

Crater's Comets Defeat Medford In SO Hoop Fray

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Grants Pass	3	1	.750
Crater	2	1	.667
Klamath Falls	1	2	.333
Medford	1	2	.333
Ashland	0	3	.000

Central Point - Crater High school's perseverant Comets roared back into orbit in their quest for Southern Oregon conference basketball laurels here on Saturday night by battling to a victory over the foe they like the most to beat.

The Fireball overcame the Medford Black Tornado 68 to 63 in a fast-paced, stirring almost down-to-the-wire scramble that rounded out a ring-around in the rugged District 6 A-1 chase.

Crater, after a see-saw struggle, took the lead for keeps at the start of the final quarter. The Central Pointers saw five-point gaps slip to one as the Tornadoes fought back. But the Comets padded their margin again at the finish.

The field goal firing of Mike Glines, the free tossing of Howard Tomlinson, the rebound work of Tomlinson and Paul Branson and solid but less spectacular performances of Pat Pepper, Lon Alvarez, Willie Jones and Darryl Summerfield went into the making of the triumph before an estimated jammed-in standing room only crowd of 1,600 fans.

Gifters Figure
Glines put in 18 points on nine field goals and Tomlinson 19 with 15 out of 20 from the foul stripe. Tomlinson cleared the boards 16 times and Branson 10 for Coach Lloyd Hoffine's team. Jack Forde with 16 points and Dan Miles and Jim Hill each with 12 were the top scorers for the Medfords. Hill pulled 12 and Forde eight rebounds for mentor Frank Roelandt's Whirlwinds.

Tomlinson's gifters figured strongly in the verdict. For Comets success at the free line made the scoring difference. Medford tossed in 23 field goals to Crater's 22. At the foul mark the Central

Pointers made good on 24 tosses and Medford on 17. Victory was another first for Crater in its annals of the maplecourt. Comet cagers beat the Medfords last season. But, this was the first time on the Central Point court.

Crater, K.F. Knotted
The Saturday outcome knotted Crater with Klamath Falls in second place in the conference. Grants Pass took the lone leadership the same night by beating Ashland 67 to 39. Medford is fourth in the standings of the SOC. Crater goes up against Klamath Falls on Friday while Medford is host to Ashland.

Ring-around-the-rosy in the circuit was accomplished in this fashion: Grants Pass beat Crater and Medford, Klamath Falls beat Grants Pass, Medford beat Klamath Falls and Crater beat Medford. This sequence has aroused keen interest in the Crater-Klamath game.

Lead changed hands 10 times Saturday and the score was tied on seven occasions in a fracas that saw Crater on top at the quarter 20 to 16, Medford at the half 35 to 35 and Crater 51 to 49 at the three-quarter pause.

It was a game which ran the gamut of the elements which create fan appeal with sparkling play on the part of performers on two good teams and with controversial decisions by referees Harold Douglas and Don Stuphin which brought roars from supporters of both sides.

Three Point Play
A pair of free shots by Miles tied the game at 51-all at the start of the fourth quarter. Tomlinson put the Comets on top for good on a three-point play. He was fouled on a pivot and drive-in shot and made the free attempt for 54 to 51. Alvarez flipped in a goal after a drive across the key for 56 to 51.

Forde hit a jump from the corner but Branson hit slickly from under the hoop on a short pass by Alvarez from out-of-bounds. Score was 58 to 53. Salyers scored on a fast break but Tomlinson made it 60 to 55 with two tosses from the free line. Dick Deffley, for Medford, hit a close range jump and Forde duplicated. Count was 60 to 59 with 3:46 to go.

Glines hit on a driver for Crater but Miles did the same for Medford for 62 to 61 with 2:58 on the clock. Tomlinson added another brace of free heaves with 1:41 left and Summerfield two more with 38 remaining seconds. Then Glines scored on a fast break with 15 to go. That made it 68 to 61.

Three Fouled Out
Medford's Mike Neathamer fired the last goal with five seconds left.
Loss of Hill on his fifth foul in the last seconds of the third quarter was a blow to Medford. But, Crater lost Alvarez with 4:53 to go and Branson with three minutes yet to play in the closing chucker.

