

PREDICAMENT OR OPPORTUNITY—Steve Davis of Medford High basketball team is surrounded by Eugene High Axemen in second quarter of game here on Friday night.

South Eugene's Axemen Tip Tornado Hoopsters, 67-63

South Eugene High School's hard-racing, hot-shooting Axemen basketball team tonight drove in front for keeps in the closing minutes of a nip and tuck second half here Friday night to clip the Medford Black Tornado 67-63 in the first encounter of a two-game non-league series.

A turn and drive shot by Dick Shearer with 2:37 on the clock broke a 59-all knot and put the Axemen on top for good. Shearer added a pair of free heaves with two minutes left to play. Then 6-6 all-stater John Pinkstaff drove the base for another goal a half-minute later and the Eugene club had a six-point 65-59 margin that was just a bit too much for Medford to wipe away.

Two-Point Gap The Tornado did have opportunities and came within two points of catching up before the final buzzer sounded. It was the second victory in two starts for the highly-regarded Axemen which switched 13 of 20 in as many games for the Tornado, who have dropped two tries to collegiate junior varsity but are recognized among prep quietists to watch.

It was see-saw throughout the second half with the lead switching hands nine times and the score on as many occasions tied. Less than a half-minute after South stretched to its six-point spread, its widest of the night, scrapping Larry Vowell netted a push shot from the side. Then, the pressing Tornadoes got the ball out of bounds twice, on a muffed pass and on a violation by the Axemen, at the Medford end of the court. One shot was blocked by the South engers, who stiffened their defenses and another try bounded from the rim.

Medford lost the ball on a violation but got it under the SE hoop. Mike Barnes scored on a fast break with 14 seconds left. But, the basket was disallowed because Vowell had been fouled by Bob Coleman as the break got underway. Ball-hawking Larry made both his one and one free tries to close the gap to 65-63.

24 by Pinkstaff South managed to hang on from there. With one second on the clock Vowell trying to get the ball from John Roche was

the open somewhere else on the court. Axemen shown are Ed Muth (25), Fred Myers (31), John Pinkstaff (back of ball), Jim Burke (13) and Dick Shearer (35). Hidden by Davis is Medford player Pete Hinman (40). South Eugene won 89-83.

Prospect Victor Over Crater JV

CENTRAL POINT—Prospect's varsity basketball team was too big and too fast for the Crater High JV here Friday night. Prospect won, 63-36.

The winners had a 31-20 half-time lead, then really poured in on during the second half, scoring 32 points while holding Crater to 16. In a preliminary to this game the tide went the other way around. The Crater sophomores ran over the Prospect JV 63-32.

But Prospect's varsity controlled the floor in its match with the Crater JV. Five of the Prospect men hit in double figures. High man was Andy Maurer with 15 points. Jerry Wilson had 13, John Scott 12, Art Andresen 11, and Bill Hunt 10.

It was the third straight win for Prospect. The Cougars did not dominate the boards but came through with some real fine work on their play patterns. They got outstanding ball-hawking by Jerry Wilson. High point man of the game, however, was Dave Harper of the Crater JV. He netted 18 points, half of his team's total.

MH Sophs Top Eagles

Medford High was 38-27 victor over Eagle Point Friday evening in sophomore basketball. The contest was preliminary to the Medford-South Eugene varsity game.

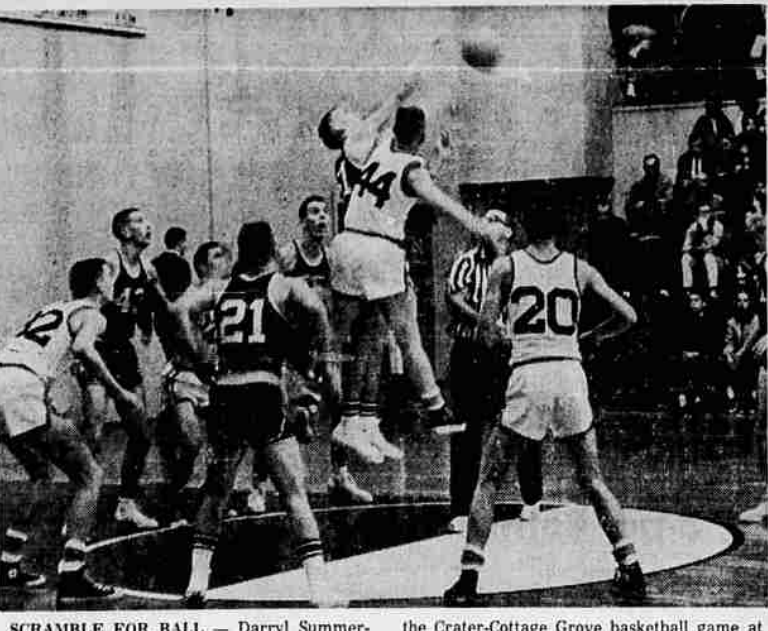
Medford had 8-5, 20-15 and 28-21 quarter advantages. Ken Myers scored 14 points for the Tornado and Joe Meyer nine for the Eagles.

