Gets Lead
 Medford headed 16 to 14 after one quarter of the game but fell behind at 19 to 20 some 2¼ minutes into the second stanza. They did not go ahead until the final panel. Quinney put the Medfords in front for good at 50 to 48. His driving baseline bucket popped in with 3 minutes 9 seconds left to play.

Outpointing the Saxons 17 to 9 in the third session, the Tornadoes lagged Salem just 39 to 43 going into the closing chukker. The Pear city stalwarts tied the score twice and fell behind on two occasions before going on top to stay.

Anderson tallied on a feed in shot and then put in two gifters for 43-all with 6:48 left on the clock. Hudkins hit from the circle to restore the South lead and Maerz added a free shot for 46 to 43. Quinney sank two free tosses but King did the same for the Capitol community kids for South margin of 48 to 45.

Next Coach Dick Ballantyne's Saxons suffered a rugged blow. Maerz, rebounding ace and a major factor in stopping Medford's Anderson and Quinney in the gang ups under the hoop, fouled out. There was 4:16 to go as Shults put in the free toss on for a basket off a Cal Dean feed for 48-each with 3:52 remaining.

Shults Widens Gap
 Tall Bob followed up with the marker that put Medford in front and with two minutes on the clock Shults plunked a 20-foot jumper. But South was still in contention as King made two free tallies. These were offset by Cal Dean's pair with 45 seconds on the clock. King intercepted a Medford pass and hit from close range for 54 to 52, Medford with a half-minute to go. Eight seconds showed when Anderson slipped along the baseline and looped the ball in for a clincher.

Time ran out and as the buzzer sounded jubilant Medford cagers danced and hugged each other and cheerleaders gathered round to join in the joyous moment.

Hudkins was the scrap's top point man with 20 and Brack totaled 17. Anderson put in 15 counters, Durkee added 11, Quinney 10 and Shults nine. Quinney controlled 12 rebounds from the boards while Anderson and Shults each gathered nine. Maerz had 10, King nine and Hudkins seven.

Medford, despite poorer shooting average, .317 to South's .352, had one more field goal for the night and put in two more free points. Saxon trouble making free heaves go in proved costly in the second half.

Saxons Storm
 The Tornado's field barrage suffered in the first two quarters from the inability to find

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Marshfield Earns Right To Battle Medford With 57-55 Win Over K Falls

Eugene — (UPI) — Medford got its chance for revenge last night when the Black Tornado took on Marshfield for the 1960 state A-1 hoop title.

Medford earned the finals Friday night with a 56-52 win over South Salem and Marshfield won 57-55 over Klamath Falls. A crowd of 10,106 saw the semifinal session, a new record.

The Black Tornado lost only three games this season and one of them was to Marshfield early in the season. The game matched the number one and two teams in the final United Press International prep poll. Medford finished first and Marshfield second.

Klamath Falls and South Salem played a preliminary game for third place.

Eugene, Jeff Win
 South Eugene won fourth place in the Oregon class A-1 high school basketball tournament Saturday afternoon by defeating Lake Oswego 62-55.

Jefferson of Portland claimed fifth spot by trimming David Douglas 68-60 in consolation play finals.

The Axemen of South Eugene raced to a 19 point first half lead then outplayed most of the rest of the way. They survived a stirring second-half rally by the Lakers. Oswego narrowed the south margin at 59-55 with just one minute, 47 seconds to play. The Axemen resorted to ball control over the last four minutes to check the surging Laker team.

South Eugene was on top 18-9 at the quarter and 41-22 at the half way rest. The difference was only 11 points 52-41 when the third quarter ended.

Sandy Nosler and Don DuShane each had 22 points for Eugene. Roger Paul collected 17 and Rod Young 13 for Lake Oswego.

Jefferson pulled away from David Douglas after a see-saw scuffle. The Douglas Scots led 53-50 after three periods but Jeff outscored the Metro-

Pirate Ace Leads A-1 Point Race
 University of Oregon, Eugene — Mel Counts of Marshfield carried the scoring lead into the finals of the 42nd Oregon high school basketball tournament Saturday night against Medford on the strength of a 24-point performance against Klamath Falls.

Counts had scored 76 in three games to hold a five point lead over Rod Young of Lake Oswego, who had 71 points. Third spot was held by Medford's Jerry Anderson with 62, and the top five was completed by South Salem's Jay Brack with 61 and Warren Newell of Cleveland with 57.

Counts also had the rebound lead with 56 while Bo Blair of South Eugene had 47 and Wilbur Brown of Jefferson had 42 to round out the top three.

Top scorers follow:

Player	fg	ft	reb	pf	pt
Counts, Marsh	29-62	18-22	56	14	76
Young, L. Osw	25-48	21-27	15	7	71
Anderson, Med	25-51	12-17	26	8	62
Brack, S. Sal	26-59	9-16	18	5	61
Newell, Cleve	23-45	11-12	10	11	57
Nosler, E. Eug	22-47	11-16	23	10	55
Blair, S. Eug	20-47	3-10	47	8	53
Brown, Jeff	21-52	6-11	42	8	48
Nickleberry, Jeff	23-69	1-6	15	2	47
Bishop, K. Falls	19-50	9-11	20	4	47
Hoffman, San	15-47	14-20	19	4	44

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Forewarned
 KP put in the first goal of the scrape but did not have a lead again until the third period. The Pels went on top at 30 to 29 and once were 36 to 32. Marshfield tied at 36-all and a 38-all knot followed.

Medford, which drubbed Jesuit 75 to 41 on Wednesday and St. Helens 80 to 51 in a Thursday mix had plenty of warning that South Salem could not be taken lightly. The Saxons knocked out Portland's Jefferson 64 to 52 in the opening round with a sizzling scoring pace. Then they fought from behind to hop South Eugene, a club which in pre-league play had pushed them over twice.

Marshfield beat David Douglas 59 to 54 and Cleveland 49 to 43 before facing Klamath.

South Salem and Klamath Falls met last night for third place.

BOX:
 South Salem fg ft reb pf pt
 Hudkins 9-26 2-4 7 20
 King 1-4 4-9 9 1 8
 Maerz 1-1 3-6 10 5 5
 Brack 7 5 3 17
 Swearing 1-4 0-1 2 3 2
 Seitz 0-0 0-0 1 2 1 0

CHAMP DENIES POSTPONEMENT

Vaernamo, Sweden — (UPI) — Ingemar Johansson, world heavyweight boxing champion, denies reports his scheduled June 22 return title bout with Floyd Patterson may be postponed until later in the year.

"The return bout between me and Floyd Patterson is not postponed. The fight should go on June 22," Johansson told the Stockholm newspaper Expressen Friday.

"I will leave for Geneva, Switzerland, in a few days and start final training for the bout," Johansson said. "I think I will begin training Monday."

OLSON TO FIGHT IN PORTLAND

Portland — (UPI) — Promoter Tommy Moyer said Saturday ex-middleweight champion Bobo Olson of San Francisco would fight twice here soon.

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