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Black Tornado Overcomes Lebanon In Overtime 67 to 63; Will Face North Eugene On Thursday

Forde Tremendous With 32 Points; Medford Has To Come From Behind

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McArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene — The Medford High school Black Tornado overcame the upset-ambitious Lebanon Warriors here last night in a hectic overtime embroilment to advance to Thursday quarterfinals in the Oregon Class A-1 basketball tournament.

Score was 67 to 63.

Jumping Jim Hill javelined in a rebound bucket for Medford's go-ahead points with 45 seconds left in the extra session. Jack Forde, tremendous with 32 points for the night, added a dash of savoring salt with another rebound basket on his missed gift toss with one second left to play.

The Tornadoes, among the tourney favorite teams, had to come from behind to tie it in the fourth quarter and to win it in the extra canto against a fired, persistent Warrior aggregation. Lebanon fought from nine points down in the third period to make it a nip and tuck skirmish down to the final buzzer.

Victory carried the Tornado into a 3 p.m. game on Thursday against North Eugene which defeated Marshall of Portland, 68 to 66 in the other Tuesday night first round fray also on overtime. Lebanon will face Marshall at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in consolation quarterfinals.

The teams went in to the extra panel knotted at 61 each. Lebanon's Dave Sturgis made it 63 to 61 for his club with a tip shot 10 seconds after the session began. As soon as the Warriors went on offense again, they turned to

ball control. But, a pass mis-fired and Medford had the ball out of bounds. With 1:40 remaining Forde put in a turning jumper to once more deadlock the fracas.

Still playing for the good shot, the Valley league team worked the ball. But, Sturgis fouled Medford's Gibb Mitchell underneath the Warrior cage. Mitchell's shot with 48 seconds left missed but Hill nabbed the ball and whipped through the hoop for Coach Frank Roelandt's Southern Oregon conference co-champions.

Lebanon was not out of it yet. However, a missed Warrior shot was rebounded by a Medfordite with 18 seconds left. Miles tried to control the ball against a pressing rival and it went out of bounds. The Warriors of Coach Barney Holland gained possession. With seven seconds on the clock, Forde broke up a Lebanon pass. Then, he was fouled by Tim Blanchat. Forde missed the free try but made the follow goal and there was no more time for the plucky Lebanon.

Forde, who hit eight for 10 from the field in the second half and 11 of 14 for the game along with 10 for 15 from the charity stripe, was the game's high scorer. As a kingpin for Medford in the clutch he also led Twister rebound domination with 17 retrieves.

Sturgis headed Lebanon with 18 points and clever-working Blanchat had 17. Hill scored 12 for Medford and Miles 11. Ron Price put in 12 for the Warriors and Medford Heads 36-27. Hill had 13 rebounds as Medford led in that depart-

ment 52 to 40. Rich Benner cleared eight. Sturgis pulled 11 for the Valley loop representative. Price had nine and Blanchat eight.

Lebanon pulled up from a 27 to 36 early third quarter deficit to even the game at 45-all on a Price rebound. Then Joslin put Lebanon on top with a steal and drive for 47 to 45. Score was knotted nine times after that, eight times in the fourth quarter. A Forde basket made the third quarter standing 47-each.

Medford had the lead six times in the quarter but the Warriors went ahead 61 to 59 with 3:25 to go when Steve Simpson goaled off a Joslin feed. There was no more scoring until Price fouled Forde on the Medfordites driver effort with 59 seconds left. The tallest Tornado made both free tries which sent the tangle into the extra stanza.

Desperation Shot
The southern Oregonians nabbed the ball on a missed Sturgis shot with 13 seconds left and took time out with nine seconds on the clock. With five seconds left a Miles to Hill pass went out of bounds. Lebanon called time with three seconds to play. A long desperation shot by Simpson was short.

This is the way it went in the fourth stanza up until the time Simpson put Lebanon on top:

Forde sank a rebound for 49 to 47 Medford. Price did the same to tie the score. Another Forde rebound was matched by a Sturgis driver. Mike Neathamer scored on a free line range shot for Medford but Joslin countered with a long push. Hill scored on a Forde feed but Blanchat and Sturgis free tosses tied it at 55 apiece.

Forde scored on a Miles' pass but Blanchat drove for a Warrior basket. Lebanon went ahead briefly on another Joslin long shot. Then Forde drove the base to tie the game at 59.

