

State A-1 Tourney Opens; Medford High Goes Against Lebanon Warriors Tonight



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Start for Medford High in State Tourney Tonight

Oregon's 45th annual big high school basketball tournament opens this evening at McArthur court at University of Oregon in Eugene. And, according to Paul Harvey, prep sports writer for the Eugene Register Guard, "there's a general agreement on two counts."

Said Harvey, "Two Eugene schools and Medford are the clubs to watch, and with North Eugene and South Eugene in the big classic, tournament attendance records should fall."

"The sports writers tabbed North Eugene (21-1) the top club in the state in the final Associated Press poll, then picked South Eugene (18-4) as the club most likely to win the tourney."

"The writers predicted an all-Eugene finale... But they also warned that Medford could walk off with everything."

First Test
The Associated Press predictions get their initial tests this evening. Medford High and North Eugene appear in the Class A-1 tournament's first engagements. The Black Tornado of Medford, contending in a Tuesday opener of the tournament for the first time, takes on Lebanon's Warriors at 7:30 p.m. North Eugene follows at 8:45 p.m. against Marshall of Portland.

These two encounters touch off a 26-game tourney program which continues through Saturday night when the 1963 champion will be crowned. Six first round games are on the Wednesday docket. On Thursday four consolation bracket contests

will be followed by four tussles in the championship second round.

Grants Pass High, co-champion with Medford in the Southern Oregon conference, was the 1962 A-1 titlist. It begins its defense at 2 p.m. on Wednesday against South Salem. Medford and GP will aim to uphold recent year's District 6 domination of the tourney. The Tornado was champ in 1960 and Klamath Falls nipped Medford in the 1961 title game.

Wednesday first round games include Pendleton versus Molalla at 9 a.m., Tillamook versus Astoria at 10:15 a.m., Hermiston versus Sandy at 3:15 p.m., South Eugene versus Milwaukie at 7:30 p.m., and Franklin versus Tigard at 8:45 p.m.

Winner of the Lebanon-Medford game will play the winner of the North Eugene-Marshall contest on Thursday at 3 p.m. Losers meet at 8:30 p.m. Thursday. Grants Pass-South Salem victor goes against the Hermiston-Sandy winner at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Losers of those two games meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

Scouting Reports
Lebanon is in the tournament for the first time since 1951. The Warriors have been described as similar to Medford in Personnel. They won second place in their Valley circuit with an 11-4 record while Medford knotted with GP in the Southern at 11-5. The Tornado and Lebanon each were 16-6.

Harvey in the Register-Guard published "scouting reports" of all 16 tourney teams. This is his report concerning Lebanon:

"Good speed but might slow down in tournament. Good overall rebounding... Only good outside shooter is Tim Blanchard, best all-around player. Height good but bench weak. Ability to win close ones with all three triumphs over Corvallis by single point. Generally man-for-man defense but can go zone at times."

Of Medford Harvey said: "Came from fourth place to tie for Southern Oregon crown and have momentum

coaches claim might carry them to title.

Tall and strong on backboards with Jack Forde (6-5) and Jim Hill (6-3 1/2). Pair top club in scoring. Outside shooting improved in recent weeks with Dan Miles and Mike Neathamer both dangerous. Rich Benner, with Grants Pass champions last year, recovered from broken wrist. Not particularly outstanding on defense. Use man-for-man."

In the appraisal of North Eugene, Harvey points to the height of 6-5 Ron Davies, 6-5 Bill Thomas and 6-6 Bob Graven plus 6-6 Pete Robertson in reserve.

He describes Thomas as one of state's finest who is a dangerous shot but doesn't shoot much. The club has had problems with aggressiveness but has improved, Harvey says. Highlander speed is not exceptional but Paul Michael is dangerous. Both man-for-man or zone defense can be used.

The Eugene writer lists Marshall as strong all around with possible exception of its bench strength which has improved recently. The club is good defensively with man-for-man and some zone. The Portland team has a run and shoot offense which uses the long pass. Stan Koltch (6-3) and Nick Jones (6-2) are men

to watch. Koltch is hook shot artist and Jones jump shots from the outside.

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Henley Edges Elmira 61-59 To Reach A-2 Semi-Finals

Coos Bay—UPI—Central mets Vale and Coquille meets top-ranked Henley in semi-final action of the State A-2 prep basketball tournament tonight.

Henley, unbeaten in regular season play and ranked No. 1 in the state coaches poll, survived some late game errors to defeat third-ranked Elmira 61-59 in overtime Monday.

