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AT CORVALLIS

OSC Ekes Narrow Win, 54-53, Over Cougars; WSC Faces Ducks Next

Oregon State college's defending Pacific Coast conference basketball titlist eked out a 54-53 win over Washington State at Corvallis, last night to gain a split of their two-game opening northern division series. WSC won Tuesday's opener 42-38.

The Beavers forged to an 11-point edge twice in the first half, but the Cougars, led by sophomore Gene Conley, fought back to take a 33-32 lead before Len Rinearson put OSC ahead at half-time 34-33.

It was the same nip-and-tuck struggle in the second half. OSC didn't move out in front to stay until Jim Padgett broke a 43-43 knot. With two minutes to go, the Beavers held a 54-50 margin. Leon Mangis' free throw and

Conley's long shot narrowed the count to 54-53 with 13 seconds remaining. Mangis snared the ball off a jump and fired in desperation at the gun. The shot fell short.

Conley, the Cougars' six foot eight inch center, dominated the individual shotmaking with 22 points, 10 more than garnered by Bob Payne and Dick Ballantyne who led the victors. Ed Gayda, who led WSC in the first game, was held to a lone field goal and collected only six points.

Conference action now awaits Friday night when Washington State moves into Eugene to complete its four-game Oregon road jaunt against the Oregon Ducks Friday and Saturday night. The game evenings find Idaho invading Seattle against the favored Washington Huskies.

Giant Fans Get 'Lucky' Charm

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Superstitious New York Giant baseball fans are elated today over the addition of Outfielder Myron "Mike" McCormick.

The veteran left-hander is regarded as a "good luck" charm who has a knack for bringing pennants to his stopping places. He played on pennant winners at Cincinnati, Boston and Brooklyn.

McCormick, 32, was signed by the Giants yesterday as a free agent.

Mike came up to the majors with Cincinnati in 1940 and helped the Reds win the pennant. He batted .300 in his maiden season and .310 in the Reds' losing venture against the New York Yankees in the world series.

McCormick lingered with the Reds until he entered the service in 1943. He returned from the Rhineland in 1946 and was shipped to the Boston Braves before the season ended.

The Braves used McCormick in 52 games in 1947 but in 1948 Mike got into 115 and batted .303 to help the Braves win their first pennant since 1914.

In 1949, he got into only 55 games and batted a meek .209 for the Dodgers but landed in the world series for the third time.

Churches May Enter YM Basketball League

Any church desiring to enter the YMCA-Church Basketball league is urged to contact Marlen Yoder, YMCA general secretary, and let him know the ages of the boys who will be playing. Yoder said the schedule cannot be made up until the churches let him know about the teams they plan to sponsor.

From those originally showing interest, the Latter Day Saints, First Conservative Baptist, Salvation Army, and the Presbyterian are the churches that have notified Yoder of the teams they plan to enter. In hopes of getting a larger league, Yoder said, the time limit will be extended. The representatives will contact him by calling 1728-R or 1654-J-1.

Oma Wins Decision

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Heavyweight contender Lee Oma, 192½, of Newark, N. J., stretched his unbroken victory chain to 12 last night by gaining a 10-round decision over Freddie Besheore, 183, Oakland, Calif., for the second time in a month.

Oma won by a much slimmer margin than when the two heavyweights met in Memorial auditorium here Dec. 6.

NAMED BEST PLAYER

PASADENA, Calif. — (AP) — Fred (Curly) Morrison, Ohio State's great smashing fullback, was voted the outstanding player in the Rose Bowl game.

Morrison received 38 of the 46 votes cast by the football writers chapter of Southern California. The Buckeyes defeated California 17-14 in the game Monday.

SIGNS WITH SOX

SPOKANE, — (AP) — Bob McCrow, who was graduated from John Rogers high school last spring after winning letters in three sports, signed a baseball contract Wednesday with the Boston Red Sox.

More than 60 reports on washing coal have been issued by the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

St. Johns Tops Nation's Hoop Clubs In Poll

UCLA Only West Coast Team In First Twenty, Voted Ninth Position

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—St. John's of Brooklyn today held an early edge over a large field in one of the most wide open scramble-bes ever for national collegiate basketball supremacy.

The Redmen of Brooklyn, with a 12-1 record, were voted the No. 1 quintet of the country in the first of the Associated Press' weekly polls on the top teams in the sport.

Kentucky Second

Second place went to Kentucky's young, improving Wildcats, who have lost only to St. John's. The Wildcats rebounded to down Villanova and Bradley, two strong clubs, and win the Sugar bowl tourney.

St. John's, which was knocked out of the unbeaten class Tuesday night by a blazing CCNY team, 54-52, received a total of 696 points in the voting of 88 sports writers and specialists around the country. Points were awarded on a 10-9-8-7, etc., basis for 1 to 10 selections.

The other members of the first ten are No. 3-Bradley, 485 points; 4—Long Island U., 470 points; 5—Indiana, 38 points; 6—Holy Cross, 315; 7—North Carolina State 232; 8—Duquesne, 141; 9—UCLA, 140; 10—Minnesota, 102.