Team Blazes
The Warriors caught ablaze as a whole team to overcome their nine-point deficit. Joslin hit from the slot and the slick Blanchat swished a driver. Neathamer fired from inside the circle for the Tornado for 38 to 31. Blanchat tallied on a drive and on a fast break as the Warriors waxed hot. Score was 38 to 35.

Forde stalled the Willamette valley five with a three point play. Nevertheless, the Lebanon spurge continued as Price and Sturgis goaled. Medford's lead was but 41 to 39. Miles held off Lebanon with a hook and long push but these were matched by Joslin from the corner and Simpson from the side. Then the Price bucket made it 45 each.

Lebanon had the best of it scorewise in the first quarter with three-point leads of 9 to 6 and 11 to 8 but the Whirlwind seemed to gain in aggressiveness as Neathamer and Mitchell entered the action. First quarter wound up 11 to 10 for the District 8 Lebanon. After a 13 to 10 Warrior lead, Medford fought in front.

Tornado Goes Ahead
Forde tossed in two free shots and Hill tabulated on a Forde assist for a 14 to 13 edge. Lebanon went on top again 15 to 14 on a pair of Sturgis gifters. Nevertheless, Forde replied in kind, put in a tip in basket and added two more free points. A Benner driver gave the Tornadoes 22 to 15 command.

Medford held four leads of eight points and was ahead by six, 32 to 26, at halftime. The Tornado outscored Lebanon 12 to 4 in the first 3 1/4 minutes of the second quarter and had a 22 to 15 margin for the full period. Third quarter favored the Warriors 21 to 15.

Field goaling and averaging was close. Medford had 27 of 66 for 409 and Lebanon 26 of 64 for 406.

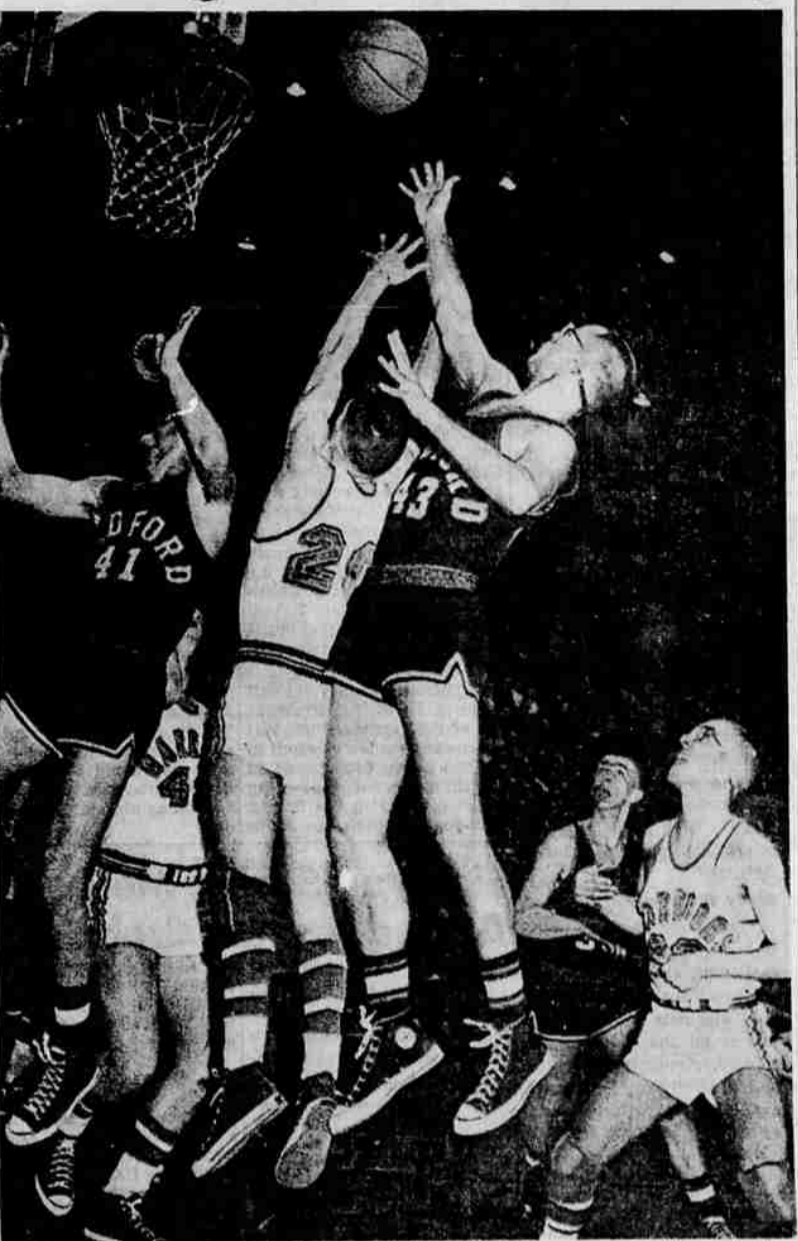
Ninth in Row
Triumph was the ninth in a row for Medford which stormed into the tournament by sweeping the last half of its conference.

