

Huskies, Aggies Win NCAA Tilts

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KANSAS CITY — (AP)—The first-round favorites all show up for tonight's semi-final set in the Western NCAA basketball playoffs, but their opening performances have the fans in a state of confusion.

After what the customers have witnessed in the first four games they can't be expected to have definite ideas from here on out.

The semi-finals tonight match the pattern set by Wednesday's first round winners Kansas State and BYU—just barely winning and not looking too impressive in doing it.

Washington's Huskies ran into a cold Texas A. and M. team last night, built up a 27-15 halftime lead and coasted to a 62-40 victory.

The Oklahoma Aggies squeezed by little Montana State of Bozeman, one of the two at-large entries, 50-46, but only after staving off a

hot enemy rally. The Montana rally had the Missouri Valley tilting giving its best—expert ball control—at the finish.

Kansas State won its opener, 61-59, Wednesday after blowing a big lead. BYU had anxious moments in beating another small college and at-large selection, San Jose (Calif.) State, 68-61.

The majority of the estimated 9,000 fans was pulling for an upset in the Montana State-Oklahoma Aggie game. The Aggies, twice national champions and three-times playoff winners in the West, led only 25-21 at the half and they had many anxious moments in the final period.

The game team from Montana came within a point of a tie, 44-43 on trail Joe McKethen's feister with about five minutes remaining and was within striking distance of one of basketball's biggest up-

sets of the year until the final horn.

McKethen, a 245 pound guard, led the scoring with 15 points.

Washington flashed hot and cold but had little trouble beating Texas A. and M. The Texas team, which shared in a three way tie for the Southwest conference title, sank only 16 percent of its first half shots and trailed, 27-15, at the intermission. They got their game average from the floor up to 26 percent, but never were actually in the contest.

Frank Guisness, 6-3 junior forward, was high point man for Washington. He counted 16 points. He had good assistance from Don Henson with 12.

Bob Houbregs earned 11 points for the Huskies and Doug McClary 10.

Washington threw a tight de-

fense of the Texans who at one point were held scoreless for nine full minutes. The Huskies turned the game into a rout in the final minutes, scoring 14 points before the gun.

Washington's Lou Soriano, and two Texans, Walter Davis and Jewell McDowell, fouled out during the game.

Coach Tippy Dye set an NCAA record by his appearance here. He is the first coach to appear in successive NCAA tournaments with different teams. Last year he coached Ohio State, Big Ten champion, to the Eastern playoffs.

NCAA finals are scheduled Saturday night. The Western winner will meet the Eastern champion in Minneapolis next Thursday for the national title. The Western and Eastern runners-up meet in a preliminary game for third place.

SPORTS

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Lincoln Downs Pirates 62-51 As K. Falls Edges Hillsboro In State Hoop Tourney Play

EUGENE — (AP) — Can the tall Klamath Falls team climb over the even taller Lincoln monument, otherwise known as Wade "Suede" Halbrook?

That was the big question today at the Oregon High school basketball tournament as record crowds awaited tonight's semi-final clash between Klamath Falls and Lincoln of Portland.

Halbrook, Lincoln's 7-foot center who is assaulting all known Oregon scoring records, led his team into the semi-finals last night with a 62-51 win over Marshfield.

Klamath Falls qualified by overcoming Hillsboro in the last half, 46-38.

The other semi-final game tonight pits Eugene against Jefferson of Portland. Eugene moved up by staging a last-period rally that sunk Astoria, 51-46. Jefferson squeaked Bend, 69-47.

Halbrook tied the single-game scoring record last night by chucking in 29 points—16 field goals and 7 free throws. The mark was established in 1947 by Loyd Buechtgenbach of Hood River.

The previous night Halbrook enabled his team to set two scoring records in downing Milton-Freewater, 96-86. Halbrook got 33 points in that one.

That gave him a two-game total of 72 points. He needs 23 more to crack Buechtgenbach's tourney record of 94. Halbrook will have two games in which to do it.

Halbrook Hard To Stop

Halbrook has scarcely been stopped this season—in one game he ran up 51 points for a state record—but there were many who thought Klamath Falls would be just the team to do it.

