

Oregon Tech Defeats Southern Oregon '5', 67-56

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Loop-Leading Pelicans Tackle Crater Friday

There's no rest for the weary. That's the situation the Klamath Union Pelicans find themselves in. In fact, the entire league is in that situation in this year of basketball which has produced one of the closest Southern Oregon Conference races in recent times.

The Pelicans, after winning over Crater last Saturday night to take the league lead for the first time, find themselves at the top of the SOC heap and that hasn't been too pleasant a spot for the Pelicans predecessors.

In addition, the Pelicans have moved into the fifth ranked spot in the state prep A-I poll and this has been a disastrous thing for the other teams in the leagues who have been there, or higher, only to be knocked from the lofty perch by a conference member.

There is no easy touch in the conference and every game is a crucial one. Virtually every team is a well-balanced one against the other. It's been a game of tag the leader instead of follow the leader. Both defending state champion Grants Pass and Crater have been the leaders of the league and highly ranked in state polls before they got their lumps in league competition. And as proof of the close competition, the Ashland Grizzlies knocked off resurg-ing Medford last weekend to win their first conference game in 58 tries which dates back to the 1959-60 season.

The Pelicans rank fourth among the five teams in offense with only 440 points in the eight games for an average of 55.0 per game. But they have the best defense in the league in allowing only 406 points for an average of 50.8.

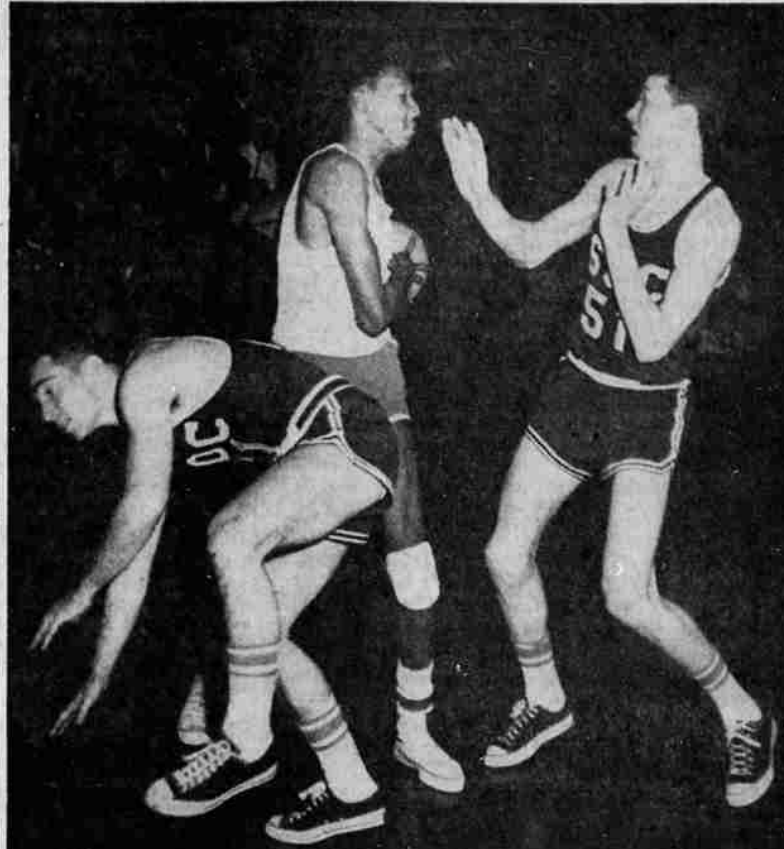
Coach Al Keck was very well pleased with the victory last Saturday over Crater but says he is going to have to have the guards pick up Crater's outside much quicker. The Pelicans may have to pick Lou Alvarez and Mike Glines up at the mid-court stripe and keep them there to keep their percentage down. They kept Crater in the game last Saturday with their set shots from 35 feet and more away.

