

## Hawk-Knick Tussle Sets Score Mark

By UNITED PRESS  
Schokeepers of the National Basketball association these days are hard pressed keeping track of all the points.  
Tuesday night was a perfect example as the six teams which saw action poured in a total of 700 points for an average of 116.6 per team.  
The Hawks and the New York Knicks, 133-128, the Boston Celtics, 113-97, and the Philadelphia Warriors, 114-111, were the top scorers.  
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## Georgia Tech's Engineers Take Sugar Bowl Casually

(This is first of a series on the teams in the major 1956 football games.)

By BILL FERGUSON

Atlanta—(UPI)—Georgia Tech considers Gator Bowl foe Pittsburgh one of the toughest teams in the nation, but you'd never guess it from the casual and confident way the Engineers are preparing for their record sixth straight bowl appearance.

The Engineers will pass up most of their time for practicing in favor of a long Christmas vacation. They're not exactly cocky even though Coach Bobby Dodd freely admits that his once-beaten 1956 team is the best he's ever coached.

Add to this the fact that Tech won't scrimmage once before the Dec. 29 kickoff in Jacksonville, Fla., and it might appear that Dodd is taking Pittsburgh lightly.

Sixth Post-Season Trip

However, it's bowl business as usual for the veteran Tech team, which not only is making its sixth straight post-season trip but is looking for its sixth straight win.

The Engineers will get in little more than one week of practice and during that time, Dodd will stick to his regular season rule that limits all of the tough stuff to Saturday stadium appearances.

After a 10-day Yule holiday, Tech probably will get in one or two days of practice before leaving for Jacksonville, and a third straight bowl meeting with Pittsburgh.

The system of not too much work before a bowl game has paid off for Dodd, who has managed seven wins in seven tries, including a 7-0 win over Pittsburgh in the Sugar Bowl last January.

Rates '56 Team Best

"I figure a team is just about as sharp as you can get it after a full season," Dodd said, "and it doesn't take too much work to make it stay. After all, they've been living football since September."

The Engineer head man, who has won 100 games and lost only 28 at Georgia Tech, rates the '56 team superior even to his 1952 team which won 11 of 11 in the regular season and then swamped Mississippi in the Sugar Bowl.

Although the Engineers lost one game, 6-0 to Tennessee, they scored 227 points in 10 games while holding the opposition to a mere 33.

The defensive strength is anchored by all Southeastern Conference performers, guard Allen Ecker and center Don Stephenson, and super-safetyman Wade Mitchell.

Feature Running Game

Offensively, Tech features a

running game with a wealth of halfbacks, George Volkert, Johnny Menger and Paul Rotenberry—to name a few, and fullbacks Ken Owen and Dickie Mattison. The passing of Mitchell and quarterback Poppy Vann keeps the opposing defense "honest."

Tech will be in top physical condition with everybody ready to go, but despite outward appearances, isn't taking Pitt lightly.

"Pittsburgh looks like one of the best teams we've faced this year, and certainly the toughest," Dodd said after watching the Panthers down Miami on television. "They are improved over last year, with more speed—and they gave us a fit in the Sugar Bowl."

Tech beat Pitt by one touchdown after a disputed pass interference call gave the Engineers the ball on the Pitt one and set up the game's only score.

## Cougar Quint Rallies Past Butte Falls

Butte Falls—Prospect overcame a seven-point deficit in the fourth quarter to slip by Butte Falls high 43 to 39 in a non-league cage fracas here last night.

The home club took a 19 to 11 first quarter lead and was on top until Prospect tied up the score at 39 each midway through the last quarter.

Butte Falls outshot the Cougars in the first half but in the final portion of the game, when the Loggers slowed the action in an attempt to control the ball and hold the lead, their defense failed to hold up. Leo Daniels, scoreless in the first half, got 17 points in the second half for Prospect.

The Loggers were hurt when they lost guard Mike Conley on fouls near the end of the first half.

Halftime score was 25 to 18 and after three quarters it was 37 to 30.

