

# SF Dons Pressed for Lead By Kentucky, La Salle Fives

NEW YORK (AP)—The University of San Francisco continued to lead the college basketball parade toward the end of the season Monday, but dwindling support for the defense-minded Dons indicated that it takes big games to impress the experts.

The Dons were voted the No. 1 college team for the fourth straight week in the Associated Press ranking poll with Kentucky and LaSalle close behind.

But while they marked up their 21st victory against a single defeat this season, they drew only 43 first place votes and 888

points in this week's balloting. Last week the count was 65 and 953.

San Francisco, breezing through the closing games of the regular season and looking ahead to the NCAA tournament, ran out of strong opposition.

Meanwhile Kentucky, in a battle for the Southeastern conference title, and LaSalle, clinching an NCAA tournament berth, turned in a couple of good victories apiece to lessen the Dons' margin in the voting.

A total of 104 votes were cast in this week's poll and less than half of them had San Francisco on top. The other first-place votes were scattered among 14 teams.

Points were scored on the usual basis of 10 for each first place vote, nine for second, etc. Next week's poll will be the last for the regular season.

Kentucky and La Salle both

## San Francisco Picked as Site For NCAA Tilts

KANSAS CITY (AP) — A double-header in San Francisco's Cow Palace March 8 will determine two at-large entries for the NCAA regional basketball playoffs in Corvallis, Ore., March 11-12.

Reaves Peters, chairman of the Western selection committee, announced these arrangements Monday night:

At 7:30 p.m. March 8 Seattle university will play Idaho State, Rocky Mountain conference champion. At 9:30 top-ranked University of San Francisco will meet the Border Conference champion, West Texas State and Texas Tech now are tied for the border title.

Moving on to Corvallis, the winner of the Seattle-Idaho State game will meet the Pacific Coast conference champion—to be decided in playoffs Friday, Saturday and Monday between UCLA and Oregon State.

The winner of the USF-Border Conference champion game will face Utah, Skyline conference titlist, in the other regional first round game.

## NCAA to Submit Plan for Television

CHICAGO (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic association has decided upon a college football program which will, if approved, permit telecasting of games on a national network on five days next fall and on a regional network on five days.

The revised program, it was learned Sunday, which will be more acceptable to Pacific Coast and Big Ten conference schools, will be submitted to a meeting of the NCAA in New York this week.

It was indicated that the revisions were made in the telecasting program because of the refusal of the Pacific Coast and Big Ten conferences to go along with the plan as agreed upon in Chicago Feb. 17 and 18.

In addition there was the threat that both loops might set up their own video programs, which automatically would break relations with the NCAA.

## Daryle Nelson Signs With Milwaukee Farm

Daryle Nelson of Portland, former University of Oregon baseball star, has signed a 1955 contract with the Milwaukee Braves farm club at Toledo, Ohio.

Nelson, 24, a second baseman, was graduated from Oregon in 1953. He was a star performer with Selfridge Air Force base team in Michigan.

## Three Teams Nearing Titles

Three schools virtually clinched NCAA basketball Monday night as college basketball heads into the home stretch.

Victorious and nearly assured of post-season tourney berths were Iowa, Colorado and Kentucky.

Eighteen thousand fans crammed into the Minnesota fieldhouse to watch the Iowa Hawkeyes post a 72-70 win over the fifth ranked nationally Gophers. Iowa has an 11-2 Big Ten record while Minnesota dropped to 10-3.

Kentucky, unlike the Gophers, was able to win on its home court, and smothered Alabama 66-52. The Wildcats had been tied with 'Bama 10-2 for the Southeastern conference lead.

Colorado virtually clinched the Big Seven title by thumping Missouri 63-57. The Buffs now lead the Tigers by two full games.

Crucial games tonight find Southern Methodist against Texas and Texas Christian against Arkansas. TCU and SMU are tied for the Southwest conference lead with 8-3.

## Webfoot Team Set For Cue Tourney

The Inter-Collegiate Straight Rail Billiard tournament opens today with the University of Oregon one of the 28 teams competing for the title. All teams are to play on their home tables and results will be mailed to tournament headquarters.

The Oregon team, composed of Bob Boyle, John Wilson and Dan Garcia, will begin play at 3:30 p.m. today in the Student Union recreation area. Spectators are invited.

The Association of College Unions and the Billiard Congress of America sponsor the annual event. The Webfoot team placed fifth in the tournament in 1954.

## Workouts Begin For Baseballers

Fresh baseball coach Bob Basich will put his charges through their first workout of the year today at 3:15 p.m. in McArthur court. Pitchers and catchers have been taking light workouts for several weeks, but this will be the first chance for Basich to see what all of his boys look like in action.

