

PROSPECT GAINS COUNTY B LOOP BASKETBALL LAURELS

Prospect High school's Cougars set their sights today on the District 5B basketball championship. They wrapped up and tucked away the Jackson County B league laurels last night by spurning St. Mary's of Medford 53 to 48 at Eagle Point in a conference tie-breaker game.

Kentucky Displaying Much Fight

By MARTIN LADER
United Press International
The cynics were ready to bury Adolph Rupp, but the Kentucky baron and his band of Wildcats are showing lots of fight now that the college basketball season has reached the countdown stage.

Kentucky nipped Vanderbilt, 60-59, Tuesday night on a spinning jump shot by Ned Jennings with 12 seconds to play. The victory pushed the Wildcats into a third-place tie with Vanderbilt in the Southeastern conference and, more important, enhanced their hopes for a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Although Mississippi State is expected to win the Southeastern conference title and an automatic bid to the NCAA, it is believed the Maroons will pass up the invitation because of segregation problems. Florida is currently in second place with an 8-3 record, but it must play at Vanderbilt on Saturday.

Kentucky, four-time winner of the NCAA, failed to qualify for the tournament in 1960 for the first time in seven years and prospects seemed slim again this season until the upset victory over Vanderbilt.

The Wildcats have three conference games remaining—two of them at home—and those familiar with Rupp's record in 30 years at Kentucky wouldn't be surprised to see the baron pull out another.

In other key games Tuesday that will have an effect on who's going where in the post-season tournaments, Texas Tech defeated Baylor, 98-81. Southern Methodist topped Texas A&M, 65-61, and Western Michigan beat Loyola of Chicago, 107-99.

TUESDAY BOUTS
United Press International
Miami Beach, Fla. — Cassius Clay, 194½, Louisville, stopped Dennis Flesman, 184, Dallas, Tex. (7).

Trenton, N. J. — Mel Collins, 177½, Trenton, N. J., outpointed Johnny Hopkins, 180½, Philadelphia (10).

Oakland, Calif. — Luis Rodriguez, 147½, Cuba, stopped Lyle Mackin, 149½, Oakland, Calif. (5).

story of the game. The hoopsters from the upper Rogue community, who had to quell a Crusader upsurge in the concluding quarter, prevailed on their fiery hustle, their surer, steadier handling of the ball and their stubborn zone defense.

It appeared also that Prospect's Cougars, although out-hit 22 to 18 from the field, had a better gunning average from the floor.

Prospect pulled away from a 44-all deadlock in the last four minutes of the game. The Cougars ran their total to 51 before St. Mary's put in its final bucket of the game with just 10 seconds left to play.

Jackson county's new standard bearer will go to Klamath Falls on Thursday, March 2, for a two-of-three series against the Klamath-Lake county titlist for the district crown and a berth in the Oregon Class B tournament. Second game will be on March 3 and the third, if needed, will be on the following night.

A three-night Klamath-Lake tournament begins this Thursday evening.

Cougar Duane Payne's Cougars, who tied with defending champion SM at 6-2 in regular loop standings, went on top for keeps last night on a pair of free tosses by Chapman with 3½ minutes left. A minute later Gardner swished in a bucket from the side of the slot. Chapman netted another gifter and with 30 seconds on the clock Gardner tossed in two more.

Gardner Scores
Fred Burich pumped in a push from the corner for St. Mary's last points. Two seconds remained when Chapman padded the margin with another brace of free points.

Gardner had 19 points for the Cougars and Chapman, not often a high scorer for the Prospect club, was next in tabulations with 17. Bob Fitch followed with 11. For St. Mary's Andre Knutson and Dick Evans each had 12 tallies.

The Cougars held three point gaps at each of the quarterly breaks, 10 to 7, 24 to 21 and 37 to 24.

With Gardner getting seven counters, Prospect picked up a six-point lead of 31 to 25 in the fore part of the third quarter. Knutson's jumper cut the spread to four points. But, Chapman hit a pusher from close range and Stan Payne cashed in from the slot when Prospect outthought the Crusaders for the ball under the hoop. That put the clubs eight markers apart at 35 to 27, widest bulge of the night, with three minutes to go in the canto.

