



PELICANS STOP TORNADO—A couple of Pelicans gang up on Medford's Bruce Bray (34) as he tries to get off a shot in second half of Tornado-Klamath Falls basketball game here Friday night. No. 30 is Klamath high's Kent Hunsaker who scored 26 points. Reaching from behind Bray is Gary Patzke. At right is Medford's Bob Quinney (40) who totaled 28 points. Klamath won 63 to 56.

Klamath Trips Medford High Hoopsters Third Time, 63-56

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Klamath Falls	12	0	1.000
Medford	8	4	.667
Grants Pass	7	5	.583
Crater	3	9	.250
Ashland	0	12	.000

Klamath Union High school's basketball Pelicans, who bear their No. 1 Oregon prep ranking in assured, stable style, with or without two of their ablest players, did it again, without, Friday night.

The sound, solid, fast pace Pelicans emerged from a feather-flying first half to rout the Medford Black Tornado for the third time this season in a Southern Oregon conference game. Score was 63 to 56. Triumph carried the fire-powered Klamaths back into the state A-1 tournament where they placed third last year and ascertained no less than a league co-crown for the undefeated leaders of District 6.

Success at the free toss line accounted for the final margin in the fracas. But, phenomenal long range shooting accuracy in the first half, a surge to a substantial lead in the first quarter and ability to frustrate and counter Medford's rally challenges were key elements of the victory. Kent Hunsaker and Sherm Allen provided the main scoring punch, Fred Blehn and Hunsaker strong floor play and Gary Patzke and Ray Taylor sturdy rebounding for Coach Dean White's KF crew.

Ground Lost

The Tornado, in defeat, held onto second place in the circuit standings but lost ground to Grants Pass which was only a game behind the Hurricane after trimming Crater 74 to 63 also on Friday evening.

Klamath fought in front for keeps at 26 to 24 in the waning minutes of the first half. Its struggle to go on top to stay was not for the faint-hearted spectator. For, the count was tied 11 times and lead switches totaled eight before the 'Pels were permanently ahead of the reluctant never-die Tornado.

The Pelicans winged to a 13-point gap in the third quarter. This bulge was reestablished on four occasions against the bids of the Medforders before the determined Tornadoes cut the difference down to five digits at the start of the final chapter. Then, Oregon's top-rated aggregation widened to 11 markers and held on from there, withstanding a Medford press and playing keep away in the last three minutes.

Still missing from the KF lineup were regulars Bruce Bricker and Wally Palmberg, still recuperating from mumps and an appendectomy, respectively.

Quinney Has 28

Bob Quinney spurred the valiant but futile effort of Medford to rally by tabulating 20 of his night's high of 28 points in the second half. Sharpshooting Hunsaker, who had 26 (9 of 11 from the field) for his Klamath labors, put in 15 of them in the third and fourth quarters, that much offsetting Quinney's efforts. Allen, with five of his six field goals in the first half, chalked up 14 points for KF and Barry had 12 points, all on field shots, for the Black Tornado.

Quinney cleared the backboards 14 times for Coach Frank Roelandt's Medforders and Steve Hoots had nine Tornado retrieves before fouling out. Patzke and Taylor had eight rebounds each as the Pels had a slight 30 to 29 team edge under the boards.

Klamath beat Medford on a 19 to 12 difference on free heaves. The Tornado duplicated Klamath's 22 buckets from the field but took more shots in doing so. The Pels had a sizzling 44.9 average on 49 tries and Medford averaged .361 on 61.

Mac's Eighth Clips South GP

McLoughlin Junior high eighth grade basketball team nudged South Grants Pass 35 to 33 Friday.

South's seventh beat the McLoughlin Golds 24 to 23. Mac's eighth had 8 to 7, 15 to 10 and 25 to 24 quarter leads. Gordon Lilly got 13 points for the Bulldogs and Larry Stockman 10 and Revis had nine for South.

The Golds had an 11 to 0 gap after one quarter in the seventh grade mix but South was on top 13 to 11 at halftime. Roger Johnson put in 15 counters for the Medford team and Pruitt eight for GP.

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After a first quarter which had seven lead changes and eight ties, Medford was on top 18 to 17. Patzke tied the game on a free toss but Dick Ragsdale and Quinney netted pushers for 22 to 18 Medford. Hunsaker hit one of his long pushes but Barry tallied for Medford off a Ragsdale feed and it was 24 to 20.

Goes To 31-24

Taylor hepped two gifts. Hunsaker and Blehn cooperated on a steal and Hunsaker drove to score. Then Hunsaker's shove shot went through. It was 26 to 24 for the Pelicans. A free toss by Hunsaker, a long fielder by Allen and a rebounder basket by Blehn extended KF to 31 to 24. Tichenor tossed in a gift try for Medford and Barry a long shot and Klamath led 31 to 27 at the half-time buzzer.