Miles was sidelined for Medford when his head hit the floor and was sat on. At this time 1:41 was left on the scoreboard clock. Cuts above the eye and by the nose required six stitches. The mishap also loosened two of Miles' teeth.
Score was tied twice in the



TIPOFF—This is the second half tipoff for the Crater-Medford high basketball game at Central Point. Seconds later Mike Neathamer (15-black), scored to give Medford 37 to 34 margin. Crater battled back, went ahead for keeps in the fourth quarter and won the Southern Oregon conference game 68 63. Medford's Jack Forde (Crater's

Paul Branson are jumping on the tipoff. Crater players (white) include Pat Pepper (24), Lou Alvarez (10) behind jumpers, Mike Glines, behind referee Don Stuphin, and Howard Tomlinson. Medfordites are Dan Miles (25), Mike Barnes, beyond Pepper, and Jim Hill, back of Stuphin.—Anders photo).

first quarter and there were four lead switches in the panel. The lead changed hands three times each in the second and third quarters. Third quarter saw four deadlocked scores.

Medford headed by three points several times but never by a wider difference. The last was at 46 to 43. A shot by Pepper from the corner cut this to 46 to 45. Deffley hit a free toss. Then Summerfield's lone field bucket tied the game at 47-all. Deffley put in two free shots for the last Medford time ahead. Pepper's long jump shot tied the game at 49 apiece. Two Tomlinson charity heaves made it 51 to 49.

Three Hill Buckets
It was Hill's scoring that took Medford into the lead in the second quarter. Med-

ford was down 23 to 28 with 4:45 left in the period. The Tornado jumping jack hemped a rebound bucket, a 12-foot jump shot and a goal off a Miles' feed.

Statistical charts of the rival aggregations differed. The Comets, however, gave them a 386 field gunning mark on 22 of 57. Medford's charts indicated 23 Tornado goals on 58 tries for .397. But, Tornado shooting was far below that full game mark for the second half. The Medford's over the last two quarters hit 10 for 35, a .286 average.

Crater defenders grabbed a good share of the rebounds in the closing portion of the fray to spoil Medford second chances. Tomlinson did most of the snaring after Branson was retired, the positioning of Jones and Summerfield under the hoops helping him to a clear way to the ball.
For Crater beating is just about the ultimate in its athletic rivalry—but not quite.

Grants Pass Victor Over Ashland Bruins

Ashland—Grants Pass high broke an early second quarter deadlock and went on to crush a cold Ashland Grizzly basketball team here Friday 67 to 39.

The decision projected the Cavemen into lone leadership of the Southern Oregon conference and held the Bruins in the cellar spot. GP is 3-1 in the loop and Ashland 0-3.

Ashland was right in the thick of the fight after nine minutes of the game. The score was tied 14 to 14 at that time. The Grizzlies had come up to tie the count after the first quarter favored Grants Pass 14 to 9. But Ashland could get only one more point in the remaining seven minutes of the half.

Grants Pass was ahead 29 to 15 at the midway halt and 47 to 27 after three stanzas had been played.

Low Average
Ashland put in only four of 21 first half field goal attempts and just nine of 48 for the game for a 196 shooting average. Grants Pass shot .388 on 21 of 54.
The Cavemen had 47 to 27 control of the backboards and benefited from Bruin violations.
Al Hutchins scored 12 points for GP and Jim Pippin and Tom Sparlin each 10.

Red Raiders Rally To Whip OCE Quint

Ashland—Southern Oregon college's basketball squad made a great second half comeback to humble the Wolves of Oregon College of Education 80-75 here Saturday night.

The victory gave Southern Oregon a 3 win 1 loss record in Oregon Collegiate conference play. The Raiders only drop was to OCE Friday night.

In the first period the Wolves took the tip and little Darrell Brandt drove all the way to gain the opening basket. The Raiders tied the game up with two free throws, but Oregon college came back at the local boys with three quick counters to take the lead which it held through out the half.

With less than four minutes remaining in the period, SOC trailed 27-18. At this stage of the game the Raiders began to open up. Larry Hink took a pass in the corner, went by one defender and hit with a smooth jumper from the side. Ed Hill and Dave Hughes tallied three free counters to help the Raider cause. Then Loyd Cole shot two from the free throw mark to carry the visitors to a 29 point total. SOC came through with four more points before the half closed. Coming up from a 12 point deficit, the Raiders trailed at the half 27-29.

