

USF Shaves Oregon State, 56-57

Closing Seconds Leave Fans Limp

By DICK STRITE
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GILL COLISEUM, Corvallis—Forty-three seconds remained with the score 57-51 for San Francisco's No. 1-ranked Dons in front of Oregon State here Saturday night. An over-capacity crowd of 11,206 was resigned to the fact that USF had earned a ticket to Kansas City and the national finals—until OSC's famous full-court press went into operation.

The final score was 57-56 and these basketball fans—the second largest crowd ever here—were still mumbling in their seats.

After Jerry Mullen had connected for one of two free-throws for the 6-point margin, Wade Halbrook hooked in a shot—but even so there appeared little hope. Bill Toole, who matched the touted Casey Jones for defensive speed and play-making, intercepted a pass on the inbound line and pitched high to Halbrook for two points. That narrowed the margin to 57-55 and with 13 seconds remaining Dons Coach Phil Woolpert directed a time out.

Just before the in-bounds play Jones rushed into Toole, apparently looking toward the bench. A technical foul was charged on Jones and Reggie Halligan, who had hit 730 from the charity lane this season, coolly stepped up and connected as the crowd thundered.

ROBINS MISSES

With one point difference and 13 seconds to go, Ron Robbins, who had beaten many foes in his four varsity seasons with the same shot, missed a two-hander from the corner. There was still a chance with Jones and Halbrook at the OSC circle for a jump ball with 7 seconds still showing on the clock—but little Hal Perry controlled the tip and the ball game was over.

Oregon State for a time had both its giants in the lineup—Halbrook and Phil Shadoin. The maneuver answered its purpose, but the aggressive play by the Beavers as a whole was what gave the favored Dons their greatest test of the year. It was a far cry from the 60-34 defeat suffered at the Cow Palace during the pre-Halbrook era of the current season.

Bill Russell, USF's tremendous center who had 29 points and 16 rebounds, should have had a higher place in this report—under ordinary conditions. The 6-foot, 10-inch All-American center is all that most of the experts have said about him. Despite the fact that a heavy cold, chest X-rays and needles almost kept him out of the game for a while Friday night, he was "out of this world" Saturday and very definitely the difference between victory and defeat.

DONS' RECORD TOPS

The Dons, virgins in NCAA play but the NIT titleholders in 1949, go to Kansas City with the finest record in the land, 26-1, with 24 consecutive triumphs. It was OSC's eighth defeat, but only the second against 18 victories for conference and playoff games.

The San Francisco rooters—and they are really more than that—probably will leave staid little old Corvallis in "shambles," and there was a band, too. The Dons will board the SP Daylight Sunday morning and prepare for their longer journey—one that might well bring the NCAA title to the Pacific Coast for the first time since 1942, when Stanford was the winner.

While the Bay region writers gave out their "I told you so's," the Northwest was justly proud of the grand job Halbrook did on Russell. The Beaver giant not only gave his finest performance—but the entire OSC squad was at its best. It had to be. Probably next to Russell, the most important reason for a USF victory was the Dons' ability to hit from outside against the tight semi-zone defense, which was employed by both clubs. This writer believes OSC's ball-control matched that of USF, and in the clutch the Beavers had even a bit more poise in the clutch.

It looked like the Dons had suffered a bad blow in the opening 25 seconds of play when Jerry Mullen, who scored 24 in beating Utah Friday, suffered a twisted ankle, but returned to action within six minutes. In the meantime Halbrook had stuffed a two-handed jump shot into the hoop after Tony Vlastelica's miss—in the first minute of play. Russell took a rebound and dunked one after 2 minutes of play for the first of two brief deadlocks. It was tied again at 4, but Russell's two free-throws put USF ahead 8-4.

USF went ahead by 8, but with 4 seconds of the half remaining Tex Whitehead hit his second straight tip on Halbrook misses and put OSC ahead 26-25. Jones followed with a gift point and then Russell, with a jump-shot, put the Dons ahead for keeps—28-26. The count was 39-27 at halftime.

San Francisco enjoyed its longest lead, 39-29 in the first 4 minutes of the second half. Whitehead, Vlastelica and Toole paced a spree that closed the gap to 43-40 with 9:54 remaining. With 3:40 count 50-46, San Francisco went into a stall with seven minutes of the game remaining, and

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USF Center Rated 'Best'

GILL COLISEUM, Corvallis—More than 40 sports writers and sportscasters covering this Western Regional NCAA basketball playoff selected lanky Bill Russell, center for the champion University of San Francisco Dons, as the "most valuable" player in the two-day tourney. Russell's all-around play, which gave him many All-American honors, was the key man in USF's thrill-packed 57-56 victory over Oregon State Saturday night.

