

Georgia 11 Ranked as Champion

A national honor has come to Medford High school's 1962 Oregon Class A championship football team.

The Black Tornado has been rated No. 3 team in the United States by National Sports News Service.

Valdosta, Ga., (12-0) was ranked as the country's best high school team. Central Catholic, Toledo, Ohio, (11-0) was rated No. 2.

Word of the selection was received Thursday by Medford Coach Fred Spiegelberg.

The Minneapolis, Minn., publication, edited by Art Juhl, picked the top 15 teams in the country. Team records and scores, statistics and game films were used in making the selections.

Evidence that News Service covered the nation fully in ranking the clubs is shown by the number of areas represented by the top 15.

Defense Noted

Attention in the announcement of the ratings was called to Medford's stout defense. "Here is a club with stone-wall defense," the News Service said, emphasizing that the Black Tornado permitted just three touchdowns in 11 games, shut out eight foes and allowed no team more than one touchdown. The News Service pointed out that 12 Medford players figured in its scoring and that the club completed 47 of 101 passes.

Juhl reported that the judging of the ratings one through 15 were completed on Dec. 31 and that the rankings were close among the top five. He said that more statistics and film probably would have made some changes among the second through fifth spots. Valdosta was way ahead of the pack.

High school football was way up this year, Juhl remarked.

Medford was one of three top-rated clubs to blank eight rivals. Others were Valdosta and ninth-placed Isthmiana of Baton Rouge, La. The 20 points the Tornado gave up were the least among the 15.

Here are all 15:

1. Valdosta; 2. Central Catholic of Toledo; 3. Medford; 4. Uniontown, Pa.; 5. Central of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 6. Fenwick Catholic, Chicago, Ill.; 7. Manual Arts, Los Angeles, Calif.; 8. Miami, Fla.; 9. Isthmiana; 10. Hammond, Ind.; 11. Brackenridge, San Antonio, Tex.; 12. Rochester, Minn.; 13. Central of Davenport, Iowa; 14. North Platte, Neb.; 15. Milbank, S.D.

Kamehameha high of Hawaii drew top honorable mention.

Valdosta's state crown was its third in a row for Coach Wright Bazemore who has a record of 203 wins, 24 losses, five ties and 10 state titles.

East Invades West For Rogue League Basketball Tussles

East invades West this evening as the Rogue League basketball campaign for 1963 rolls into action.

Lakeview, Henley and Sacred Heart of Klamath Falls come from the east side of the Cascades to battle Rogue valley members of the loop.

Sacred Heart, newest member of the loop, plays its first cage fray in the circuit against St. Mary's in Medford. Lakeview, which makes the longest jaunt, goes to Eagle Point while Henley travels to Rogue River. The four-game first night program is rounded out by the Phoenix-Illinois Valley brush at Cave Junction.

Henley and Lakeview remain in the valley for Saturday scrambles. Lakeview will face Rogue River and Henley will be at Eagle Point. Sacred Heart will return home to host Illinois Valley. St. Mary's plays at Phoenix also on Saturday night.

Henley (6-0) has been established as one of the league favorites because of its size and experience. Back for the Hornets of Coach Jerry Johnson are Kent Gooding, 6-7, Earl Albrighton, Mike Beymer, 6-1, Charley Thompson, 6-3, Steve Reiling, 6 feet, and Tom Sander, 5-11. The Hornets also have letterman transfer in LeVoy Young, 5-9. An eighth member of the squad, Elton Schiro, 5-11, has been plagued by injury.

Victims of Henley so far have been Class B Bonanza (twice), Main, Chiloquin and Merrill and the Klamath Falls junior varsity.

Lakeview (5-1) with no regulars back is short on overall height and on experience. There are five lettermen on hand, however. They are Dennis Warren, 6-4, Myron Steward, 6-1, Danny Leahy, 6 feet, Fred Williams, 5-10, and Larry Sample, 5-10. Sixth man on the roster of Coach Ted McKee is Vern Plato, 5-8. Number seven is a freshman, Jeff Sullivan, 5-11.

Only seniors on the full squad are Steward, Leahy and Williams.

Lone Lakeview loss has been to Kuna, Idaho. The Honkers have defeated Burns (twice), Payette, Idaho, Klamath Falls junior varsity and Modoc of Alturas, Calif.

Lack of height is described by Coach Marv Delplanché as the main problem for Sacred Heart. (2-4). Trojan returnees are Elmo LeBeau, 5-9, Dick Miller, 6 feet, Mary Davis, 5-9, and Pete Krok, 6 feet. A freshman, who is a likely starter is Jim Corson, 6 feet. Availability of Pete Krok was not certain yesterday. He has been on a holiday trip and Mike Martinez, 5-9 could get the call in his place.

