



Raider Football Championship Seasons

1946 (8-0)

Far West Conference Champions

At 8-0, the 1946 Raiders remain the only undefeated and untied full-season squad in school history.

Comprised of World War II veterans and coached by Al Simpson, the college's first alumnus to hold the position, the undersized-but-scrappy Southern Oregon squad joined UCLA as the lone undefeated teams west of the Rockies that year.

Nicknamed the "side-hill wampus" team because its practice field was the sloped lawn between Churchill Hall and Memorial Court (now Britt Hall), the Red Raiders allowed only two touchdowns against their Far West Conference competition en route to the school's first conference title.

The confident Raiders, utilizing the deceptive "T" formation to outscore opponents 176-42, toppled the Oregon JV that featured future Hall of Famer Norm Van Brocklin, and two late scores allowed SONS to stun an Oregon State JV.

The team's perfect record was preserved when the squad overcame a 2-0 second-half deficit to post a thrilling 13-8 victory over Central Washington in the first-ever Pear Bowl at a soggy Walter Phillips Field.



The 1946 Pear Bowl

Central Washington	0	2	0	6— 8
Southern Oregon	0	0	0	13— 13

CW-Safety, punt blocked out of end zone

SO-Chuck DeAutremont 18 run (run failed)

SO-Barney Riggs 4 run (run failed)

CW-Bartlett 58 pass from J. Carmody (run failed)

1947 (7-2)

Far West Conference Champions

Virtually all of the 1946 squad returned to extend Southern Oregon's winning streak to 15 straight, one of the nation's longest in the 1940s.

Led by team captains Tex Gatlin, an all-star tight end, and Chuck DeAutremont, a UPI All-American halfback who later signed a professional contract with the Los Angeles Rams, the 1947 team complemented an already potent option rushing attack with a series of passing schemes that took the Far West Conference by surprise.

In their first seven games — all victories — the Raiders clinched a back-to-back conference title by averaging over 25 points per outing while allowing a total of five touchdowns. Only a 21-6 setback at Cal-Davis in November prevented the Raiders from consecutive undefeated regular seasons, but by that time, the squad had already clinched a berth in the second-annual Pear Bowl.

SONS pulled to a 14-0 lead in the Pear Bowl on a cold, foggy Thanksgiving Day in Medford, but the Raiders were unable to quell a Pacific Lutheran fourth-quarter rally that resulted in a 27-21 Lute win.

The 1947 Pear Bowl

Pacific Lutheran	0	6	7	14— 27
Southern Oregon	14	0	7	0— 21

SO-Chuck Jandreau 42 punt return (Limpy Jones kick)

SO-Chuck DeAutremont 11 run (Jones kick)

PLU-Jack Guyot 1 run (kick blocked)

PLU-Frank Spear 2 run (Spear kick)

SO-Barney Riggs 1 run (Jones kick)

PLU-Blaine McKanna run (Spear kick)

PLU-Gene Standness 7 run (Spear kick)



SONS stars Gaylord "Snuffy" Smith, Johnny Gray, Barney Riggs and Chuck DeAutremont.

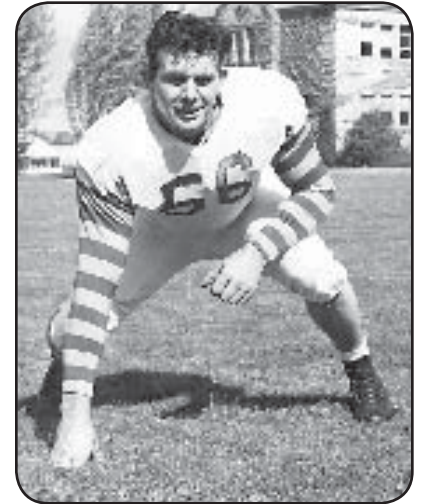
1948 (5-5)

Far West Conference Champions

Almost every player returned from Southern Oregon's previous two Far West Conference title squads, including running backs Gaylord "Snuffy" Smith, Barney Riggs and fullback Johnny Gray, who was also an outstanding line-backer.

