

Louisiana State Lands Berth in NCAA Tourney

By JOHN GRIFFIN
NEW YORK Feb. 24 (AP)—Notre Dame, Navy, and Fordham, three of the nation's top independent teams, were expected to follow Louisiana State and DePaul today into the NCAA post-season basketball tournament.

Louisiana State landed its tourney berth last night when it clinched the Southeastern conference championship with an easy 63 to 48 conquest of Mississippi.

DePaul with a record of 18 wins and six defeats accepted a "member at large" bid.

That, with Idaho State and Seattle previously entered, made four berths filled in the 23-man field.

The tourney includes 14 conference champions and nine "members at large."

Irish Perturbed
Notre Dame, with a 16-4 record, was said to be "perturbed" because, as an "at large" entry, it would have to play in a preliminary elimination round.

Fordham (18-4) previously indicated interest in a bid and was expected to accept quickly.

The National Invitation Tournament, which yesterday half-completed its 12-team field by landing Duquesne (18-6), was also expected to announce another team today possibly Villanova (17-8).

First Clean Sweep
Louisiana State, gaining its first undisputed league crown, ran its conference record to 11-0 with its victory over Mississippi.

The Hoosiers, with a 14-0 league record, need only to beat Illinois on Saturday night to clinch their first undisputed league crown.

Indiana smashed four scoring records as it blasted Purdue last night, 13 to 78.

The Hoosiers set these scoring marks: 1, new league single-game scoring total; 2, new Bloomington Field House record; 3, new three-year Indiana record of 822 points for Don Schlundt, who scored 31 last night; and 4, new 14-game league record of 357 for Schlundt.

In other leading games last night: Texas Christian tied for second in the Southwest conference by beating Arkansas, 65 to 63; in Big Ten games—Michigan State's defense downed Wisconsin, 53 to 45; Jim Bragiel's free throw gave Northwestern an 85 to 84 win over Michigan, and Iowa downed Ohio State 90 to 75, despite 26 points by State's Paul Eberg.

License Sales Show Increase

The annual tally of fishing and hunting license sales released by the game commission claims 420,000 fishing and hunting fans in Oregon for 1952, an increase of 32,000 over 1951.

This, says the commission report, represents 37 per cent of the State's adult population over 14 years of age or 28 per cent of the total population.

The continued increase in license sales has reached a point where the commission believes fishing and hunting has valid claim as the number one sport of Oregonians.

Breakdown for the sales is 80,000 combination licenses, 182,000 angling licenses, and 141,000 hunting licenses.

Special fishing and hunting licenses sold to pioneers, disabled veterans, indigents, and the blind accounted for the other 17,000 licenses sold.

An additional 24,000 angling and 1,500 hunting licenses were sold to tourists. Sales of the vacation licenses to non-residents have increased 21 per cent in the past two years.

An accurate measure of elk and deer hunting pressure is given in deer and elk tag license sales. In 1952 deer tags sold to hunters numbered 186,000 and elk tags 24,000.

The \$2,011,074 derived from the sale of 1952 game licenses was set aside in the state game fund for wildlife protection and management work.

CONSIDERATE
BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP)—The sign adorns the wall of a barber shop here: "On Saturdays children's haircuts until 12. Only adults clipped in afternoon."

Lewis and Clark Moving Nearer Northwest Title

PORTLAND, Feb. 24 (AP)—Lewis and Clark moved closer to a Northwest conference basketball championship last night with an easy 83-74 victory over College of Idaho.

The Pioneers need only one win in their two-game series with Willamette this weekend to clinch the 1953 championship.

College of Idaho was unable to keep in the game from the opening minute. The Pioneers rolled a 24-5 lead late in the first quarter and then slowed down in the second period which ended 44-29 for Lewis and Clark.

The fourth quarter opened with the Pioneers holding a 17-point bulge, 66-49.

Idaho's sharpshooter, R. C. Owens, led all scorers with 22 points. John Fuez paced Lewis and Clark with 21.

Owen Schedules Tag Team Match

Bend wrestling fans will have a change of fare on the card scheduled for presentation Thursday evening at the Bend armory, when an Australian tag team match will be offered by Matchmaker Elton Owen.

The Baillargeon brothers will headline the card, as a team, and pitted against them will be Tony Ross and Red Vagnone, a formidable combination in any ring.

Ross also is big and tough, and has shown up well in previous Bend cards. Vagnone, a veteran, should team well with Ross.

