

# Tornado Tangles With Axemen Hoopsters Tonight, Saturday

An annual non-league rivalry matching teams guided by veteran mentors recognized as masters in Oregon's prep coaching field — such will be the basketball presentation for Medford fans this week.

Coach Frank Roelandt's Medford High Black Tornado tests its mettle against Coach Hank Kuchera's South Eugene Axemen tonight at Hedrick gym. The Tornados and the Axemen collide again at the same place tomorrow night. Starting whistle time is 8:15 o'clock each night.

Medford, which made its season bow last week against two college junior varsities, goes against its first prep foe of the new hoop year. South Eugene comes here with one game behind it — played earlier this week.

What kind of an adversary can the Hurricane expect? Big Man Back

Said Joe Berger in the Eugene Register-Guard:

"The big man is back at South Eugene and so is the fast break."

"The combination paved the way for a 56-37 win over South Salem Tuesday night at South Eugene."

"The big man is John Pinkstaff, the 6-foot, 6-inch senior getting 20 points and 21 rebounds in the 27-minute game played."

"Sure we like to fast break," said Axemen Coach Hank Kuchera.

chera, "We'll do it every time we can."

"They'll get their chances too, with Pinkstaff getting the rebound to start the break that is the trademark for Kuchera clubs."

"They also have a quartet of small guards who like to run."

Berger listed the guards as George Myrmo, John Roche, Rich Malcolm and Jim Burke.

For tonight's game with Medford Kuchera has indicated a starting five including Pinkstaff, Myrmo, Roche, Dick Shearer and Bob Coleman.

**Recognized As Best**

Pinkstaff, an all-stater last season, is recognized as the top big man in the state.

Roelandt believes in having his Tornado cagers run when they can, too. And, that could mean free-wheeling fracas between the clubs.

The Medford mentor has indicated a starting crew of Bill Enyard, Bruce Bertrand, Larry Vowell, Mike Barnes and Bill

## Destroyer Signed

The Destroyer, hooded rascal of the wrestling mat, has a standing offer of \$1,000 to anyone who can break his figure four leg lock and he found a ready and willing taker in the person of Luther Lindsey last night.

Negotiations on a contract were under way in the dressing room and after a 50-50 split of the purse was agreed upon, despite the Destroyer's insistence that he have the larger share, Lindsey asked the Destroyer if he paid a bonus "if a broken neck went along with a broken leg lock". This ired the Destroyer and it took two other wrestlers to pry them apart.

After calm was restored, Matchmaker Elton Owen signed Lindsey and the Destroyer for the main event at the local armory for Thursday night, Dec. 26.

**Revenge Gained**

Earlier, Lindsey and Nick Kozak gained their desired revenge by taking two out of three falls from Soldat Gorky and Dirty Don Duffy in a grudge match which resulted from a disputed decision two weeks earlier.

Kozak took the first fall on Duffy with an airplane spin and Duffy evened the score on Kozak with an arm lock. Lindsey pinned Gorky for the decider in one of the wildest matches here in several weeks.

The Destroyer, who was to have wrestled Nick Bockwinkle coast champion, in a non-title match, refused to do so unless Bockwinkle's title was at stake which Bockwinkle refused to do. So Owen shifted opponents and Bockwinkle, after being pressed hard by roughhouse Art Mahalik, won the deciding fall on a foul after Mahalik threw Bockwinkle out of the ring and wouldn't let him re-enter.

Bing Ki Lee, a fast and clever Chinese master who was to have wrestled Mahalik, took on the Destroyer and lost the lone fall.



IN TORNADO LINEUP — Mike Barnes, above, 5-10 senior lefterman, is a probable starter for the Medford High basketball team which meets South Eugene here tonight and Saturday night at Hedrick gym. He scored 31 points for the Black Tornado in two games last weekend.



I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW by Paul Lea

Here's a football fact I bet you didn't know... In the 13 years Knute Rockne coached Notre Dame, his teams lost only 12 games... That's less than one loss per year!

We take it for granted that there will be an Army-Navy football game every season, but did you know that there have been years in which no Army-Navy game was played? For one reason or another, there have been several breaks in the series since it started in 1890. The last time there was an Army-Navy game was 1929.