Two other San Francisco players also gained the all-tourney team—Jerry Mullen and Casey Jones. Wade Halbrook, OSC's 7-foot, 3-inch center, and curly Art Bunte of Utah were other members of the team.

Martin Signs, Buchan's Set

The two best independent basketball teams in the Pacific Northwest, Martin Bakers of Seattle and Buchan Signs of Eugene, clash at Eugene High gym Monday night for a berth in the National AAU tournament at Denver.

Game time will be 8 p.m. Advance ticket sales, eliminating standing in line, are available at John Warren Hardware, Everybody's Drug, Pennell's Men's Wear, and the Spudnut Shop on the campus. Price will be \$1 adults and 50c students and children.

Buchan's won the Washington AAU title by walloping Peshastin's of the Inland Empire 104-69. Martin's defeated Alsea Lumber of Corvallis 86-76 to win the Oregon AAU title.

Two years ago Coach Bob Hamilton's Eugene quintet, then playing under the Everybody's Drug banner, stunned the hoop world by upsetting the fabulous Phillips Oilers and then advancing into the semi-finals of the Nationals. Last year the Drugmen were beaten out of a Denver berth by Buchan's 68-57 in a game in Seattle.

Buchan's boast 2 former University of Oregon stars—Ken Wegner and Ed Halberg and a galaxy of other former collegiate stars. Averaging 31 points per game is Ed Tucker of Stanford. Other former collegians are Eric Roberts of WSC, Nick Mateljan of Brigham Young, Arlen Bockhorn of Dayton, Jim Harney of Seattle, and 3 ex-Washington players, Joe Ciprano, Charley Coon and Larry Ramm.

The Bakers boast a 41-9 record for the season, including a tour through the Southwest when 7 losses were marked up.

Hamilton's aggregation has not played as imposing a schedule, boasting a 21-2 record with losses only to the Alsea Lumbermen and Linfield College.

Members of Hamilton's squad includes five holdovers from the Denver tourney, including All-American Doug Talbot. Others are Paul Sowers, John Reynolds, Jack McElroy and Brad Fullerton. Two members of the Alsea quintet have also joined the squad, Gary Lindell and Ted Romanoff. Other members of the squad are Bill Clausen, Barney Holland and J. D. Dye.



STEPPING HIGH—Wade "Swede" Halbrook, Oregon State's 7-foot, 3-inch center, stretches to elude San Francisco's Bill Russell in Saturday night's NCAA regional playoffs at Corvallis. San Francisco won, 57-56.

HARRISBURG THIRD

Knappa Claims State 'B' Crown

By BARNEY BARTHOLOMEW

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem—Substitute Tim Bagley connected on a rebound shot with three seconds left and made Knappa the Oregon Class "B" basketball champion with a 46-45 triumph over Malin in Saturday night's finals.

Knappa had moved from behind in the fourth quarter to claim victory after Harrisburg had walloped Powers, 70-40, for third place.

Malin had owned a 33-23 advantage at halftime but Bob Hunt sparked a rally that left Knappa within one point, 37-36, at the end of the third quarter. Hunt put Knappa ahead at the start of the fourth quarter but Malin was

back in front by 45-40 midway in the period and started to stall.

It was 45-42 with 90 seconds to go and then Knappa's Ed Elliott stole the ball and scored. Malin had control with 10 seconds left but lost the ball and the ball game.

Hunt tallied 23 points to finish with 70 in 3 games and eclipse a record set in the first game by Harrisburg's Terry Woods.

DeWayne Crabbs' lay-in midway in the first quarter gave Harrisburg a permanent lead at 7-5 and the Eagles never were in danger during the remainder of the fray. A field goal by Bill Goodman and a freethrow by Dean Warner had produced a 3-0 lead for Powers but a basket by Edell Anglin and a freethrow and fielder by Woods put the Eagles ahead at 5-3. Warner gained a final deadlock before Crabbs' go-ahead shot.

Coach Mel Larkin's Eagles also rewrote most of the record book as they established two records Saturday night after setting two marks in Thursday's opening round.

Center Terry Woods tallied 24 points against Powers to finish with 62 in 3 games and erase the previous mark of 61 set in 1954 by Bob Walker of Powers. Harrisburg's 202 points also passed the old team tourney record of 181 contributed by Echo in 1953.

The Lin County quintet reached the highest team total Thursday in an 81-40 triumph over Prater City, as Woods netted 10 freethrows for another mark.