The 1948 campaign capped one of Southern Oregon's most successful football eras. Although Southern Oregon's relative obscurity in football — its chief element of surprise following World War II was gone — the Red Raiders dropped their conference opener 6-0 in the mud at Humboldt State, but bounced back to blow away Chico State, San Francisco State and Cal-Davis by a combined score of 107-40, clinching a share of the league title and a third straight appearance in the Pear Bowl.

For the second consecutive season, operated with a first-half lead (13-7) but was unable to muster a fourth-quarter comeback against the big-play College of Idaho Coyotes in what was the school's lost post-season appearance until 1987.



Medford native and longtime Raider booster Stan Smith was an all-star lineman on all three Pear Bowl squads.

The 1948 Pear Bowl

College of Idaho	7	14	6	0— 27
Southern Oregon	6	7	7	0— 20

SO-Chuck Jandreau 1 run (kick failed)

CI-Winbigler 45 pass from Bud Hammack (Gardner kick)

SO-Jerry Edwards 7 pass from Jandreau (Limpy Jones kick)

CI-Glen Ward 62 pass from Cal Farley (Gardner kick)

CI-Bob Lee 7 pass from Farley (Gardner kick)

SO-Barney Riggs 2 run (Jones kick)

CI-Ward 48 pass from Farley (kick failed)

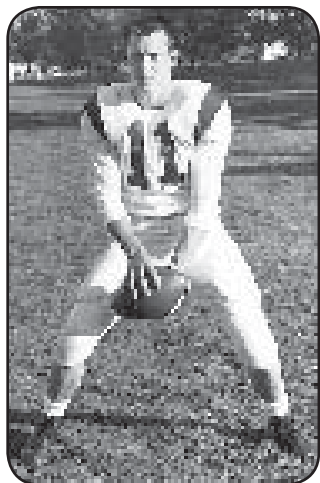
1955 (4-5)

Oregon Collegiate Conference Champions

First-year head coach Al Akins brought a wealth of experience to Southern Oregon as a professional player and as a longtime collegiate assistant, and under his guidance over the next decade, he transformed the Raiders into a perennial regional power.

The Akins era coincided with the construction of the school's on-campus football venue, Fuller Field.

The Raiders inaugurated the new stadium under the floodlights with a 19-15 upset win over Ad Rutschman-led Linfield, impressive considering Southern Oregon started no seniors and returned only two letterwinners — center



Tom Quinowski and versatile quarterback Bill Seymour — from the 2-5 1954 team. Besides the two junior veterans, the team featured 19 freshman or sophomore starters, including five transfers and four local players.

Despite its youth, Southern Oregon beat Portland State in the first conference game, but injuries sidelined seven starters in mid-season and a tough non-conference schedule took its toll.

The Raiders, however, bounced back behind half-

Signal caller

Bill Seymour passed for an OCC-best 888 yards in the revamped 1955 Raider offense.

back Ralph Clarno, the team's leading scorer and rusher, and Seymour, a Nebraska transplant who led the OCC in passing.

Following a 33-0 triumph over Oregon Tech at Klamath Falls, Southern returned home for Homecoming and the season finale, a 13-7 defeat of defending champion Western Oregon, clinching a share of the OCC title with the Wolves and Eastern Oregon.

1957 (6-2-1)

Oregon Collegiate Conference Champions

An explosive offense that ranked among the nation's best helped Southern Oregon win its first two games for the first time in eight seasons, and five of their first six overall.

Strong-armed quarterback Lance Locke, an Ashland High graduate, guided the potent Raider offense, but the backfield duo of Ron and Larry Maurer frequently stole the show.

Ron, a senior halfback and older brother of Larry, a sophomore fullback, finished ninth in the country for rushing, including 116 of the team's 157 total yards in a key 7-6 conference win at Portland State, the school's sixth straight victory over the Vikings.

But two weeks later in a Homecoming clash against undefeated Western Oregon, it was the younger brother that preserved Southern Oregon's second conference title over three seasons. With the heavily favored Wolves leading 19-0 in the third quarter, Larry scored three touchdowns within seven minutes to help SOC secure a memorable 21-19 victory, one of the greatest comebacks in school history.

