

Here's Pre-season Rundown On Pacific Coast Basketball

By RAY ALPETER

Looking over the pre-season and loop tilts of the Pacific Conference teams in basketball, a few select players have shown great ability in controlling the scoring honors for their teams.

Several clubs in the Northwest have started their conference play and Washington State is holding on to first place with a 2-0 record. Ed Gayda has been the sparkplug for the Cougars and the man that controls the backboards for the Staters.

Oregon State is holding some important players and these men have been stars to the last line

in their pre-season and conference play thus far this season. Bob Payne, a Junior for the Beavers led the attack against the Washington State Cougars in their first conference play of the season. Bill Harper also has been the star in the guard position.

Oregon has been hitting the hard luck column so far but will give any conference opponent a tussle before they die or probably win. The Ducks have shown spark and determination in their pre-season play, and lost several games by several points or during an overtime. Will Urban has sparked the Ducks in scoring and hustle along with Sowers, who has been ill and could not play for several games.

The University of Washington Huskies have been rated the top threat of the Northwest and led by several big names in basketball. Dane Enochs has been outstanding during pre-season play along with team mate LaDon Henson. Both are top scorers and probably will be rated as all-stars before the season is over. Henson holds down forward and is a junior, Enochs is a 6 foot 5 inch center and is only a Sophomore.

In the South UCLA has several good men on their team. UCLA is rated very high this season and is in the top twenty teams of the nation. Ralph Joeckel is rated as one of the nations best shots and holds down one of the UCLA forward spots.

This survey-forecast is a pre-season dope sheet and how the final decision turns out is another matter. For the All Pacific Coast team stars that have been picked are as follows: at forwards, Bob Payne, OSC, and Ralph Joeckel, UCLA; guards, Bill Harper, OSC, and Ed Gayda, WSC; center, Gene Conley, WSC. Honorable mention will include Will Urban, Oregon; Duane Enochs, Washington; Paul Sowers, Oregon; Dick Ballantyne, OSC, and Ed Fleming, OSC.

In the Pacific Northwest crown race it is the author's prediction that University of Washington will come out on top with Oregon State close at its heels. Idaho will place third, Oregon fourth and Washington State fifth.

PCL Directors To Meet Jan. 19

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5—(UP)—Pacific Coast Baseball League directors will pick the date and site of the PCL all-star game when they meet Jan. 19 in San Diego, President Clarence Rowland disclosed today.

The meet will also get up a method of selecting all-star players and discuss the \$80,000 to be divided among first division clubs, Rowland said.

With the governor's cup playoffs cancelled this year, the league plans to give the pennant winner \$40,000 of the pool, the second place club \$20,000, the third place club \$12,500 and the fourth place club \$7500.

Rowland said he hoped that in 1951 the league could arrange a post season game with the winner of the "little world series" between the American Assn. and the International league, but he doesn't expect such an arrangement this year.

Number of IM Clubs Hits All-Time High

The winter term schedule of intramural sports will present the largest number of teams ever to participate in the history of the program, according to Professor P. K. Washke, IM athletic director.

The fast-growing basketball entry list has now reached a total of 76 "A" and "B" quintets. These and 32 handball teams will swing into action next Monday, Jan. 9.

The 42 "A" basketball outfits

will be striving for a championship award of 150 points, and the "B" division winner will annex 75, the same as the handball champions.

Schedules for winter action are now being mimeographed and will be in the mail in two or three days.

Letter to Editor . . .

Alumni Tell Another Story of Cagers; Say Can't Be Called 'Slow Starters'

No one can say the Oregon basketball team is a slow starter.

On December 30 Oregon played Iowa here in Madison, Wisconsin—a game which this basketball-mad town will not forget for a long while. Oregon lost 70-69 in overtime, and most of the fans thought they should have won. Even anti-PCC, Madison newspapermen said so—in print.

Oregon's good sportsmanship captured the support of the fans. Their fighting spirit and

teamwork made up for their lack of height. The Ducks whittled Iowa down to their size. Those fellows were hustling all the time.

We join with John Warren in asking, "Why can't some of these one-pointers go our way?"

Oregon richly deserved this win.

Respectfully,
Ross Yates '48
Don McNeil '49.

(You have our permission to print this letter).

Thomas Claims OSC's Fesler Needs Security

COLUMBUS, O., (UP) — Possible resignation of Wes Fesler as coach of Ohio State's Rose Bowl football champions might be averted if school authorities give him a vote of confidence and let him know they really want him, Oscar L. Thomas, former assistant athletic director said today.

Thomas, in a letter to the board of trustees of the school, athletic board, administrative officials, alumni and students, noted that Fesler had considered resigning because of the mental strain of the job on himself and his family.

"Fes couldn't be blamed for wanting out when there has been no evidence of honest-to-God wanting him to stay within the university family," Thomas said. "The university has the reputation of being a graveyard for football coaches and we are now witnessing an example of the attitude which makes that reputation well earned."

Thomas asked if school officials were "afraid that next year Fes may lose a few games?"

"Are they afraid that in the future, irate fans will demand his scalp after a loss to Michigan?"

No Decision Yet On Navy Coach

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Jan. 5 (UP) —Eddie Erdelatz, 36-year-old former St. Mary's star, spent another day-long session with Navy athletic officials today without reaching an agreement on the Academy's vacant head football coaching job.

After a conference which lasted from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., Capt. Howard H. Caldwell, Navy athletic director, said, "There is no sense of emergency in filling the position; we are looking into every phase of the thing."

Erdelatz, who earlier this week was offered the first crack at the

job left open by the resignation of George Sauer, said that today's conference took up more specific details of the contract. He will meet with the athletic department again tomorrow.

The new hubby shouldn't try to tell wifey how to make biscuits. She probably has concrete ideas of her own.

An Oklahoma dentist was only slightly injured when run over by his own car, but we'll bet it DID hurt a bit.

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and

"JACKPOT JITTERS"