

Black Tornado Beats Comets 84-63, Shares Conference Hoop Banner With GP's Cavemen

MHS Will Face Lebanon in A-1 Tourney Opener

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Medford	11	5	.688
Grants Pass	11	5	.688
Crater	9	7	.563
Klamath Falls	7	9	.438
Ashland	2	14	.125

It's a Southern Oregon conference basketball championship for the Medford Black Tornado and back to the Oregon Class A-1 high school tournament after an absence of one season.

The Medford Twister of the maplecourt, which rumbled through the last half of its conference slate without loss, wrote final to the regular 1962-1963 campaign Saturday night with its eighth victory in a row—84 to 63 over the Crater Comets of Central Point.

It was a thunderous blue-flame rendition by the Whirlwind, And, Crater, in contention for league laurels right up to the circuit's final night, was almost as hot. The Fireballs, still within range after three sizzling, fast moving periods, however, could collect only seven markers in the final chapter. Medford kept up the scoring tempo of previous quarters with 20.

Medford shares the conference and District 6 A-1 mantle with the Cavemen of Grants Pass. Each concluded 11-5 in the loop. Crater took third place with 9-7.

Drawing Held

Lebanon will be the opening round rival of the Tornadoes at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, in the state tourney at Eugene. Grants Pass will take on South Salem at 2 p.m. on March 20. That was settled at noon yesterday when Principal Lester Harris and Lee Ragsdale of the Medford faculty met with Jeff Loffer of the GP school staff for a drawing at Gold Hill.

South Salem and Lebanon are the District 8 (Valley League) representatives in the tournament.

The Black Tornadoes scored the hoop nets Saturday by pouring through 36 field goals at a .554 firing rate. They got their heavy scoring from Jack Forde, Rich Benner and driving Mike Neathamer and were bulwarked beneath the board by the tall combination of Jim Hill, Forde and Benner.

Forde Scores 24

Medford grabbed the lead for keeps near the end of a fiery back and fourth first quarter. The Tornadoes of Coach Frank Roelandt headed 20 to 17, 40 to 33 and 64 to 58 at the intermissions. Howard Tomlinson's free throw cut the margin to 64 to 57 but that was the last Comet point for about 4½ minutes while Medford upped to 72 before the Central Pointers swished the net again.

Forde had 24 points, Benner 20 and Neathamer 15 for Medford and Tomlinson 23 and Pat Pepper 15 for the Comets. Benner's points were on 10 field buckets in 15 tries. Hill glommed 12 rebounds. Forde 10 and Benner nine. For Crater Tomlinson snagged 10 and Paul Branson 11.

Comets Pull Up

Tornado cagers zipped off to an 8 to 0 lead on a long pusher and a tip by Benner and Forde's jumper and his goal on a feed by Hill. Coach Lloyd Hoffine's Crater club pulled right up to 8 to 7. Branson scored off a Mike Glines' pass from out-of-bounds. Pepper hit a free shot and a long pusher and Glines put in a driver bucket.

Forde made it 10 to 7 with free throws. Glines jumped from behind a screen. Then the back and forth began. Pepper put Crater on top 11 to 10 with a jumper from beside the circle. Hill hit for Medford from the base line. Branson bagged a turning shot from the circle. Larry Vowell's push from the corner was matched by Branson's tip. Forde came back with a turning shot from the circle but Tomlinson retaliated from close range. Score favored Crater 17 to 16.

Lead For Good

With 37 seconds remaining in the quarter, Benner's jumper from the baseline gave Medford the lead for good at 18 to 17. Hill plunked a tipper just before the buzzer for the 18 to 17 score.

Two buckets by Benner and one by Vowell while Pepper notched a push for the Comets made the Tornadoes a 26 to 19 lead. Glines on a drive to a Lou Alvarez interception and Alvarez on a break from a Tomlinson rebound



FORD REBOUNDS—Jack Forde (40), Medford high, takes a rebound under the Crater basket in Saturday night Southern Oregon conference basketball game here. Going up high with him is Crater's Mike Glines (13). At left are Medford Dan Miles (24) and Jim Hill and at right Crater's Howard Tomlinson (33) and Medford's Rich Benner (34). Medford won 84-63 to earn a tie with Grants Pass for the conference crown.