Southern Oregon clinched the outright conference championship the following weekend in a sloppy, fumble-marred and bizarre scoreless tie at Eastern Oregon.



Larry Maurer's late-game rushing heroics against Western Oregon spurred the Raiders to their second OCC title over three seasons.

1961 (5-4)

Oregon Collegiate Conference Champions

The 1961 squad accomplished the most amazing turnaround in school history.

The Raiders lost all four of its non-conference games to open the season — their longest dry spell in 10 years — but the Akins-guided offensive machine erupted to win all four of its Oregon Collegiate Conference clashes and five-in-a-row to end the season.

The young but experienced squad featured sophomore quarterback sensation Doug Olsen, who led the conference and finished third in the country for passing, and a talented group of juniors, including speedy halfbacks Doyle Branson and Kerm Bennett, fullback Al "The Horse" Barnes, receiver Howard Hartman and tight end Dave Hughes.

Barnes emerged as the conference's top rusher with 727 yards and 10 touchdowns, but a primary key to the Raider resurgence was rugged junior linebacker John Buck. The Davenport, Wash., native, a converted quarterback, returned from an ankle injury sustained in the second game to bolster the Raider defense that allowed only 26 total points during the winning streak, including three shutouts.

Meanwhile, the Raider offense averaged over 400 yards of total yardage during the torrid season-ending stretch thanks in part to Hartman, who set school records and finished third in the nation with 51 receptions for 611 yards and six touchdowns.



Al "The Horse" Barnes dragged tacklers and pushed Southern Oregon to its third OCC crown.

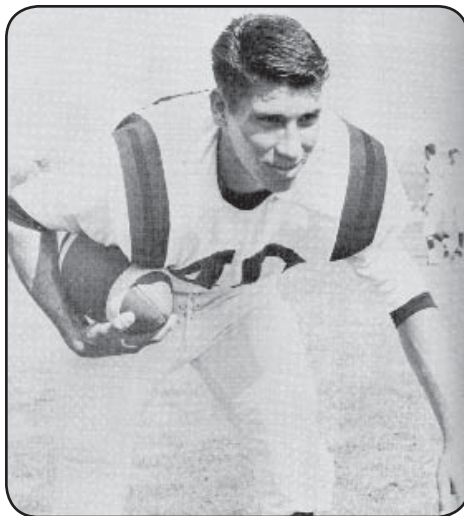
1962 (8-1)

Oregon Collegiate Conference Champions

Starting with a 28-0 season-opening whitewash of Chico State, the first win over the Californians in six seasons and the last for another decade, the 1962 Raiders immediately established themselves as one of the most impressive teams in school history.

Virtually every starter from the 1961 Cinderella squad returned to help Southern Oregon rattle off seven straight wins and capture its second consecutive Oregon Collegiate Conference championship.

Junior quarterback Doug Olsen, who went 19-for-23 against Chico State, spearheaded the attack with fullback Al "The Horse" Barnes, who broke the school's all-time rushing records, and



The speedy Doyle Bransom caught the eye of Oakland Raiders coach/owner Al Davis.

two-way starter Doyle Bransom, who later signed a contract as a defensive back with the Oakland Raiders. Clearing the way was a big offensive line that featured twin brothers George and Glen Moses. After the lone setback, a 20-7 loss at Lewis & Clark, Southern Oregon caught fire and thumped Sacramento State (21-7), Eastern Oregon (39-7) and Oregon Tech (50-0) in successive weeks.

The Raiders clinched a perfect 4-0 league mark for the second year in a row with a 41-26 triumph over Portland State, and they wrapped up the season with a 27-24 come-from-behind win over Whitworth on Thanksgiving Day in Medford.

1964 (6-2-1)

Oregon Collegiate Conference Champions

Predating the 1975 Cincinnati Reds was the original version of the Big Red Machine.

Over the next two seasons, legendary Raider quarterback Dan Miles and tight end Spike Gordon riddled defenses with gaudy offensive numbers.