As the second period began, a strong, fired-up hometown team came on the hardwood. The Raiders took the opening tip and worked Bill Franks open for jumper in the corner. OCE brought the ball down fast but under the enthusiastic defense of the Raiders lost it. Once again Franks lost his defender and scored. This gave the lead to Southern Oregon who stretch-

Henley, Lakeview Eagle Point Victors In Rogue Scrambles

ROGUE LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Henley	4	0	1.000
Eagle Point	3	1	.750
Lakeview	2	1	.667
St. Mary's	2	1	.667
Illinois Valley	1	2	.333
Phoenix	1	2	.333
Rogue River	0	3	.000
Sacred Heart	0	2	.000

Henley high fortified its leadership and Eagle Point and Lakeview bulwarked their shareholds on second place on Saturday night in Rogue league basketball.

The Hornets of Henley trimmed Phoenix 71 to 54. Eagle Point thumped Rogue River 69 to 45 and Lakeview subdued Illinois Valley 54 to 50.

Lakeview came from nine points back in the last two minutes to subdue the JV Cougars. Henley with Kent Gooding, getting 29 points over the full route, spurted away from Phoenix in the final quarter.

Richard Shart and Charles Pomeroy combined to give Eagle Point rebounding and scoring domination over Rogue River. Short tied his school mark of 26 rebounds and put in 25 points. Pomeroy had 24 retrieves and 23 counters.

Press Busis Stall
Illinois Valley had 12 to 9, 32 to 28 and 42 to 32 quarter margins at Lakeview and led the Honkers until the very last. The Cougars went into a stall to hold their margin but Lakeview applied a press to break it and take the fracas. The Honkers caught JV at 50 all.

Larry Samples had 19 points and Danny Leahy 16 for Lakeview and Charles Versteeg 17 for the Cougars.
Henley held the lead on Phoenix throughout the second half after a seessaw scuffle for the upphand over the first two quarters. Leadership switched six times in the first panel and ten times in the second. The Hornets built seven point gaps in the third quarter but the Pirates twice narrowed their deficit down to two. Quarter scores were 15 to 14, 30 to 29 and 48 to 44 for Henley.

The Hornets broke away from a 54 to 50 count to outscore Phoenix 17 to 4 over the last 5 1/2 minutes of the game. Mike Beyer had 16 points and Earl Albritton 14 for Henley and Jon Granby 19, John Barker 12 and Rick Bolz 11 for the Pirates.

Eagle Point, firing 373 from the field on 28 of 75, out rebounded the Chieftains 77 to 22. The Eagles also played good defense and ran well. They had leads of 20 to 9 at the half and 37 to 23 at the quarter.

Tom Davidson scored 18 markers for Rogue River. In junior varsity clashes Eagle Point won 55 to 51 and Henley 46 to 33. Henley had 8 to 5, 21 to 12 and 30 to 21 quarter leads and Lewis put in 13 points. Steve Denham was high for Phoenix with 12.

JV LINEUPS:
Medford 63 — Enyart 18, Kengla 8, Knight 8, Allen 8, Edmonds 16, Stockman, Wimberly 4, Wyatt 2, Mullen, Wherley, Davis 2, Hinman 1, Turpin, Anders 1, Olson, Brown, Crater 41 — Ryerson, Twedell 2, Swanson 2, Burd 23, Pepper 11, M. Turner 4, Stroh 4, B. Turner, Glawe, Anthony 2, White.

SOPH LINEUPS:
Medford 28 — Flanders 1, Bickler 10, Haseman 8, Rupp 4, Cox 11, Newland 2, Fosbury, Watrud, Brenner, Pollard 2.
Crater 22 — Gall, Marshall 6, Harper 7, Patterson 1, Milkowski, Hope, Kelley, Tate, Casaro, Leach.