The KU zone defense kept the Comets at bay and they probably didn't get 10 points around the basket all night. But they were unconscious from deep outside and hit 69 per cent from the outside in the second half to deal the Pelicans some harried moments.

Keck also said that his boys would have to start hitting their good shots better. "Oh, we shot well as a team and I'm pleased with that. But a lot of that was underneath the basket with Chamberland (Wayne) and Ash (Terry) hitting. The films show the boys had some of their favorite shots and missed when they had good ones," he explained.

The KU coach probably will go with his usual lineup except that Ash, who came off the bench to replace Fred Kelley when he got into foul trouble, could get a starting position somewhere. If not, he certainly will be in the game much of the time. The sophomore led the Pelicans with 17 points in the Crater contest.

The usual five starting includes Kelley, Chamberland, Dick Scott, Hal Holman and Grover Dahn. This unit has been doing a good job but Ash seems to strengthen the unit. Keck has had his charges working hard on free throws, also



ONE DANCER, ONE BALL HOG, ONE FIGHTER — There's a little of each in this photo. Oregon Tech's Sammy Smith (with ball), has the ball and doesn't want anyone else to have it, according to his expression. At left, Southern Oregon's Brad Flanary looks as if he's going through a war dance, and at right, SOC's Ed Hill looks like he's defending himself from a blow he thinks is coming. The Owls whipped SOC, 67-56.

Hornets Battle Cougars, Pirates On Weekend Trip

The state's top ranked Class A-2 Henley Hornets, after getting a pair of scares in the last three games from Lakeview and Eagle Point, have their work cut out for them again this week when they take to the road to meet Danvers, Illinois Valley and Phoenix. Lakeview's Honkers, riding along in second place after surprising Eagle Point last week, takes on Phoenix Friday and Illinois Valley Saturday as they swap games with Henley. Eagle Point, the only other team besides Illinois Valley with an outside shot at Lakeview and the high-flying Hornets, gets a couple of breathers in scrappy St. Mary's and Rogue River.

The Hornets continue to pace the league in most departments. They are unbeaten in nine league games and haven't lost a game this season in 15 outings. They also have three players among the top 10 scorers in the league including the leader, 6-7 Kent Gooding.

Gooding is leading the league with 208 points in eight games for a 26 point average per contest. He missed one game because of illness. He tallied 27 points in both wins last week over Rogue River (73-50) and Eagle Point (76-70 in overtime).

Mike Beymer pulled back into fourth place in scoring. He tallied 24 and 10 points in the two games last week and now has 139 in nine tilts for an average of 15.4 per game. Earl Albritton is the third Hornet in the top 10 with 121 points and a 13.4 mean. LeVoy Young is 24th with 69 points and a 7.7 average.

Lakeview has its share of players among the top 10, also. Larry Samples is third with 155 points and a 17.2 average. Don Leahy, who picked up his pace last week, is sixth with 125 points and a 13.9 mean. Dennis Warren is 10th with 114 points and a 12.7 average. Fred Williams is 24th with 72 points and an 8.0 average.

Sacred Heart is holding down the basement of the league. The young Trojans are winless in eight contests but still are hustling. Peter Krok moved up considerably in the scoring race. He is now 11th with 108 points and a 13.5 average. The Trojans take on Rogue River away Friday in their only game this weekend.

Henley will be favored to take both ends of their doubleheader this weekend, although they are expected to get a real fight from the Cougars of Illinois Valley. The Cougars led the Hornets at home for the first quarter and most of the first half before the Hornets came alive in the fourth period to pull away for an 87-73 victory. It should be closer on the IV court. The Hornets should have no trouble with Phoenix unless they let down after the Illinois Valley game.

Lakeview is slated to get their share of trouble from the Cougars, also. They topped the Cougars on the Honker court, 54-50, the night after the Cougars fell to Henley. The Honkers had better not look past Phoenix to IV or they might find themselves in trouble in this one.