Four Foul Out
Evans came back for coach Bill McKibbin's Medford team with a long jump pusher. Knutson hit from close range and Florian Shasky dunked one of his three rebound shots. To these Mike Austin added a gift heave. Gardner and Chapman, in the meantime, got free shots for

the Cougars and the score stood at 37 to 34.

Knutson tallied off the fourth quarter tip for St. Mary's. Fitch tossed in a charity try when Jim Calhoun became the first of four St. Mary's players to foul out. Drivers by Chapman and Gardner gave Prospect a seemingly comfortable spread of 42 to 36 with 5½ minutes to play. But Shasky's rebounder and Austin's long push cut it to 42 to 40.

Gardner put in a rebound try off Payne's missed foul toss. Knutson swiped the ball under the SM hoop and scored and Evans made good on the third of a flurry of rebound tries to knot the conflict.

Ball Control
Prospect resorted to ball control over the final two minutes and Evans, Austin and Knutson fouled out in successive order in Crusader efforts to get hold of the ball.

St. Mary's led in the opening minutes of the mix with one gap of 7 to 3. The Cougars tied at 7-all and never were behind after that.

Prospect had a brief margin of seven points at 24 to 17 in the second quarter. Goals by Shasky and Evans narrowed the gap.

The Crusaders came close to shutting the difference to 37 to 38 right at the end of the third quarter. Austin took a pass off an SM rebound of a Prospect missed shot. The Medford player turned and fired a long one-hander which went through the hoop. But officials ruled the ball left Austin's hands after time had run out.

Terry Gardner Hurt
Prospect suffered a blow when Terry Gardner, brother of Craig, fell and hurt his knee with 6½ minutes yet to play in the second quarter. He was replaced by rugged Chuck Poole. Terry was back in the game at the start of the second half, contributing some fine work under the boards and serving as a cog in the Cougar team play.

Shasky and Evans did some rugged rebound work for St. Mary's but the Cougars frequently had good position for retrieving the ball and the Prospect gang generally had the better of it in the scrambles. Lost balls were a Crusader bugaboo.

St. Mary's won the junior varsity preliminary 30 to 23. Prospect, however, led at the quarters 13 to 5, 16 to 7 and 22 to 21.

BOX:
Prospect FG FT PF FT
Payne 2 2-0 1 11
T. Gardner 2 2-0 1 0
C. Gardner 1 1-7 0 10
Chapman 3 11-7 1 17
Poole 1 0-0 0 2

Totals 18 31-17 5 53
St. Mary's FG FT PF FT
Knutson 6 2-0 5 12
Evans 6 0-0 5 12
Shasky 3 0-0 0 0
Austin 3 3-2 5 8
Calhoun 3 0-0 5 6
Elliott 0 0-0 0 0
Bertie 0 0-0 0 0
Burich 1 0-0 0 2
Lewis 0 0-0 0 0

Totals 22 5-2 21 46
References — Warren and Perkins.

Better Short Game
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VARIED ASSIGNMENTS — Walt Alston, a utility role as first baseman, outfielder or catcher this season. Gil is learning to wield all three gloves. — (UPI Telephoto)

Team, Player Statistics Listed for SO Circuit; Higinbotham Passes 300

Loyal Higinbotham of Crater high, with 25 points against Medford last week end, became the second player among those in Southern Oregon conference basketball to go over the 300 mark.

Higinbotham's total is 301. In the meantime, Medford's Bob Quinney is approaching 400. He now has 374 for 18 games this season.

With Wally Palmberg and Bruce Brickner of Klamath Falls sidelined, by appendicitis and mumps, respectively, Quinney and Higinbotham have pulled well ahead in

both the full season and league total point tabulations.

Quinney tops league scoring with 277 and Higinbotham has 216. Totals of Palmberg and Brickner have remained at 163 and 133. Ahead of the two now are Pelican teammate Gary Patzke with 151, Clyde Murray of Grants Pass with 149, Dick Ragdale of Medford with 144 and Jim Barry of Medford with 136.

Palmberg's 255 is still third high for the full season and Patzke has pulled even with Brickner at 229 each.

