

PCC Cage Action To Start Friday

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Pacific Coast conference basketball play will kick off its first round-robin season in 33 years this weekend with four important series beginning the 16-game slate. Oregon draws a bye in conference play, meeting Portland university.

Scheduled in Friday and Saturday night dates in conference openers are Stanford and Washington at Seattle, Oregon State and Washington State at Pullman, Idaho and UCLA at Los Angeles and USC and California at Berkeley. All home teams except Washington State are favored.

The headline pair of the weekend matches Stanford's undefeated Indians against a potentially-strong Washington Husky quintet in monstrous Edmundsen pavilion. Stanford has been the surprise of the conference so far, having extended its winning streak to seven Tuesday with a squeaky 51-50 win over St. Mary's.

Although the Indians beat Washington twice in the pre-conference opener, Washington will rate a slight favorite on its home court and with the belief that the Stanford bubble is bound to burst. The Huskies have only a 4-5 record for the season but their lineup has just started to jell and they will have a big height advantage.

Another Northwest series will send surprising Oregon State against Washington State on the latter's home ground. The Beavers, paced by a couple of hot sophomores in Dave Gambie and Ken Nanson, have shown spurts of power despite the loss of nearly every member of a fine 1955 Coast champion team.

OSC has won only three of 10 games so far but seems to improve with each game. The Cougars, meanwhile, have but two victories in 10 starts and have had to rely mostly on sophomores. Forward Larry Beck is averaging 17.0 points per game but has had little help. Tuesday starting Guard Bob Reichert was dropped from the team to make things worse.

A close series is in prospect for the weekend's Bay Area series which sends in-and-out USC against a so-far hot California club. Both teams lost their stars from last season, the Bears especially having a big hole with Center Bob McKeen gone.

Cal has rolled up a 8-1 record, but the competition has not compared with what it will face in the next three months. Forward Bob Friend has been hitting 13.4 points per game. USC's top scorer is forward Jack Dunne, who spent most of last season on the bench.

HS Rules Committee Urges Face Guard Use

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The football rule committee of the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations strongly urged use of face protectors Thursday but voted against making them mandatory.

The committee adopted a resolution "strongly recommending the use of face protectors and also strongly recommending the use of a mouth or dental protector."

A proposed rule change would have required all high school football players to wear some kind of face protector.

The only rule change recommended by the committee Thursday was to allow optional use of rubber-covered footballs.

NY Boxing Guild Defies Helfand

NEW YORK (AP)—The Boxing Guild of New York Thursday night defied a ban leveled at it by the New York State Athletic Commission and voted unanimously not to dissolve its membership as ordered by commission Chairman Julius Helfand.

Helfand outlawed the guild Dec. 12 and ordered managers to sever their guild membership by Jan. 16 or lose their licenses in the state of New York.

Charlie Johnston—president of the parent International Boxing Guild—was present at the meeting of the New York group and said:

"We've done nothing wrong. We're ready to fight in New York right now. If Helfand takes our licenses away—we have to go out of town."

"We'll go anywhere we can get fights. None of us is resigning."

Earlier in the day Helfand blasted a Baltimore boxing promoter as "Frankie Carbo's representative" and said he would investigate to determine if a pair of New York promoters are associating with criminals in their planned move to Baltimore.



HERE ARE the four members of the offensive team backfield chosen for The Associated Press All-Pro football team. Alan Ameche, upper left, of the Baltimore Colts won the fullback spot and Otto Graham, upper right, sensational quarterback of the Cleveland Rams, took the signal-calling post. Halfback selections were Ollie Matson, lower left, of the Chicago Bears and Frank Gifford, lower right, of the New York Giants. (AP Wirephoto).

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