DRAWING HELD—State tournament positions of Medford and Grants Pass high basketball teams were determined yesterday noon by this drawing at Gold Hill. Lester Harris, Medford principal, holds coffee can while Jess Loffer, left, Grants Pass athletic director, looks at capsule he has pulled from can. Hand over can is Lee Ragsdale, right, Medford school's supervisor of physical education. Loffer drew the conference No. 1 spot for Grants Pass putting the Cavemen in the lower bracket. Medford will be in the upper bracket in the tourney's opening game on March 19 against Lebanon. (UPI)

narrowed the lead to 26 to 23.

The Medford club expanded on a Vowell driver and a Hill shot on assist from Vowell and the home club headed by five to nine points through the rest of the second period. Neathamer entered the game at this stage to give Medford some added spark. He tallied two snaking drivers and a push shot from the corner.

Extend To 13

With Neathamer, Forde, Benner and Vowell getting points for the Medfords while Tomlinson, Alvarez and Pepper goaled for Crater, the Tornado pulled a 13-point third quarter lead of 52 to 39. After 58 to 45, the Fireball whacked their deficit down to seven points before the half. Glines and Tomlinson hit from the gift mark and Pepper and Tomlinson from the field while Hill and Miles goaled and Neathamer and Forde got Medford free shots. Score was 63 to 56 before Forde's gift.

In the final canto Medford put in seven field shots to Crater's two. Two by Benner were on long passes by Hill who had rebounded the ball

off the Crater board. Reserves flooded into the game with 71 seconds left to play.

Medford scored 20 points in each of three quarters and 24 on the third. Crater had 23 in the third along with 17, 16 and seven in the others.

The Black Tornado will enter the state tournament with a 16-6 full season record. Crater, which had its finest season as contender in Class A-1, wound up 15-7.

Box:	FG	FT	Reb	PtP
Crater	11-17	14-1	1	3 15
Pepper	4-3	1-1	1	3 7
Branson	13-8	9-5	19	3 23
Alvarez	14-5	1-0	4	2 10
Glins	7-3	2-2	2	7 8
Fleming	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Riversburg	3-0	0-0	0	0 0
James	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Summerfield	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Minger	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Gardner	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Totals	54-37	14-9	29	14 43
Medford	15-10	0-0	9	1 20
Benner	8-5	0-0	12	3 10
Hill	17-6	9-8	10	3 24
Miles	4-1	1-0	2	1 2
Vowell	6-4	0-0	4	1 8
DeWitt	0-0	2-2	2	0 2
Neathamer	12-7	1-1	0	0 15
Mitchell	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Barnes	0-0	0-0	0	0 1
Stockton	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Houston	1-1	0-0	0	0 2
Lowery	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Salyers	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Parlasas	0-0	0-0	0	0 0
Reid	1-0	0-0	0	0 0
Totals	45-34	17-12	39	18 34

Rebounds—Ford and Stevens.

3071 in Tourney Van Lines Rolls

Buffalo, N. Y. (UPI) — The Morris Meat Market team of Iselin, N. J., compiled 2908 to move into eighth place Sunday night in the regular team division of the American Bowling Congress tournament.

Albert Arlington paced the New Jersey team with a three-game 671, followed by Richard Knapp with 623.

In the classic team division, United Van Lines of St. Louis rolled a 3071 series, which means the team must compile 3086 tonight to overtake pace-setting Helin Tackels of Detroit. The Helin team leads with 6157.

In minor events, Guy St. John of South Bend, Ind., took first place in the classic singles with 684. He replaced Dick Cochran of Chicago, who dropped to second with 682 rolled Saturday.

Terry Uselman Bowling Victor

Terry Uselman, Salem, topped a field of 89 bowlers here Saturday and Sunday in the finals of the 171 and over division of the Oregon State Bowling Proprietors association tourney.

He rolled a 1311 at Medford Lanes.

Bill Talley, Salem, 1264, was second.

Tornado JV, Soph Fives Take Tiffs

Medford high basketball junior varsity, applying a full court press to garner a wide first half advantage, trimmed Crater 68 to 46 here on Saturday night in preliminary to the varsity session.

The Junior Tornado pushed to 19 to 4 and 45 to 11 quarter and half differences. Medford led 53 to 27 after three periods.

Ron Edmonds had 15 points and Rich Knight 12 for Medford. Larry Pepper, Ross Burd and Vern Swanson each had nine for Crater.

Medford also took the sophomore hassle played at the same time on another court. Score was 45 to 33. Tornado quarter margins were 10 to 2, 19 to 8 and 29 to 16.

Seven points was individual high on each team.