In other first round action, Coquille beat Newport 60-51; Vale riddled North Catholic 67-50 and Central took advan-

tage of Yamhill-Carlton's ball-handling mistakes for a 71-64 victory.

Yamhill-Carlton was scheduled to meet North Catholic at 2 p.m. today in consolation play. Newport and Elmira were slated for a consolation bracket game at 3:45 p.m.

Henley led Elmira by 10 points in the third quarter, but Elmira caught up and went ahead. Henley's 6-3 center, Kent Gooding, tied the score 55-55 at the end of regulation play.

Gooding and LeeVoy Young and Steve Relling were the winning scorers in overtime, and Gooding was Elmira's high scorer with 21. Henry Drummond netted 28 for Elmira, 15 in the final quarter.

Coquille defeated Newport with a fourth quarter rally on the outside shooting of Dave Wood and Tom Leatherwood. Wood was high point man with 20 and his team led at halftime 32-28.

Vale pierced North Catholic's man-to-man defense at will, building a 23-point bulge in the last period before North

Catholic started moving. Ted Evans of Vale and Jack Petrino of North Catholic were the high scorers with 15 each. Vale led at the half 30-25.

Dale Wildfang scored 31 for central in the Independent-Monmouth school's victory over Yamhill-Carlton. Wildfang scored 11 straight free throws in the fourth quarter to bring his team from behind.

TOURNEY RECAP
Central 71, Yamhill-Carlton 64
Vale 67, North Catholic 50
Coquille 60, Newport 51
Henley 61, Elmira 59 (o.t.)

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
Consolation
2 p.m.—Yamhill-Carlton-North Catholic
3:45 p.m.—Newport-Elmira
7:30 p.m.—Central-Vale
8:45 p.m.—Henley-Coquille

San Jose State Track Team Defeats OSU

San Jose, Calif.—UPI—Sophomore Dwight Middleton won two events and anchored the winning 440 relay Monday to spark San Jose State to a 78 1/2 to 66 1/2 victory over Oregon State's track and field forces.

Middleton won the 440 in 44.9 and the 220 around a curve in 21.4 and he anchored the 440 relay to victory in 3:14.4. He also ran the final lap of the mile relay in which the Spartans hit the tape first in 3:13.6, but were disqualified because of lane infringement.

San Jose's Bob Lovejoy won the high jump at 6-9 1/4. Oregon State's Gary Stenlund threw the javelin 253-5 1/2 for first place.

Beaver Norm Hoffman climaxed the half mile with a strong finish to whip San Jose's Mike Gibeau. Hoffman's time was 1:49.5.

Oregon State's Moresan Groth took the lead starting the third lap and won the mile easily in 4:07.9. San Jose's Ben Tucker was second in 4:12.5.

Oregon State Tops Arizona In Baseball By 6-2 At Tucson

Tucson, Ariz.—UPI—Oregon State handed Arizona its second defeat of the young baseball season Monday 6-2.

Cecil Ira went the distance for the Oregonians, allowing just two hits the first six innings. Homeruns were hit by Terry Markham of Oregon State and Bobby Maxwell of Arizona.

Four runs off starter Grant Waltke started the Beavers on their victory drive. It was their first game of the season. The same clubs meet today and again on Wednesday.

NIT Quarter-Final Game Slated Tonight

New York—UPI—Powerful Providence college makes its fifth straight appearance in the National Invitation Basketball tournament tonight against Miami of Florida in a quarter-final game at Madison Square Garden.

In the opening quarter-final contest, fast-breaking Marquette meets St. Louis. Both Miami and St. Louis were shaky first round survivors, making second-seeded Providence and third-seeded Marquette the favorites to advance into Thursday's semifinals.

TELLS OF OFFER

Goteborg, Sweden—UPI—Swedish promoter Edwin Ahlquist says Tom Boland of Championship Sports Inc., has offered Ingemar Johansson \$750,000 to fight Cassius Clay. Ahlquist said the sum is \$250,000 above the original figure Boland offered. Ahlquist said.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Butts' Attorney Asks Post To Retract Story

Atlanta—UPI—An attorney for former Georgia Athletic Director Wally Butts Monday night demanded that the Saturday Evening Post retract and correct an article entitled "The Story of a Football Fix" in its current publication.

The lawyer, William H. Schroeder Jr., also requested the magazine in a telegram to print an editorial specifically repudiating the article which accuses Butts and Alabama football Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant of conspiring to rig the 1962 Georgia-Alabama game.