Both clubs worked the ball well at times. Lebanon had a bit the better of it on fast breaking. The Warriors were able to get their defense set consistently against the Medfords. Work of Forde, Hill and Benner on the boards kept the Warrior fast break from being more damaging.

Lebanon, after taking 61 to 59 lead, tried to play keep away. Yet, the ball switched hands several times before Forde's tying free shots.

Ron Davies' rebound basket with five seconds left was the winning goal as tall North Eugene outscored Marshall eight to six in overtime in the second fracas last night.

The Minutemen of Portland,



VIE FOR REBOUND—Medford's Jack Forde (41) and Jim Hill (43) vie with Lebanon's Tim Blanchat (20) for rebound during game at Eugene last night in opening round of A-1 basketball tournament. The Black Tornado won in overtime 67 to 63, with Forde netting 32 points. (UPI)

like Lebanon, wiped out a nine-point disadvantage to send their fray into extra time. Lagging 45 to 54 in the early fourth period, they knotted the game at 60-all with 1:55 to play on a driver by spectacular Nick Jones, who had 30 points for the evening.

All-stater Bill Thomas had a chance to win for North with two seconds left when he missed on a one and one free shot chance. A Bob Craven goal try under the hoop was blocked at the buzzer.

Davies and Craven gave North Eugene a 64 to 60 overtime lead. Stan Koltch put in two free throws for Marshall. Craven drove the base for 66 to 62 but Mike Galloway brought the Minutemen even with a long push shot and a driver off a swipe.

Torrid Shooting
North Eugene's Highlanders, No. 1 rated in state polls and like Medford almost an

upset victim, had 14 to 11, 35 to 28 and 50 to 43 quarter advantages.

Scoring was torrid from the field. Marshall hit 464 and North Eugene 452. The taller Eugene club had rebound margin 44 to 33. Marshall was hurt when 6-7 Bob Manser fouled out at the start of the fourth chapter.

Medford's work will be cut out for it against North Eugene. The Highlanders have Craven, 6-6, and Thomas and Davies, each 6-5, as regulars with Pete Robertson, 6-6 in reserve.

The Tornado split with South Eugene, the only club which has defeated North this season. A first night crowd of 10,142 broke the previous record of 6,410.

Totals 26-64 11-16 32 12 67
* 3 team rebounds.

Medford	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	TP
Benner	3-13	2-2	8	0	8
Hill	6-15	0-0	13	3	12
Forde	11-14	10-15	17	3	32
Miles	5-10	1-2	4	0	11
Yowell	0-1	0-1	0	0	0
Mitchell	0-2	0-1	2	0	0
Neathamer	2-11	0-2	1	4	4

Totals 27-66 12-23 52 12 67
* 7 team rebounds.

Lebanon	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	TP
Thomas	9-17	3-0	7	3	21
Craven	8-17	1-3	9	1	17
Davies	5-15	2-4	16	3	12
Gordon	1-3	1-1	3	2	3
Michael	5-9	4-4	1	2	14
Robertson	0-1	1-2	1	0	1
Green	0-1	0-0	0	2	0

Totals 26-56 14-19 33 16 66
* 5 team rebounds.

North Eugene	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	TP
Marshall	12-17	6-9	7	4	30
Manser	1-2	0-0	6	5	2
Koltch	3-20	0-0	5	0	10
Hostetler	0-1	0-0	2	0	0
Galloway	6-13	1-1	0	2	13
Alexander	1-2	1-2	7	3	3
McKinney	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Reese	1-1	0-0	1	2	0

Deer Starving In Northeast Oregon Area

Enterprise, Ore.—(UPI)—Large numbers of deer were found dead or dying recently in the Snake river country of northeast Oregon, a State Game Commission biologist said today. Lack of food was blamed.

Bob Stein, district game biologist here, made a survey of the area on horseback. He reported that most of the live deer observed appeared in an emaciated condition. The area in which winter losses occurred is near the 1960 Pony Creek-Waterspout Creek burn which covered 11,000 acres. No browse re-vegetation has occurred on the site, Stein said.

The commission said that in other areas of the state winter losses appear light.

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