Jerry Dillen rolled up 32 points as Butte Falls won the junior varsity game 55 to 30.

LINE-UPS: Prospect 43 23 Butte Falls  
Prospect 43 23 Butte Falls  
Vannice 6 6 R. Irwin  
L. Daniels 17 17 J. Irwin  
J. Daniels 11 11 J. P. Conley  
Gardner 7 7 2 Rensen  
Devichon 8 8 4 St. Conley  
Substitutions—For Prospect, Dale Seaford; for Butte Falls, Mattern, Dean Smith 4, Dillen 2.

MAGAZINE EDITOR DIES

Milwaukee—(UPI)—Vern Eli Whitney, 63, executive editor of Bowling magazine and a former newspaperman in Des Moines, Chicago and Milwaukee, died here Tuesday.

## SPORTS

### Eagle Point Wins 43-29 Over Phoenix

Eagle Point—Eagle Point whipped Phoenix high 43 to 29 here last night to even the score for a basketball setback at Phoenix last week end.

The playmaking of Ron Veach and Dennis Boren and the rebound retrieving of Jack Greb sparked the triumph. Boren scored 13 points and Greb 11. Gary Simmonds led the Phoenix club with his ball handling and 11 points.

The Eagles used a loose man-to-man or "floating" defense in holding down the Pirates. Phoenix was forced to do much of its shooting from long range. It made only nine field goals in 50 tries last night. Eagle Point controlled the backboards.

Period advantages for Eagle Point were 10 to 5, 22 to 12 and 31 to 20.

The Eagles also won the Jayvee preliminary, 53 to 17, with Bill Turner getting 12 points.

LINE-UPS: Eagle Point 43 23 Phoenix  
Greb 11 11 Simmonds  
Christian 6 6 4 James  
Veach 8 8 4 Wirtz  
Boren 13 13 2 Stout  
Boren 13 13 4 Heath  
Substitutions—For Eagle Point, Hanson, Clement, Astell, McDonald, Chamberlain, for Phoenix, Waldron 4, Faringer, Taylor, Blunt, R. Frazier.

### OSC Eleven To Receive Huge Wire

Western Union, in cooperation with the Oregon State college athletic director's office has announced that a copy of a giant "pep" message addressed to OSC footballers at the Rose Bowl, has been placed on the counters of every Western Union office in Oregon for signatures of anyone desiring to support the team.

The message reads as follows: "Congratulations to OSC and Tommy Prothro for putting state of Oregon and Oregon State on map stop Entire coast will be rooting for you at Pasadena stop Our number one New Years resolution is 'Beat Iowa' stop 'Beat Iowa' don't stop."

Anyone wishing to have his name appear on this message may do so by signing name on list at any Western Union office and dropping 10c in box adjacent thereto. It is hoped by Oregon State that hundreds of thousands of Oregonians will sign this gargantuan message designed to give that last minute inspirational moral boost to our home-state team and thus making it the longest pep message in history.

The entire amount collected throughout the state will be sent to Oregon State college who will donate the entire amount over the cost of the telegram to the Hungarian Relief fund.

Newspaper sportswriters and radio and television sportscasters throughout the state are joining OSC in this novel venture.

### Klamath Falls Wrestlers Win

Central Point Grade school basketball clubs defeated Hedrick Junior High school teams here yesterday.

The Pointer seventh graders won 21 to 19 and the eighth grade club was victor 34 to 27.

CP's seventh trailed 3 to 8 after one quarter but led 12 to 10 at the half and 19 to 11 after three cantos. Mike McCullough had 12 points for Hedrick and Cault 10 for Central Point.

The teams were tied 22-all after three periods of the eighth grade contest. Central Point headed 8 to 6 at the quarter and Hedrick 16 to 11 at half time. Dan Sieg of Hedrick and Higinbotham of Central Point put in 10 points apiece.