Both Henley and Lakeview hope to remain 1-2 in the standings. The second place Rogue League team also gets a trip to the state tournament. Lakeview will have to fight off Eagle Point and Illinois Valley for this spot and make sure that none of the supposedly easier teams don't sneak up on them while they are thinking about one of the stronger teams.

Owls Nearing Third Straight League Cage Championship

By JERRY WAGGONER
Herald and News Sports Editor

Oregon Tech's fiery "Iron-Man Five" pulled out another victory, their 10th in 11 starts in Oregon Collegiate Conference play, at the Mile High gymnasium Wednesday night when they solved Southern Oregon's offensive screen patterns and put together enough points to beat the Raiders' stalling and deliberate game, 67-56.

It was the 11th straight cage win for the Owls over the Red Raiders and dates back to the 1959-60 season. The victory gave the Owls a 10-1 league record and a 14-6 mark for the season. It also moved the defending Owls one step nearer their third straight OCC basketball championship.

The Owls can put the death strangle on any title aspirants this weekend by taking both ends of a doubleheader Friday and Saturday night from the red-hot Eastern Oregon Mountaineers at OTI. The Owls meet EOC Friday and Saturday nights at the Mile High gym. A pair of wins would put the Owls "in" as champs with a 12-1 league record.

Coach Jim Partlow's Owls, perhaps a bit shaky from the loss to Portland State last Saturday night in an overtime affair, didn't play one of their better games. Norman Johns, the steady 6-2 forward, came out of the shadows of the more publicized players to lead the Owls to the win.

"Norm really came through for us tonight when we needed it," said Coach Partlow who was happy to get the victory. Johns led the team with 16 points and led the charge in the second half with 12 of his 16 points.

The Owls didn't have an especially great night from the field. They hit on 26 of 68 shots for 38.2 per cent which isn't bad but isn't up to snuff for the Owls. They missed some good shots they usually make. They were very tight, biggest thinking of the PSC game, and they wanted to win this one big and were forcing themselves.

Willie Anderson had a bad night in hitting only five of 19 field shots for 26.3 per cent. He had only two of six from the line. Sammy Smith connected on half his shots from the field and half from the line for 15 points. Van Zitek also hit for 15 points. Johns was hot with seven of 13 field shots. The Owls actually took the game on the boards, 47-32.

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Coaches Sound Warning

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Two of the nation's top college track and field coaches warn that the latest flareup between the AAU and NCAA is hurting America's Olympic hopes.

San Jose State coach Bud Winter said Wednesday that "this ruckus is making a big hit only in Europe and Russia where they delight in reading about the United States officials fighting among themselves."

"While we're tearing ourselves apart, the other nations are in the middle of a four-year plan to put on their best showing in Tokyo in 1964."

The AAU-NCAA feud apparently was settled by the so-called MacArthur plan Jan. 19. But then the United States Track and Field Federation, an arm of the NCAA, announced that college athletes would have to be sanctioned by the USTFF in order to compete in AAU open meets.

This led to more bickering and fears that collegians could not enter this Saturday's Los Angeles Times meet and the Golden Gate indoor meet in San Francisco Feb. 15 without drawing suspensions.

But the Times meet got the okay of the USTFF after which Tom Hamilton, executive director of the Big Six, cleared all of his conference thinclads for participation.

Payton Jordan, Stanford coach who was director of the U.S.-Russia track meet at Stanford last summer, said he thought Hamilton's action was gratuitous.

"Who has a right not to clear them?" Jordan asked. "The MacArthur agreement gives us clearance. I don't understand why we have to have any dual sanction."

Jordan added that "we're proceeding with the ideal of having our boys compete in the Golden Gate meet, too."

Horn Battle R. Hernandez

PORTLAND (UPI)—Unbeaten Springfield middleweight Bobby Horn meets Ramon (Buffalo) Hernandez of Mexico in a 16-round fight at the Portland Armory tonight.

