

OTI Champs Again

Pels Defend District Title

Owls Thump Wolves Twice To Cop Crown

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Coach Wally Palmberg's Oregon Tech Owls swept their way to a second straight Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball championship over the weekend by rapping the Oregon College of Education Wolves in a two-game conference series at the Mile High Campus gym.

The Owls clinched the 1957-58 OCC title Friday night by thumping the visiting Wolves, 84-48. Saturday night the defending conference champions started slow then steamrolled OCE in a 92-51 rout.

The two wins closed the season for Palmberg's club and gave them a season's won-lost record of 20-6. In league play the Owls finished the 16-game schedule with 14 wins against two defeats.

The Owls had little trouble in wrapping up their second consecutive conference basketball championship Friday night as they handled the ball with polish and shot the eye out of the baskets to subdue the out-manned Wolves from Monmouth.

Palmberg's cagers were down 2-0 after a field goal by OCE's Gary Milton had opened the game, but the hand writing was on the wall for the visitors who had dropped 19 straight games this year before upsetting Portland State College last Tuesday night.

Truman Williams tied the score at 2-1 with 18:21 remaining in the half, and John McCutcheon chipped in with a push shot from the base line as the Owls took a lead they never lost.

With Jerry Fasteen, Charlie Bogle, John Rhine, McCutcheon and Williams taking turns, the Owls boomed their way into a 16-2 lead with a little less than seven minutes gone in the half. Fasteen hit six of the 12 OTI points in this spurt that buried the Wolves.

At halftime OCE was down 40-22. OCE scored first in the second half but the Owls picked up field goals by Williams and Bogle to take a 44-24 lead. Through part of the second half, OTI doubled the score and held a substantial lead all the way as the Owls made good use of their feared fast break and worked the ball in for easy shots when the Wolves would make their hosts set up an offensive pattern.

Bogle, who didn't play the last several minutes of each half, led the evening's scoring with 21 points while three other Owls tallied in double figures. McCutcheon, who completed his fourth year of basketball at OTI Saturday night, pumped through 18 points followed by Rhine and Williams with 14 each. Tom Williams had 13 for the losers.

The Owls used their height to good advantage at both ends of the floor and didn't give the Wolves many "second chances" at the basket. OTI cleared off 79 rebounds compared to OCE's total of 25 for the evening. McCutcheon had 16 rebounds, Williams and Bogle each had 15.

Saturday night, the Owls were still living on their one-sided vic-

tory in the series opener. After holding an 8-2 lead, OTI lost ground to the Oregon College cagers who were fighting desperately to get in the win column in their final conference game of the year. The Wolves closed the count to a 17-15 deficit with about six minutes left in the first half.

Wayne Young tied the score at 17-17 on a lay-in basket for the Wolves only to have Truman Williams give the Owls the lead again on a shot from close in. OCE's Tom Williams knotted the score at 19-19, but the Techmen were soon to come alive and erase any hopes Oregon College rooters had of an upset.

Sparked by the play of reserve Dell Francis, the Owls zoomed into a 26-19 lead with four minutes left in the first half. Francis hit for three points in leading his club out of trouble. OCE closed the count back to three points, 26-23, but Bogle hit twice from the free throw line and the Wolves were never closer the rest of the way.

At halftime, OTI held a 36-27 margin. In the second half, the Owls went on a wild scoring rampage, netting 56 points in the 20 minutes of play, an average of just less than three per minute. Moving away quickly to a 41-27 lead, the Tech cagers were moving all the way, paced by a tight pressing defense and a fast-breaking offense.

The Owls held leads of 57-32 and 68-41 lead midway through the last half's play.

Oregon Tech finished off its season with six players hitting in double figures. McCutcheon was high with 18, and Williams was close behind with 17. Francis and Charlie Wilson came off the bench to score 11 points each and 10 points were credited to both Rhine and Fasteen. Young topped OCE's Saturday scoring with 10 points.