TEAM STATISTICS:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	PP	PA	W.	L.	Pct.	PP	PA
Klamath Falls	17	1	.944	1204	825	12	0	1.000	803	538
Medford	14	5	.737	1222	904	9	4	.692	886	644
Grants Pass	10	8	.556	1098	1013	8	5	.615	772	884
Crater	0	19	.000	713	1230	0	13	.000	481	908
Ashland	0	19	.000	713	1230	0	13	.000	481	908

TOP 20 PLAYERS:

Player	Team	Games Played	FG	FT	FTA	F	Total Points
Bob Quinney	Medford	19	139	96	125	41	374
Loyal Higinbotham	Crater	18	84	112	122	301	216
Wally Palmberg	K-Falls	18	99	57	82	47	255
Gary Patzke	K-Falls	18	77	121	131	229	151
Bruce Brickner	K-Falls	18	81	47	71	36	229
Clyde Murray	Grants Pass	19	76	48	64	38	204
Dick Ragdale	Medford	19	76	42	49	51	188
Sid DeBoer	Ashland	19	70	37	65	49	177
Jim Barry	Medford	19	65	40	75	38	170
Dennis Edwards	Crater	19	66	34	50	46	182
Jim Davis	Grants Pass	14	60	29	38	34	149
Fred Biehn	K-Falls	18	54	33	60	37	141
Lou Alvarez	Crater	19	59	30	47	32	130
Bob Lewellyn	Grants Pass	19	49	28	36	32	124
Scott Eaton	Medford	19	41	37	56	30	119
Dave Haunz	Grants Pass	19	47	23	43	30	119
Chae Pepper	Ashland	18	40	27	48	45	107
Ray Taylor	K-Falls	18	43	18	25	36	104
Stan Dawson	Medford	18	41	21	30	23	103
Jim Allen	Crater	18	41	21	30	23	103

(Additional Medford Players)

Bruce Bray	13	19	14	28	14	32	12
Howard Brown	13	9	18	24	7	34	21
McIntyre	8	13	19	13	19	39	22
Sieve Hoots	15	10	7	11	10	27	24
George Clearwater	17	9	4	9	18	22	16
Mike Hood	7	3	11	7	17	7	7
Bob Schroeder	14	4	5	12	15	13	11
John Tichenor	14	4	5	12	15	13	11

(Additional Crater Players)

Tom White	19	29	31	50	46	89	65
Bryson LaCasse	18	29	25	36	49	83	70
Mike Glines	18	25	27	32	63	48	48
Jeff Anhorn	19	21	8	14	16	48	27
Ron Beman	14	3	8	13	11	12	10
All Others	7	2	9	24	16	10	10

(Compiled by Jerry Acklen, sports editor, Grants Pass Daily Courier.)

SF Giants Kept Away By Strike

Phoenix, Ariz. — (UPI) — The San Francisco Giants opened spring training under the desert sun today — with only 10 players on hand.

The plane strike has resulted in players being stranded all over North and Latin America, and the squad members were expected to struggle in during the next few days.

Among the missing was manager Alvin Dark, last heard from in Chicago where he was trying to make plane or train connections.

Two veterans were among the 10 players present. One was pitcher Mike McCormick and the other Willie McCovey. The latter brought smiles to the Giant management by reporting in at 205 pounds. He floated in to camp last spring weighing 230 pounds and later went on to hit only .238 in the campaign.

61st Spring Training
It marked the 61st consecutive year that the Giants (New York and San Francisco variety) had launched spring training.

Only four players still have not signed their 1961 pacts. They include pitchers Juan Marichal, Jack Sanford and Billy Loes and infielder Jimmy Marshall.

Club officials expect Marichal to sign soon since he was reported trying to catch a

Chieftains Have Another Chance To Bolster Record

United Press International
Seattle, new kingpin of the Northwest independents, gets a chance to get another length ahead of its rivals when it faces Idaho State tonight.

The red-hot Chieftains have improved their record to 15-7, while Oregon State and Oregon have faded to 13-9 and 12-9 respectively. Seattle may be in line for a NCAA at-large spot if it continues its fine play of late.

Gonzaga is at Montana State in more Northwest action tonight while San Francisco State and the improving Cal Aggies square off in a Far West conference game.

Cougars Win
The two also rans in the Northwest, Idaho and Washington State, met Tuesday night with the Cougars emerging on top 77-63. Terry Ball, one of the West's top shot-makers, meshed 21 while Idaho's Ken Maren scored 15 to lead his team.