There have been several punts in football history that have traveled about 100 yards, but did you ever wonder what was the shortest punt of all-time? It was made by a Tulane player standing in his own end zone in a game against LSU in 1919. The ball went straight up in the air — for no yards — and an LSU player caught it for a touchdown!

Hedrick Junior High is the site of basketball action again this weekend as the Black Tornado team takes on South Eugene's Axemen in a two night stand.

Hope you all had a chance to enjoy the Army-Navy game. Wasn't that a thriller? As the holiday approaches we again want to invite you all down to our showroom to take a look at the 1964 Rambler. You'll like what you see and we're anxious to meet you too.

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## Glide, Sutherlin On Phoenix Slate

PHOENIX — Phoenix High's basketball team will engage in return action in reverse order this week end.

It meets the same rivals as last week with floors and nights switched.

Phoenix will journey to Glide this evening and will entertain Sutherlin here on Saturday night.

The Pirates will be after repeat triumphs. They beat Sutherlin 61-56 and Glide 42-41 in opening scraps of the season.

Coach Eldon Durham said he looks for a tough game this evening after the close conflict last Saturday with Glide. "I know we'll have to be stronger on the boards and in ball-handling," he remarked.

**Board Work**

Game conditions, among them ball control, have had attention this week. The Pirates have been at it hard on rebounding, especially under the offensive backboards. He reported that Eugene Hill and Danny Beeson have been leading in these drills and that Hill may get a starting call because of his work.

Some work has been done on zone defense. The coach indicated that the Pirates have aimed for a measure of improvement each week and he expressed hope that the offense has been improved by 10 or 15 points in this week's drills.

Dale Sauer, who was on a day-trip last week end, may

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**Central Point Quintets Win**

CENTRAL POINT — Central Point Junior High eighth grade A team tripped Hanby of Gold Hill 44-24 yesterday in basketball.

Halftime score was 24-7. Kirby Renfro had 10 points and 10 rebounds and Doug Miller and Kerry Bradshaw eight points each for CP. Dougherty scored 10 for Hanby.

In the seventh grade game Central Point won 30-20 in overtime after a 27-all knot at the end of the fourth period. CP had a 14-7 midway gap. Arnold had 16 points for Hanby and Bill Bartley 12 for Central Point.

**Basketball**

THURSDAY COLLEGE RESULTS  
By United Press International

Slippery Rock 67, Alliance 62  
Rhode Island 37, Brown 34  
Toledo 87, New York 74  
Villanova 38, Buffalo 30  
Georgetown 82, Manhattan 67

**SOUTH**  
Memphis 88, Marquette 74

**MIDWEST**  
Loyola 103, Western Mich. 102  
Notre Dame 107, Valparaiso 68  
Iowa 72, Southern Methodist 59  
Providence 77, St. Louis 66  
Westmont (Cal.) 64, Wheaton 60

**SOUTHWEST**  
Tex. Christian 86, Florida St. 80  
Oklahoma 87, Fran U. 84

**WEST**  
Colorado 63, E. Los Angeles 63  
San Diego 80, San Antonio 67  
Gonzaga 22, Houston 21  
Miami (Fla.) 101, St. Mary's 86  
Oklahoma 81, Boise Young 61  
Seattle 97, Montana State 73  
UOP 83, Cal. Aggies 35

**STANDINGS**

(By Basketball)

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
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**EASTERN DIVISION**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	19	2	.905
Philadelphia	19	12	.612
New York	8	22	.267

**WESTERN DIVISION**

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	17	10	.630
San Francisco	17	12	.589
Baltimore	7	16	.304
Detroit	6	17	.261

Thursday's Results  
Cincinnati 112, New York 103  
Los Angeles 120, Baltimore 103

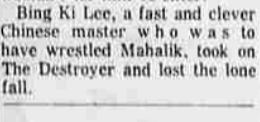
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# SPORTS

## Medford Grapplers Contend Tomorrow



TORNADO MAT MAN — Tim Brown, above, will wrestle at 191 pounds for Medford High here Saturday in matches with Reedsport in the morning and Roseburg in the afternoon.

