

MEDFORD HIGH RULES AS OREGON A-1 BASKETBALL CHAMPION

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Monday, March 21, 1960

A-1 TOURNEY AT GLANCE
How They Finished
1. Medford
2. Marshfield
3. Klamath Falls
4. South Eugene
5. Jefferson
6. South Salem
7. Lake Oswego
8. David Douglas

Saturday Scores (Championship)
Medford 53, Marshfield 56 (Third Place)
Klamath Falls 74, South Salem 69 (Fourth Place)
South Eugene 63, Lake Oswego 55 (Consolation)
Jefferson 68, David Douglas 60

Celtics Near Eastern Title

United Press International
Wilt Chamberlain's hand injury brightens the Boston Celtics' chance of wrapping up their fourth straight Eastern division title Tuesday night when they meet the Philadelphia Warriors at Boston.

The St. Louis Hawks, however, are having their troubles with the scrappy Minneapolis Lakers, who seem determined to turn the tables on them again. Elgin Baylor's clutch goal Sunday produced a 103-101 Laker win and deadlocked the Western division series at two-all.

Boston needs only one more victory over the Warriors since taking a 3-1 advantage in the series with a 112-104 triumph in Philadelphia Sunday.

Receives Honor

Portland - (UPI) - George Pasero, sports editor of the Oregon Journal, and Bob Blackburn, sports announcer for radio station KPOJ, have been honored by the National Sportswriters and Sports-casters Association.

Pasero was voted the outstanding sportswriter in the state and Blackburn received a similar honor for sports broadcasting.

Pasero has been with the Oregon Journal for 18 years and became its sports editor in 1956.

Both will be honored at Salisbury, N.C., April 12, at the association's awards banquet.

Tornado Stalwarts Subdue Marshfield Pirates in Finale

"It was a great thing." That terse but emotion-packed comment by Coach Frank Roelandt echoed the sentiment of this Rogue valley metropolis Sunday as the mighty, terrific and triumphant Medford Black Tornado basketball contingent returned home flushed with the joy of the greatest hoop honors achieved for its school in more than three decades.

A rampaging Big Wind with a fighting pull-together spirit and romping with a torrid shooting pace, the Tornado from the City of Pears ruled as master of the maplecourt among Oregon's Class A-1 high schools after clubbing Marshfield of Coos Bay Saturday night in the 1960 tournament finale game. Medford turned back Marshfield and its tall hoopster, Mel Counts, 63 to 56 at Eugene on University of Oregon's McArthur court.

The outcome of the five-day colorful cage carnival brought Medford high its second major athletic championship for the 1959-1960 school year. Its basketball titular trophy will join the hardware emblematic of last fall's A-1 football diadem in the Tornado trophy case. This is the second such double triumph for Black Tornado teams. Medford last won the state cage tourney mantle back in 1929 after having gained Oregon's mythical gridiron banner in the fall of 1928. No other school in the state, so far as can be recalled, has won the grid and hoop court pennants in the same academic year.

Join the Greats
Tornado athletic powerhouses of 1959-60 have joined the "Terrors of the '20s" in the annals of the greats.

Sizzling accuracy from the field, poised and assured floor play and aggressive defense—those were elements, as they have been through the sea-

son, in Medford's 21st straight victory and its title clinching play. And, with the threat from fouls and free shots in stopping the Pirates bid, it took an eight-man effort.

Lowell and Cal Dean, Jerry Shults, Jerry Anderson, Booth Deakins and Ken Durkee, seniors, and Bob Quinney and Dick Ragsdale, juniors—those are the champions and the heroes of Saturday's deciding game. And they share their laurels with Coach Roelandt and with reserves Darrell Miller and Jim Barry, who contended in the first two of Medford's four tourney games.

Marshfield's cagers, rated No. 2 by pollsters to Medford's No. 1, made it touch and go for the Tornado over much of the 32-minute route. While the leads they held exceeded one point only once, they seldom let the Tornado, itself, stay very far ahead. Counts teamed with Bob Burles, mainly, and with Karl Coke, Dick Shanley, Bob Burke and Jerry Weekly to give the Tornado battle.