Hunt and Woods were selected on the all-star team, as were Harrisburg's Phil Ertgard, and Malin's Norm Oliva and Ray Johnson. On the second team were Roger Dokken and Lavin Travis of Malin, DeWayne Crabbs of Harrisburg, Don Kelly of Knappa, and Gary Brady of Powers.

Scoring:

KNAPPA (56)		(45) MALIN	
Hunt, 23	F	1, Stevsky	F
Kelly, 13	F	5, Dokken	F
Elliott, 13	G	13, Oliva	F
Magnuson, 4	G	12, Travis	F
Sauko, 2	G	8, Johnson	F
Knappa	56	9, 19, 17, 15-46	
Malin	45	13, 16, 8-45	
Sols: Knappa—Bagley 4, Malin—Rains 4, Owens 2, Myers.			
HARRISBURG (70)		(40) POWERS	
Anglin, 4	F	5, Warner	F
Green, 4	F	6, Brady	F
F. Woods, 24	G	6, Grove	F
Crabbs, 11	G	2, Frye	F
Harrisburg	70	16, 13, 23-70	
Powers	40	9, 4, 10-40	
Sols: Harrisburg—Pearce 4, Williams, D. Ertgard 1, McClure, R. Wood, C. Powers-Smith 6, Walker 3, McMahon.			

Grapefruiters

Portland 12, San Diego 10.
L.A. 6, Hollywood 6.
Seattle 7, Oakland 2.
S.F. 6, Sacramento 5.

Playoffs Hit Quarterfinals

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

St. Louis University shattered the National Basketball Invitation Tournament scoring record and National College defending champion La Salle tied a mark of eight NCAA victories without a defeat to highlight play Saturday night in the post-season classics.

St. Louis joined St. Francis (Pa.), Niagara, and Louisville in the NIT quarterfinals as all four teams won their first round games at New York's Madison Square Garden Saturday.

La Salle won the NCAA regional playoffs at Philadelphia to earn the right to meet Iowa for the Eastern championship in the semi-finals at Kansas City next Friday. Iowa, Big Ten champion, disposed of Marquette in the regional playoffs at Evanston, Ill.

Big Seven champion Colorado eliminated Bradley to win the regional title in Manhattan, Kans. Colorado will meet San Francisco, 57-56 winner over Oregon State, in the other semifinal bracket at Kansas City to decide the Western championship.

St. Louis routed Connecticut 110-103. St. Francis trimmed Seton Hall 89-78 in an NIT night doubleheader after Louisville turned back Manhattan 91-86 and Niagara ended Lafayette's 20-game collegiate winning streak with an 83-70 victory in the afternoon games.

The old NIT record of 97 points was set by DePaul, with George Mikan starring, 10 years ago. The Billikens also went on to smash the Garden mark of 104 points set by UCLA against Dayton last December.

LaSalle, in advancing to the Eastern finals of the NCAA tourney, put on a sensational shooting exhibition to drub Canisius, 69-64. All-American Tom Gola once again paved the way with 30 points and 25 rebounds.

Iowa withstood a second half rally to throttle Marquette 86-81. A 29-point output by Bob Jeannerd sparked Colorado to its 93-81 triumph over Bradley at Manhattan, Kan.

The St. Louis-Connecticut game also bettered two other Madison Square Garden scoring records. Dick Boushka of the Billikens topped the scorers with 32 points as St. Louis broke the game wide open with an unstoppable second-half scoring outburst.

As a result of the game, here's how the quarterfinal pairings shape up: Louisville vs top-seeded Duquesne and Niagara vs fourth-seeded Cincinnati on Monday. St. Louis vs second-seeded Dayton and St. Francis vs defending champion Holy Cross on Tuesday. The four seeded teams drew first round byes.

Bob Patterson's basket in the last 10 seconds of overtime gave Tulsa a 68-67 victory over Southern Methodist at Manhattan. Bob Schaefer led Villanova to a 64-57 victory over Princeton at Philadelphia and Kentucky outlasted ragged Penn State 84-59 at Evanston in the other NCAA regional consolation games.

DISTRICT ALL-STARS

No Repeaters on 'Dream' Teams

All new faces, one junior, and mostly tall people.

That's the 1955 all-star team for each division in District 6 prep basketball as selected by league coaches.

Among the 10 players who were honored for the first time are two unanimous choices in Division 1 and one in Division 2 but only one of the trio is from a division champion quintet.

Eugene, undefeated in 10 Division 1 games and three district tournament contests, and St. Francis, winner in Division 2, each placed two players while the other three places in each division went to different schools.

Eugene contributed center Mike Moran, one of the unanimous selections in Division 1, and forward Leighton Tuttle. Springfield produced the other vote sweep in Tom Bourgeois, who was moved from center to forward in a setup where ballots were for players without regard to position.