In his first collegiate game, Miles, a Medford native, broke school records for efficiency and frequency with

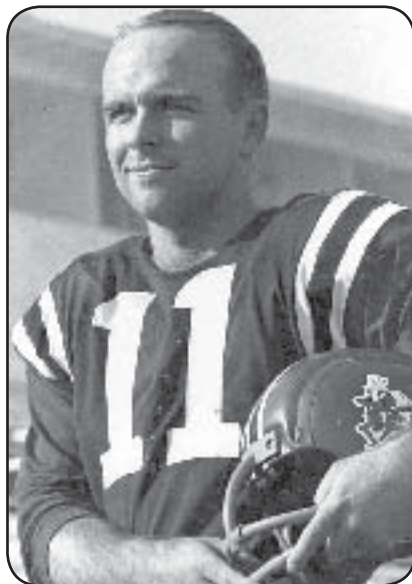
a 25-for-29 effort in a 27-26 loss to Whitworth. Miles' favorite target was Gordon, who broke Howard Hartman's school receiving marks and finished among national leaders with 58 catches for 832 yards and 10 touchdowns en route to honorable mention All-American honors.

Balancing the attack was senior all-conference fullback Mike Hood, who broke a school record and tied a conference mark with four touchdowns in a 32-19 win at Western Oregon.

The Raiders wound up sharing the conference title with Portland State by virtue of a 21-21 deadlock with the Vikings during Homecoming at Fuller Field.

The 1964 squad averaged over 34 points per game and shattered a total of 29 season, game, individual or team records, including a 70-0 massacre of Moffett Air Force Base in the season finale. Miles' 77-percent season passing effort set a national collegiate pass efficiency record.

Ironically, the 1964 team featured a future Oregon Tech connection with Miles and senior safety Greg McMackin. McMackin, who later became an NCAA Div. I and professional defensive coordinator, guided the Owl football squad from 1986-89, while Miles has been the head basketball coach since 1972.



Quarterback Dan Miles keyed SOU's "Big Red Machine."

1965 (5-3-1)

Oregon Collegiate Conference Champions

Nicknamed "The Little General," 5-foot, 7-inch quarterback Danny Miles continued the Raider championship march in 1965.

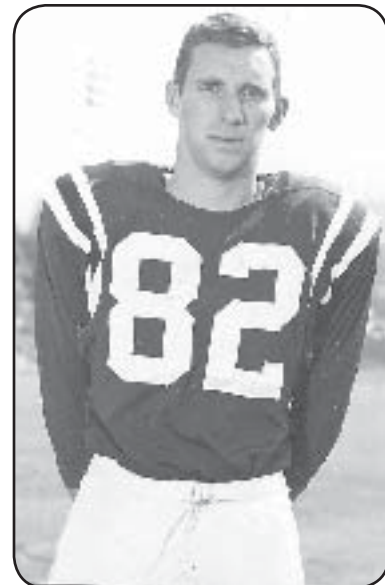
Miles finished second in the country and established school and league records by going 170-for-247 for 2,319 yards, including a 22-for-27, 319-yard, five-touchdown performance in a 48-32 win over Oregon Tech.

Senior Spike Gordon became the first Raider football All-American and finished third in the country by accounting for 70 completions for 1,163 yards, including single-game school marks of 13 catches for 177 yards at Chico State. He finished his career with over 2,300 yards, which remains a Raider record.

Despite the potent attack, SOC gave up an average of 25 points per game and struggled to 1-3-1 mark to open the season. But the Raiders recovered to win four straight and roared through its conference schedule for the second straight year.

Following a 27-21 Homecoming win over Western Oregon, Miles established three conference or school records in a 51-14 drubbing of Eastern Oregon and the team won its fourth conference crown over five seasons with a 42-12 win over George Fox.

The team finished seventh in the NAIA by averaging over 388 yards per outing, and sophomore punter Denny Ellis finished in the national top-four with a 44-yard clip, including a school-record 87-yard boot against Whitworth.



Spike Gordon's 1,163-yard season receiving yardage has never been challenged.