Houston. He reported Steve Davis looking improved, and said that he "likely will be in there before the game gets too far along." Doug Olson, a mid Rich Knight also have been working "in there" this week.

**Players Alling**

The Tornado has its share of ailing players this week. Hal Holman turned his ankle in the Linfield JV game last Saturday and the injury is complicated by blisters. Larry Stockman has missed two days of practice because of illness and Jim Allen turned his ankle on Wednesday. Holman has not worked out except to shoot a bit. Roelandt said that, "if he can run or move," he will suit down but he doubted that Holman would be able to go. Stockman was expected back in school today but Roelandt remarked that, if he sees duty, it will be as "a last resort." There was indication that Allen might be able to play.

The Black Tornado turned in creditable performances last week against the Willamette and Linfield Jayvees and left strong impression that it will be a contender this season for the Southern Oregon Conference crown it shared last campaign.

In the 6:30 p.m. preliminary game Medford sophomores meet Eagle Point junior varsity tonight and Prospect varsity meets the Medford Jayvees on Saturday.

Medford makes its varsity wrestling debut on Saturday with matches in the morning and afternoon at the boys' gym here.

The Tornados take on Reedsport at 11 a.m. and Roseburg at 1:30 p.m.

Coach Ralph Monroe has named a crew of 13 boys who'll appear in varsity bouts.

The coach said that only the regular matches are slated against Reedsport. However, a lot of exhibitions are billed with the Roseburg crew. He said that it may be close to 3 p.m. before varsity matches get underway.

Sophomores among the Medford regulars for this week are Jim Vroman, Jim Hettinga and Don Giles.

Medford junior varsity will entertain Eagle Point at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Rogue River at 4 p.m. on Thursday when the varsity is at Grants Pass.

Roseburg has dropped a match to Crater this season.

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ON COMET CREW — Larry Pepper, above, 5-9 senior, likely will be in the starting combine for Crater High tonight when the Fireball cagers entertain the Cottage Grove basketball team at Central Point. He had 17 counters for Crater against Eagle Point last week. The Comets go to Fortuna, Calif., on Saturday.

CENTRAL POINT — It's home tonight and away on Saturday for the Crater High basketball varsity.

The Comets are at home this evening to the Cottage Grove Lions with tipoff at 8:15 p.m. Tomorrow Crater has a 9 p.m. session at Fortuna, Calif.

There will be two preliminary battles this evening. At 5 p.m. Prospect junior varsity and Comet sophomores vie and at 6:30 p.m. the Prospect regulars and Crater JV are scheduled.

Cottage Grove and Crater varsities each will make their second appearances. The Comets beat Eagle Point last Friday and the Lions whipped Sweet Home on Tuesday.

Coaches Vern Sampels of CG and Lloyd Hoffine of the Central Point aggregation both consider tonight's game a real test for their clubs.

**Starting To Jell**

On the Comet court in practices this week, the Fireballs have appeared to be jelling and the game situation will indicate just how far. Coach Hoffine reported that his charges have started playing pretty good ball and are "starting to jell as a ball club now."

He said further, "I can't point to any one of the kids. They are still all pretty equal in doing their jobs."

Hoffine reported every body's healthy. He said that the Comets were going over a lot of mistakes and have been working mostly on offense this week.

A starting five of Larry Pepper, Bob Turner, Bob Stroh, Mike Turner and Darryl Summerfield is indicated.

Where the Comets have just Summerfield back from their top six players of last season, the Lions have three regular starters on hand in Merle Carpenter, 6-5; Charles Olds, 6-2; and Mark Henningsgaard, 5-8. Henningsgaard is one of the state's top pole vaulters and he quarterbacked the strong Cottage Grove football team this fall.

It's among Mike Lee, Bruce Hall and Rich Wright for the other two starting spots.

A big opening lead and some sharp shooting figured in Cottage Grove's opening triumph over Sweet Home. The Lions hit 50 per cent of the field goal

attempts and 71 per cent of their free heaves.

Henningsgaard swished a perfect eight for eight from the field and with five free shots was high point man with 21 total. Hall had 12 points and Olds 11 for the Lions in the fray.

First and third period scoring of scoring carried the Cottage Groves to the win. The Lions yielded a slight rebound advantage to the Huskies.

