

# EMERALD Sports

## WILDLIFE Lines

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The other day we became involved in an argument concerning the merits of spinning tackle. During this debate we found that many misunderstandings have developed concerning this method of fishing. Many of these exist because of the rapid rise of thread line fishing.

Spinning, called fixed spool fishing in England, has only become popular in the United States during the last decade. European anglers were spinning way back in the 1920s.

An Englishman named Holden Illingworth is usually credited with inventing the first spinning reel which appeared commercially soon after the end of World War I. From England spinning spread all over Europe, but took quite a while to reach the U.S.

### From One Reel to 250

Spinning was brought to this country in 1935, by Bache Hamilton Brown, a distinguished sportsman and architect. He brought a high quality spinning reel, a few rods and some line and lures with him from France.

From that insignificant beginning, spinning in the United States has spread tremendously. There are now 250 different models of spinning reels manufactured in this country. These create confusion for the neophyte angler.

Spinning rose to its present height for one main reason. Anyone with an I.Q. of over 85 should be able to cast a commendable distance within 20 minutes after he picks up his first spinning outfit, if he learns from a competent instructor.

### Spinning Fills Gap

This has led many people to assume that spinning can replace both fly and bait casting. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Spinning only fills the gap between the two methods; it certainly hasn't made either method obsolete.

We have yet to see the fisherman who could manage a number 16 dry fly on a spinning rod as well as he could with a fly rod. Spinning will never be able to do the job that plug casting tackle can do in the weeds or amongst other hazards. Spinning is at its best with lures weighing from 1/8 to 3/8 of an ounce and three or four pound test line.

Other fishermen have told us that the great casting distances achieved with spinning tackle should help put more fish in the creel. Watch an expert angler on the stream some day. He will invariably use short, accurate casts and thus cover more productive water, rather than waste time reeling long casts through water that holds no fish.

### Best Method for Beginner

However, spinning does have a firm place in every fisherman's outfit. There is no better rig for the beginning angler. One can learn to cast with ease, receiving pleasure from the outfit even if he does not catch fish.

Spinning is also deadly on large fish. The old lunkers that you like to write home about usually feed on minnows, and most spinning lures represent small fish.

Spinning tackle is very useful for casting bait, since most bait is in the 1/4 ounce weight range. We would go so far as to say that there is no better rig for the bait fisherman than a spinning outfit.

The man behind the rod, whether it be a fly, spinning or bait casting rod, is the deciding factor in whether the angler will come home with a heavy creel day after day. So remember to put most of your emphasis on method, no matter what kind of tackle you use.

### Three Beavers Sign 1955 Contracts

PORTLAND (AP)—Shortstop Austin and Anthony played with the Beavers all last season. Frankie Austin, pitcher Lee Anthony and outfielder Dwane Helbig appeared in six games after spending most of the playing season with Victoria in the old Western International league.

## Omega Harriers Run Over French In Frosh Action

Led by triple winner Sam Whitney, Omega hall swept past French, 53-29, Monday afternoon to advance to the semi-finals of the Frosh dorms track tournament. In other Monday action Nestor was eliminated by Sederstrom, 45-35, in the consolation round.

French managed to grab only one first place and a tie for first as the Omega harriers ran away with the day's honors.

### Whitney Takes Three

Whitney, holder of the Oregon high school pole vault mark, broad jumped 21' 2", ran the 70-yard hurdles in 9.9 and vaulted 12 feet to pace the winners.

John Raventos snared French's only victory with a win in the two pound ball throw. Roland Harris of French, Denny George of Omega and an unnamed French competitor tied for first place in the high jump.

Other Omega winners were Jerry Kirshner in the shot put, Bob Rogers in the 70 and 330-yard dashes, Bob Drynan in the 1/4 mile run and Larry Spaulding, Whitney, George and Rogers in the shuttle relay.

### Shuttles Decide Win

Sederstrom's victory was decided by the final shuttle relay where double winners Don Meskimen and Don Steen and Robert Reaves and Root carried the winners to their triumphs.

Steen also won the high jump and ball throw and Meskimen took the 1/4 mile run and pole vault.