Box Scores:

SATURDAY'S GAME				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
OCE (51)	10-23	10-18	20	10
Brown	2-3	0-0	0	0
Goodman	2-3	0-0	0	0
Young	4-8	0-0	4	10
Williams	2-3	0-0	0	0
Milton	2-3	0-0	2	10
Spencer	2-3	0-0	0	0
Rumbold	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ward	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ulli	0-0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	22-51	14-18	14	31

OTI (82)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Williams	9-11	2-2	2	17
McCutcheon	8-11	3-3	3	18
Francis	2-3	0-0	0	4
Rhine	2-3	0-0	0	4
Fasteen	2-3	0-0	0	4
Bogle	2-3	0-0	0	4
Wilson	4-4	0-0	0	11
Francis	1-1	0-0	0	2
Norgard	1-1	0-0	0	2
Ulli	0-0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	48-54	12-14	12	57

FRIDAY'S GAME				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
OCE (48)	10-23	10-18	20	10
Brown	3-3	0-0	0	6
Spring	0-0	0-0	0	0
Young	2-3	0-0	0	4
Milton	2-3	0-0	0	4
Spencer	2-3	0-0	0	4
Rumbold	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ward	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ulli	0-0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	15-18-24	0-0	0	22

OTI (84)				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
McCutcheon	7-8	3-3	3	18
Williams	6-8	2-2	2	14
Bogle	2-3	0-0	0	4
Rhine	2-3	0-0	0	4
Fasteen	2-3	0-0	0	4
Wilson	2-2	0-0	0	4
Francis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Norgard	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ulli	0-0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	31-33-41	5-5	5	44

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BASKETBALL

SATURDAY'S GAMES

WEST
Oregon State 77, UCLA 61
Stanford 60, Southern California 61
Oregon Tech 52, Oregon College 51
Idaho State 71, Seattle 69 (Overtime)
California 59, Washington State 48
Utah 72, New Mexico 65
Colorado State University 74, Brigham Young 49
Air Force Academy 50
Arizona State College at Tempe 70, University of Arizona 56
Denver 55, Montana 52
Wyoming 72, Utah State 58
Eastern Montana 79, Carroll (Mont.) 70
Western Montana 62, Northern Montana 30
Idaho 85, Washington 83
Southern Oregon 37, Northwest Nazarene 45
College of the Pacific 37, Loyola (Los Angeles) 53
Seattle Pacific 87, St. Martin's 83
College of Idaho 73, Willamette 59
Linfield 68, Whitman 60
Lewis and Clark, 66, Pacific 45
Eastern Oregon 66, Portland State 64

EAST
Dartmouth 77, Princeton 59
West Virginia 69, Pittsburgh 68
Penn 71, Harvard 67
Georgia 62, Georgia Tech 30
North Carolina State 71, LaSalle 62
North Carolina 66, Maryland 50
Wake Forest 72, South Carolina 59
Kentucky 45, Alabama 41 (Overtime)
Florida 75, Vanderbilt 63
William and Mary 95, Virginia Military 78
102, Clemson 95 (Overtime)
Mississippi 83, Tulane 68
Mississippi State 93, Louisiana State 72
Wichita 64, North Texas State 54
Southern Methodist 60, Texas Tech 36
Auburn 72, Tennessee 60
Texas Christian 90, Rice 65
Miami (Fla.) 60, Florida State 68

MIDWEST
Nebraska 43, Kansas 41
Oklahoma State 71, Houston 60
Kansas State 52, Missouri 61
Northwestern 75, Michigan 66
Notre Dame 85, Wisconsin 59
Indiana 88, Ohio State 83
Michiganigan 69, Wisconsin 59
Dayton 58, Louisville 52
Detroit 69, Seton Hall 48
Cincinnati 86, Oberlin 61
Ohio Wesleyan 68, Oberlin 61
Iowa 83, Illinois 39
Purdue 88, Minnesota 79
Bradley 82, St. Louis 74

OREGON PREP
Baker 56, La Grande 30
Clatsop 54, Tillamook 38
Columbia River 54, Pass 38
South Eugene 63, Marshfield 47
North Bend 48, Springfield 44
Astoria 63, Warrenton 49
Joseph 83, Union 41
Ontario 41, Vale 40
Bend 78, Burns 44
Sisters 48, Sherman 37
Ashland 56, Medford 41
The Dalles 80, Pendleton 62
Mississippi-Freewater 78, Hermiston 62
Star of the Sea (Astoria) 55, Mount Angel 37
Prineville 61, Lakeview 55
Astoria 64, Hillsboro 39

OREGON STATE CLUBS
UCLA
LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 22 (AP) — Oregon State dealt UCLA's championship hopes a crushing blow today by downing the Bruins in a Pacific Coast Conference basketball game, 77-61. The Beavers were pretty much in command of the game all the way.