The Trojans have divided with Tulelake, Calif., and the Klamath Union Wildcats and lost to Klamath jayvee and Chiloquin.

Eagle Point, 6-2, carries the role of defending champ into its Lakeview and Henley games. Coach Dale Bates feels that his Eagle's opening week end is against two of the toughest clubs in the circuit. He remarked that the Eagles will have to come forth with an all-out effort and play their finest ball.

The Eagles have been led by the scoring of Charles Pomeroy and the rebounding of Richard Short. Bates reported that Duane Whaley is "coming along real fine" at guard and is "hitting better."

Illinois Valley is 6-0 as the league starts. St. Mary's 3-4, Phoenix 2-4 and Rogue River 2-4.



VIES FOR EAGLES—Duane Whaley, above, is a probable starter for Eagle Point High tonight when the Eagles take on Lakeview in a Rogue League opener at Eagle Point. Whaley is a 5-8 senior. He has scored 28 points for the Eagles.

Hurricanes Score 9th Hoop Win

By FRED DOWN
UPI Sports Writer

The University of Miami Hurricanes are beginning to think they're the "best unknown" college basketball team in the country.

The Hurricanes aren't really unknown—they're rated 15th in the country—but they certainly aren't getting their share of publicity considering their perfect 9-0 record which includes a victory over ninth-ranked Duke and four victories on the road.

The Hurricanes made it nine in a row Thursday night when they defeated St. John's, 67-59, in the New Yorker's gym. They'll be on the road for four more games before returning to Miami, Fla., Jan. 19—by which time they hope to have cracked into the nation's top 10 teams.

Barry Scores

Rick Barry scored 26 points and Mike McCoy added 16 for the Hurricanes, who nevertheless had a mild scare when St. John's rallied to within a 61-54 deficit with 2:30 to go. Then Coach Bruce Hale reinserted his starting five which matched the Redmen point for point the rest of the way.

McCoy, a 7-foot, 1-inch senior who Miami experts consider of All-American caliber, scored 10 of his 16 points in the second half and was a giant of strength under the boards. Frank O'Hara and Jerry Houston scored 14 and 13 points, respectively for St. John's.

Pre-Loop Scoring Led By Glines

Crater high's Mike Glines was top scorer among Southern Oregon conference players in non-league competition.

He has 99 points for six games.

Close on his heels was his Comet teammate, Howard Tomlinson, with 95.

Jim Pippin, Grants Pass, ranked third with 84 and Louie Alvarez, Crater, stood at fourth with 82. Jim Hill, Medford, ranked fifth with 79.

Glines' total included 44 field goals, Alvarez was next high with 35 and Hill had 34. Fine free shooting enabled Tomlinson to hold second spot. He made 39 of 47.

Crater, Ashland and Klamath Falls all were unbeaten in six pre-conference games. Medford was 5-1 and Grants Pass 4-2.

The Comets of Crater rolled up the most points, 428, in warming up for circuit contention. Ashland allowed the least, 201.

Race Begins Tonight

Ashland and Crater each had five men among the top 20 scorers of league teams. Medford and Klamath Falls each had four and Grants Pass two.

The conference race begins tonight with Medford at Grants Pass and Klamath Falls at Ashland. On Saturday Ashland will be at Crater and Grants Pass at Klamath.

Leo Davis, prep writer for the Portland Oregonian had this to say about the race: "Seismographs in southern Oregon will need new shock absorbers if the district 6 basketball race lives up to expectations."

Atmosphere Testing

He points to the fact that, while Crater, Ashland and KF are unbeaten, the other two league members, Medford and Grants Pass, are coaches' choices to win in the battle for tournament berths. Davis continues:

"Southern conference teams won 26 of 29 non-counting starts, 16 of them against the Midwestern league, allegedly, Oregon's other ranking power. When they start playing each other for keeps you'll think the U.S. resumed atmosphere testing on the west coast."

Part of Davis' column concerns a discussion with Coach Lloyd Hoffine about the Crater team. He quotes Hoffine as saying, "We live on speed. Teams we can't outshoot or outrun we must try to outdefend." Guard Lou Alvarez is described as a "superb shot, bumblebee fast," and guard Mike Glines as a more self-made ballplayer, a leader and a great competitor. Hoffine gave balance as the key to early Crater success.



LEADING SCORING—Mike Glines, above, Crater Comet veteran, is the leading scorer among Southern Oregon conference hoopers in their pre-league games. He has 99 points for six contests. Glines will be seen in action on Saturday night at Central Point when the Comets oppose Ashland.