1983 (9-2)

NAIA District II Champions

After playing most of their 1982 home games at Ashland High due to the construction of their new home, the Raiders inaugurated the 4,000-seat Raider Stadium in September of 1983 with a 23-15 night win over Simon Fraser.

Led by All-American wide receiver Martin Turner, first-team All-District running back Jeff Southern and quarterback Jef McClellan, the potent Raider offense went on to average 416 yards of total offense and nearly 33 points per game en route to posting the school's first nine-win season.

Including impressive road wins over Willamette, Lewis & Clark and Linfield, the defending NAIA champion, Southern Oregon raced to a 5-0 start and the school's first top-10 national ranking.

Southern overcame mid-season setbacks to perennial powers Central Washington and Puget Sound by averaging 45 points in runaway wins over Oregon Tech, Western Oregon and Eastern Oregon.

Bolstered in part by the defensive play of linemen Shane Swenson, Dan Collins and safety Mike Beagle, the team clinched its only District II championship with a 22-7 regular-season-ending triumph at Western Washington.

Hopes for a first-ever playoff berth were dashed when the school erroneously missed a deadline to file a standard NAIA post-season eligibility report.

Despite the disappointing season-ending circumstances, head coach Chuck Mills became the only Raider guru ever to be named District II Coach of the Year.



A record-setting season by aptly named running back Jeff Southern helped the Raiders rise above the competition in 1983.

1990 (6-3-1)

Columbia Football Association

Mt. Hood League Champions

The Raiders posted their first league championship in seven seasons with the wide-open option-based attack of second-year head coach Jim Palazzolo.

Junior quarterback David Searle, a transfer from the University of Hawaii, set a school record with 20 touchdown passes during the season, including five in the final game, a 66-38 romp over Eastern Oregon.

When injuries decimated the Raider secondary, another multi-talented athlete, receiver/kick returner Greg Byrne, became the first player in CFA history to start on offense and defense in the same game.

Defensively, outside linebacker Andy Katoa led the team in tackles and sacks, earning the transfer from Brigham Young league defensive Player-of-the-Year honors and first-team All-American status.

Although the squad claimed the Mount Hood League title with a 6-0 mark and finished ranked 23rd in the country, three untimely losses to nationally ranked non-conference foes (Puget Sound, Central Washington and Pacific Lutheran) prevented the Raiders from finishing in the top-20, an NAIA requirement for a playoff berth.

After the season, Palazzolo was named league and regional Coach of the Year.



Future San Diego Charger Andy Katoa became the first Southern linebacker to earn first-team NAIA All-American status.

1987 (7-4)

NAIA Quarterfinalists

A season-opening 34-16 thrashing of defending NAIA national champion Linfield at Raider Stadium helped establish Southern Oregon as a Cinderella story in the CFA Mount Hood League race.

Dangerous by land or air, the offense was sparked by quarterback Rick Raish, one of the top passers in the league, and All-American running back Craig Henderson, who racked up seven consecutive 100-yard games, including a CFA record of 238 in a 38-17 win over Western Oregon.

Henderson finished the season with a school-record 1,576 yards, earned his second straight league rushing title and became the first Raider to garner league offensive Player of the Year honors.

Southern Oregon's defense, led by all-star linebacker Michael County, who averaged a school-record 12.6 tackles per contest, was equally as impressive, allowing an average of only 94 rushing yards per game.

A 41-14 loss at Klamath Falls allowed Oregon Tech to win



All-American Craig Henderson led Southern Oregon to its first post-season berth in 39 years.

the league title, but successive regular-season-ending wins over Western Oregon and Eastern Oregon allowed Southern to rise to No. 15 in the national poll and secure the school's first-ever NAIA playoff berth.

A capacity crowd turned out at Raider Stadium to see Southern Oregon upend eighth-ranked Central Washington thanks in part to a 147-yard, two-touchdown performance by Henderson, but Mesa State ended Southern Oregon's championship hopes in the

national quarterfinals the following week with a 38-7 win on a muddy field in Grand Junction, Colo.