Big Don Kindred, who finally got revenge last week by defeating Eric Pederson in the headline event here, this week will meet Gino Nicolini, in the one-hour preliminary match. Kindred has become increasingly popular with Central Oregon wrestling fans, and at the same time has gained the respect of other top wrestlers in the Pacific Northwest through his prowess.

Nicolini definitely is on the way up and would like nothing better than to spring an upset here. He is fast and uses many holds well, specializing in the abdominal stretch and the crossbow.

Portland, Feb. 24—The Oregon Softball association said today it will meet here March 8 at the Multnomah hotel.

State Director Ken Kerr of Oregon City, said commissioners from all 16 state districts and officers of all state leagues have been invited to attend. He said the conference would open to all persons interested in softball.

Concrete Explanation

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Police learned that four safes dumped in a vacant lot were not cast off by a ring of safe-crackers. The Railway Express office put them there because "the company could not sell them for scrap iron. They contain too much concrete."

Board of Coaches Selects Indiana as Top U. S. Team

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—The United Press board of coaches, more impressed by Indiana's Big Ten domination than by Seton Hall's 26-game winning streak, chose the Hoosiers as the nation's No. 1 college basketball team today for the third week in a row.

Of the 35 leading coaches who make up the United Press rating board, all but one picked Indiana either first second or third on his ballot this week.

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Madras, Cowboys Meet in Crucial Game on Friday

PRINEVILLE, Feb. 24 A crucial pre-tournament game among central Oregon high school basketball teams will be played in Madras Friday night when the Buffaloes meet the Prineville Cowboys.

After weekend play, the high school district teams were tied for first, second, and third places. Bend and Redmond, with a .777 percentage, are paired for first place; Lakeview and Madras, are tied for second with .444; and Burns and Prineville, man the cellar, with a .333 percentage tie.

A meeting of coaches in Bend Sunday assigned Madras an automatic fourth position in the tournament to be held March 6 and 7, on the basis of a straw drawing.

Playoff Provided
If Madras defeats Prineville at the scheduled game Friday night, Prineville will be eliminated from tournament play, officials disclosed. If, on the other hand, Prineville defeats Madras, Prineville will be tied automatically with Lakeview and Madras. In that case, arrangements have been made for a preliminary playoff between Prineville and Lakeview the first night of the tournament in Prineville, March 6. The winner will be given third place in the tourney, and the loser will be eliminated.

The tournament is for the four top teams in Central Oregon high school play. According to present standings Burns, having played all 10 scheduled games, is cancelled from tournament possibilities with a .333 percentage. Bend and Redmond, tied for first place, have a game each to play. Prineville and Madras, around whom the controversy for tournament standing pivots, have one more game each. Lakeview completed its ten game series on Saturday.

Current league standings are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct.
Bend 7 2 .777
Redmond 7 2 .777
Lakeview 4 6 .444
Madras 4 6 .444
Prineville 3 6 .333
Burns 3 7 .333

Fight Results

New York—Johnny Bratton 152½, Chicago, knocked out Tuzo Portuquez, 161, Costa Rica (5).

Chicago—Ron Stribling, 133, Cedar Rapids, Ia., stopped Tony Spano, 134, Chicago (8).

Roanoke, Va.—Henry Pappy Gault, 117½, Spartanburg, S. C., outpointed James Buddy Baggett 115½, Dallas, Tex. (15).

Loviston, Me.—Larry Griffin, 144, Auburn, Me., outpointed Billy O'Boyne, 142½, Old Orchard Beach, Me. (10).

Paris—Percy Bassett, 130½, Philadelphia stopped Auguste Caulet, 135½, France (5-non-title).

SOFTBALL MEETING

MADRAS, Feb. 24 Representatives of 1952 teams and prospective sponsors of new teams for the 1953 season will hold a dinner meeting tonight at the Shangri La recreation center to discuss plans of the Jefferson County Softball league for the coming season.

In 1952 teams were sponsored by the Jefferson Potato Co., Warm Springs Indians, Earl's Super Market, Pacific Supply cooperative, Culver Seed Co. and Rialto tavern. Additional sponsors are expected this year.

LaSalle (22-2) moved up one notch to fourth place, followed by Kansas (13-4); Illinois (14-3) dropped two places to sixth after being upset by Iowa; while Louisiana State (19-1) advanced one place to seventh. Oklahoma A&M (18-5), North Carolina State (22-5) and Kansas State (13-4) rounded out the top 10 in that order.