The southern Oregon entry averages 6 feet 3 inches in height, and has speed to burn. What's more their capable center is 6 feet 6 inches tall. He is Ralph Carroll, and many believe he can cope with Halbrook, who is not the most agile of players.

In the last pre-tournament AP poll, Klamath Falls was named No. 3 in the state, Lincoln No. 4.

While this battle of the storks will be the feature game, a huge crowd will be attracted by the other semi-final contest, for it sends the home-town Eugene team against Jefferson at 7:30 p.m.

Crowds continued to run at record proportions yesterday. An all-time high of 5181 turned out for the afternoon games, and 7346 were on hand at night. A tourney record now appears certain.

Salem Wins

In the consolation round yesterday Salem eliminated Newberg,

Washington J.C. Posts Tourney Win

HUTCHINSON, Kas. — (AP)—Two favorites — Northeast Mississippi and Ventura, Calif.—clash tonight in the semifinals of the National Junior College basketball tournament.

Ventura became a favorite early in the tournament by running up 50 points in the first 15 minutes of its opening round game against Weber college of Ogden, Utah. It beat Weber, 98-69. Then the Californians breezed past Amarillo, Tex., 78-46, in the quarterfinals.

Northeast Mississippi trounced Tiffin, Ohio, 78-61, in the first round and beat a good West Virginia, N. C., team 54-44, in the quarterfinals.

Tonight's other semifinal game in the championship bracket pits Tyler, Tex., against Moberly, Mo. Moberly beat York, Pa., 65-57, in last night's quarterfinal game. Tyler edged Dodge City, Kas., 68-65, in an overtime contest that was tied 60-all at the end of regulation play.

The tournament is a double elimination affair. Four teams were eliminated yesterday. Stockton, Calif., ousted South Georgia, 56-49. Wingate eliminated Amarillo, 65-53. Weber knocked out Norfolk, Neb., 87-74, and Olympic college of Bremerton, Wash., defeated Binghamton, N. Y., 73-59.

Gun Club Traps To Open Later Because Of Easter

The Roseburg Rod and Gun club weekly trap shoot at its grounds near Winchester will not start until 1 p.m. Sunday, club President Ken Gikerson reports.

The shoot was delayed so there would be no conflict with Easter church services.

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Teams Shift Positions In Commercial Bowling

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Bill Roberts of Melo Maid took top individual game honors with a 219 game. Earl Sargent of Cal-Pac posted the high series—587.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pts
Cal Pac	25	11 34
Wayne's	26	10 33
Drive-In	22	14 31
Coen Sup.	24	12 30
Todd Bldg.	19	17 29
Chrysalite	17	19 22
Lockwood	15	21 21
M and H	15	21 20
Spivey	16	20 20
D and L	12	24 17
Yoncalla	12	24 17
Melo Maid	12	24 15

Wildcats Face Spirited Illini

NEW YORK — (AP) — Spirited, hard-driving Illinois is next in line to try to waylay heavily-favored Kentucky in the NCAA basketball championship, and already Adolph Rupp is losing sleep over it.

"I'm worried," the veteran Kentucky coach said today. "Illinois looks mighty good and my boys are tired. This big Bob Peterson of theirs is liable to give our Spivey a lot of trouble."

Illinois and Kentucky clash Saturday at Madison Square Garden in the eastern finals, the winner qualifying to meet the Western victor for the championship at Minneapolis next Tuesday. The Western finalists will be determined tonight at Kansas City.

Both Eastern finalists produced a lot of late "kick" last night to subdue stubborn adversaries before 14,214 at the Garden.

The Wildcats from Lexington, Ky., held to even terms for 35 minutes, staged a devastating drive in the last five minutes to stun St. John's of Brooklyn, 59-43.

Illinois' underrated Big Ten champions also uncorked a stirring finish to repel North Carolina State, the Southern conference champion playing without three of its veteran stars, 84-79. The Illini looked as if they could run all night.

Rupp let it be known that his greatest concern was how Kentucky's seven-foot Bill Spivey would fare with Peterson, the husky who holds down the pivot job for the Illini.

At six-eight, Peterson is four inches shorter than Spivey but he's heavier, 235 pounds to 215, and he's very agile for a big man.

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