

B Tourney Opens Thursday

Henley, KU Host Cage Play

Chiloquin and Merrill drew the honors of opening the 1955-56 County Basketball Tournament Thursday afternoon at Henley High School as seven Klamath County B high schools and one Lake County entry strive to collect the sub-district title and gain a berth in the District 5-B playoffs at Ashland next weekend.

The opening tournament action will move underway at 1:30 tomorrow with the Panthers and Huskies battling in the opening first round game. A 2:45 contest will pit Sacred Heart's Trojans against the Gilchrist Grizzlies in another Henley maple court encounter. Thursday evening the basketball menu switches to KUHS and Pelican Court as Bly meets Paisley at 7:30 and Bonanza takes on the Malin Mustangs in the final first rounder at 8:45.

Malin seems to be the choice of B League followers to meet St. Mary's of Medford for the district bunting when the dust of this week's play has settled. Malin's 20-1 season record combined with a 6-0 league mark are the main factors in the selection of the Mustangs as the "team to beat." Although the Malin cagers are first choice to come through with flying colors, Sacred Heart and Chiloquin could quite possibly represent this county in the district meet.

Dick Siemens of Chiloquin finished the regular league season as the individual scoring leader, while Malin's Ray Johnson and Sacred Heart's Dean Michaels were close behind. Siemens tallied 127 points. Johnson and Michaels followed with 122 and 110 points respectively. The top 20 individual scorers for the league games are as follows:

Name	School	Points
D. Siemens	Chiloquin	128
R. Johnson	Malin	122
D. Michaels	Sacred Heart	110
N. Oliva	Malin	101
T. Larson	Gilchrist	100
R. Roberts	Bonanza	93
D. Burnett	Bonanza	72
G. Steyskal	Malin	69
W. Lee	Bly	68
G. Robin	Bly	67
S. Tecumseh	Bly	65
T. Sherrill	Merrill	65
A. Warren	Gilchrist	61
J. DePuy	Sacred Heart	60
B. Garner	Gilchrist	57
H. Schlecht	Merrill	54
R. Dokken	Malin	53
M. Joneschiet	Bly	49
D. Wickline	Sacred Heart	47
J. Reed	Merrill	45

Malin led the team offense and defense in the six counting games. The Mustangs scored 444 points, an average of 74 points a game, while holding their opponents to 265, an average of 44.2 per cent. Chiloquin was the second highest scoring team with 338 points while Sacred Heart had the second best defense in allowing their foes 281 tallies. Team offense and defense figures for the six league games are as follows:

Team	PP	PA
Malin	444	265
Sacred Heart	313	281
Chiloquin	338	318
Bly	291	338
Bonanza	286	349
Merrill	289	323
Gilchrist	284	371

Tickets will be on sale at the door at Henley and Pelican Court for all of the tournament games. Adult tickets are \$1 and student tickets will cost 50 cents. This ticket includes the two-game session, either both afternoon or both evening contests. Student tickets will not be on sale at Henley High for the afternoon games, because individual schools will handle the distribution of the afternoon game tickets.

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YMCA Church League

First Baptist and Malin Presbyterian each rolled to Intermediate Division basketball wins in last night's YMCA Church League action at Twyla Ferguson school. First Baptist whipped First Christian 31-14, with Brady scoring nine for game honors. Twelve points by Hillan led the Malin Presbyterians to a 23-20 win over Peace Memorial in the other game played.

BOWLING

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE	W	L
Stukel Rustlers	42	39
Pepel Cola	38	33
Dugan and Mead	37	33
Hicks	35	42
Hickson Lumber	30	42
VFW	44	47
Carls Meats	41	47
Griggs Foods	41	47
Oregon Tech Faculty	37	50
Superior Trow	34	50
Great Northern	33	50
Weyerhaeuser	29	50

Last night's results:
VFW 3 Oregon Tech 1
Edison 2 Dugan and Mead 2
Carls Meats 4 Great Northern 0
Stukel 2 Superior Trow 1
Hicks 4 Pepsi Cola 0

High team game—Stukel Rustlers 507
High individual game—Duane Blackman 227

High individual series—Duane Blackman 602

FRATERNAL LEAGUE	W	L
Eagles	49	22
K of C	40	27
Sons of Italy No. 1	38	21
OTI Sports Equip.	35	28
Bates Candy	33	27
Eks	33	27
Sons of Italy No. 2	30	49
Ballard and Bennett	37	31
Case Implement	32	36
Pioneer Tobacco	22	60
Parker Pontiac	27	53
Jim Olson Motors	17	74

