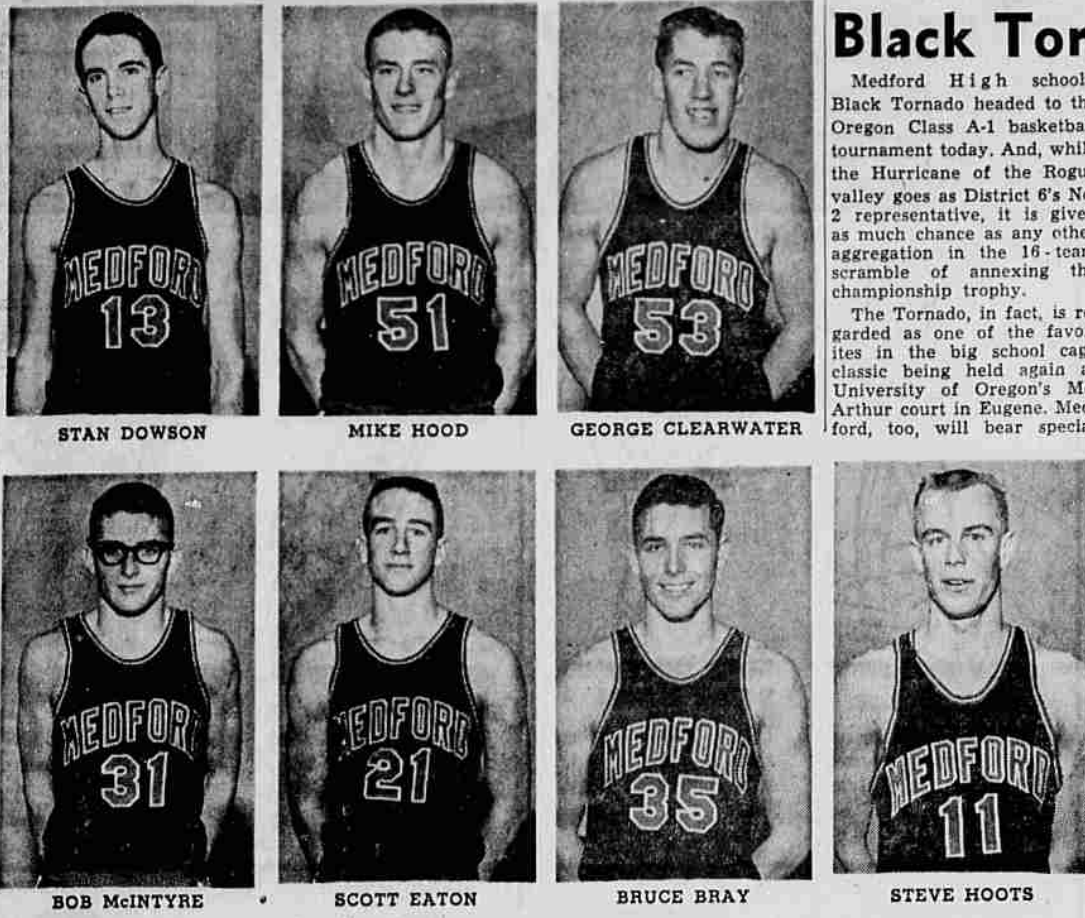


Tornado Opens Title Defense Wednesday in State Cage Tourney

On Tornado Tourney Squad



STAN DOWSON MIKE HOOD GEORGE CLEARWATER BOB MCINTYRE SCOTT EATON BRUCE BRAY STEVE HOOTS

Tillamook First Black Tornado Foe

Medford High school's Black Tornado headed to the Oregon Class A-1 basketball tournament today. And, while the Hurricane of the Rogue valley goes as District 6's No. 2 representative, it is given as much chance as any other aggregation in the 16-team scramble of annexing the championship trophy.

The Tornado, in fact, is regarded as one of the favorites in the big school cage classic being held again at University of Oregon's McArthur court in Eugene. Medford, too, will bear special watching as the defending titlist.

Opening action in the tournament is slated for tonight but Coach Frank Roelandt's Tornadoes go north a day ahead of their opening skirmish. They begin their title defense at 2 p.m. Wednesday against Tillamook, champ of the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley circuit (District 4).