### Central Pointers Down Hedrick

Klamath Falls ninth graders downed Hedrick Junior high's ninth 29 to 23 here yesterday. Hedrick grapplers took five of the 12 matches. Leland Johnson, Reich, Don Cranston and Goodwin won by falls; Ken Johnson by a decision.

Salt Lake City—(UPI)—Middleweight challenger Gene Fullmer, who left here Tuesday night for New York to resume training for his title bout with champion Ray Sugar Robinson Jan. 2, said he "felt in good shape, but I may have added a pound or two."

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## Humboldt Nudges Raiders On Lawson's Field Bucket

Ashland—Bob Lawson's one-handed shot from back and left of the keyhole with three seconds to play gave Humboldt State college a 54 to 53 nod over Southern Oregon college here last night and enabled the Lumbers to sweep their two game basketball series with the Red Raiders of the Rogue.

Humboldt won Monday 61 to 56.

Southern Oregon made a tougher game of it last night than on Monday. The Raiders outgained the 'Jacks from the field and bettered them on the backboards. But the tussle was lost at the free throw line where the Ashlanders had a bad night.

The home club was 29 to 25 leader in the contest at half-time and stayed on top during the first 10 minutes of the final canto. Count in the middle of the last half was 41 to 39. Don Jacobs on a long swisher made it 43 to 39. But shots by Hank Cooper and Grant Erhart made it 43-all. Then with 7 minutes 22 seconds played two free tosses by Cooper made it 45 to 43 for a Humboldt lead.

Lead Switches

Erhart hit from the field for 47 to 43. Don Reese got a gift heave and Norm Oliva two of them for SOC and Reese connected on a fielder for a Raider

edge of 49 to 47. Four minutes were left to play. Erhart put HSC back on top 49 to 48. Lawson goaled from afieid and from the charity line for 52 to 48.

With 1:30 to play Chuck Crandall of Southern Oregon cut the gap to 52 to 50. Then with a minute remaining Reese knotted the game at 52 each.

Ten seconds were left in the tussle when Norm Oliva missed a first free shot and made a second try. That gave SOC a 53 to 52 margin. But Lawson then denied the Raider victory hopes.

'Jacks Head by 7

Humboldt took an early 5 to 2 lead in the mix but SOC pushed in front by counts of 8 to 5 and 10 to 7. Then with 14 minutes played in the opening half Humboldt was in front 14 to 10. The 'Jacks' advantage was then pushed to 21 to 14 for the widest bulge of the night. SOC fought back with Reese, Dale Bates and Jacobs hitting from the field. Oliva then hooked in a bucket for a 22 to 21 Raider lead. The Ashland club jumped the score to 29 to 23 before two free shots by Warren Baker brought the tally to the halftime standing.

Southern Oregon made 22 out of 47 field goal tries for .468 while Humboldt connected on 20 of 55 for .363. However, the Raiders got only nine of 24 for .375 average from the free line while HSC collected 14 for 22 or .633.

The Raiders had the rebound edge 43 to 28 with Oliva controlling the ball on 18 occasions. Humboldt controlled most of the jump balls.

In the prelim the Raider junior varsity scored another win over Central Oregon Community college.

Southern Oregon plays its alumni here on Friday night.

BOX: Humboldt FG FT PF TP

Reese, F 3 3 3 11

Ganong, F 2 2 2 8

Oliva, C 1 1 1 18

Crandall, F 3 3 3 12

Tenney, F 0 0 0 0

Jacobson, F 0 0 0 0

Penny, F 0 0 0 0

Bates 1 1 1 3

Totals 22 22 22 53

Reese—Warren and Iba.

## Lea Five Victor In City League

Lea Motors dropped Headquarters Company of the National Guard 55 to 46 last night.

Bill Werner and Dick Sanford scored 14 points each for the victors.

Company A of the Guard dropped Prospect 79 to 59 Monday. Jim Higinbotham got 16 points for the Guardsmen, Joe Nolan 12 and Jack Ayres 13. Dick Price put in 24 for Prospect and Wes Stauffer, 19.

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