

Ore Tech Upsets Red Raiders 69-49

'Johnnys' Spearhead Owls' OCC Cage Win

Led by a pair of "Jumping Johnnys," coach Wally Palmberg's Oregon Technical Institute Owls pulled off the biggest upset of the 1955-56 Oregon Collegiate Conference season Tuesday night as they trounced Southern Oregon College's Red Raiders, 69-49, in a game that had the Mile High Campus gymnasium a jumpin'.

The two teams renew their red-hot rivalry tonight in the second game of the mid-week series at Ashland, and the Raiders have vowed vengeance of their unexpected loss to the Owls Tuesday night.

Oregon Tech, playing a slow and deliberate control basketball game all the way, was sparked by a pair of outstanding performances by Johnny Foster and Johnny McCutcheon as the Hoot Birds pulled off their surprise victory in a game that was marked by frequent flare of tempers, and the election of four basketballers.

Three Southern Oregon hoopers—Chuck Crandall, Punk Biddington and Jim Carlile—were sent to the showers by referees Virgil Swanson and Joe Zarosinski in the closing minutes of the last half, when tempers grew short and Tech captured their first win over a SOC quintet since the 1953-54 season. Crandall and Hatcher led the way in the parade to the dressing rooms following a minor exchange of fistclouts. Biddington was next

to go when he pile-driven McCutcheon to the floor. The last ejection came when Tech's Richie Perkins was toppled by a football block thrown by Carlile in last 20 seconds of play.

Poster, McCutcheon and the entire Tech bullpen played their finest game of the year so far, as they handed their followers a "new look."

CONTROL GAME

The control game shot the Owls into an early 13-2 lead in the first five minutes of play, with Foster dumping six of the 12 tallies. Then the Raiders caught fire and the Owls cooled off, as SOC overtook their hosts 13-12 on a pair of free throws by Dale Bates with 10:40 remaining in the half. A jump shot by Foster followed by two free throws with just less than nine minutes remaining, handed the Owls an 18-17 lead. Within the next eight minutes the lead changed hands or was tied seven times.

Southern Oregon held a three-point 30-27 halftime margin on two free throws by Bill Hollingsworth and a tip-in by Lloyd Hoffine with less than a minute to go. Hoffine had kept the Raiders in the game up to this time with 12 points, while McCutcheon had accounted for 13. In the second half, Foster tallied the opening points on a long jumper from outside the key and McCutcheon sent the Owls in front 31-30 on another jump shot with less than two minutes gone in the period. Hoffine hit 33-31, but Ted Fischer brought the Owls back on top 33-32 with a field goal. The Raider forces weren't giving up yet, as Hollingsworth fired in two free tosses and Southern Oregon bounced back in front.

With five and a half minutes already gone in the final half, Fischer hit one of two free throws and Jerry Fasten followed with a close-in bucket a few seconds later as Tech rolled out in front 36-34, a lead that they never relinquished to the Raiders.

REBOUND SHOT

A steal and lay-in basket by Fischer, and a rebound shot by Fasten sent OTI faster in front 40-34, with 11:03 left in play. Ted Tenney hit one from charity lane and Hollingsworth added two more for Southern Oregon, but Fischer hit on a jumper from the side, then added a free shot and McCutcheon snared two more points from the free throw line as Tech commanded a 45-37 lead.

As Tech took their shots and were hitting with regularity, so was it that SOC had fallen off their first half's accuracy as Hoffine and Company were stymied by the OTI zone defense.

When Crandall and Hatcher departed, Tech led 53-43, and by the time Biddington was banished the Owls' lead had jumped to a 64-43 margin, 21 points and the largest of the game. In the OTI spurt to establish their 21 point lead, Foster canned two lay-ins. Fasten added another field goal. Whitman hit two free shots and McCutcheon applied the finishing touches with a pair of gifters.

McCutcheon nailed down the game's scoring honors with 23 points, including 13 out of 13 free throws, while Foster was a close second with 20. Fasten and Fischer followed up with 10 points apiece. Hoffine and Hollingsworth led Southern Oregon with 17 and 14 respectively. In the rebounding department, SOC outgunned Tech 33-28, but Foster's 11 snared and nine more by McCutcheon claimed the individual honors.