LINEUPS:
Eagle Point 69 — Pomeroy 23, Whaley 7, Short 25, Linder 6, Boalwright 10, Ayres, Straus, Meeloh 1, Corlis, Charley 1.
Rogue River 41 — Davidson 18, Leahy 7, O'Brien 6, Cooper, Sailer 6, Powell, Schestrom 1, Palmerston, Pentecost 2, Frantz 5.
Illinois Valley 50 — Versteeg 17, R. Martin 7, Thornhill 6, Gehlert 10, McNaught 5, Baumgardner 6, Lakeview 54 — Williams 2, Stewart 6, Leahy 16, Warren 7, Samples 16, Flato 4.
Phoenix 44 — Johnson 6, Barker 12, Granby 19, Bolz 11, Conabruck 2, Hawkins 3, Hill 1, Wallace, Denham.
Henley 71 — Albritton 14, Beyer 16, Gooding 29, Relling 5, Young 5, Thompson 2, Sanders, Behrle.

MH Jayvee, Soph Fives Nab Tiffs

Central Point — Medford junior varsity and sophomore aggregation were the victors here Saturday night in the tussles engaged prior to Southern Oregon conference varsity action.

The Junior Tornado won 63 to 47 over the Crater Jayvees. In the sophomore hassle Medford prevailed 38 to 22.

Medford had a strong second half to take the Jayvee clash. Quarter counts favored the Tornadoes 15 to 10, 26 to 23 and 47 to 38. Ross Burd, Crater, was the top point producer with 23. Bill Enyart collected 18 for Medford and Ron Edmonds 16.

The Tornado had sophomore period margins of 14 to 5, 19 to 13 and 27 to 20. Jim Cox had 11 points and Mike Bickler 10 for Medford and Don Patterson nine for the Central Point school.

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Gary Player SD Champ

San Diego, Calif. — (UPI) — If coincidence counts, Gary Player, the amiable South African, is in for a big year.

"I came here to win," said Player after he had completed his first round in the \$25,000 San Diego Open.
Sunday, Gary knocked in an 18-foot pressure putt from off the edge of the green on the 72nd and last hole to win the tournament by one stroke from loan Tony Lema.
Lema, the hot man on the tour these days, now has won four tournaments and finished second in three out of the last 12 he has played.
"I didn't realize anyone was so close until I got to the 18th green," said Player. "Then I found out I had to sink that putt to win. I knew I had better win now because I haven't been so good in playoffs. In fact, I've been in eight playoffs and lost every one."
Player finished the round with a one-under-par 70, and a 270 for the 72 holes—12 under par for the distance.

West 21-14 Winner in AFL Tussle

San Diego, Calif. — (UPI) — Rookie of the year fullback Curtis McCClinton and 14-year veteran quarterback Frank Tripucka were the best offensive guns as the West All-Stars edged the East, 21-14, Sunday in the second annual American Football league All-Star game.

McCClinton, a named the game's outstanding offensive player, ripped the East line for 94 yards, including a 64-yard touchdown dash in the first half. He gained only 10 yards in the second half, suffering a minor injury early in the third quarter.

Tripucka came off the bench at the start of the fourth quarter with the score tied, 14-14, replacing Len Dawson who was bruised from spending most of the afternoon on his back. The veteran signal caller guided the West on a 92-yard touchdown march, featuring three passes to Denver Bronco teammate Lionel Taylor, to win the game. The first was for 6 yards, the second for 49 yards and the third for 8 yards and the score.

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UPI Sports Writer
Cincinnati's top-ranked Bearcats are getting like television's Perry Mason — you wonder if they're ever going to lose.
Almost one year ago this week the Bearcats suffered their last defeat, 70-68, in overtime to tough Missouri Valley conference foe Bradley at Peoria, Ill. Since then Cincinnati has reeled off 31 consecutive victories.
Coach Ed Jucker's Bearcats, who are shooting for an unprecedented third straight NCAA basketball title and sixth consecutive MVC championship, scored victory No. 13 of the season Saturday night by beating stubborn Tulsa, 67-57, at Tulsa, Okla.
Ron Bonham, the Bearcats' jump-shooting junior, tallied 30 points, 20 in the second half, as Cincinnati pulled away from a 32-32 tie. Cincinnati led only, 44-41, when Bonham scored seven straight field goals to thwart the Hurricane threat and earn the Bearcats their third MV victory.
Cincinnati, second-ranked Loyola of Chicago (15-0), seventh-ranked Georgia Tech (11-0) and unranked Niagara (7-0) thus remain the nation's only unbeaten major teams. Loyola was idle last weekend while Georgia Tech edged Mississippi, 73-71, in overtime at Oxford, Miss., and Niagara beat St. Bonaventure, 80-63, at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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