Wins Help

St. John's twin triumphs over last year's big tourney champion, Kentucky of the NCAA, and San Francisco of the national invitation tourney, undoubtedly swayed the experts in the Redmen's direction. The Brooklyn five plays a powerful schedule.

But the Brooklynites have a stern struggle ahead of them to keep on top. Kentucky, for instance, is a sophomore-loaded team which has been improving from game to game. Long Island, a tall, smart team, is rated in the Metropolitan area as at least equal to St. John's.

UCLA's ninth place ranking made it the only team on the Pacific coast to hit the top 20. Washington, which split a pair with 10th place Minnesota, was placed 21st with 2 points. San Francisco was 26th with 31 points and the only other West Coast team to gain more than 16 points.



PANCHO GONZALES — This professional tennis star, along with Jack Kramer, Frank Parker and Pancho Segura, will make his Willamette valley debut at the University of Oregon's McArthur court Feb. 8 at 8 p. m. Bobby Riggs, director of the world-touring netmen, will accompany the players to Eugene. Tickets for the event are available at the McArthur court ticket offices, Eugene. Prices are scaled at \$1.30 for reserved seats, 90 cents for general admission, and 50 cents for students and children.

College Basketball

(By The Associated Press)

Oregon State 54, Washington State 53.
Santa Barbara 61, Los Angeles Loyola 31.
Western Montana 64, Ricks 44.
Holy Cross 102, Harvard 71.
St. Bonaventure 73, Regis (Colo.) 57.
Butler 70, Fordham 74.
Lafayette 70, Wake Forest 56.
Niagara 100, Gannon (Pa.) 48.
Yale 63, Springfield (Mass.) 53.
Kentucky 77, Miss. State 55.
Arkansas 60, Texas 51.
Blue 60, Texas Christian 61.
Southern Methodist 53, Texas A&M 48.
Texas Western 49, Hardin-Simmons 46.
DePaul 41, Oklahoma Aggies 40.
St. Louis 56, Detroit 41.
Notre Dame 54, Butler 32.
Arkansas 60, Texas 51.
Blue 60, Texas Christian 61.
Southern Methodist 53, Texas A&M 48.
Texas Western 49, Hardin-Simmons 46.
DePaul 41, Oklahoma Aggies 40.
St. Louis 56, Detroit 41.
Notre Dame 54, Butler 32.

Grades' Court Play Held Up By Gymnasium

Grade school basketball play is still in the "blueprint stage," as far as competition is concerned, and its all because of the Benson school gymnasium, according to Athletic Director Cece Sherwood.

Both Benson and Riverside grade school players will use the gymnasium facilities at Benson, but the floor has yet to be sealed and four more baskets have to be installed. Two are up at the present time, but Sherwood reported they need "some adjustment."

Meanwhile, Fullerton and Rose school basketballers are continuing to put in hours on the practice court and it doesn't take too smart a person to figure out they will enjoy somewhat of an edge, when it comes time to play.

At the termination of league play, a grade school jamboree, similar to the recent football jamboree, will terminate that sports activity, Sherwood said.

News Views

By SHERMAN PLIMPTON

The navy's top rocket man says in less than 10 years we'll have passenger-carrying rockets that will zip from coast to coast in 90 minutes. That's practically untraveling time. You could leave the West Coast in mid-morning and have lunch in New York. If you could eat; and be back on the Coast in time for a siesta. If you could close your eyes. It'll hardly be a scenic trip. You'll be moving so fast the fish of the Pacific ocean, the Midwest vegetables and the Great Lakes will blur into a giant-sized clam chowder. Note it says "YOU'll be moving"—WE're staying home.

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Open Season On Football Coaches Again

Several Schools Have No Mentor For 1950; Jockeying Continues

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—It's open season on football coaches again. An even dozen already have been displaced among major and near-major colleges, with more changes brewing.

The Navy and Washington State staffs walked out in a body—with some gentle nudging—and have not been succeeded, although Eddie Erdelatz has his foot inside the door at the Naval Academy.

Others Without

Other institutions who have discarded and not replaced their head coaches are Florida, New York university, North Dakota State, Marshall and New Mexico.

Five colleges have new mentors ready to lead them, they hope, to greater achievements when the claxon call is sounded next fall. These are Oklahoma A. & M., Davidson, Marquette, Arkansas and Furman.

Coach George Sauer of Navy's discarded and battered forces quit in a huff last Friday when the academy fired his two top assistants, Vic Bradford and Bob Ingalls.

Quit With 2 Years

Apparently taking this as a hint that he also was no longer welcome, then lean Kansan quit with two years to go on a four-year contract. During his tenure, the Midshipmen won only three games while losing 13 and tying two.

Erdelatz, a former Navy assistant who has been helping Buck Shaw with the professional San Francisco 49ers, is the leading candidate for Sauer's job.

Phil Sarboe left under almost similar circumstances at Washington state. The board of regents accepted Sarboe's resignation and then notified his three assistants they wouldn't be rehired in 1950.

Notre Dame Voted Top Team Of Entire Nation's Sports

By JOHN CHANDLER
NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The Notre Dame football team, undefeated over a 38-game stretch, was voted the nation's outstanding team of 1949 in the annual year-end poll of sports writers by the Associated Press.