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SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE STATISTICS

Team	W	L	Pct.	PP	PA
Klamath Falls	12	2	.857	740	465
Crater	11	3	.786	653	74
Grants Pass	9	5	.643	803	748
Medford	11	3	.786	883	783
Ashland	7	7	.500	498	487

TOP 10 INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS

Player	Team	G	P	F	A	Pt	Av.
Forde, M.	Grants Pass	14	42	45-73	39	209	14.9
Alvarez, C.	Klamath Falls	14	44	21-50	42	205	14.6
Glines, C.	Klamath Falls	14	47	20-41	28	204	14.6
Tomlinson, C.	Klamath Falls	14	38	44-112	41	204	14.6
Pippin, G.P.	Crater	14	54	39-100	36	147	10.5
Chamberland, K.F.	Klamath Falls	14	53	26-45	25	142	10.1
Watts, M.	Crater	14	40	22-51	29	142	10.1
Lamb, A.	Crater	14	44	49-82	23	137	9.8
Hill, M.	Crater	14	55	27-54	48	137	9.8
Kelley, K.F.	Klamath Falls	14	53	30-42	42	136	9.7
Hutchins, G.P.	Crater	14	54	25-43	24	133	9.5
Pepper, C.	Crater	14	53	22-35	29	133	9.5
Scott, K.F.	Klamath Falls	14	50	20-48	42	130	9.3
Holman, K.F.	Klamath Falls	14	41	44-81	29	126	9.0
Tepper, A.	Crater	14	40	36-51	47	114	8.1
Serrin, G.P.	Crater	14	43	23-35	43	108	7.7
Hess, A.	Crater	14	31	28-58	38	100	7.1
Shepard, G.P.	Crater	14	31	33-49	31	95	6.8
Bransom, C.	Crater	14	26	23-35	30	95	6.8
Dahn, K.F.	Klamath Falls	14	22	27-42	33	91	6.5



ZITEK GARNERS REBOUND — Oregon Tech's Van Zitek (with ball) has just pulled in a rebound and bites his lower lip in the process. Southern Oregon's Bill Franks (23) has a hand full of air as he fails in the rebound attempt. Dave Hughes (43) of SOC is behind the action. Zitek scored 15 points and the Owls won the game, 67-56.

Sam Smith Leads Loop Scoring

By United Press International

Pacific's Ken Alcorn and Jim Boutin of Lewis and Clark rank a close one-two in the Northwest Conference basketball scoring race, according to basketball statistics released Wednesday.

In the Oregon Collegiate Conference, Sammy Smith has moved ahead of Oregon Tech teammate Willie Anderson in a bid for his third straight scoring title.

Smith has scored 229 points and Anderson has collected 221 in 11 games each. John Nelson of Portland State and Dave Hughes of Southern Oregon rank third and fourth with 217 and 196.

Two League Games Set For County

There are only two league contests scheduled Friday night in the Klamath County League race with league-leading Chilquin taking on the Bly Bobcats at home and the Malin Mustangs travel to Bonanza.

The other two games find Gilchrist at Paisley and Butte Valley at Merrill in non-conference tilts.

Chilquin's Panthers remain unbeaten in league competition and have a fine 15-1 record for the season. They took an easy 65-48 victory Tuesday night from Eagle Point. They will be favored to down Bly handily on their home court Friday.

The Panthers have been unbeatable in league competition. They had one tough game at home against Bonanza last Friday night but then went to Bonanza Saturday night and handled the Antlers easily. Coach Dave Sigard probably will open with Tony DiUlle at center, Tony Wilder and Greg Harris at forwards and Doc Taylor and Joe Kirk at guards. Bly probably will go with Jim Watts, Johnny Godowa, Jack Patzke, Merle Clemens and either Mike Crawford or Ted Nelson.