Schroeder said, however, that he will file a libel suit, probably for \$10 million, against the Post regardless of any subsequent action in the matter of the magazine. He said the telegram was a formality required by Georgia law as a basis for seeking punitive action.

Both Butts, who resigned last month to end a 25-year era at Georgia, and Bryant have denied the allegation in the March 23rd edition of the Post. The article said George Burnett, an Atlanta insurance man, through some communications freak, was cut into a long distance telephone conversation between Butts and Bryant last Sept. 14.

Burnett, according to the article, said he heard Butts giving Bryant Georgia's offensive plays and other strategy for the Sept. 22 game which Alabama won 35-0.

Burnett said Monday he was motivated only by "an impulsive desire that the truth be known" when he revealed the alleged telephone conversation, and he felt the "truth will be eventually told in full" after an investigation.

Oak Knoll Tops RVCC In Match

Ashland—UPI—Oak Knoll Men's club defeated Rogue Valley Country club of Medford 44 to 34 Sunday in a team golf match at the Oak Knoll course.

Don Provost Jr., of the Ashland team was low net with 66 and Carl Schmidt, playing for Oak Knoll, was low gross with 70.

Bob Weaver netted 67 and Dave Snyder 68 for the Ashland team. Al Akins took second low gross prize for Oak Knoll with a 76 and Bill Seymour third low with 82.

Stewart Low
Ray Stewart fired low net for the Medford club with a 71. Duke Anderson and Bob Phillips tied for second low prize with 72 and Bob Maentz took third low with 73.

Dr. Dave Engleson had 75 low gross for Rogue Valley. Other low gross prizes for RVCC went to Justin Smith with 77 and John Nuich with 78.

A ham and egg breakfast preceded the match. Shotgun start was at 9 a.m.

March 31 is the last day for men to qualify for the Oak Knoll spring handicap tournament. Dave Elliott won the event last year.

WIN IN TRYOUTS

Mount Shasta, Calif.—UPI—Paul Bacon and Smilie Kerridge, both representing Mammoth Mountain of Southern California, Saturday won top honors in the Olympic tryouts at the Mount Shasta Ski Bowl. Bacon made the 700-foot, 46-gate run in 95.2 seconds in the men's event while Miss Kerridge skied her slalom in the women's event over the same course in 97.6 seconds.

Lorenzen Wins 500

Atlanta—UPI—The Atlanta 500 almost retained its reputation as a rainmaker Sunday but a last-second change in the weather produced a rain-bucket full of records instead.

New speed records were set at every check point as defending champion Fred Lorenzen of Charlotte, N.C., and Elmhurst, Ill., roared to victory at an average speed of 130.592 m.p.m. before more than 60,000 fans.

Burleson Will Run At LA

Eugene—UPI—Dyrol Burleson, three-time NCAA mile champion while at the University of Oregon, plans to run in that event May 17 in the Coliseum Relays in Los Angeles.

Also scheduled for the mile there are Peter Snell, the world record holder from New Zealand, and Jim Beatty, holder of the American mark of 3:56.3.

Burleson ran second to Snell last May 19.

Snell's world mark is 3:54.4. Burleson's best mile time is 3:57.6.

Game Probe Given Approval

Salem—UPI—A resolution setting up an investigation of the State Game Commission was approved by the House Fish and Game Committee Monday at the start of a meeting attended by some 200 hunters.

The sportsmen had gathered to testify on the measure. The Senate-passed resolution was sent to the House floor, where passage was certain.

The sportsmen remained to testify on another bill that would restrict deer and elk hunting during the next two years. A group of hunters has complained that deer and elk herds are vanishing.

Supporters of the State Game Commission have generally agreed that the interim investigation will help clear the air.

NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs Scheduled

New York—UPI—The National Hockey League's Stanley Cup playoffs will begin on Tuesday night, March 26, in the home cities of the teams finishing first and second at the end of the regular season.

The best-of-seven semifinals will match the first-place finisher against the third-place finisher and the second-place finisher against the fourth-place finisher.

Ducks Edge Bears 2-0 In Baseball

Berkeley, Calif.—UPI—The University of Oregon, behind the tight five-hit hurling of Robbie Show, defeated California 2-0 Monday and in the process scored the first run off Bear pitcher Dave Dowling in the 27 innings he has pitched this season.

It was the Webfoots' first game of the year. The teams meet again today.

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