Nestor's top first place getter was Jerry Urness who took the broad jump and 70-yard dash. Tom Waldrop captured the only other triumph for the losers with a win in the hurdles.

## Chiefs Snare Playoff Spot

SEATTLE (AP)—Seattle university announced Tuesday it had received and accepted a bid to take part in the NCAA basketball playoff as an at-large team from the Far Western region.

At New York, Homer Cooke, of the NCAA Statistical Bureau, said Seattle U. will play Idaho State either March 7 or 8 at a site to be announced later.

The SU Chieftains will meet Idaho State for a berth in the regional tourney March 11-12 at Corvallis.

The Chiefs have beaten Idaho State in two games earlier this season and have another two-two-game series scheduled with them March 1-2 at Pocatello. The results will not affect the play-offs.

University officials said there was a possibility that a four-team pre-tourney playoff would be held in Seattle.

San Francisco university, also picked as an at-large entry, must meet the Border conference champion for one of the four spots in the Corvallis tourney and this game might be brought to Seattle to make it a double-header.

## IM Schedule

Wednesday  
Track

3:45 Hunter hall vs. Sherry Ross hall, IM track.  
Cherney hall vs. French hall, IM track.

## DONS AGAIN TOP VOTE

# Top Teams Seen In NCAA Tourney

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With two weekends to go in the regular college basketball season, it appears likely that at least seven of the nation's top ten teams will show up in the post-season National College Championship tournament and only one will go into the National Invitation tournament.

The NCAA already has San Francisco, returned to the top spot this week by the lopsided vote in the weekly Associated Press ranking poll, and Marquette, the No. 5 team. Only Duquesne, No. 4, has accepted a NIT bid.

By the simple process by which major conference winners are committed to the NCAA championship, Kentucky, LaSalle, Minnesota, Utah and UCLA apparently are bound for that tournament. They're on top now and the schedules favor their remaining there.

North Carolina State, the other first-ten team which heads its conference, is ineligible for the NCAA tournament and won't go into the NIT.

The ten leading teams, as ranked by the votes of sports writers and broadcasters, are San Francisco, Kentucky, La-

Salle, Duquesne, Marquette, North Carolina State, Minnesota, Utah, UCLA and George Washington.

The order shows little change since last week, as most of the top teams went right on winning. George Washington, on the heels of an 83-74 beating by West Virginia at Morgantown, W. Va., dropped from fifth place to tenth. Marquette, N.C. State and Minnesota each moved up one place and Utah vaulted over UCLA into eighth.

San Francisco, drawing 65 of the 110 first-place votes, amassed 953 points as compared to Kentucky's 11 firsts and 758 points.

San Francisco's Dons, who have won 18 straight games since their only defeat by UCLA, have three games to go against teams they have beaten handily more than once—San Jose State, College of the Pacific and Santa Clara.

Kentucky may have to fight clear to the finish to win the Southeastern conference title and the NCAA bid it couldn't accept last year, and it still has to meet its leading rivals, Alabama and Tennessee. The Wildcats and Alabama are tied for the league lead. Marquette, winner of 21 straight, has a pair of games against rugged but unranked Notre Dame.

Another red hot game from the tournament standpoint is next Saturday's clash between Duquesne and eleventh ranked Dayton, the first two teams selected for the NIT.

The leading teams with first-place votes and won-lost records through Saturday points on 10, 9, 8, etc., basis:

1. San Francisco	65	20-1	953
2. Kentucky	11	18-2	758
3. LaSalle	3	20-4	622
4. Duquesne	2	17-3	611
5. Marquette	8	21-1	380
6. N.C. State	2	23-4	344
7. Minnesota	3	14-2	334
8. Utah	1	19-3	320
9. UCLA	2	19-3	272
10. George Wash.	...	19-4	240
Second Ten			
11. Dayton	3	20-3	200
12. Alabama	2	16-4	106
13. Illinois	...	14-4	94
14. Vanderbilt	...	14-5	97
15. Memphis State	4	17-3	71
16. Iowa	2	14-4	66
17-18 tie Maryland	...	16-5	57
Cincinnati	...	19-5	57
19. Tulsa	...	17-6	52
20. Missouri	1	15-3	41

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