BASKETBALL

TUESDAY COLLEGE GAMES
United Press International
EAST
Westminster 85, Pittsburgh 68
Boston Col. 69, Boston U. 39
Temple 69, Manhattan 59
SOUTH
Kentucky 60, Vanderbilt 59
Geo. Tech 60, Tenn. 59
MIDWEST
Drake 110, Omaha 49
SOUTHWEST
Texas 81, Rice 79
Tex. Tech 98, Baylor 81
WEST
Pacific 80, Willamette 68
Washington St. 77, Idaho 63
Oregon Tech 93, S. Oregon 60
S. Fran. City 49, Sacramento C. 35
Loyola 73, S. D. State 47
Portland St. 52, OCS 44
Portland Frosh 71, Clark JC 67

plane out of Ciudad Trujillo for Phoenix, but the other three players remain unyielding to all Giant offers.

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Return To Match Play in Golf Urged

By OSCAR FRALEY
Miami — (UPI) — When Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead recently drew a gallery of 5,000 at \$4 a head for an exhibition at Boca Raton it proved, according to pitch and putt promotional genius Fred Corcoran, that golf is ready for a major return to match play.

"Golf is a head and head game," Corcoran asserted. "That's what the public wants to see and the Palmer-Snead match proves that the fans are satisfied with medal play tournaments."

The time is ripe, Corcoran insists, for some city to stage a major match play championship.

Long golf's greatest "idea man," Corcoran thinks that the game could benefit greatly from an annual match between the U.S. Open and PGA champions with that winner meeting the top ladies' professional in a head-and-head match on a par-three course.

Sides With Jones
He also sides with the immortal Bobby Jones in a belief that the U.S. Golf Association should give deep thought to bringing back the stymie. "Laying a man a stymie calls for great defensive skill," Corcoran said. "Without the stymie, Jones might never have made his Grand Slam in 1930. On the first extra

hole against Cyril Tolley in the British Amateur he laid Tolley a stymie and took the title."

Corcoran, who made a million dollar business out of the men's pro tour, guides the lady professionals and drew up the format for the International Golf and Canada Cup matches, thinks that the new things are good for the game.

Along these lines he praises this year's inaugural Selective Drive Tournament at Sebring, won by Jim Turnesa and Gloria Armstrong, and the Par-Three Invitational at Palm Beach in which Louise Suggs whipped a dozen men professionals.

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Ninth Grader Toga at Stake

Southern Oregon conference freshmen honors in basketball could be resolved Thursday afternoon when McLoughlin ninth grade of Medford entertains Crater.

Each has suffered just two setbacks in counting competition. Crater will conclude its season while McLoughlin still will have two games to play.

Game time is 4 p.m. McLoughlin meets Klamath Falls here at 1 p.m. Saturday and opposes Ashland on Thursday, March 2. Hedrick of Medford takes on Ashland there this Friday and will go to South Grants Pass on March 3.

Hedrick's eighth and seventh grader Whites also go to Ashland this Friday and the Reds meet the McLoughlin Golds at Hedrick. McLoughlin eighth and seventh grade Blacks meet Central Point Blacks Friday.

LOSE HIGH SCORER
Montreal — (UPI) — High-scoring Dickie Moore of the Montreal Canadiens will be sidelined with a fractured left foot for a "minimum of three weeks," the club revealed. Moore, whose 69 points make him the fourth highest scorer in the National Hockey league, was injured Saturday night in a collision with New York Ranger defenseman Irwin Spencer.

Medford Grapplers Look Toward District Tourney

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Final)

Team	W.	L.	PP	PA
Klamath Falls	5	0	163	75
Medford	6	2	248	143
Grants Pass	4	4	108	138
Ashland	1	5	78	235
Crater	1	6	93	216

Medford High school wrestlers will carry an 11-3 record in to the District 6 A-1 tournament Friday and Saturday at Grants Pass.

The Black Tornado chalked up a mark of 9-3 in dual competition and its victory in the Clackamas tournament is considered the equivalent of two matches. Medford's 6-2 record was second best in the Southern Oregon conference dual action. Klamath was 5-0.

Point total for the Tornadoes for the season was 432 against 289 for the opposition.

For Records
Statistics disprove any contention that Medford grapplers don't go for the pins. Fifty-six of their matches were won on pins. They lost only 17 in falls. Medfordites

Schools Clinch Tourney Spots

Portland — (UPI) — Central Catholic high won a state tournament berth Tuesday night by defeating Centennial 62-45 in Metro league action.