The victory put OSC in second place with a 9-3 record. The Bruins slipped to third at 8-4. California had a top-rung mark of 9-2 as it prepared to meet Washington State tonight.

Oregon State's Dave Gambee, who poured in 24 points as OSC beat Southern California 69-50 last night, threw in 30 today.

His 54 points for the weekend brought his three-year PCC scoring total to 1,858 points, a record. The previous mark of 1,855 was set in 1951-53 by Washington's Bob Houbregs. The Beavers have four games remaining in which the talented Gambee can pad his record.

The Bruins, behind 39-30 at the half, made a determined effort against the taller Beavers in the later going. Walt Torrence and Jim Hallett, instrumental in UCLA's 46-43 victory last night over Stanford, alternated hitting jumpers in the first six minutes after intermission.

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KU Whips Cavemen In Last Home Games

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The Klamath Union Pelicans, newly-crowned Southern Oregon Conference champions, swept their final weekend home series in a blaze of glory as they turned back the Grants Pass Cavemen 70-61 Friday night and roared back Saturday night to a 79-58 victory.

Paced by center Glenn Moore, who collected 23 points to bring his career total to 1065, the Pelicans outran, outshot, and outrebounded the ever-trying Grants Passers to count their highest score of the season.

Pel forward Bob Peterson turned in his best performance of the year as he counted 20 points and captured more than his share of rebounds.

Seniors Dave Robinson and Tom Ankeny made their last home appearance with two very fine efforts, Robinson collecting 12 tallies and Ankeny 10.

Big Bob Niles, although he only hit for six markers was a big factor in the win, as he led the Pels in their fast break; passing and rebounding in an admirable fashion.

Jim Smith and Jerry Putnam were high-pointers for the Cavemen with 12 counters each.

Grants Pass hit a 343 from the field and 714 from the foul line while Klamath Falls hit .411 from the floor and .717 from the charity line.

The first quarter opened on a successful free toss by Jim Smith to give Grants Pass first blood. Tom Ankeny quickly countered with a jumper and a free-throw and from hereon the period was nip and tuck; the Grants Pass quint grabbing the lead twice before finally tying the count 18 all in the last two seconds on a stolen ball.

The Cavemen got off to a two-point lead in the first 10 seconds on a jumper by Jim Smith but Bob Peterson countered with five tallies in the next 30 seconds to put the Pels out front. They never looked back. The first period ended at 15-11 for the Whitebirds; as close a margin the Cavemen were to reach.

Moore stars
Stanza number three was a hectic, fast-moving affair with ball-stealing and bobbles on both sides the order of action. Moore was the big Pelican contributor as he counted 10 of his 33 points. The period ended at 33-43.

Peterson and Robinson rejoined the Pels in the fourth canto, after having sat out a portion of the third, each having collected four fouls. "L 11e" men, Delap, Ankeny and Herrera, turned in creditable performances in their stead.

Dave Robinson was the sparkler in the last quarter for the Pels as he turned beautiful passes from Moore and Niles into nine markers.

Fiery Caveman, Sparlin, collected eight of his specialties as he led a Grants Pass attack that threatened to overcome the Cavemen's 68-51 deficit, with three minutes left, to boost them to the nine-point final margin.

In the preliminary game, Friday the Merrill Huskies, top seeded B Toumey club, downed the Pelican Jayvees 45-40.