JV LINEUPS:

Crater 16 — B. Turner, M. Turner, 2. Strain, Glawe, R. L. Pepper, 9. Burd, 9. Tweedell, Swanson, 9. Ryerson, 5. White, Auburn.

Medford 44 — Eubank, 7. Kengla, 4. Knight, 12. Edmonds, 13. Allen, 8. Mullen, 4. Wehrly, Davis, 6. Hinnah, Turpin, 4. Anders, 2. Olson, Brown, 6. Root, 2.

SOPHOMORE LINEUPS:

Crater 33 — L. Branch, 2. Mikowski, 2. Marshall, 7. Harper, 4. Patterson, 7. Gail, Hope, Taylor, Kelley, 2. Colley, 4. Vaughn, 2. Ridge, Lees, 5. Tate, 5.

Medford 43 — Flanders, 7. Bickler, 4. Brennan, 6. Cox, 7. Rupp, 7. Wallace, Woolson, Folsberg, 7. Newland, 2. Root, 1. Nuich, Walrod, 2. Hazzman, 2.

Sunday's Results:

Boston 149, Cincinnati 117. Syracuse 163, San Francisco 148. Detroit 124, Los Angeles 114. St. Louis 132, New York 120.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

OSU Trims UO 71-65

regular season with a 19-7 record.

Corvallis — (UPI) — Oregon State's Beavers held off a closing Oregon rally to post a 71-65 victory over the Ducks before 7,390 basketball fans Saturday night.

Seven-foot Mel Counts sparked the Beavers with 28 points and 16 rebounds.

Oregon was behind 63-53 with 2:47 left in the game but cut the margin to 64-62 in the next minute and 15 seconds after Oregon State took out its starters. The Beavers pulled away when their starters went back into the contest.

Steve Pauly scored 16 points and Terry Baker tallied 14 points for the Oregon Staters, who ended their

Oregon's Jim Johnson and Steve Jones collected 25 and 16 points, respectively. The Ducks ended their season with an 11-15 record.

The crowd gave Oregon State a season's attendance record of 96,004 in 12 home games. The previous high was 91,778 in 13 games in the 1953-54 season.

SCORING:
Oregon 65 — Jones 18, Johnson 25, Moore 6, Mack 6, Gleason 8, Yates, Hanson 2, Cooley 2.
Oregon State 65 — Pauly 16, Counts 28, Baker 14, Peters 6, Jarvis 2, Campbell 2, Rossi 2, Hayward 1.

MAC SCORES 152

Eugene — (UPI) — Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland wrapped up the Oregon Association age group girls' swimming championship here Sunday. MAC scored 152 points in the two-day meet. Aero Club of Portland was second with 129 points.

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Arnold Palmer Wins Pensacola

Pensacola, Fla. — (UPI) — Arnold Palmer no longer puts birthday and trophies together.

Starting the winter tour at Los Angeles in January, Palmer was 33 years old and had 33 PGA tournament wins.

Flying to Palm Beach today in his six-seater, he's still 33 but he has 36 victories after taking the 8th annual Pensacola PGA Open with a 15-under par 273 for \$3,500.

Harold Kneese and Gary Player, the winter tour's top cash collector, shot 13-under-par 275s to deadlock for second.

Tommy Bolt, winner here in 1961, took fourth with a 276.

Crater High Banquet on Thursday

Central Point — Alan Holmes, Jackson county district attorney, will be speaker at the Crater High school basketball banquet on Thursday night, March 14, at the high school.

The dinner at 7 p.m. will honor the Comet varsity and junior varsity teams and the yell leaders.

Oddafellow and Rebekah lodges are sponsors. The banquet is open to the public and tickets are on sale at the high school.

Awards and honors will be announced.

HOCKEY

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WESTERN LEAGUE
Southern Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Portland	36	20	6	78	239	187
San Francisco	38	22	1	77	249	193
Los Angeles	31	26	3	65	204	190
Spokane	27	30	3	58	187	198

Northern Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Seattle	30	29	2	62	209	211
Vancouver	39	27	4	82	297	193
Calgary	21	39	2	44	209	249
Edmonton	20	39	2	42	108	277

Sunday's Results
Seattle 6, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 3, Spokane 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Chicago	30	18	10	76	181	159
Toronto	33	21	10	76	207	188
Montreal	27	18	19	73	208	183
Detroit	27	24	13	67	174	179
New York	20	34	11	51	194	215
Boston	14	36	15	43	190	266

Sunday's Results
Montreal 5, New York 1
Detroit 4, Boston 3
Chicago 1, Toronto 1

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