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Robertson Tops Press All-American Team With Huge Number Of Votes

NEW YORK (UPI)—Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati, highest scorer in college basketball history, was chosen as the United Press International 1960 All-American team today for the third straight year. He was elected by a near-unanimous vote.

Jerry West of West Virginia, Jerry Lucas of Ohio State, Darrell Imhoff of California and Tom Smith of St. Bonaventure were the other players honored by an all-time high electorate of 333 writers and radio-TV broadcasters from coast-to-coast.

Of the 333 voters, 335 made the amazing 6-5 Robertson their first-team choice, one picked him for second team, and another exercised the democratic privilege of ignoring the Cincinnati phenom on his ballot.

Record Percentage: Robertson thus appeared on a record 99.8 per cent of the votes.

The 21-year old senior, rated a cinch to become professional basketball's next new star, is only the second player ever to be elected three times to the UPI All-American team since its inception in 1947. The first collegian so honored was Tom Gola of LaSalle from 1952 to 1955.

West, the 6-3 backcourt sharpshooter who led West Virginia to the Southern Conference championship and an NCAA berth, was selected on the team for the second year in a row. He was a first or second team choice of 95.8 per cent of the voters.

Lucas' name appeared on 93.2 per cent of the ballots; Imhoff on 75.3 per cent and Smith on 57.6.

Three Dominate Team

Never before have three players dominated a UPI All-American ballot as did Robertson, West and Lucas this season.

Robertson, West and Imhoff are seniors; Smith is a junior and Lucas only a sophomore. The 6-9 Ohio State center is the fourth sophomore ever to win this honor, following such famed collegians as Gola, Witt Chamberlain and Robertson.

FIGHT RESULTS

MIAMI BEACH (UPI) — Luis Rodriguez, 149½, Camaguey, Cuba, outpointed Chico Vejar, 154½, Stamford, Conn. (10).



Oscar Robertson



Jerry West

'WHOOOPS' BOY MEETS ICE

This is one of the hazards to be faced by the youngsters and oldsters who take advantage of the ice skating on pond in Pioneer Park. Here is little Mike Sater, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Sater of 905 Fourth Street in La Grande. Mike is down but he seems to be enjoying it. The city fire department is spraying the pond at night and the city may provide lights.

(Observer Photo by De Boe)

Halfway Leads Joseph For B Tourney Berth

Oregon's class B high school basketball teams were set today for showdown battles this weekend which will decide the eight entries in next week's state tournament at Baker.

The tourney runs March 10-11-12 at the eastern Oregon city.

Pilot Rock, the defending state champion, faces a battle in district 7 with seven other contenders in a tourney at Pendleton this weekend. Halfway holds an edge over Joseph so far for a district 8 berth.

Powers and Yoncalla of district 4, two of the best in the state, clash at Oakland Friday. If Powers wins it's in, if not the same two teams meet again Saturday.

Knappa and Portland Christian play off for a district 1 berth; St. Paul, Perrydale, Jefferson and Santiam meet in a play-off for the district 2 spot; an eight-team tourney will be held at North Eugene this weekend for the district 3 berth with Alesia and McKenzie among the top contenders.

St. Mary's of Medford plays Malin in a best-of-three series for the district 5 title, and eight-team tourney will be held at The Dalles for district 6 with Sherman and Wheeler top contenders.

Scores

By United Press International

College Basketball Results

EAST

Rutgers 85 Lehigh 70

Maine 70 Colby 67

St. Joseph's (Pa.) 78 Lafayette 66

Syracuse 73 Niagara 69

St. Francis (Pa.) 91 Steubenville 69

Holy Cross 86 Boston Coll. 78

Providence 80 Rhode Island 49

Worcester 85 Middlebury 80

Fairfield 100 Bridgeport 94

SOUTH

Western Ky. 83 East Tenn. 69

Wofford vs. Appalachian,

(Pop. inclement weather)

Tulane 64 Louisiana St. 54

MIDWEST

Loyola (Ill.) 89 John Carroll 75

Dayton 75 Detroit 69

Iowa St. 61 Drake 57

Marietta 74 Ohio U. 66

SOUTHWEST

S. M. U. 93 Arkansas 82

WEST

Idaho 72 Portland 40

Portland St. 39 Southern Ore. 37

District 1 NAIA

West. Wash. 82, Pacific Lutheran 76

District 2 NAIA Final

Willamette 70, Linfield 64

National Basketball Association

Boston 133 Philadelphia 119

Minneapolis 123 New York 113

Detroit 116 St. Louis 100

(Only games scheduled)

American Hockey League

Rochester 3 Buffalo 1

Cleveland 3 Hershey 2

(Only games scheduled)

Willamette Wins Trip To KC; Whip Linfield, 70-64

SALEM (UPI)—Willamette held a ticket to Kansas City and Portland State claimed the "unofficial" Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball title today.

Willamette defeated Linfield 70-64 in the District 2 NAIA final and Portland State defeated Southern Oregon 39-37 in a defensive struggle.

Eddie Grossenbacher, Willamette's ace guard, again was the man at the throttle as the Bearcats proved their right to the Northwest Conference championship. Grossenbacher salted away 20 points for game scoring honors.