1987 NAIA Division II Playoffs

So. Oregon 21, C. Washington 14 (First Round)

(Ashland, Nov. 28) — Southern Oregon returned to post-season action for the first time in 39 years by stunning Columbia Football Association Mt. Rainier League champion and eighth-ranked Central Washington in the closing moments.

Raider All-American running back Craig Henderson dashed 39 yards for a touchdown with 1:39 remaining to propel 15th-ranked Southern Oregon to the 21-14 upset.

Henderson, who started the scoring with a two-yard run in the opening moments, gained 147 yards on 31 carries and surpassed Jeff Southern's school season rushing record in the process.

Quarterback Rick Raish, who earned game offensive MVP honors, softened the Wildcat defense by completing 15 of 24 passes for 246 yards, including a fourth-quarter touchdown pass to Jeff Beathard.

Central Washington	0	0	7	7— 14
Southern Oregon	0	7	0	14— 21

SO-Craig Henderson 2 run (Brian Pifer kick)

CW-Jimmie Dillingham 3 run (Scott Kelly kick)

SO-Jeff Beathard 7 pass from Rick Raish (Pifer kick)

CW-Jim Hill 6 run (Kelly kick)

SO-Henderson 39 run (Pifer kick)

Mesa State 38, So. Oregon 7 (Quarterfinals)

(Grand Junction, Colo., Dec. 5) — Fourth-ranked Mesa State scored on its opening drive and twice within 49 seconds in what became a quarterfinal rout of the Raiders.

The Mavericks raced to a 35-0 lead one minute into the second half after a 77-yard kickoff fumble return and a 17-yard scoring scamper set up by an interception. Vaughn, the offensive MVP, finished with 153 rushing yards and three scores.

Mesa quarterback Tony Martin, a future NFL standout, victimized the SOU defense for 193 passing yards and mustered another 101 on 11 carries.

The Mavs outgained SOU 601-356 in total offense, including 388 on the ground from the NAIA's No. 2 rushing offense against the No. 4 rush defense.

Craig Henderson paced the otherwise flat SOU attack with 133 yards on 22 carries.

Southern Oregon	0	0	7	0— 7
Mesa State	14	7	14	3— 38

MS-Tony Martin 2 run (Tracey Bennett kick)

MS-Mike Vaughn 63 run (Bennett kick)

MS-Hinkson 1 run (Bennett kick)

MS-Vaughn 77 kickoff fumble return (Bennett kick)

MS-Vaughn 17 run (Bennett kick)

SO-Jeff Beathard 6 pass from Rick Raish (Brian Pifer kick)

MS-Bennett 22 field goal

2001 (9-2)

NAIA Independents Champion

NAIA Quarterfinalists

Southern Oregon snapped a 14-year playoff drought by equaling a school record for season wins (9-2 overall), advancing to the NAIA quarterfinals and finishing a then-program-best No. 5 in the final national poll.

While the 1997, '99 and 2000 Raider squads finished a victory away and a handful of top-25 poll points away from a coveted berth in the 16-team national playoff field, the 2001 team broke through by posting school's best regular-season effort since 1946 (8-1) and achieving the school's highest in-season national ranking in a decade (fourth).

Sparked by senior quarterback Travis Mari, a Humboldt State transfer, and All-American defensive back/kick returner Nick Daniken, SOU averaged a school-record 43.1 points per game while limiting opponents to 16.8.

Unfortunately, the well-oiled SOU offensive and defensive machine's legitimate national title hopes were thwarted by a Carroll College last-second, come-from-behind 16-13 victory during a freak snowstorm at Raider Stadium in the quarterfinals.

The dream season produced nine all-stars and produced a bumper crop of 13 record-setting performances.

The Raiders, who outscored their first four opponents by a combined 188-32 margin, were voted the top Northwest small-college team for the first time ever by area Sports Information Directors and sportswriters.



Travis Mari's and SOU's record-setting year ended prematurely in the infamous Snow Bowl against Carroll.

2001 NAIA Championship Series

So. Oregon 54, McKendree 10 (First Round)

(Ashland, Nov. 17) — Southern Oregon University made the most of its first post-season appearance since 1987 by stifling 16th-ranked McKendree (Ill.) College at Raider Stadium.