A push from the corner, a rebound goal and a free heave, all by Hunsaker, a couple of close shots by Patzke and a charity throw by Blehn, while Ragsdale put in a lone foul toss for Medford, gave Klamath 41 to 28 command 2 1/4 minutes into the third quarter.

The clubs battled evenly for the next four minutes and KF had margins of 43 to 30, 45 to 32, 49 to 36 and 51 to 38.

Down To Five

Then, in the last 1 1/2 minutes of the panel Quinney hit a rebounder and Barry a jump. Quinney added a pair of free heaves and the standing for three quarters was Klamath 51, Medford 44. Quinney's long push with seven minutes left in the game cut the spread to the five-point difference at 51 to 46.

Two free shots by Taylor, Blehn's bucket on a swing across the key and Hunsaker's driver made it 57 to 46. Quinney traded two free tosses for Hunsaker's jumper then put in a hook rebound and a long push and the KF spread was 59 to 52 with four minutes to play. It went to 63 to 52, however, on Patzke's rebound shot and two free shots by Hunsaker 2 Quinney and Barry closed out the scoring for Medford.

While Medford could not overtake the Pelicans in the stretch in the varsity conflict, the Black Tornado jayvees did just that against their Klamath counterparts.

Five Schools Gain Spots In A-1 Hoop Tournament

United Press International. Klamath Falls, Grant, Wilson, Bend and Scappoose gained berths in next month's Oregon class A-1 high school basketball tournament at Eugene by posting crucial victories Friday night.

Klamath Falls, the state's number-one ranked A-1 squad, posted a 63-56 win over seventh-ranked Medford to cinch a spot in the 16-team tourney. Number two-ranked Grant, the only undefeated A-1 squad, gained a tourney spot by handing Franklin a 60-53 setback in Portland Interscholastic league action.

Wilson, ranked number four, became Portland's second entrant in the State Tournament by edging Jefferson 46-43.

Sixth-ranked Bend and Scappoose defeated league opponents to gain tourney berths. Bend defeated Hermiston 56-52 in Intermountain league play while Scappoose outscored Wy'east 73-70 in Willco league competition.

Move Closer

Roseburg, Central Catholic, Marshfield, Corvallis and Tillamook all gained victories Friday night to move a step closer to gaining a tournament berth.

Third-ranked Roseburg downed North Bend 78-67 in Midwestern league competi-

tion while fifth-ranked Central Catholic, leading the Metropolitan league by three games, trounced Sunset 56-41.

Marshfield, a rated number eight, and currently in second spot in Midwestern league standings, raced by Thurston 54-39.

Tenth-ranked Corvallis moved into undisputed possession of first place in the Valley league by downing South Salem 59-48, and TVY league leading Tillamook downed Oregon City 61-45 to move closer to a tournament berth.

In other top A-1 action ninth-rated Beaverton overwhelmed Centennial 84-48, La Grande defeated The Dalles 42-38, South Eugene edged Springfield 41-40 and David Douglas bounced Gresham 66-52.

HUSKIES TOP WSU

Pullman - (UP) - The University of Washington swimming team grabbed six first places to take a 59-38 duel meet victory from Washington State University here Saturday. The Husky swimmers were led by double-winner Reg Griffin, who took the 200-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly, and J. D. Brown who won the 100-yard free style and anchored the winning 400-yard medley relay team.

Kondo Records First Pin For Medford Mat Squad

Medford high matmen, with exchange student Don Kondo recording his first pin and his second win in American-style wrestling competition, trimmed Crater 39 to 11 Friday in a match at Central Point.

The young man from Japan was one of nine Medford standard bearers to score a triumph and one of five to pin his Comet adversary. Crater won three of the varsity bouts and one other ended in a draw.

Kondo yielded a two-point margin to his 123-pound division rival, Tom Richardson, on a first round takedown then proceeded to pile up a decisive edge of 16 to 2 before gaining the fall with 13 seconds left in the third round. Don got three near falls and a reversal for his points.

Said Kondo's coach, Art Keith, "I wish that Don could be with us for another season. He has just begun to learn after having to wrestle varsity matches all year without any previous experience. We are proud to have him as a member of our team."

First Round Falls

Larry Gunn, Wayne Fields, Al Funston and Jim Spitz all won their matches for the Tornado with first round pins. For all but Spitz it was the seventh victory by fall this season.

Crater's winners were Butch Barber, Rush Walker and Dave McGee.

Men's Church League Second Round Starts

First Baptist, First Methodist and YMCA won opening second round games Thursday in the men's church basketball league.

The Baptists beat Church of the Nazarene 57 to 31. They had a 31 to 19 halfway lead and Owen Winger scored 22 points. Dave Serry had 12 for Nazarene.

Y downed First Christian 79 to 47 as Mel Jackson put in 28 counters and Ron Taylor 19. Glenn McKerron had 10 for Christian. At halftime it was 37 to 26 for the Y. There was much fast play and the Y's Ed McGinty put in a bucket for the opposition.