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	FG	FT	PF	TP
Grants Pass (58)	10-23	10-18	20	10
Smith	4-12	3-3	0	9
Putnam	5-22	4-12	0	14
Haves	2-15	1-5	0	5
Landquist	4-0-0	0-0	0	0
Proctor	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Thomas	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Herrera	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Delap	1-2-0	0-0	0	3
Hobson	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Blason	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	22-51-24	14-18	14	31

FRIDAY'S GAME				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Klamath (79)	10-23	10-18	20	10
Peterson	5-10-12	3-3	3	20
Niles	10-11	4-25	0	25
Moore	10-11	4-25	0	25
Robinson	3-2-3	0-0	0	12
Ankeny	4-4	0-0	0	10
Herrera	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
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ball and a layup by Proctor. Peterson was the big gun in the second frame as he hit seven of nine free throws to help boost the Pels to a halfway margin of 39-25.

Moore sparked a 30 point third stanza for the Pels as they swarmed over the Cavemen who could only manage 17, chiefly on the efforts of Mike Sparlin.

Both teams' reserves saw a good bit of action in the fourth frame as Niles, Lindquist and Sparlin fouled out. The Pels scored 12 points to the Cavemen's 16 during the period as the gun sounded on the final 79-58 count.

In Saturday's preliminary the Pel Jayvees scored a 61-59 win over the Grants Pass Juniors in an overtime test.

CONFERENCE CHAMPS
Friday night the KU Pelicans, who ran in front all the way after the first 20 seconds of the game, blasted the Grants Pass Cavemen 70-61, to win the Southern Oregon Conference championship.

"The club," according to Pel coach Don Megale, "played what I feel was their best game of the season against the best team they have met all season. The boys seem to be improving steadily—and they were pretty good when they started; they're hit 70 points in their last five contests!"

The Whitebirds, behind a spectacular 25 point performance by All-Stater Glenn Moore, hit a blazing .511 from the field and a torrid .774 at the foul line.

The hustling Klamath quint, who stayed within four to 10 points of the champions nearly all the way, out-percentageed the Pels from the field, hitting approximately 60 per cent of their shots. A lack of opportunities to shoot, because the Pelican defense, beat them. At the free toss line they collected a respectable 625.

CAVEMAN DYNAMITE
Running behind Moore in the score-column was Caveman Mike Sparlin who was dynamite from the outside as he swished eight field goals and three charity tosses for a 19 point total.

Sharpshooter Dave Robinson, who has definitely regained his eye, bucketed 18 Pel tallies for the number three slot. Spring forward Bob Peterson and Caveman Jim Smith shared the number four spot with 14 points apiece.

The Pels, performing like spring stars, outran the speedy Grants Passers as they used the best fast-break offense they have shown to date. The Cavemen were out-rebounded two to one by the lanky Klamathites who collected 42 of the available 63.