Third Time

Winner of that game will advance to 7:30 p.m. Thursday play against either South Salem or Bend. Loser will take on the South Salem-Bend loser at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Medford will encounter Tillamook for the third time this season. The Big Wind thumped the Cheesemakers here 44 to 27 and 69 to 33. These were the third and fourth setbacks of the state for Tillamook but the crew from "the land of cheese, trees and ocean breeze" caught stride to compile a 16-6 mark and suffer only two setbacks in the TVV. The Tornado goes to Eugene with a 17-5 record.

This is the 23rd year Medford has had a state basketball tournament entrant. Black Tornado eagles seek the fourth diadem for their school. Coach Roelandt is taking a Medford club to Eugene for the seventh time. On his squad are just three of last year's titular gang. They are all-stars Bob Quinney and Dick Ragsdale and Jim Barry, who drew all-conference honors along with the other two.

Leading Contender

A strong windup of its Southern Oregon conference campaign has established the defenders as one of the leading contenders in the tournament. Medford wrapped up its regular season by thumping league champion Klamath Falls and knocking the Pelicans from their No. 1 Oregon prep rating. The Tornado, consequently, was accorded No. 5 spot in the ratings while pulling the Pels to No. 3.

As a result there is no clean cut single favorite in the tournament. Klamath still ranks as a top entrant. Undeclared Grant and Wilson, Roseburg, Central Catholic and Bend are among clubs with favored backing.

Coach Roelandt said last night that the Medford starting five likely will be Bob Quinney, Jim Barry, Stan Dowson, Dick Ragsdale and either Steve Hoots or Bruce Bray. Hoots, who sprained an ankle almost two weeks ago, was running fairly well in scrimmage yesterday when the Tornado had its final home drill. Roelandt said that Jim Barry, who turned his ankle in the Klamath game, the last one of the season, appears at full strength.

Cheesemakers Better

Others on the tourney squad will be Mike Hood, Scott Eaton, Bob McIntire and George Clearwater.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Tony Doobier, coach of the Tillamook club, rated his Cheesemakers "vastly improved" and "much better" than when they met the Black Tornado in December. He stated the belief, however, that his team is not of the caliber of the Tornado and that, should Tillamook beat Medford, it would be a "big upset."

Leon Thompson, 6-2, Alex Hoffer, 6-3, Mark Sather, 6-5, Wayne Hill, 6 feet, and Gary Bruner, 5-9, are the possible coast team starters with Gary Spencer, hefty 6-foot all-state football tackle, the No. 1 reserve. Thompson has scored 321 points for Tillamook, Sather 267 and Hoffer 245. Hoffer and Sather have been the top rebounders.

Tillamook has a young team and six varsity men will be back next season.

Pair Rope Steer In 6.9 Seconds

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Choose-for-partners winners were Lee Hancock and Ray Bernard, 8.4. Then Earl Head and Dick Perry won the next with 7.1 only to return in the next to make the best time of the day in the steer roping contests with 6.9 seconds.

There were five draw-fort partner contests with winners as follows: Dick Perry and Earl Head, 9.2; Bud Tucker and Dick Perry, 16.0; Lee Hancock and Al Muse, 10.9; Carl Fincher and Bud Tucker, 11, and Bud Tucker and Walt Kurz, 16.9. Calf roping was led by Gordon Moxley, Eagle Point, with 17 seconds.

President Larry Perry announced a business meeting March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Trailways cafe. A banquet will follow the meeting for members, wives and guests.



DEFENDERS RETURN—These three hoopmen shown with their coach, Frank Roelandt, were among Black Tornado squad members headed for Eugene today for defense of Oregon Class A-1 basketball championship they won a year ago. From left are Roelandt, Jim Barry, Bob Quinney and Dick Ragsdale. All-three players were on the Roelandt-tutored 1960 titular squad. This is the seventh time Roelandt has taken a Tornado club to the hoop classic. Medford opposes Tillamook at 2 p.m. Wednesday in its opening game.

TITLE BOUT SET

Paris - UPI - The European Boxing Union announced Monday that the European middleweight championship bout between Gustav Scholz of Germany and Laszlo Papp of Hungary will take place in West Berlin before April 15.