Crushing Blow
Frequent Pirate tactic was to feed into Counts, the gigantic hoopster, in tries for close in easy shots. Tornado defensive measures against Counts and Burles cost many fouls and free shots. But, for Medford this pressure eased when the 6-10 Buc center Counts fouled out in the late third period. And, Coos Bay championship ambitions suffered a crushing loss.

Counts had 24 points, 10 on free shots, and 11 rebounds for his abbreviated duty. Burles had 13 tallies and 10 backboard retrieves. Top Medford scorers Saturday were Anderson with 15 counts and Shults with 15 counts and Durkee with 10 apiece. Anderson had 10 rebounds and Quinney and Ragsdale five.

Burles put in 23 field buckets to the Pirates' 17, out-hitting the southwest coast club 435 to 327. Marshfield had the free toss edge 22 to 17.

Medford, turning in a confident, determined, sparkling brand of ball, despite the bugaboo of fouls, grabbed the lead for keeps on a play which coincided with giant Counts' departure from the fracas.

Lead For Keeps
Marshfield had taken its only lead of the second half with just two minutes to go in quarter No. 3 when burly Burles netted a bucket from the side of the slot. That made it 39 to 38. But the Bucs held this slim advantage for just a brief 17 seconds. The Tornado's Anderson drove across the key slot and looped the casaba through the hoop to make the scoreboard read Medford 40, Marshfield 39.

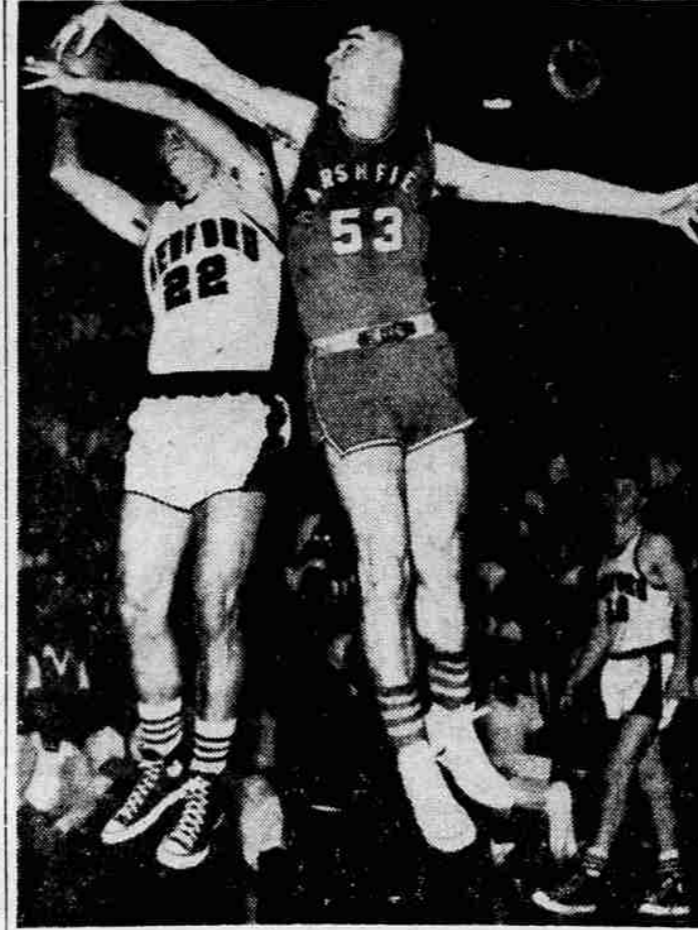
Referee Bill Gash's whistle tooted and Counts was charged with fouling Andy. It was the center's fifth personal and banished him. Pirate punters set up a chorus of boons that lasted minutes long. They thought that Counts, with four infractions already charged against him, was trying hard to avoid his fifth and that the Medford all-stater made the contact. But, that's not the way Gatch saw it and the Buccaneers had lost the kingpin of their team, as they did also before the ends of their quarter and semifinal tilts.