Jack Brown had 13 points and Don Wendt 12 as Methodist won 46 to 29 from Phoenix Presbyterian for whom Tom Atchison had 13. Methodist led 27 to 18 at the half. It used a fast break to good effect and had strong defense.

Trojans Win Big 5 Meet

Berkeley - (UP) - Southern California's NCAA champion swimming team set five pool records Saturday during a three-day dual Big Five meet in which the Trojans easily defeated Stanford and California.

Murray Rose broke one mark at Harmon pool by swimming the 220 yard free style in 2:04.5. Tom Coulston then cracked the 200 yard individual medley with 2:07.7. Lance Larson bettered the 200 yard butterfly in a time of 2:07.5 and Chuck Bittick set a 440 yard free style mark of 4:29 flat to round out the Trojans' individual smashes.

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County B Playoff on EP Court

Prospect high and St. Mary's of Medford, tied in the final regular season Jackson County B league standings, will settle their issue on a neutral court Feb. 21.

The winner will play off on the week end of March 3 with the victor in the Klamath-Lake county tourney for the District 5B championship and a state tournament berth.

The Cougars of Prospect and the Crusaders of Medford will collide after each scoring two home court wins over the other.

Prospect enters the run-off with the better record. It was 14-5 for the season up to last night before meeting Canyonville. St. Mary's had a 10-8 win-loss mark up to its Eagle Point mix last night.

DUCK GRAPPLERS WIN

Berkeley - (UP) - Oregon's wrestling team, led by footballer Gary Stensland, defeated California grapplers Saturday, 16-13. Stensland clinched the Ducks' victory in the heavyweight and final bout when he threw Bob Snyder after five minutes.

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ROGUE LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Henley	8	0	.889
Lakeview	7	2	.778
Eagle Point	4	5	.444
Illinois Valley	3	6	.333
Phoenix	3	8	.273
Rogue River	2	7	.222

Eagle Point high, which has come on strong in late season, turned back Phoenix 72 to 52 Friday night and took over sole possession of third place in Rogue league basketball standings when Rogue River bounced Illinois Valley 66 to 53.

The outcomes broke a three-way knot among EP, IV and Phoenix for third. Rogue River tallied its first hoop win in two years over the Cougars.

Free shots played a considerable role in both skirmishes. They made the difference for Rogue River and a substantial part of the margin for the Eagles.

Eagle Point, with Charles Pomeroy and Steve Geren leading in the floor play with

Ron Greb and Ron Weidman big guns under the boards, wiped out a 16 to 11 Phoenix quarter bulge to head the Pirates 32 to 26 at the half and 51 to 36 at the third rest halt.

26 for LeRoy

Pomeroy had 20 points for EP and Geren 16 while Gerald Sloper's 11 was tops for Phoenix. Greb had 12 rebounds and Weidman 10 as Eagle Point had 44 to 30 board control. The Eagles had a 41.4 field goaling mark to 36.5 for Phoenix but topped the Pirates just 24 to 23 in total goals. However, EP made 24 of 36 free heave tries and Phoenix just six of 17. Phoenix lost Sloper, Dave Johnson and Gary Colfax on fouls.

Rogue River won handily with a 20-point fourth panel after a close first three quarters. The Chieftains had intermission spreads of 13 to 12, 29 to 24 and 46 to 43. Jeff LeRoy put in 26 points for RR and Don Johnson had 19 for the Cougars. Rogue River made 26 of its points on 43 free toss attempts and had the advantage in rebounding. The Chief junior varsity won its preliminary game 48 to 43 with Jack Salter scoring 16 points for RR and John Baumgardner and Robert Thornhill 10 apiece for IV.

LINEUPS:

EP: 72 Eagle Point, 20 Pomeroy, 16 Geren, 11 Sloper, 12 LeRoy, 10 Weidman, 12 Johnson, 13 Colfax, 12 Greb, 10 Baumgardner, 10 Thornhill.

Phoenix: 52 Greb, 12 Weidman, 10 Johnson, 11 Colfax, 12 Greb, 10 Baumgardner, 10 Thornhill.

Substitutions—For Eagle Point: Wilson 12, Pomeroy 8, Hoefft 2, Charters 2, for Phoenix: Gleim 8, Harris, Davis 4, Morrison 6, Seymour 2, Hanson.

66 Rogue River, 53 Illinois Valley, 28 LeRoy, 19 Johnson, 12 Kite, 12 Johnson, 12 Gail, 10 Baird, 4 Archer, 3 Kennedy.

Substitutions—For Rogue River: Simon, Franz 10, Palmerston, Simer 4, Parsons, Davidson, Salter 2, for Illinois Valley: Tucker 3, Baumgardner, Hill 2, Martin, Versteeg, Hammer.

Receives Badge

San Bernardino, Calif. - (UP) - Sugar Ray Robinson, former middleweight champion, last week was called "perhaps the cleanest fighter of the past two decades."

The tribute came from San Bernardino County Sheriff Frank Bland when he pinned a badge on Robinson's shirt front, making him an honorary deputy sheriff in the county.

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