Thus, the Fighting Irish pulled a big double for the year, having previously been voted the No. 1 college football team in the final weekly Associated Press poll.

With 95 voting, 52 named Notre Dame as the outstanding team of the country in any sport, professional or amateur. The Irish got 27 second choice votes, and three for third, and ran up a total of 213 points.

Yankees Next

Runnerup honors went to the New York Yankees, whose crisp play fought to the American league championship, then blasted the Brooklyn Dodgers in the world series. The Yankees had 149 points, with 27 first place votes, 28 second and 12 third.

The University of Kentucky basketball team, NCAA champions last spring, easily took third honors with 67 points. Kentucky got eight first place votes, 10 for second and 23 for third.

Fourth place went to the Philadelphia Eagles, champions of the National Football league for the second straight year, with 21 points. The Minneapolis Lakers, champions of the Basketball Association of America, were fifth.

Following, in order, were the Cleveland Browns, four-time winners of the All-America Football conference championship; The ball champions; the University of Oklahoma football team; the Japanese swimming team and University of San Francisco basketball team, national invitation basketball champions, tie for ninth; and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Nation Adopts Fumble Testing

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Prep football teams throughout the country will be able to run with a fumbled ball next season. The change in national rules, disclosed yesterday by Tom Engott, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon School Activities association, was adopted by the National Federation of High School Athletic associations at a meeting in Los Angeles.

Three years' experimentation in Oregon schools preceded the change. The Oregon test showed that fewer injuries occur when fumbles are run back than in the pileups resulting from loose balls.

The national policy change permits the defensive team to advance a fumble, a bobbled ball, past or a "muff"—the latter referring to balls fumbled before actually being in possession.

Another change automatically declared punts over the goal line to be touchbacks.

Roseburg Boxers Hunt Opponents

Ray Brown's current dilemma is dating up his boxers with high schools featuring the same activity.

He said the lads "won't be doing much of anything, until the latter part of the month." They are, however, punching the bag, skipping rope, doing calisthenics and otherwise occupying themselves since Tuesday, when they took over their quarters underneath the high school stadium.

The indoor activity is topped off with a three-mile run around Finlay field oval.

The 35 lads, both of senior and junior high, that regularly turn out for practice, will start sparring Monday, Brown said.

He reminded that although no definite dates have yet been set, the lads hope to arrange matches with Springfield, Medford, Grants Pass, Siuslaw and possibly Reedsport high schools.

The U. S. Geological Survey has discovered coal deposits of more than 1,000,000,000 tons in the San Juan Basin of Colorado and New Mexico.

Kahut May Face Heavy Champion

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Boxing promoter Tex Salkeld said last night he would try to bring heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles to Portland next summer to meet Oregon's Joe Kahut in a title match.

Salkeld said he would offer Charles' \$35,000 plus 37½ per cent of the net receipts to fight the Woodburn, Ore., farm boy slugger.

Kahut, here training for a benefit fight next week, was jubilant. "That's something every fighter dreams of," he said of the proposed title meeting with the champ.

At Pittsburg, Jake Mintz, one of the champions' managers, reported he was "interested" but had nothing to say until he had received the definite offer.

Weather Calls Papoose Game With Oakland

Seventh, Eighth Grades Cancel Contests, Give New Schedule For Week

Another basketball game was canceled because of weather conditions.

This time it was the seventh and eighth grade Papooses, coached by Al Hoffman and Eddy Wyatt, respectively, that were left with no game to play.

Slated to oppose Oakland seventh and eighth grade teams, at the junior high school gymnasium Wednesday afternoon, Oakland phone-dialed the Roseburg coaches and told them to leave the basketball suits hanging in the lockers. Slippery roads was given as the cause of the cancellation.

The Papoose schedule has been completely reversed, as another game also has been canceled for this weekend.

With the old schedule chucked out the window, here's the way the Papooses line up for games during the coming week:

Friday afternoon, Jan. 6, Papoose seventh, eighth and ninth graders travel to Cottage Grove for three games there.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 4 and 5 p.m., Oakland seventh and eighth grade "B" and "A" teams oppose Papoose seventh and eighth graders, respectively. The Oakland seventh and eighth graders are combined and field two clubs, identified by a letter suffix "A" or "B". This game was to be played yesterday afternoon here.

Friday, Jan. 13, Roseburg Papoose seventh, eighth and ninth graders travel to Grants Pass for three games there.

Saturday, Jan. 14, Myrtle Creek eighth and ninth graders come to Roseburg to clash with Wyatt's and Hod Turner's charges. Originally, this game was dated for this coming Friday night, but Myrtle Creek asked that it be postponed until later, due to possible bad weather conditions, this weekend.

SEATTLE BOUT SET

SEATTLE.—(AP)—Ex-Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and Seattle's Jack Flood will box a six-round exhibition here next Tuesday night. Matchmaker Jimmy Fitten said Flood has won his last three fights here.

In Los Angeles, it was announced Louis would appear in Spokane either Jan. 19 or Jan. 23.

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