Bonanza will be a favorite over Malin which won its first league game last week over Gilchrist and may have jelled enough now with its young crew to give the Antlers a good go for their money. Coach Bob Freirich may start Fred Dearborn, Ed Simmons, Bill Newlin, Neil Tofell, and Ernie Nichols. The Mustangs probably will open with Tom Tofell, Tom Brown, Randy and Reggie Lequeu, and Siern Kalina. They had their best offensive game in downing Gilchrist, 74-59.

Gilchrist will go with Dave Sporrer, Denny Jessup, Bob Mayfield, Matt Koiki and Dan Hoff. Jack Harlewood also will see action. Merrill, which is second in league standings, will meet Butte Valley with a starting unit of Ken Smith, Bob Moore, Dave Hill, Larry Connor and Dale Kurtz.

Henley's Mat Team On Road

The Henley wrestling team will go to Prineville Saturday for a tussle with the Class A-1 team which the KU Pelicans whipped last weekend and this bout should be a close one.

Henley and KU wrestlers will get together Friday night in a warmup scrimmage with the Hornets' first and second group going against KU's second and third unit.

Henley is 4-2 in dual meets and the only two losses were to the strong Pelicans. Their match with the Prineville team shapes up as being a close battle.

Fred Rodriguez, the 115-pound scrapper for Henley, has been injured but is expected to be ready to go against Prineville Saturday.

Other starters for coach Bob Creed's crew probably will be Rex Smith at 98, Gary Wallin at 106, Rodriguez, Del Rolgolski at 123, Pete Milanovich at 130, John Kraus at 136, Phil Hale at 141, Chuck Milanovich at 148, Don Berry at 157, Lyle Bergstrom at 168, Tony Vassallo at 178, Leo Huff at 191 and John Riggs at heavyweight.

ROGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.	PP	PA
Henley	8	1	.889	837	405
Lakeview	7	3	.700	546	466
Eagle Point	4	4	.500	531	472
Illinois Valley	4	4	.500	504	472
St. Mary's	4	4	.500	447	461
Phoenix	3	3	.500	448	465
Rogue River	1	3	.250	431	572
Sacred Heart	0	8	.000	532	534

LEADING SCORERS

Name	Team	G	P	F	A	Pt	Av.
Gooding, K.	Henley	8	25	32-57	15	218	27.3
Pomeroy, E.P.	Crater	8	17	15-31	15	152	19.0
Samuels, L.	Crater	8	13	15-22	12	152	19.0
Benner, M.	Crater	8	12	14-24	14	154	19.3
Gettier, IV	Crater	8	12	14-24	14	143	17.9
Leahy, L.	Crater	8	12	14-24	14	139	17.4
Shurt, E.P.	Crater	8	12	14-24	14	134	16.8
Albritton, H.	Crater	8	12	14-24	14	134	16.8
Warren, L.	Crater	8	11	14-22	12	122	15.3
Krop, S.H.A.	Crater	8	10	14-22	12	122	15.3
Davidson, R.R.	Crater	8	10	14-22	12	114	14.3
Bashergard, E.P.	Crater	8	9	14-22	12	112	14.0
Granby, P.	Crater	8	9	14-22	12	107	13.4
Barker, P.	Crater	8	9	14-22	12	107	13.4
Boz, P.	Crater	8	9	14-22	12	107	13.4
Versteep, IV	Crater	8	8	14-22	12	104	13.0
Carlson, S.M.	Crater	8	8	14-22	12	102	12.8
Martin, IV	Crater	8	8	14-22	12	102	12.8
Satter, E.R.	Crater	8	8	14-22	12	102	12.8
Linder, E.P.	Crater	8	8	14-22	12	102	12.8
O'Brien, E.R.	Crater	8	8	14-22	12	102	12.8
Young, S.W.	Crater	8	7	14-22	12	108	13.5
Miller, S.H.A.	Crater	8	7	14-22	12	108	13.5
Williams, L.	Crater	8	7	14-22	12	108	13.5
Young, H.	Crater	8	6	14-22	12	107	13.4



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