After tonight's game at Ashland, Tech meets Oregon College of Education at Monmouth this Friday and Saturday.

Boxscore:

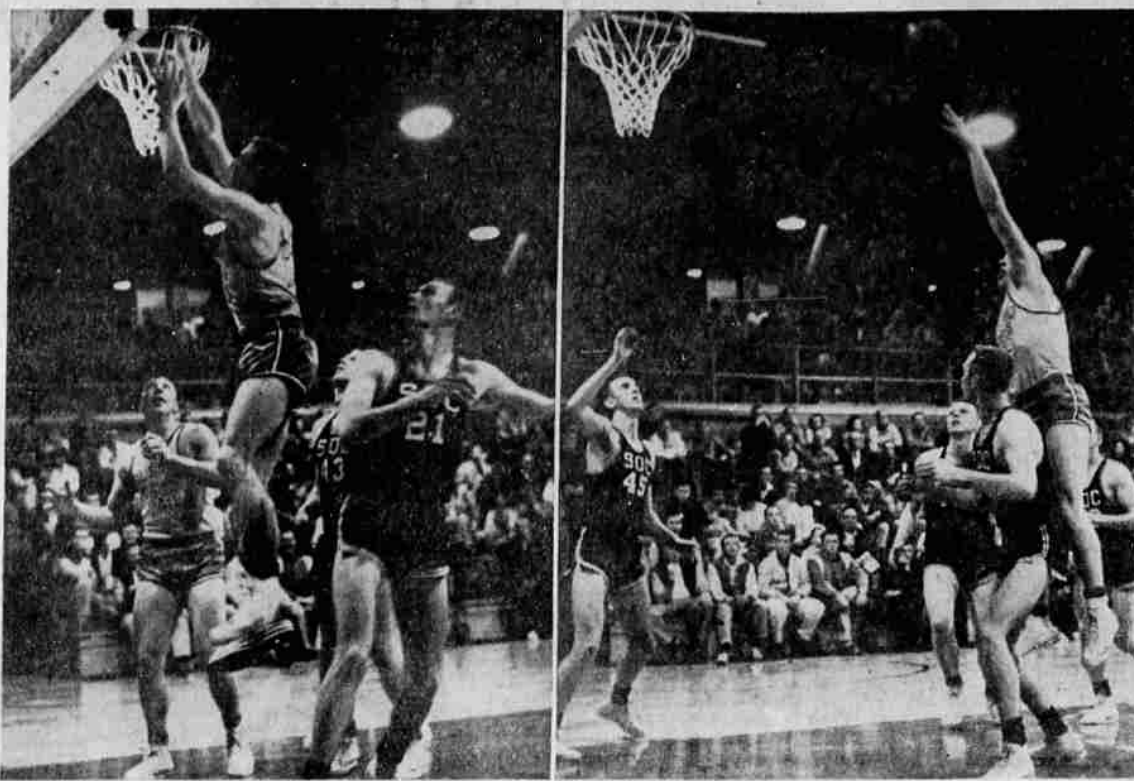
	FG	FT	PF	TP
OTI (W)	13	13	20	23
Foster (F)	8	4	6	20
Fischer (F)	3	0	3	6
McCutcheon (C)	3	13	1	3
Whitman (G)	0	2	1	3
Hatcher (G)	0	0	2	0
Fasten (F)	4	2	2	10
Fischer (F)	3	4	5	10
Perkins (G)	0	0	0	1
Totals	21	27	17	69

SOC (L)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hoffine (F)	7	3	1	17
Hollingsworth (F)	2	10	3	14
Titus (G)	4	1	4	11
Bates (G)	1	4	2	6
Crandall (G)	0	0	0	0
Munell (G)	4	0	0	8
Tenney (F)	1	1	2	3
Biddington (G)	0	0	1	0
Carlile (G)	0	0	1	0
DePuy (G)	0	0	1	0
Lawrence (G)	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	19	18	49

*Technical foul: Hoffine. Free throws missed: OTI, 8; SOC, 10; O'Neale, Zarosinski and Swanson.

