

Cage Clash Pits Top 2 Cage Teams

NEW YORK — The top attraction of the young college basketball season is the clash at Lexington's coliseum tonight when Kentucky and St. John's of Brooklyn clash in a game pitting the nation's No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams.

The event headlines a full slate of pre-Christmas activity featuring another game between tenants of the Associated Press' top ten. The St. Louis Billikens, fourth-ranked, are host Wednesday night to Washington, No. 6.

Things are not as rosy with Adolph Rupp's national champions at Kentucky the Wildcats beat St. John's at Madison Square Garden, 43-37.

The Wildcats, who rarely lose, have dropped one decision already — a 61-57 loss to Minnesota last week.

Rupp's mountain marksmen probably will have to have their sights razor-sharp if they are to avoid a second setback.

St. John's has a fast, smart team built around big Bob Zawoluk. It has won five straight games.

Kentucky won't be suffering from lack of experience. Five lettermen returned from the championship team but the loss of Spivey has weakened its backboard strength.

Kentucky plays DePaul Thursday. St. John's has a Saturday date in New York with Vanderbilt.

Sports

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County Hoop Squads Ready For Pre-Christmas Games

With the first week of widespread basketball activity wrapped up, the county hoop squads go into the final fling before Christmas this week.

On the prep front, every A school and a fair share of the B school plan a final spasm of basketball activity before the week is out.

However, the week starts tonight with an AAU game at Days Creek. The winless hosts will meet undefeated J C Sporting Goods. Tuesday is a fairly full day of high school ball with four games on the slate. Glendale's varsity and jayvee squad journey to Roseburg for respective games with the Indian junior varsity and freshman squads. Canyonville goes to Yoncalla for an inter-district "B" tilt and Sutherlin goes to Elkton. Roseburg junior high opens its 1951-52 season at Sutherlin.

Wednesday, the Roseburg frosh play host for the second night in a row, hoping to revenge a 44-43 loss to Carnation Valley last week. Another AAU game is set as the Oakland quintet moves to Yoncalla. Yoncalla is undefeated and Oakland has one loss. Another AAU game is on the menu for the only Thursday game. Glide, still looking for a win, goes to Yoncalla.

Friday and Saturday are big days for a host of prep fives. Friday, Reedsport tries for its third straight win at Myrtle Creek. The Vikes hope to notch their fourth win in five starts. Probably the most important game in the county for the week, this game will also launch the western sub-district of district 5. Roseburg goes out of the county for a game at Medford. The Indians have an even record of two wins and two losses. Medford has won three and lost one. Drain

goes to Elmira for a Valley league tilt and Riddle plays an inter-district game at Elkton.

Saturday, Reedsport finishes a two-day sub-district campaign at Sutherlin. This game is tentative, however, because Sutherlin is still having gym trouble. Roseburg also completes a weekend swing back from the south with a game at Grants Pass. Rounding out the pre-Christmas games, Rogue River comes to Oakland and Coos River journeys to Riddle. Both are cross-county games.

Bobcats Trounce Vikings, 42-35, In Second Game

Len Rinearson's Myrtle Point Bobcats evened up a home-and-home basketball series at Myrtle Creek Saturday night by bouncing the Vikings, 42-35.

The Vikes won the previous night at Myrtle Point, 61-44.

The hosts still managed to keep sharpshooting Al Cunningham bottled up, but his teammates made up for his lack of scoring punch by plunking them in at the rate of 40.5 percent. Jim Hammack led the attack with 18 points. In the meantime it was a cold night for the Myrtle Creekers. They could hit only 29.6 percent from the floor before a disappointed opening night home crowd.

Up to that point, it was a tight battle. The visitors were ahead at the end of the first quarter by a thin, 11-10. Both teams exactly doubled their scores to keep the difference in Myrtle Points favor by a field goal, 22-20. The Bobcats pulled ahead slightly by the third breather, 32-28, but by the end of the game they had led the contest by seven points.

Hammack was high point man with 18 counters. Don Gillespie paced Myrtle Creek for nine; far short of his 29-point performance.

The Myrtle Creek junior varsity made it two in a row over the Myrtle Creek "B" quintet, 49-30, in the preliminary game.