Crater Opens in SO Against Ashlanders

Play for keeps in Southern Oregon conference basketball begins at Central Point Saturday night for the Crater High school Comets who are ambitious to continue the fine showing they have made in pre-circuit competition—performance which has given them statewide stature.

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Central Point—Reserve seat tickets, both for the season and for single games, are still available for Crater High school basketball home contests. Athletic Director Don Miller has reported.

The season tickets are available at a rate of \$1 per game for eight remaining tussles. Single game reserve tickets are \$1.25 each.

Tickets may be obtained from the Crater high office or from the ticket stand at games.

"We sure hope we can do a better job than we have for the past three years," declared George Keil, the Ashland coach. He said that winning one of the opening week end

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West Coast Cage Loop Curtain Up

United Press International

The curtain goes up this week end on the big West Coast conference basketball races and it's anybody's guess what the final act will find.

Never has the Big Six seemed so wide open with only Washington and Washington State out of the running. That leaves the four California powers—Stanford, California, USC, and UCLA. All have lost two games and each appears to have about an equal shot at the Big Six crown and the NCAA berth that goes with it.

The two surprise powers, California and Southern California, meet this week end at Berkeley. UCLA, rated fifth in the nation, is at Washington.

The West Coast Athletic conference is just as wide open as the Big Six with only Loyola and UOP not given much chance to cop the title.

San Jose State, surprise winner of last week's WCAC tourney, opens its league play Saturday night at University of Pacific.

USF and Santa Clara head south to meet Loyola and Pepperdine Saturday and Monday.

More action tonight finds Washington State at Oregon State in what should be a breeze for the Beavers.

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West Coast Senior Bowl Saturday

Mobile, Ala. —UPI—The Reds and Yanks engage in their final workouts today before Saturday's 14th annual Senior Bowl game and coaches of both teams said their boys were generally in good shape.

Rebel Coach Webb Ewbank and North Mentor Tom Landry both said they wished they had more time to work with their teams but both said it would be a good, close, hard-fought game.

Local oddsmakers established the South as seven-point favorites.

The teams Thursday selected their captains. Lee Roy Jordan, the All-America Alabama center and linebacker, was elected defensive captain for the South. Johnny Baker of Mississippi State, the starting right end, was picked as offensive captain.

The Northerners picked their starting quarterback Jerry Gross of Detroit as offensive captain and linebacker Gary Moeller of Ohio State as defensive captain.

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STANDINGS

(Pro Basketball)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION			
United Press International			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	25	10	.714
Syracuse	20	16	.556
Cincinnati	20	17	.541
New York	13	26	.333

Western Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	26	11	.703
St. Louis	24	16	.600
San Fran.	13	22	.405
Detroit	14	25	.359
Chicago	13	27	.325

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SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STATISTICS
Non-League Games

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Crater	6	0	1.000	42.8	28.3	75.0	20.0	0.0	0.0
Ashland	6	0	1.000	31.6	20.1	75.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
Klamath Falls	6	0	1.000	42.8	28.3	75.0	20.0	0.0	0.0
Medford	5	1	.833	30.4	20.0	75.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
Grants Pass	4	2	.667	33.3	20.9	75.0	15.0	0.0	0.0

Top 10 Scorers

Player	Team	PPG	FG Pct.	FT Pct.	Reb.	Stl.	Blk.
Glines, M.	Crater	41	15-16	8	99	0	0
Tomlinson, H.	Crater	39	14-17	15	95	0	0
Pippin, J.	Grants Pass	39	20-42	18	84	0	0
Alvarez, L.	Crater	35	12-17	17	82	0	0
Hill, J.	Medford	34	11-23	14	79	0	0
Kelley, K.	KF	31	11-14	15	73	0	0
Forde, M.	Medford	32	8-19	17	72	0	0
Miles, M.	Medford	26	9-14	16	68	0	0
Pepper, C.	Crater	27	11-14	2	65	0	0
Lamb, A.	Crater	21	23-35	18	63	0	0

Top 10 Rebounders

Player	Team	Reb.	Stl.	Blk.			
Hess, A.	Crater	26	10-20	17	32	0	0
Neathammer, M.	Crater	21	14-15	9	43	0	0
Balmain, K.	KF	17	12-21	9	47	0	0
Spartan, G.	Grants Pass	19	12-11	18	40	0	0
Lindley, A.	Medford	17	12-18	20	42	0	0
Pierce, A.	KF	14	11-15	17	30	0	0
Brannon, C.	KF	14	10-18	19	33	0	0
D. Pepper, A.	KF	11	16-26	12	39	0	0

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