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OREGON TECH PULLED one of the biggest upsets in OCC basketball so far this year Tuesday night by dumping Southern Oregon College, 69-49. At left, Johnny Foster garners two points after going around SOC's Bill Hollingsworth (21). Jerry Fasten of OTI watches from underneath. At right,

Fasten tries for a field goal in the midst of several Red Raider defenders. Hal Titus (45) and Hollingsworth (in front of Fasten) try to break up the shot. The loss knocked SOC out of the picture for conference honors. The same two teams meet tonight at Ashland.

Pels Travel To Bend For Saturday Contest

If experience is the best teacher, then coach Don Peterson's Klamath Union High School Pelicans face some tall trouble as they prepare for a long basketball encounter this week, a Saturday night cage scrap at Bend against the Lava Bears of Bend High School.

The Bears have seven returning lettermen back from last year's club, five of which were starters on the 1954-55 BHS quintet. The Pels can count only two returning members, neither of whom were members of last season's starting lineup.

Peterson said early this week he is hoping to offset the vast Bend experience edge with the use of his "big" men. The Bears have a smooth-moving ballclub, but lack height, which in turn presents a problem to Bend coach Glen Kinney. The tallest Bend hooper is Roland Coleman, a 6-3 one-year letter winner.

The Pels greeted Earle Tichenor, 6-5 forward, this week after the leading KUHS pointmaker per game was sidelined last week with a bad cold and slight fever. "Earle is still plenty weak," Peterson reported, "but he may come along enough in practice this week to help us against Bend Saturday night."

Bend and the Pelicans will go into the single-night series with just about identical records. The Pels have captured eight wins against four setbacks, while the Lava Bears have won eight and lost five.

Four of the eight wins have been the last four outings made by the Bend cagers, and all were away from home. Bend holds wins over Madras, Prineville, Redmond, Ashland, North Salem, Corvallis, Albany and Lebanon. The Bears have fallen before Ashland, John Day's Grant Union High twice, and South Salem.

The only "comparative" basis between the two teams is the Pelicans sweep of a two game series from Ashland this past weekend, and Bend's split with the Grizzlies earlier in the year at Ashland. Klamath won by scores of 62-51 and 63-55. Bend won 58-44 and lost a close 58-57 decision to the Ashlanders.

As the Pels work towards their Saturday clash at Bend, Peterson still is searching for a "number five" man. With Glenn Moore and

McKay Rejects Plea For Extended Hunt

WASHINGTON (R)—Secretary of the Interior McKay has rejected a request for extension of the duck hunting season in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said Tuesday.

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Howell, Robinson In Brooks, ChiSox Fold

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press Sports Writer

The 35-year old right-hander, Howell spent so much time in bullpen last season that he never even acquired a decent suntan, but the grateful Chicago White Sox made it all up to him today by giving him a decent raise.

Brought up from Memphis of the southern Assn. on June 8, Howell all but took his meals in the bullpen as he proceeded to relieve in 35 ball games, winning eight and losing only three. He compiled a 2.92 earned run average and certainly was not the man to be faulted on the fact that the third-place White Sox never overtook the Indians or Yankees.

Howell was one of four White Sox to agree to terms. Others were pitcher Sandy Consuegra, who won six games and dropped five last season; catcher Earl Batley, a .269 hitter with Charleston of the American Assn., and outfielder Ed White, who hit .342 at Memphis.

In Brooklyn, veteran Jackie Robinson accepted an estimated \$5,000 pay slash but still will receive about \$33,000 from the Dodgers this year. Robinson, the 21st

Brooklyn player to sign, originally had been offered a \$7,000 cut and balked. But after a brief telephone conversation Tuesday, Brooklyn Vice-President Buzz Bavasi said, "Both parties are satisfied and we are happy to have Jackie with us for 1956."

Mickey Mantle, the Yankees' switch-hitting center fielder, also signed for 1956 Tuesday after receiving the raise "I had counted on." Mantle batted .306 last year but was hobbled during the World Series because of a leg injury.

Bob Rush and Warren Hacker, two of the Cubs' chief pitching hopes, put their names on contracts, making a total of 30 players signed by the club. Rush had a 13-11 record last year and Hacker posted an 11-15 mark.

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