SOU scored on nine of its 11 offensive possessions and accumulated 444 yards against a Bearcat defense that yielded 11.9 points and 248 yards per contest during the season.

Senior quarterback Travis Mari was the key figure in the dissection. He earned offensive player-of-the-game honors by completing 15 of 23 passes for 230 yards and two touchdowns.

Tailback Dusty McGrorty had 26 carries for 100 yards and scored three touchdowns, while linebacker Erube Magana collected defensive player-of-the-game accolades with a seven-tackle performance, including five solos and three for losses.

McKendree	0	0	10	0— 10
Southern Oregon	10	16	21	7— 54

SO-Dusty McGrorty 1 run (Jason Manning kick)

SO-Manning 41 field goal

SO-Manning 27 field goal

SO-McGrorty 29 pass from Travis Mari (Manning kick)

SO-Danny Negra 24 pass from Mari (Manning kick)

MC-Brian Schneider 24 field goal

SO-Nick Daniken 95 kickoff return (Manning kick)

SO-McGrorty 2 run (Manning kick)

SO-Elijah Jordan 23 pass from Mari (Manning kick)

MC-Drew Cofty 28 run (Schneider kick)

SO-Bill Jolin 17 run (Manning kick)

Carroll 16, So. Oregon 13 (Quarterfinals)

(Ashland, Nov. 24) — Carroll College receiver Zack Zawacki hauled in a nine-yard pass from quarterback J.D. Emmert with 30 seconds remaining to lift the fourth-ranked Fighting Saints to a 16-13 come-from-behind win during a freak snowstorm that paralyzed the potent Raider rushing attack.

Saint linebacker Joe Horne, named the defensive MVP with a game-high 11-tackles, quelled SOU's comeback bid at the Carroll 38 as time expired by stripping Raider quarterback Travis Mari of the ball on a pass play.

Emmert earned offensive player-of-the-game honors by completing 27 of 54 passes for 276 yards, including 4-for-8 for 32 on the final drive that covered 68 yards in 10 plays.

Mari finished with a 26-for-48 clip for 193 yards, including 167 in the second half. Receiver Leo Stoddard hauled in 13 balls for 109 of the yards, including a seven-yard go-ahead TD grab with 2:21 remaining.

Carroll	3	0	0	13— 16
Southern Oregon	0	0	6	7— 13

CC-Rhett Crites 19 field goal

SO-Bill Jolin 1 run (kick failed)

CC-Nick Carrell 13 pass from J.D. Emmert (kick failed)

SO-Leo Stoddard 7 pass from Travis Mari (Manning kick)

CC-Zack Zawacki 9 pass from Emmert (Crites kick)

2002 (8-3)

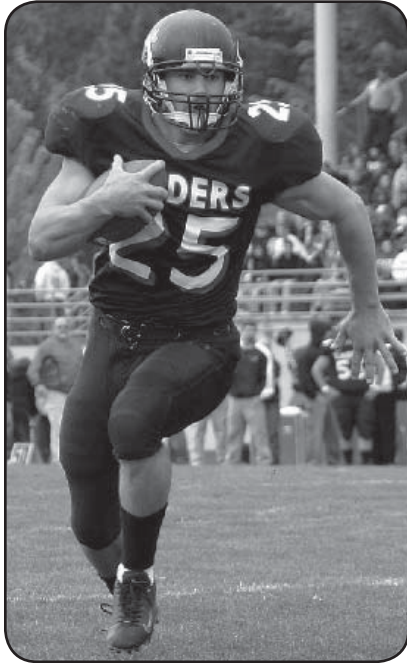
NAIA Quarterfinalists

Southern Oregon equaled the accomplishments of both previous Raider NAIA playoff teams by advancing to the quarterfinals.

The Raiders appeared to be headed for the national semifinals when they staked a 17-point fourth-quarter lead at Carroll College in the school's first televised contest, but the eventual national champion Saints pulled off a 35-31 miracle.

Bouyed by a school-record six All-Americans, Southern compiled its fourth consecutive winning season and posted at least eight wins in back-to-back years for the first time in the program's 70-year history.