Coins On Floor
Marshfield backers displayed further disapproval as coins and debris were tossed upon the court.

Anderson, when play resumed, made his free toss for 41 to 39. With 36 seconds left in the panel, Cal Dean and Ragsdale, a pair of solid performers in the titular mix, combined. Dean took a feed from Ragsdale and flipped the ball into the cage. Cal drove the bucket and scored with one second remaining in the quarter. Burles fouled him and Dean's free marker established the score at 46 to 39.

Durkee, whose feeding, floor play and shooting figured strong on Medford's brilliant night, started off the fourth quarter fireworks. The Tornado opened the fourth quarter seemingly bent on playing a deliberate, ball control game but willing to take the long and mid-range shots they were sure that they could make. Captain Durkee hopped a one hand push from back of the key, one of his effective shooting spots.

54-42 Widest Gap
Cal Dean put in a gift marker for a 10-point 49 to 39 spread. Shanley for the Bucs hit a pusher from the side and Deakins, another sturdy Tornado stalwart in the clutch, sank a shot from the corner



SCRAP FOR BALL—It's anybody's ball as Dick Ragsdale (22), Medford, and Jerry Weekly (53), Marshfield, jump for it in state A-1 prep basketball championship final at Eugene Saturday night. In background at right is Medford's Jerry Anderson. Medford defeated Marshfield 63 to 56 for its third hoop championship in Tornado athletic history.

in a trade of buckets. Rich Hughes of Marshfield and Ragsdale of Medford each made free tosses and, when Lowell Dean, rugged bulwark under the hoop, goaled from under the cage on playmaker Ragsdale's feed with 4:19 to go in the game, Medford had its widest margin at 54 to 42.

Coke's long push and Burles' gift shot cut the Tornado edge to 54 to 45. But Ragsdale came through with a pair of charity casts.

With 2:21 left on the clock Shanley put in a driver for the Bucs. Medford's slender scrapper Quinney fouled out on the play and, when Shanley added the one-pointer, the score was 56 to 48. A pair of Burles' free markers made it 56 to 50 with 1:36 remaining. Braces of free heaves by Durkee and Lowell Dean took Medford back to a 10-point difference, 60 to 50, with one minute on the clock.

Cal Dean Adds Clinchers
Then Burles put in a driver for the Pirates. Lowell Dean fouled on this score but Burles missed the gifter. With 47 seconds to go Shanley made two free points for 60 to 54. In the next seven seconds Anderson and Shults missed free throws but with 17 to go Cal Dean put in a driver and then an extra counter on a foul. Weekly then topped off the Pirate scoring. The horn blared and the Black Tornado were the champs.

First quarter of the conflict saw a ding dong battle marked by seven lead switches and four ties. Durkee gave Medford 16 to 14 advantage at the buzzer. Medford outgunned the Coos Bay club seven to four from the field for the chucker but the Buccaneers gained six free heaves to the Tornado's two.

Shults, Anderson, Quinney, Lowell Dean and Durkee all got points for Medford in the quarter with Shults, a year-long cog in the Medford scoring and playmaking machine, and Anderson each collecting five. Counts got six points for Marshfield and Coke and Burles each four. Burles, who teamed with Counts as chief thorns in Medford flesh, got his markers at the free line.

Game Tied
Counts jumper tied up the game as the second period opened and Marshfield went ahead 18 to 16 when the big boy hit twice from the free line. But Lowell Dean put in a jump over Counts to tie the game again. Anderson scored off a steal but a Big Mel rebounder made it 20-all.

Durkee came back with a long push, then grabbed a loose ball under the Marshfield hoop and dribbled down the floor. He fed off to Quinney who dropped the ball through the net for 24 to 20.

Medford headed the rest of the period with margins as much as seven points at 30 to 23, 32 to 25 and 34 to 27. The Tornado went to the dressing room at halftime leading 34 to 28 after a rebound bucket by Anderson at the buzzer of a short shot by Ragsdale had been disallowed. Pear City scoring in the stanza again was distributed among five men with Andy swishing six.