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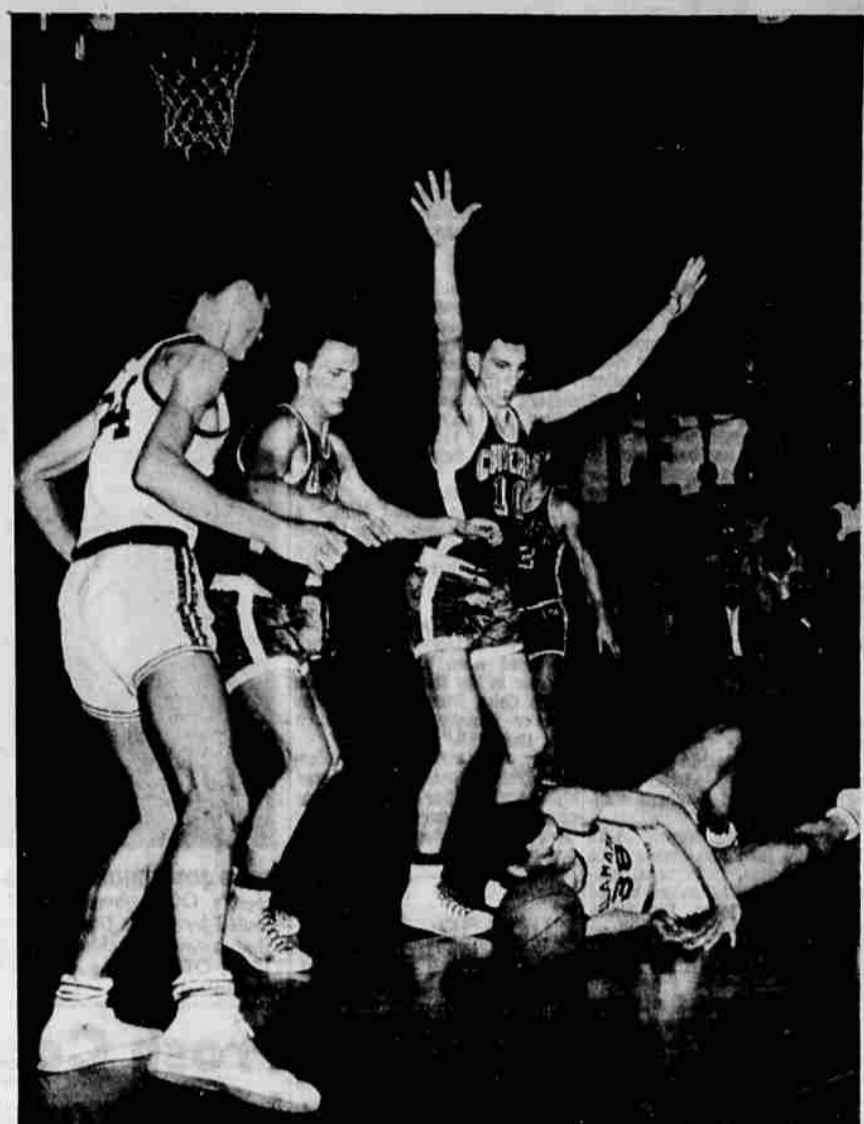
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KLAMATH'S ALL-STATE CENTER Glenn Moore falls to the floor in Friday night's conference game against Grants Pass at Pelican Court. Pelican forward Bob Peterson looks on at the left, while Grants Pass players Mike Sparlin and Paul Lindquist (10) move in on Moore. The Pels clinched the district championship with their 70-61 Friday victory over the Cavemen.

By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

"If the rules permitted it, he would be one of my varsity guards."

So said University of Oregon basketball coach Steve Belko when he discussed the playing of Butch Kimpton, frosh guard from Klamath Falls. And very complimentary words they were.

Belko, who lured Kimpton away from several other attractive offers last year about this time, has been very pleased by the showing made by the Klamath Falls product so far this year. Butch is leading the UO's frosh scoring.

In 12 games (the frosh have actually played 13) here is Kimpton's scoring for the season through this week:

FG	FT	PF	TP	AVE.
59	30-42	21	148	12.3

Kimpton leads teammate Denny Strickland, a former Washington all-stater from Bremerton who has 140 points. The frosh by the way are loaded with "all-stars." Besides Kimpton and Strickland, Knappa's Bob Hunt, Madras' Murray Newton and Lincoln's Ron Anderson were all picked off all-state honors during their prep careers.

Butch's play has been so outstanding that Belko figures he would break into the varsity lineup if the Pacific Coast Conference rules would permit a freshman to play varsity competition.

It looks like Klamath Falls basketball fans are going to be in for another season of fine semi-pro diamond action this summer. For the second straight year, Klamath Falls is expected to be represented in the Northern California League.

Irv Whit, who managed the Kubs last year, expressed hope that with a little help from an unidentified major league team, Klamath plans to pick up two or three top-flight college prospects to add to the local forces in building an outstanding team. Whit said the team will be getting some pitching help which will make the Kubs a top contender.

Although it is not official at this time, it seems safe to venture a guess that the same team will be going to help the Kubs out with personnel, is interested in getting this city back into professional baseball—say the class B Northwest League, which has only seven teams.

Just how well local fans accept semi-pro ball this year could be the key to getting pro baseball back in Klamath Falls.

Evidence of how Oregon Tech and Southern Oregon ruled the Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball ball race this season can be seen in the latest