The Raiders spent one week ranked at an all-time high No. 2 in the top-25 poll before settling at No. 6 in the season-ending ranking.



All-American Dusty McGrorty led the NAIA with a 156-yard rushing average.

The post-season run was set up by a last-second 17-14 Homecoming victory against 14th-ranked Azusa Pacific and four key regular-season road victories, including two in Montana on consecutive weekends (Rocky Mountain and MSU-Northern), as well as a first-ever win over an NCAA Div. I-AA team (31-10 at San Diego).

Led by first-team NAIA All-Americans Dusty McGrorty and Nick Daniken, SOU was fifth nationally for stopping the run (95.8) and featured an amazingly balanced offensive attack (2,183 yards rushing; 2,068 passing).

Juniors Garret Gelker, Todd Wesolowski and Steve Baker (who finished second nationally for punting) were second-team All-Americans. NAIA defensive player-of-the-week selection Brad Kudlac was an honorable mention choice.

Head coach Jeff Olson repeated as NAIA Independents Coach of the Year.

2002 NAIA Championship Series

So. Oregon 30, UM-Western 12 (First Round)

(Ashland, Nov. 23) — Southern Oregon advanced to the NAIA quarterfinals for the second consecutive season by upending 15th-ranked University of Montana-Western in pea soup fog at Raider Stadium.

Raider tailback Dusty McGrorty earned offensive MVP honors by rushing 35 times for a career playoff-best 164 yards and a touchdown, while the SOU defense limited the pass-oriented Bulldogs to 322 net yards.

Southern charged to a 16-3 lead early in the second quarter by scoring on its first three possessions. Meanwhile, UMW penetrated inside the Raider 18 three times in the first half but only managed only six points until mop-up time.

SOU defensive ends Garret Gelker and Gilberto Roman, who combined for 11 tackles and three sacks, shared defensive MVP honors and helped limit UMW to 40 rushing yards.

Montana-Western	3	3	0	6— 12
Southern Oregon	13	3	7	7— 30

SO-Danny Negra 7 pass from Dan Woodward (Steve Baker kick)

MW-Eric Zahler 22 field goal

SO-Nick Daniken 86 kickoff return (kick failed)

SO-Baker 40 field goal

MW-Zahler 35 field goal

SO-Dusty McGrorty 1 run (Baker kick)

SO-Brandon White 4 run (Baker kick)

MW-Travis Kirby 5 run (pass failed)

Carroll 35, So. Oregon 31 (Quarterfinals)

(Helena, Mont., Nov. 30) — Tenth-ranked Carroll College scored 21 unanswered fourth-quarter points for another dramatic victory over SOU in the NAIA quarterfinals.

The Fighting Saints scored the game-winner (and took their first lead of the game) with 1:22 left on a 10-yard pass play from quarterback Robb Latrielle to Mark Gallik.

Latrielle, the offensive MVP who entered the game in relief of injured starter Tyler Emmert on CC's opening drive, completed 24-44 passes for 344 yards and three touchdowns.

SOU appeared to be headed for the semis when it took a 31-14 lead late in the third quarter on a 22-yard trick play touchdown pass from receiver Bobby Poeltl to Danny Negra.

Dusty McGrorty scored twice and finished with 159 rushing yards for SOU, while quarterback Dan Woodward had his best collegiate outing by going 20-for-28 for 288 yards.

Southern Oregon	7	10	14	0— 31
Carroll	7	7	0	21— 35

SO-Danny Negra 47 pass from Dan Woodward (Steve Baker kick)

CC-Dearcorn 1 run (Ryan Crites kick)

SO-Dusty McGrorty 4 run (Baker kick)

CC-Mark Gallik 2 pass from Robb Latrielle (Crites kick)

SO-Baker 22 field goal

SO-McGrorty 48 run (Baker kick)

SO-Negra 19 pass from Bobby Poeltl (Baker kick)

CC-Latrielle 1 run (Crites kick)

CC-FitzSimmons 12 pass from Latrielle (Crites kick)

CC-Gallik 11 pass from Latrielle (Crites kick)