His chief rival for Northwest Conference-most valuable player honors, Jackie Riley, hit 16 for Linfield. Ron Phillips also had 16 for the losers. Willamette shot 38.3 compared to 30.0 for Linfield.

Willamette thus won a berth in the national tourney in Kansas City.

Portland State, which tied SOC for the OCC title, used a twisting jump shot by Ed Torgerson with four seconds to play to squeak by Southern Oregon in a consolation game.

SOC led 18-19 at the half. Don Powell hit 14 for PSC and Gordy Carrigan 10 for SOC.

State Proxy Of Walton League To Attend Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Union County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will be held this coming Wednesday, March 9, at the Game Commission Building in La Grande. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

During the course of the business meeting the league will discuss projects for the coming year which will be of vital interest to sportsmen and conservationists alike. All interested people are urged and welcome to attend the meeting.

The feature of the evening will be the presence of Lühr Jensen, who is the State President of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. Mr. Jensen is a nationally known figure and the president of the Lühr Jensen and Sons company of Hood River, which makes and manufactures fishing lures. During evening, Mr. Jensen will present a program of fishing films based on his fishing experiences throughout the Western states.

He is well remembered for his outstanding program at the installation of officers at the Union County League initiation last year.




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La Grande Gets Oswego In First Round Of Tourney

PORTLAND (UPI)—Three more teams qualified Tuesday night for the state class A-1 high school basketball tournament in Eugene starting March 15.

Albany, St. Helens and Lake Oswego won games to assure themselves of berths in the tournament. Four berths remained to be filled.

Cleveland clinched a tie for the Portland title with a 67-46 win over Washington. Three teams are tied for second place.

Two of the remaining four berths to be filled are in Portland. South Eugene plays Springfield Friday night for another and Jesuit or Parkrose will fill the final spot.

First round pairings March 15 include:

Marshfield vs. David Douglas, Albany vs. Portland champ.

La Grande vs. Oswego, Klamath Falls vs. Sandy, Beaverton vs. Springfield or South Eugene.

South Salem vs. Portland runner-up.

St. Helens vs. Hermiston, Medford vs. Jesuit or Parkrose.

EOC Matmen Set First Competition

Eastern Oregon College starts on the trail to eventual intercollegiate wrestling competition this weekend, when they host the Whitman Missionaries from Walla Walla, in a series of abbreviated matches. The competition will begin at 2 p.m. in the college coliseum.

Coach Archie Dunsmoor, in announcing the matches, stated only that the Saturday competition would be confined to practice matches and would not be sanctioned in intercollegiate competition.

The Mountaineers will wrestle in a return series with Whitman on March 12, in Walla Walla.

A spokesman for the college said that matches were being lined up with other schools in the Northwest and that possibly Eastern Oregon might be ready for actual intercollegiate competition next year with a full slate of matches. This will depend, however, on interest and how well the wrestling program had developed under the guidance of coach Dunsmoor.

The members of the Eastern Oregon wrestling squad are, Rog-

NCAA Tournament Names Three More; Nine Berths Open

By TIM MORIARTY
UPI Staff Writer

Western Kentucky, St. Joseph's (Pa.) and the Air Force Academy joined the lineup for the NCAA basketball tournament today, leaving nine berths in the 25-team field unfilled.

Western Kentucky clinched the Ohio Valley Conference title by whipping East Tennessee, 83-69, Wednesday night at Bowling Green, Ky. It earned the Hilltoppers an automatic berth in the NCAA Midwest regionals opposite Miami (Fla.) at Lexington next week.

St. Joseph's, led by Jack Egan's 22 points, won the Middle-Atlantic Conference crown by outclassing Lafayette, 78-66, at Easton, Pa. This did not assure St. Joe's an automatic berth in the NCAA slating, but conference officials are expected to name the Hawks as the league's representatives today.

Falcons Face DePaul
The Air Force Academy accepted an "at large" berth in the Midwest regionals Wednesday night. The Falcons, who lost their first five games this season and then bounced back to win 11 of

their next 15 outings, will meet DePaul in a first round game at a site and date to be announced later this week.

Regarding the nine open NCAA berths, six are reserved for the champions of undecided conference races. These include the Ivy League, Yankee, Big Eight, Missouri Valley, Skyline and West Coast conferences.

The Atlantic Coast Conference berth will be awarded to the winner of its annual post-season playoff tournament this weekend while the two remaining "at large" teams in the Far West regionals will be announced Sunday.

Five NW Players Get Mention

NEW YORK (UPI)—Five players from the Pacific Northwest including Chuck Rask of Oregon received honorable mention today on the 1960 United Press International all-American basketball team.

The others receiving honorable mention included Bill Hanson of Washington, Don Ogorek of Seattle, Frank Burgess of Gonzaga and Larry Chanay of Montana State.

er Jensen, Portland; Daryl Corey, Atanfield; Tom Patterson, Forest Grove; Gene Holt, Umatilla; Scott Bannister, Weston; Sid Hiatt, Vale; and Jim Neece of Prineville.

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