Last night's results:
Ballard and Bennett 3 Case 1
Pioneer Tobacco 2 Sons No. 1 2
OTI 4 Jim Olson 0
Eks 4 Parker 0
Bates 3 K of C 1
Sons of Italy No. 2 3 Bates 1

High team game—Pioneer Tobacco 938
High team series—Eagles 2603
High individual game—Carl Lane 228
High individual series—Hanson 509

Owls Bow To Raiders

ASHLAND (Special) — If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. And that's just what Southern Oregon College did here Tuesday night as they closed out their 1955 Oregon Collegiate Conference season by topping Oregon Technical Institute.

In winning the fourth and final game of the season's series between Southern Oregon and the Mile High Campus quintet from Klamath Falls, coach Ted Schop's Red Raiders reverted to a zone defense and control basketball to snare a 58-36 slowed-down verdict over the visiting Owls.

Earlier in the year, OTI used a zone defense and ball control to whip the Raiders two of three times as the slow brand of basketball hampered Southern Oregon's run-and-shoot style of playing.

But not Tuesday night. In fact, the Raiders turned the tide using Tech's own weapon.

Southern Oregon took a 14-2 lead in the first 10 minutes of play as Oregon Tech was as cold as the winter snows that covered the ground outside of Memorial Gymnasium. Ted Fischer's field goal was the only scoring done by OTI in the first half of the initial period of play.

Regional NCAA Tourney Soldout

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — The Western regional NCAA basketball tournament is a complete sellout — three weeks before the first basket is hit.

James Barratt, Oregon State College athletics business manager, said Tuesday every seat in the 9,800-seat OSC pavilion was sold within 48 hours of the time the school began opening the mail for ticket applications.

The tournament March 16-17 will feature San Francisco, the nation's No. 1 team; champions of the Pacific Coast and Skyline Conferences, and an at-large team, either Idaho State or Seattle.

Dale Bates led the "slowed-up" Raiders in the battle of control offense and zone defense as the SOC hoopers held a 22-8 halftime lead. Bates hit for 10 of SOC's 22 points.

Bobby Whitman scored two quick field goals for the Owls in the second half and Lloyd Hoffine bucketed one from the field to make the score 24-14, as the Owls began to peek away at the Raider lead, but to no avail.

With the second half 10 minutes old, Southern Oregon held a 35-28 lead, the closest the Owls could get to their hosts. The Raiders then preceded to move out to a 36-31, 25 point spread, the largest lead of the game with only two minutes left to play.

NEW OFFENSE

Southern Oregon made good use of its new offense in hitting a torrid .605 percentage in the field goal shooting department by hitting 23 of 38 attempts. OTI hit 11 of 45 shots from the field for a .244. Hoffine hit 10 of 17, Bill Hollingsworth 4 of 7, Guy Munsell 2 of 3, Chuck Crandall 2 of 4 and Bates 4 of 5.

Hoffine led the individual scorers for the evening with 12 points while Bates finished with 16. Hollingsworth had 12 and Jerry Foster topped the Owls with 10 points.

In the preliminary game, OTI's

junior variety was turned back by the Red Raider jayvees, 52-44. Ron Owings led the winners with 13, and Wes Parrish topped the junior Owl scoring with 12.

Boxscore:

OTI (38)	FG	FT	PP	TP
Foster (F)	2	0	2	4
Fasten (F)	0	8	2	4
McCutcheon (C)	0	1	4	9
Whitman (G)	4	0	4	9
Fischer (G)	2	0	0	0
Hatcher	0	0	0	0
Blair	2	0	0	0
Frost	2	0	0	4
South	0	1	1	1
Totals	11	14	17	36

SOC (58)	FG	FT	PP	TP
Hoffine (F)	10	1	3	21
Munsell (F)	5	0	3	12
Hollingsworth (C)	4	2	3	14
Bates (G)	4	2	1	16
Crandall (G)	2	1	0	5
Tenney	0	0	1	0
Lawrence	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	12	13	55

Halftime score: OTI 8, SOC 22. Free throws missed OTI 8, SOC 15. Officials: Lee Fink and Virgil Swanson.

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