First game in the Ducklings' 16-game schedule is slated for the first week in April.

attracted more first place ballots than they did a week ago, but their point totals of 723 and 640 reflected little change.

The big switch in the rankings came as a result of Duquesne's second defeat at the hands of its prospective National Invitation tournament rival, Dayton. That dropped the Dukes from fourth place to eighth and moved Dayton up from 11th to 10th. Duquesne is seeded No. 1 for the NIT and Dayton No. 2.

Another result of Duquesne's defeat was the Marquette, North Carolina State, Minnesota and Utah each moved up one place in the rankings. UCLA didn't benefit by the change, remaining in ninth place even after winning the Southern Division championship in the Pacific Coast conference.

The Uclans still have to play 14th ranked Oregon State, the Northern Division winner, for a place in the NCAA tournament. Utah already has clinched the Skyline conference title and a place in that tournament.

North Carolina State, ineligible for the post-season tournaments, knocked George Washington out of a top-ten ranking. The Colonials slid from 10th place to 13th on the heels of a 68-59 beating.

Alabama, tied with Kentucky for the Southeastern conference lead, and Iowa, tied with Minnesota at the top of the Big Ten, advanced to the head of the second division of the rankings.

The leading teams with won-lost records through Saturday in parentheses:

1. San Francisco	(21-1)	888
2. Kentucky	(20-2)	723
3. LaSalle	(22-4)	640
4. Marquette	(23-1)	460
5. North Carolina State	(25-4)	425
6. Minnesota	(15-3)	369
7. Utah	(21-3)	359
8. Duquesne	(18-4)	348
9. UCLA	(21-3)	297
10. Dayton	(22-3)	262

SECOND TEN		
11. Alabama	(18-4)	153
12. Iowa	(16-4)	120
13. George Washington	(20-5)	115
14. Oregon State	(19-7)	77
15. Tulsa	(19-6)	68
16. Vanderbilt	(15-6)	55
17. Illinois	(15-5)	42
18. Maryland	(17-6)	40
19. Memphis State	(17-3)	37
20. Missouri	(15-4)	35

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# National Rated Over American

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—The National league appeared a far better balanced circuit, from stem to stern, than the rival American league as the 16 clubs prepared to open their spring training season today in preparation for the long grind ahead.

Here in Florida 13 teams will spring into action with the emphasis on conditioning drills. The other three will train in Arizona.

The teams will have just 10 days to get players ready for the first exhibition games, which start March 10.

While the American league race figures to be strictly a two horse affair between Cleveland and New York, the National league campaign shapes up as a torrid seesaw with perhaps six teams having a shot at the brass ring.

All observers agree that the defending champion New York Giants, Brooklyn and Milwaukee will be in the thick of things from start to finish. St. Louis, Philadelphia and Cincinnati could be real threats with a break or two. Only Chicago and Pittsburgh appear out of it.

Al Lopez, manager of the Indians, believes his team will be better than it was last year. If that is so it will be a black mark for the rest of the league for the Indians may win 120 games.

Lopez is counting on Herb Score, the minors' top pitcher last year to bolster an already strong mound corps. He also expects Ralph Kiner to add right-handed batting strength to the lineup.

The Yankees may have

solved their pitching problem with the deal that brought righthanders Bob Turley and Don Larsen from Baltimore. If Billy Hunter can fill the short-stop gap, or if Billy Martin is sprung by the Army in time, the Yankees may dethrone the Indians.

The Chicago White Sox, who finished a sagging third, 17 games off the pace last year, are still seeking a hardhitting outfielder.

Boston and Detroit, loaded with kids, may not be ready to threaten. If Ted Williams does not decide to unretire himself the Red Sox can start building for 1956. Washington, Baltimore and Kansas City apparently are in the league for decorative purposes.

Breaks may decide the National league winner. The Giants need another pitcher to help their big four of Johnny Antonelli, Sal Maglie, Ruben Gomez and Don Liddle.

Karl Spooner, rookie southpaw who fanned 27 in his two shut-out triumphs last September is expected to strengthen Brooklyn's staff of Carl Erskine, Billy Loes, Russ Meyer, Johnny Podres and Dor's Newcombe.

The Dodgers' pennant chances, however, rest on Roy Campanella's left hand, which underwent surgery after the World Series.

The Cardinals may run off with the whole thing should sophomore pitchers Brooks Lawrence and Gordon Jones pick up where they left off last year, and if rookies Bill Virdon and Ken Boyer live up to their press notices.

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