Grant edged Wilson 40-38 for its 17th straight PIL victory to clinch at least a tie for the 1961 city title. Both teams already are in the A-1 tourney.

Tillamook also won a tourney spot Tuesday night with a 69-50 win over McMinnville.

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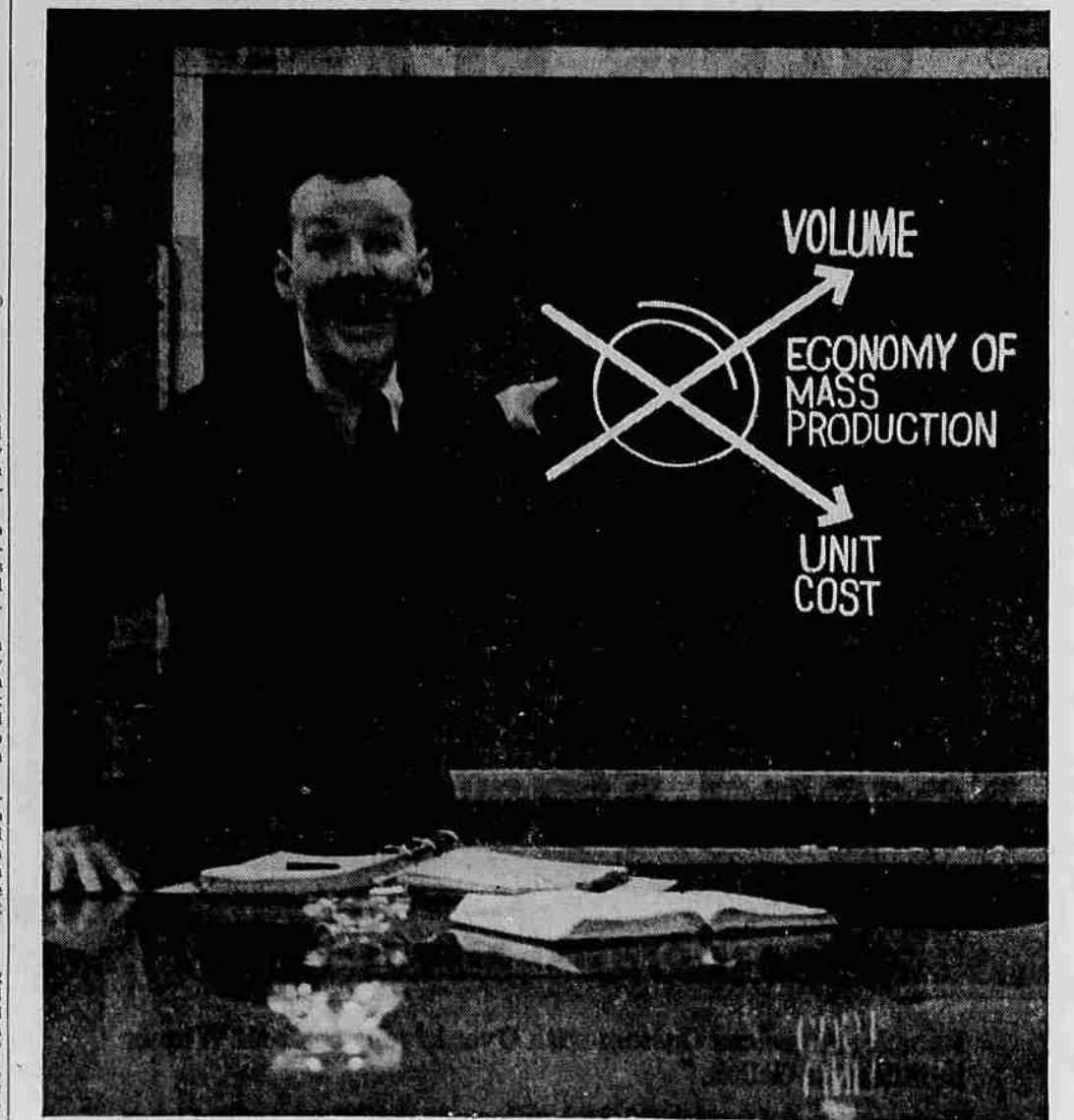


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