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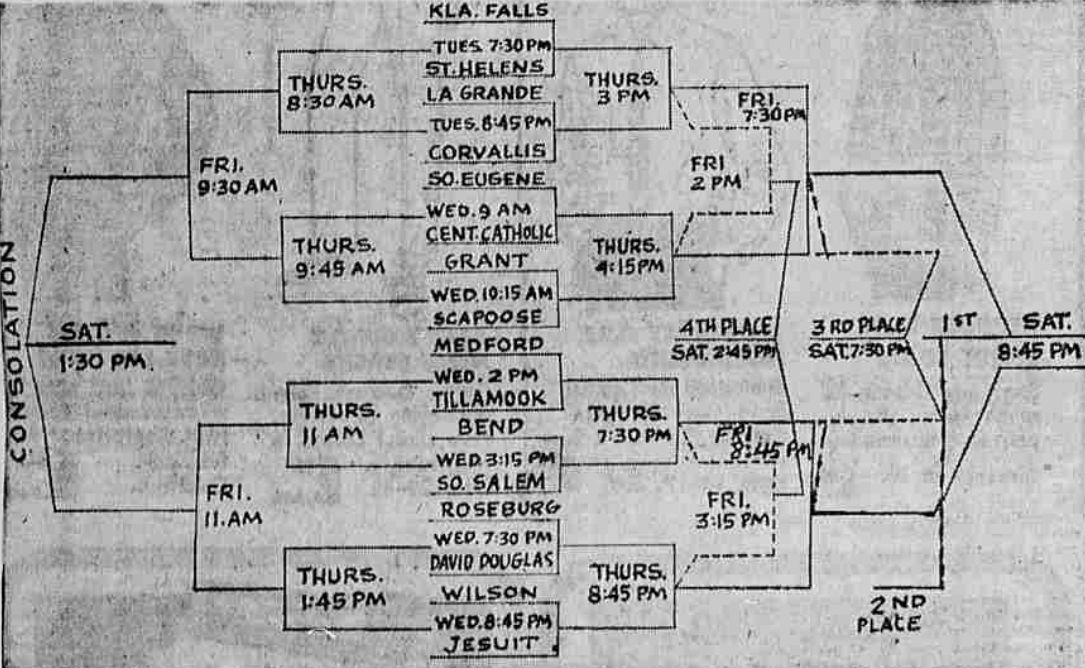
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Oregon A-1 Prep Tournament



Madras Whips Henley 80-72 in A-2 Action

Coos Bay - UPI - Madras, Sherwood, Coquille and Mt. Angel posted victories Monday as the state A-2 high school basketball tournament opened here.

Madras downed Henley 80-72, Sherwood toppled Reedsport 67-60, Coquille edged Pleasant Hill 54-53 and Mt. Angel trounced Seaside 56-40 to move into the championship bracket.

The top-ranked Madras "five" used 33 and 22 point performances by Joe Piedmont and Gregg Macy to down Henley in the day's first game. Bert Albritton and Kent Gooding hit 19 points apiece to lead the Henley attack.

The fast-breaking Sherwood squad was never headed in gaining its victory over Reedsport. Walt Ratzliff tallied 17 points for Sherwood while Roger Lowther hit 16 for Reedsport.

Coquille staged off a last minute rally by Pleasant Hill to gain its narrow 54-53 victory. The winners held a 54-49 advantage with three minutes remaining when Pleasant Hill rallied to narrow the victory margin. Ron Stein tallied 21 points for the winners while Pleasant Hill's Charlie Roberts pumped in 15 points.

In the final game of the day, Mt. Angel outdistanced a taller Seaside squad to gain an easy 56-40 win and move into championship contention. Ernie Bork paced the Mt. Angel scoring attack with 19 points while Seaside's Larry Schuchert hit 15 points.

In championship play today Madras meets Sherwood at 7:30 p.m. and Coquille collides with Mt. Angel at 8:45. Henley battled Reedsport and Pleasant Hill faced Seaside in consolation games this afternoon.

Ashland Hoop Coach Resigns

Ashland - Earl Iba, Ashland High school basketball coach, has resigned his coaching duties but will remain on the faculty as social studies teacher.

The announcement was made yesterday by Stanley Jobe, city school superintendent. In announcing the resignation, Jobe said Iba definitely had not resigned under any pressure from school officials. He praised the work Iba has done with athletic teams.

Iba's basketball teams have lost 38 straight games over a two year period. He came to Ashland as coach five years ago. Jobe said he has the highest regard for Iba's ability and added that Ashland will have difficulty in finding another coach of his caliber.

1st Methodist Tightens Grip On YMCA Lead

First Methodist, led by Phil Humphreys with 21 points, thumped Eastwood Baptist 64-28 in YMCA High School Church league basketball play Monday night.