Counts had 12 of Marshfield's markers in the second session and Burles the other two as only three Pirates tallied in the initial half.

.577 Field Goaling
The Tornado, with only four points on free shots in the half, outshone its rival with blistering .577 shooting from the field on 15 of 26.

The Pirates made just eight of 29 for .276. However, the Pirates kept within range by flipping in 12 free shots on 20 tries. Medford at halftime had Lowell Dean with four fouls against him and Quinney and Shults each with three.

Coos Bay opened second half point production with a jumper and free shot by Counts for 34 to 31. Quinney sank a try from the side of the slot for Medford but Weekly put in a long range pusher and Counts a turn jump from close to the hoop. Counts' free tally tied up the game at 36 apiece halfway through the canto. Shults and Burles exchanged gifts for 37-all. Anderson cashed in at the free stripe. Then Burles gave the Oregon coast team its last and short-lived lead.

This was Roelandt's third Medford team in the state prep finals. His clubs lost to Eugene in 1955 and to Franklin of Portland in 1956 in the title games. And the Tornado tutor was high, in retrospect, on the Tornado's team effort and its ability as a pressure crew. All-state selections proved, the coach declared, that Medford won as a team.

Coach In Daze
He referred to the fact that, from the Tornado's roster of fine ballplayers, only Anderson was an all-state choice. He made the tourney's first all-star team. Not a Medfordite, even, was selected for the second team.

The South Salem game showed, Roelandt pointed out, that his Tornadoes could come back under pressure. South almost upset the Medford gang before falling 56 to 52 in a Friday semifinal. The Tornado, seldom under strain through the regular season, had the pressure on it, too, in the championship game.

"Right now, I'm still in a daze, myself," the Medford coach commented yesterday. "I'm very happy, I'll tell you that. We're all happy and are sitting and relaxing."

Praising the players, Roelandt said, "I'm really proud of them. I think they sure deserved it (to win)." He mentioned the players' own confidence in their ability and their great competitive spirit. "They knew they could win," Roelandt stated.

Proud, Thankful
"We are real proud and thankful of the enthusiasm of the Medford people there," Roelandt said of Tornado supporters who saw the team breeze over Jesuit and St. Helens, rally by South Salem and then dump the Pirates, who had tripped the Tornado 66 to 58 in its season starting game.

The coach hesitated in making comparisons of his current crew with his Medford teams of past years. He stated that it is unfair to try to single out any players because there have been so many so good. But he did agree that the 1959-1960 aggregation, which compiled a 23-3 mark, was tops for depth of fine basketball talent.

His players gave Roelandt the traditional and ceremonial dousing in showers Saturday night. The mentor declared, "It, definitely, was the best shower I ever had."

BOX:
Marshfield FG FT RB PFT P
Burles 3-9 7-14 10 4 13
Coke 1-3 6 3 1
Counts 7-17 16-16 11 5 24
Coke 3-9 0-0 0 0 6
Shanley 2-10 3-3 3 3 7
Weekly 2-4 0-0 4 3 7
Eickworth 0-2 0 3 0 0
Hughes 0-0 1-2 0 2 1
Totals 17-32 22-28 37 22 56

Klamath Grabs 3rd Anderson All-Stater

Eugene - (UPI) - Klamath Falls, nailed down third place Saturday night by downing South Salem 73-69 in the Oregon Class A-1 high school basketball tournament.

Wally Palmberg Jr. made his only basket of the night an important one in Klamath Falls' third-place win. He drove the key to lay up a shot that sent the game into overtime. He tied the score at 67-all.

Paul Bishop paced K-Falls with 23 points followed by Bruce Brickner with 16. Jay Brack had 26 to lead South Salem.

The third place tangle had a scorching finish. Lead changed hands 12 times in 4 minutes 35 seconds of the last quarter.

Salem Takes Lead
John King put Salem ahead 66 to 65 with a jumper with 1:2 minutes to go and Loren Seitz added a free toss with 26 seconds left. With nine seconds to go Klamath got the ball out of bounds when Salem's Ed Swearingen was called for traveling. The Pels took timeout with seven seconds on the clock.