DePaul, dropping out of the top 10 this week headed the second 10 teams, followed in order by Western Kentucky, Brigham Young, California, Notre Dame, St. Louis, Manhattan College and Duquesne. Seattle and Southern California tied for 20th place.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—The United Press college basketball ratings:

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points
1. Indiana 326
2. Seton Hall 293
3. Washington 273
4. LaSalle 168
5. Kansas 150
6. Illinois 134
7. Louisiana State 107
8. Oklahoma A & M 98
9. North Carolina State 91
10. Kansas State 87

Second 10—11. DePaul, 43; 12. Western Kentucky, 33; 13. Brigham Young, 25; 14. California, 21; 15. Notre Dame, 16; 16. St. Louis, 14; 17. Manhattan, 12; 18. Duquesne, 10; 19. tie, Seattle and Southern California, 4 each.

Sports Parade

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Yankees' Mickey Mantle, channel swimmer Florence Chadwick and former heavyweight king Jack Sharkey are performing at the National Sportsmen's Show today but they run a rather distant second to the world's bravest woman.

She is the wife of Archie Lobdell, a lad who gives thrilling exhibitions with a double-edged five-pound axe. Mrs. Lobdell decorates the targets which vary from an apple on her head to a balloon held unconcernedly in her mouth.

From 20 feet away, Archie cuts 'em in half.

I won't give you any bets on how long this act will last but it is reliably reported that Mrs. Lobdell never argues with Archie.

Mantle Not Broke
Mantle, who still hasn't signed with the Yankees because of a \$5,000 salary difference, is making up that sum the easy way. Mickey, a casual angler, is getting five grand this week just to stand still and let Sharkey teach him how to cast.

The show, as usual, has everything. You can buy anything from a trailer drawn by an oversized tricycle to a log cabin, or from airplanes to roller skates. The pitchmen are having a field day selling the Manhattan trappers everything but the Brooklyn Bridge and embryo Daniel Boones practices incessantly with gun and bow while pop plays the pin ball machines.

Some Catch Hats
The show strikes an incongruous note on the third floor where there is a huge tank filled with trout. There, for a half buck, you can catch two fish. Eager anglers line the tank, shoulder to shoulder, and whip the water into a froth. The biggest catch is of hats among the spectators, while glaring from a conservation booth across the way is a sign which admonishes: "Don't hunt or fish out of season."

There was quite a crowd gathered around a vibrator exhibit.

Like a Truck
This is a gimmick which supposedly tones up your circulation, working on the principle of a ride in a model T truck. They started to give free toy demonstrations but the first character up killed the project. He had a hole in his sock, and nobody else wanted to take a chance.

Animals are all over the joint, including a full team of sled dogs a bit on the panting side, a pair of llamas which look like outsized nanny goats, a jaguar who seems to spend most of his time sleeping off-one and two flamingoes probably on lend-lease from Hialeah.

COP SEES RED
HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Forty motorists, charged with going through red lights, had something else in common. All were arrested by Office William M. O'Brien.

WRESTLING

Bend Armory, Thursday, Feb. 26

MAIN EVENT
Australian Tag Team Match
Best 2/3 falls or 1-hour limit

ANTONIO BAILLARGEON, 190 vs. TONY ROSS, 204
LIONEL BAILLARGEON, 201 vs. "RED" VAGNONE, 205

SEMI FINAL
Best 2/3 falls or 1-hour limit
DON KINDRED, 215 vs. GINO NICOLINI, 198

The Brown Bomber, Toledo vs. Buffalo
Matches under supervision of the Bend Athletic Commission, Howard Maple, chairman

Pacific Defeats Whitman 81 to 75

FOREST GROVE, Feb. (AP)—Pacific University continued to work its way up in the Northwest conference basketball race last night by climbing into third place on a 81-75 victory over Whitman.

The Badgers, paced by the sharp-shooting of Norm Hubert and Danny French, hit 31 of 51 shots from the field for a phenomenal .608 average. The losing Missionaries connected on 32 out of 60 shots for a .533 average.

Whitman grabbed an early lead in the game, but it changed hands several times and Pacific left the floor at halftime with a three-point edge, 34-31.

It was tied in the third period at 40-40 and then Pacific went into the lead to stay.

Hubert led all scorers with 25 points and French tallied 21. Dick Fain paced Whitman with 22 and Rex Gwinn added 20.

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