Myrtle Pt. (42) (35) Myrtle Ck. Cunningham (6) F (9) Gillespie Pinkley (11) F (6) Wilder Hammack (18) C (6) Andrews Roberts (1) G (6) Tester Caffey (0) G (2) Cavener Subs: For MP — Paul (4), Bryant (2); for MC — Jones, Smith (6).

Yoncalla Eagles Dump Sutherlin

Yoncalla's Eagle basketball squad posted one of several early season upsets Friday night by dumping visiting Sutherlin, 44-30.

A big crowd of Sutherlin and Yoncalla rooters saw the Eagles take the Bulldogs in tow from the first of the game and never lose the advantage to the tall visitors.

Paced by the effective board work of Bill Fast and Duane Powell, the Yoncs took a 9-4 first quarter lead. The scoring was on almost a par in the second period, which ended, 21-15, but the Eagles began drawing away from the bigger Bulldogs in the third quarter to lead, 35-27.

Although Fast at center scored 12 points in his team's successful effort, Sutherlin's Kenney Wahl dunked 14 to lead all scorers.

The Eagles outshot the Bulldogs both from the floor and at the foul line. The hosts had 36 field goals to Sutherlin's 12, and 12 free throws to the visitor's six.

The preliminary "B" contest was won by Sutherlin, 26-15. Sutherlin (30) (44) Yoncalla Wahl (14) F (2) Alsop Thompson (1) F (6) Means Hetchcock (4) C (12) Fast Nicholas (0) G (7) Vest Buck (4) G (4) D Powell Subs: For Sutherlin — Koozer (4), Leisinger (1), Churchman, Smith; for Yoncalla — Metz (8), R Powell (5).

Coldest Grid Tilt Scheduled Dec. 31

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — (AP) — They chipped the ice off the calendar here today, squinted closely and decided it was mighty nigh time to schedule the world's coldest football bowl game for Dec. 31 again — weather permitting.

The ice bowl contestants will be the same ones that survived two previous jousts with the Alaska and Ladd Air Force base. Both are the farthest north of their respective types on the North American continent.

The rules drawn up for this year's joust provide, however, that "there must be at least four inches of snow on the gridiron and the temperature cannot be lower than 20 below zero." (There's 15 inches of snow now and it doesn't melt very rapidly here in the wintertime. But it sometimes gets as low as 60 below and that may stop the tilt).

The snow, in case you wonder, provides a cushion for falling on the iron-hard frozen earth.

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Bears Bow To Huskies-Beavers Fall

Washington's ranking among the top 10 basketball teams of the country gets an acid test this week as the Huskies go up against two strong outfits in enemy territory — St. Louis and Minnesota.

The Huskies didn't hurt their sixth-place Associated Press poll listing any over the last week-end when they scored a two-game sweep over the California Bears. That gave Washington five wins out of six starts — three of them won on the road.

But the going gets rougher in Wednesday night's meeting with the fourth-ranked St. Louis Billikens and Saturday night's go with the Minnesota Gophers. It was the gophers who upset Kentucky, minus its ace, Bill Spivey, last week.

Decisive Win Scored
Washington scored a decisive 65-43 win in its second game with California Saturday. Meanwhile, Idaho marked up its eighth victory in nine starts by edging Memphis State 51-48 at Moscow.

Washington State lost in the last four seconds to the Montana Grizzlies 52-51 after snatching an overtime victory from the Montana school the previous night. Oregon State also lost to a team it had beaten the previous week. The Portland university Pilots free-wheeled over the Beavers 75-48.

This weekend Oregon State and Oregon meet inter-sectional opponents. Oregon State travels south for a two-game stand with California. Oregon, idle last week-end, entertains Wyoming Friday and Saturday.

Idaho plays Gonzaga university at Coeur D'Alene, Ida., Tuesday and the Caterpillar Tractor company at Peoria, Ill., next Sunday.

WSC has a busy week, meeting eastern Washington Tuesday and entertaining Montana in a repeat series at Pullman Friday and Saturday.

Rose Cagers Still Remain Top Team In Leagues
Rose school still appeared to be the team to beat in both Peevee and Heavy elementary basketball competition after the second week of play.