Palmberg took the ball on the inbound throw and dribbled on a bee-line for the basket. He put the ball through the hoop with one second of regular time remaining.

The Pelicans of KF led at the quarter 22 to 19 and Salem at the half 36 to 34. South headed by 54 to 49 when the fourth quarter ended.

Klamath victory gave southern and southwestern Oregon the top three places in the final tournament standings.

Lakeview Shifted To District 6

McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene - Oregon School Activities association board of control action Saturday moved Lakeview high school from District 7 to District 6 for A-2 high school competition. The change will be effective Dec. 1, the start of next basketball season.

Board action came when the schools of the two districts voted 13-10 in favor of the switch. Lakeview will join in with Rogue league schools, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Rogue River and Illinois Valley for District 6 southern division rivalry.

It is reported Glendale may shift from the Rogue league to the Umpqua valley loop in the northern part of the district. Lakeview requested the change because of the great distance it has had to travel for athletic contests.

Heppner and Sherman high school of Morrow will become A-2 schools next fall and will play District 7 teams.

Sam White To Retire

Tucson, Ariz. - (UPI) - General Manager Frank Lane of the Cleveland Indians said today catcher Sammy White's decision to retire from baseball cancels a deal with the Boston Red Sox in which his club gave up Russ Nixon for White and another player.

White faces a 60-day suspension if he reconsiders and tries to play for Boston, Lane indicated.

Lane belatedly received a wire from White Saturday confirming he was quitting and therefore would be unable to report as scheduled under terms of the trade with Boston.

Lane promptly sent two telegrams. One went to Commissioner Ford Frick, and asked that the star catcher be placed on suspension for 60 days if he attempted to play for Boston.

White, 31, termed the decision "the toughest of my life." The announcement came through a public relations firm handling a bowling alley enterprise White initiated only recently.

White batted .284 with Boston last year to lead all American league catchers. In addition, he was rated the top receiver in the league in his ability to handle pitchers.

White was traded to the Indians along with first baseman Jim Marshall in exchange for 25-year-old left-handed hitting catcher Russ Nixon.

STRONG MAY INHERIT
St. Petersburg, Fla. - (UPI) - It appeared the strong would inherit the St. Petersburg golf title as the field faced a tiring 36-hole windup today. Strongest after the second round Sunday was George Bayer, the hulking slammer who also has a delicate touch with a putter. Bayer, of Glen Eagles, Ill., fired a three-under-par 69 Sunday and led the field by four strokes.

Medford	FG	FT	RB	PFT	P
Anderson	5-12	5-8	10	4	15
L. Dean	3-2	2-4	3	5	8
Quinney	3-8	0-0	5	5	6
Shults	4-7	2-3	3	4	10
Ragsdale	0-1	3-4	5	3	3
Durkee	4-7	2-2	1	2	10
Deakins	1-1	0-1	2	1	2
C. Dean	3-4	3-4	1	1	9
Totals	23-43	17-27	30	25	63

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Anderson All-Stater

Eugene - (UPI) - An all-senior all-tournament first team was picked by competing coaches in the state A-1 tournament Saturday night.

Picked were Jerry Anderson, Medford; Sandy Nosler, South Eugene; Mel Counts, Marshfield; Jay B. Brack, South Salem and Paul Bishop, Klamath Falls.

Six players made up the second team. Selected were Bo Blair, South Eugene; Warren Newell, Cleveland; Rod Young, Lake Oswego; Claus Nickelberry, Jefferson; Bruce Brickner, Klamath Falls, and Leon Johnson, David Douglas.

Counts won the tournament scoring title with 100 points in four games. He was followed by Brack with 87, Young with 84, and Nosler and Anderson with 77 each.

SPORTS

GIBB LEAVES U OF I

Moscow, Idaho - (UPI) - Director of Athletics Robert Gibb is leaving the University of Idaho after six years to go back to Boise. His resignation is effective July 1. Gibb will become staff coordinator of the First Methodist church in Boise and an executive of Inspiration, Inc., a church organization.

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