LINEUPS: Eagle Point Sophomores 27—Anderson 2, Hastingsfield, Meyer 3, Porteus 2, Martinson 6, Hubbard, Love 7. Medford Sophomores 38—James 8, Dallas, Curtis 3, Smith 8, Ingram 2, K. Myers 14, Sanford 3, Phil.

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SCRAMBLE FOR BALL — Darryl Summerfield (44) of Crater High and Charles Olds of Cottage Grove go up after the ball near the Comets' goal during second quarter action in the Crater-Cottage Grove basketball game at Central Point Friday night.

Cottage Grove Lions Edge Crater In Hard-Fought Mix

CENTRAL POINT — Crater High's Comets gave Cottage Grove a hard-fought battle but fell behind in the final quarter of their Friday night varsity basketball tilt, losing 49-46. Crater held the lead during much of the second and third quarters, and at one point opened up a five-point gap. But, a Cottage Grove surge in the last part of the fourth quarter took the visitors out to a 49-42 advantage with only a minute to go.

The Comets developed a last-minute punch of their own, with Darryl Summerfield hitting twice, with 44 seconds left and again with three to go, but it was too late. The shooting percentages from the field told the story of the game. Crater shot 20 of 70 for a 28.6 average (.324 in the first half, .250 in the second). Cottage Grove, meanwhile, took only 49 shots but made 21 of them for a 42.9 percentage (.371 in the first half and .500 in the second).

Tied Six Times The teams each had .500 average from the free throw line, Crater 6 for 12 and Cottage Grove 7 for 14. The score was tied six times, one of them half-time, when the count was knotted at 23-all. Cottage Grove led after the first quarter 12-10, and at the third intermission, 33-29. The Comets were superior on

SE, Central Live Up To Preseason Billing By United Press International South Eugene and Central Catholic lived up to preseason expectations Friday night with victories against highly-rated high school basketball opponents. South Eugene, ranked first in the season's initial Oregon Journal poll, edged third-ranked Medford 67-63. Central Catholic, ranked sixth, got by second-ranked Grant of Portland 66-65.

Marshfield, rated fifth, smashed arch-rival North Bend 63-46, but eighth-ranked Grants Pass and ninth-place South Salem both were dumped. Sunset's tall Apollos topped South Salem 74-48 and Roseburg edged Grants Pass 62-57. North Catholic, rated No. 1 in the Class A-2 poll, had to scramble to beat Mt. Angel 60-57.

SF SIGNS PARCS SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The San Francisco Forty Niners have signed Dave Parks, star Texas Tech end and the team's No. 1 draft choice. Summerfield put Crater ahead

Ashland Grizzlies Defeat Willamette

ASHLAND — Ashland High's basketball Grizzlies "looked like a different team" here Friday night and recorded their first victory of the new campaign. Much improved over a week ago when they lost twice at Redding, Calif., the Bruins bounded Willamette of Eugene 70-61. The Ashlanders turned in a steadier game throughout, even more so in the second half when they were able to get the shots they were working for.

Willamette grabbed a 14-13 first period margin but Ashland headed 32-29 and 55-44 at the other rest breaks. 15-Point Spread The Wolverines were on top through most of the first quarter. In the second canto the score was even at 23-all then Ashland went ahead. The game was tied again at 29-all. Then a Grizzly three-point play put the home club on top for good.

Willamette pulled up to 34-33 but Ashland widened from there and six minutes into the third quarter had its widest advantage — 15 points at 53-38. In the last stanza the game was narrowed to eight points at 63-55. Ashland got seven points in the last couple of minutes of play to hold off any Willamette rally plans.

The Grizzlies swished a sizzling .647 from the field (11 of 17) in their 23-point third quarter. Ashland's field average for the season is .500. HUSTON RUNNERUP SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI)—Lewis and Clark's Joe Huston was runner-up to W. J. Nicks of Prairie View A&M in voting for NAIA football coach of the year, it was announced here Friday. Huston's team was undefeated in eight games this season.

Carpenter made it 29-26, Summerfield closed the gap with a layup, but Hall and Olds took Cottage Grove out to a 33-28 lead. Summerfield was fouled with three seconds left in the period. He plunked one in for 33-29 at the end of the third period. Crater tied the score for the last time early in the fourth quarter at 33-31 and again at 35-31. Cottage Grove went ahead to stay at 37-35 with 5:09 left in the game. A Stroh free throw brought the Comets to within one point at 4:53.

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Crater's defense was at its best during this party of the game. The visitors rarely got in close and had to settle for shooting from the outside. But then personal fouls started to hurt the Comets. Mike Turner fouled Richard Wright of Cottage Grove, who made one of two shots. Hall hit with a two-pointer, then made a free throw after being fouled by Pepper. Wright brought Cottage Grove even with a free throw after being fouled by Mike Turner again. Summerfield put Crater ahead

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