The Rose heavies slaughtered Fullerton, 38-5, and the Peevees waltzed over the Fullerton quintet, 16-7, Saturday morning. In the two other games, the Benson Peevees defeated Riverside, 17-7, and the Riverside Heavies outlasted Benson, 10-7.

Warren Giles, new president of the National league, was born in Tiskilwa, Ill.

Oakland Cagers Bow To Powers After Taking Lead

Taking up where it left off in March last year, district champion Powers hosted Oakland with a 47-37, edging Saturday night.

It was a moral victory for the Oaks, however, because they have lost the bulk of their squad, while Powers still boasts three top scorers from the team that eked out a victory over Oakland for the district "B" championship last spring.

The Oaks held the lead most of the first quarter, but lost it just as the first eight minutes ended. They never regained it. They outscored Powers in the second half, but couldn't close the gap to less than four points. In the final quarter, the Powers lead had been whittled to 38-34. Then, Oakland starters, Duane Powell and Powers went into a stall. The threat was squelched.

Holds Edge
It was a well-played game on the part of both squads, but Powers held the edge in shooting percentages. The hosting quintet connected on 18 of 46 casts from the floor while Oakland could make good on only 17 of 56. Powers led at every quarter. It was ahead 9-7 at the end of the first quarter, 29-18, at halftime and 36-30, at the third rest period.

Joe Boutin led all scorers with 16 points. Oakland's Blaylock led his team with 11 tallies. Boutin, Duane Brady and Warren Vernon are back from the starting five last year.

Oakland (37) (47) Powers
Gildel'Ve (9) F (9) Brady
Powell (9) F (9) Wooten
Beecroft (4) C (10) Vernon
Beahm (4) G (16) Boutin
Blaylock (11) G (2) Post
Subs: For Oakland — Clem; for Powers — Walker (10).

YMCA Basketball Teams Plan Pre-Holiday Games

Both the high and high school YMCA basketball leagues plan their final week of activity before Christmas.

Tuesday, the high school loop finishes the pre-Christmas activity. The Sutherlin YMCA meets the Christian church at 7 p.m.; HI-Y meets Dillard Methodist at 7:45; Future Farmers match baskets with Methodist at 8:30 and South Side tangles with Winston Christian at 9:15.

The adult league has games set for both Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday, the Sutherlin Y meets Luellian Construction at 7 p.m. and the "Y" J C Sporting goods team meets Christian church at 8.

Thursday, two more contests pit Umpqua Plywood against Faith Lutheran at 7 and DoNut Bar against West Side at 8.

Stojack Retains Mat Title

A combination giant swing and airplane spin settled the question of the hotly disputed Frank Stojack-Carl Engstrom fight.

Stojack retained his Pacific jun-jun heavyweight belt at the armory Saturday night. He so thoroughly incapacitated the Young Engstrom that he could not return for the third fall. The gallant Engstrom tried to get off the mat for the third fall clincher, but a jeering crowd ruined any such chances. Engstrom asked for two extra minutes between the second and third fall, but when Stojack went to the microphone to agree to the extra two minutes, the shouting fans refused to let him speak. The result was that Engstrom just couldn't get off the canvas in the regulation rest period.

Given Spinning
The sensational young Chicagoan started off well by taking the initial fall with an inverted surfboard, but Stojack seved it up with alacrity. He caught Engstrom in a giant swing, dropped him to the canvas, picked him up again and bounced him off the ropes into an airplane spin position and it was all over for the youngster. Stojack spun him 13 times to the right, eight times to the left and, finally, 26 times to the right again to leave him convulsing on the mat.

ATTENDS MEETING
Walt Johnson, Roseburg high's new wrestling coach, attended a coaches meeting at Oregon State college over the weekend which drew every prep group and groan member in the state. On the agenda were discussions of rules and fundamentals for the 1952 season.

ELKS BEAT COOS RIVER
Elkton's powerful Elks remained one of the undefeated squads in the county Friday by outscoring Coos River, 38-33, in an inter-county "B" school tilt.

Capt Ian C. Eddy, Naval academy director of Athletics, played right guard on the 1929 navy eleven.

Gene Blakely and Gino Nicolini battled to an opening no fall draw.

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