Remainder of the lineup includes a pair of guards who are translated forwards, Doug Ballew of Cottage Grove and Marv Plesner of Cottage Grove. Plesner is a junior while the others are seniors.

St. Francis provided nearly 13 feet of the Division 2 team in Larry Walsh, 6-foot, 5-inch center, and Stewart Robertson, 6-foot, 4-inch forward as a junior. The only unanimous choice is guard Vern Bates, a comparative mid-get at 5 feet, 9 inches, from runner-up Creswell.

Redskins Wallop Chieftains 108-85

GILL COLISEUM, Corvallis—Utah controlled both backboards here Saturday night to win the consolation crown of the Western regional NCAA playoffs, thumping Seattle's Chiefs 108-85 for a new NCAA tournament record for both one team and aggregate score.

Art Bunte, 6-foot, 3-inch, 225-pound center, paced the scoring for the Skyline Conference champs, with 35 points—but his defensive work and rebounding was just as vital for Jack Gardner's crew. It was Utah's 24th victory against 4 losses and had the Utes exploded Friday as they did Saturday they might well have given USF a more formidable challenge.

Bunte, out of the game following nearly 9 minutes of action in the second half, returned when it became apparent the Redskins could establish a new mark. With 5:49 remaining the count was 91-72 and it was Bunte who collected a field goal for Utah's 100th point with 3:44 remaining. He retired in the last 1:16 with the score 104-79.

Bunte had 21 rebounds as the Utes dominated the boards, 61-46. Leading by seven points early in the game, Utah saw its lead shaved and after the 10-minute mark the count was tied 22-22. Seattle held brief 1-point leads twice with 8:34 remaining in the half. But at intermission, Utah was in front 58-38. It was no contest in the second half, Utah's lead going to 28 points at one time, and the closest Seattle could come was 18.

Utah is a veteran NCAA tourney team and in 1944 won the championship by defeating Dartmouth 42-40 in New York City. Seattle, with a final 22-7 season's record, was making its third appearance here.

Utah attempted 94 shots and hit 447. Seattle attempted 87 shots and hit only 264.

Scoring:

SEATTLE (85)		UTAH (108)	
Kelly, 13	F	13, 2, 4, 2, 3, 6	
Glowacki, 15	F	6, 2, 4, 3, 5, 7	
Stricklin, 12	F	13, 15, 9, 1, 13	
Bauer, 4	F	2, 3, 4, 0, 10	
Malone, 11	F	17, 7, 3, 2, 10	
Godes, 6	F	6, 2, 1, 1, 3, 3	
Fuhrer, 6	F	5, 3, 0, 0, 5, 6	
Con, 1	F	1, 0, 4, 4, 1, 4	
Vaughn, 3	F	1, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0	
Martin, 3	F	1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0	
Sanford, 5	F	5, 1, 1, 0, 1, 2	
Seattle	85	87, 23, 51, 39, 21, 85	

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OSC Matmen Win Tourney

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP)—Oregon State piled up 66 points Saturday night to win the sixth annual Pacific Coast intercollegiate wrestling tournament, 36-throwing Washington State.

Washington State, winner of the crown for the last four years, finished second with 48. UCLA ended third with 29.

Other team totals in the 13-team field were Oregon 27, San Jose State 26, University of California 20, Lewis and Clark 17, Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo 16, Stanford 11, Portland State 11, Santa Clara 6, San Diego State 6 and San Francisco State 0.

Bill Hammer, wrestling coach at Oregon, was elected as the new president of the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling Assn., while Washington State's Del McGhee, was chosen the outstanding wrestler for winning his third straight 167-lb. division crown.

115-lb. class—Gary McClain, Oregon State, defeated Roy Schlusser, Oregon State.

125-lb. class—Mel Lehman, Oregon State, pinned Ted Oakes, San Jose State.

130-lb. class—Dick Gibson, WSC, pinned Orville Swindler, Oregon State.

137-lb. class—Art Keith, Oregon State, defeated Pete Likins, Stanford.

147-lb. class—Newland, Oregon, defeated Todd Likins, California.

157-lb. class—Byron Nelson, WSC, defeated Bob Hicks, Oregon State.

167-lb. class—Del McGhee, WSC, defeated Bob Hicks, Oregon State.

177-lb. class—Dick Francis, San Jose State, defeated Ralph Stanley, Lewis & Clark.

187-lb. class—Vaughn Hitchcock, WSC, defeated Don Enger, Oregon State.

Heavyweight—Mike Clock, Lewis & Clark, defeated George Meyers, Oregon State.

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