**Match Won By Crater**

CENTRAL POINT — Crater High won 29-25 from South Grants Pass yesterday in freshman wrestling. Crater had 23-10 margin in the exhibitions.

Les Toothman, 5, won by forfeit; 98 — Frank S. Skuhle, 5; Steve Timmerman, C. dec. Steve Blunk, 5, 3-1; 113 — Vic Purpure, S. pinned Red Ayres, C. 3rd; 123 — Jim Owens, C. pinned Chris Hill, S. 2nd; 130 — Glenn Guertner, C. dec. John Beckwith, S. 14-2; 136 — Dan Cororan, C. pinned Tom Pette, S. 2nd; 141 — Chris Ewert, C. pinned Carl Breazler, S. 2nd; 148 — Joe Nickodem, C. pinned David Lind, S. 2nd; 157 — Monte Fairchild, S. pinned Wayne Debrick, C. 1st; 166 — Don Davis, C. dec. Jeff Bennett, S. 8-5; unlimited — Steve Rietmann, S. pinned Bill Staples, C. 1st.

**EXHIBITIONS**

98 — Jim Breedivue, C. dec. Jim Morgan, S. 8-5; 101 — Craig Larson, C. drew with Dennis Scelick, S. 6-6; 123 — John Groves, S. dec. Bruce, C. 8-0; 133 — Steve Chandler, S. pinned Joe Lopez, C. 1st; 130 — Dave Schwartz, C. pinned Brian Schmidt, S. 2nd; 136 — Les Mann, C. pinned Chuck Anderson, S. 1st; 141 — Oliver Minor, C. pinned Gene Fowler, S. 1st; 150 — Steve Schafroth, C. dec. D. Smith, S. 5-2.

**Eagle Pointers Vie On Brookings Court**

EAGLE POINT — Coach Dale Bates has revamped his Eagle Point High school basketball lineup for the second week end of action in the new basketball season.

The Eagles will be at Brookings tonight and will oppose Glide at Eagle Point on Saturday evening as they continue to prime for the Rogue League slate ahead.

Bates indicated that he'll go with a combination of Lonnie Mesloh and George Adams at the posts, Bill Ayres and Wouter Leeuwenburgh at forwards and Bob Colpitts at Guard. This crew will give the Eagles more strength under the boards and, Bates hopes, a little more offensive punch.

Mesloh Scores 34

Mesloh, who scored 34 points in two games last week end, is 6-5, Adams is 6-2, Leeuwenburgh 6-1 and Ayres 6 feet.

The Eagles have drilled this week on offensive patterns and timing and yesterday were to work against various zone defenses.

Bates has reported good practices with good hustle and high spirit and indicated that his club is looking for a couple of good ball games.

The Eagles at the start of this week had thought they would encounter Brookings and Glide in reverse order and Bates hoped that the necessary adjustments have been accomplished.

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**Knights Tourney Begins Tonight**

PORTLAND (UPI) — Defending champion Tennessee State, even without four of its varsity players, still is considered the favorite in the Knights of Columbus Invitational Basketball Tournament beginning tonight at Memorial Coliseum.

The Tiger from Nashville play Santa Clara in the tournament opener at 7:30. Host University of Portland takes on Gonzaga's toy Bulldogs in the second contest.

Coach Harold Hunter arrived with only an eight-man Tennessee State squad after guards Bill Bradley and Ron (Itchy) Smith, center Bill Smothers and forward Gerald Dudley all were lost earlier this week.

Smith and Smothers were academic victims, Bradley dropped out because of family obligations and Dudley injured a knee. The first three were on the all-tournament team last year.

Gonzaga has a 3-1 mark and is scoring at a 92.5 average despite a starting lineup with 6-2 Jim Harris as the tallest man. Tennessee State (2-1) is hitting at a 97.7 clip.

**McLoughlin 9th Downs Eagles**

McLoughlin ninth grade hoopmen won 70-44 from Eagle Point freshmen yesterday.

Mac had 25-14, 40-21 and 53-34 quarter leads as it hit 36 per cent from the field.

Jim Gillespie had 15 points for Mac and Sullivan 13 while Mark Dippel cleared 12 rebounds. Tom Perry had 10 points for EP.

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