The Methodists retained first place in league play with an 8-1 mark. Eastwood is in the cellar by virtue of a 1-7 season record.

First Baptist retained second place by whipping First Christian 31-20. Gary Olson paced the Baptist attack with 10 points, Leonard Welch had nine for the losers. Christian led 12-8 at halftime.

St. Lukes was awarded a forfeit victory over Westminster Presbyterian. St. Lukes now has a 4-5 mark. Westminster shares the cellar with Eastwood Baptist.

SPORTS Joe Allison Champion

Joe Allison, Rogue River, was winner of the National Rifle association pistol sectional tournament held here yesterday under the sponsorship of the Medford Rifle and Pistol club.

His total score was 845 out of a possible 900. In the individual matches he won the rapid fire and three stage national course and was first in the master class in the slow and time fire events. Runner up and high master was Colonel Frank Graham, Medford, who totaled 839 and was winner in the slow and time fire matches.

High expert was Joseph Anderson, Roseburg with 810, second expert Don Dillingham, Rogue River 806; high sharpshooter Ed McGinty, Medford 765, second sharpshooter Ray Jones, Yreka, 738; high marksman Raife Anders, Medford, 787, second marksman Wes Van Buskirk, Ashland, 778; high unclassified William Dacan, Yreka, 804; second unclassified, Tom Sensabaugh, Grants Pass 796.

The Rogue River team of Allison, Dillingham, Tom Sensabaugh and Lowell McKenzie totaled 1085 to win the 3 stage team event. Medford's team of Van Buskirk, Graham, Anders and McGinty held the second spot with 1065.

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USC Favored in NCAA Playoffs

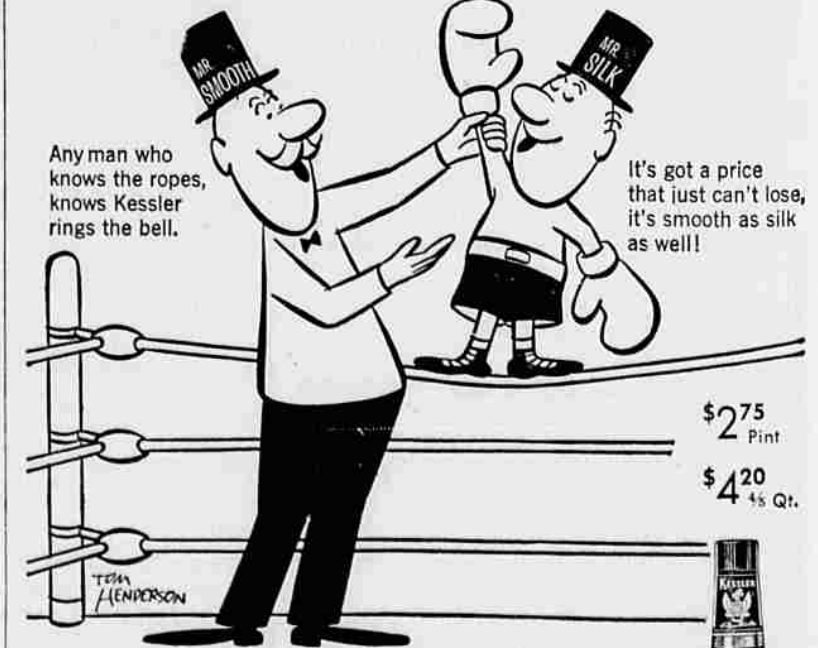
Portland - UPI - Southern California's basketball team was to arrive here today in preparation for Wednesday night's opening of the western NCAA playoffs.

Southern Cal, the western favorite, meets Oregon at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Seattle clashes with Arizona State in the first game at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday night the two winners collide in one game while Utah meets Loyola of Los Angeles in the other.

John Rudometkin, Southern Cal's big center hurt in a gym class last week, is ready to see action in the regionals.

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Warriors Meet Syracuse in Start Of NBA Eastern Division Playoffs

By United Press International

Wilt Chamberlain, who set three game records in preliminary play-off series last year, reaches for more of the same tonight when the Philadelphia Warriors host the Syracuse Nationals in an opening round Eastern Division contest for the National Basketball Association championship.

Detroit plays at Los Angeles in the first of their best-of-five series in the Western Division.

The Philadelphia-Syracuse winner goes on to a best-of-seven clash with Eastern title-holder Boston, while St. Louis, the Western champion, waits to play the winner of the Pistons-Lakers series.