# Indiana's Big Ten Champs Take No. 1 Spot in Poll; Sacred Heart, Cascade Keep District Hopes Alive

## SPORTSLIGHTNER

by Al Lightner

This, that, etc:

Interesting slant on next weekend's Washington - California PCC playoff at Seattle will be the individual duel between the two Bobs, Houbregs of the Huskies and McKeen of the Golden Bears. Ability of each stirred up an argument among conference coaches recently. Southern Division mentors, with the exception of Cal Coach Nibs Price, picked McKeen over Houbregs. The Northern Division bosses stuck by the Husky hook shot expert, and Slats Gill went so far as to clarion that Houbregs is the greatest player he's seen in 25 years . . . Might add that Washington patriots are deeply concerned over the forthcoming playoffs, for the Huskies have hit a slump in the last couple of weeks. In splitting their last two games at Idaho the Washingtons didn't look to be the flossy, potent club it had been in its previous 20 outings. Perhaps the Friday night loss, the only one in 16 league games for Washington, will amount to just what Tippy Dye's outfit needed to get it back on the main line . . . Speaking of the ups and downs of the basketeers, Willamette's Bearcats didn't pocket their fifth straight Northwest Conference championship this year. But who can dare disagree that Johnny Lewis turned in by far the best coaching job in the circuit? When the WU's started out back in December their youth-and-inexperience band was indexed strictly second division. Yet Lewis nursed it along and came within eight minutes of winning the 1953 title. The Bearcats had Lewis & Clark's veteran-stocked outfit on the ropes in the title game Saturday night, until the final eight minutes. It was the first time since Lewis came to WU that he hasn't won or at least shared the loop championship. Yet we'll betcha he got just as much joy and satisfaction out of this season's batch of youngsters as he did in any one of his other campaigns. Better not be picking any beefs with the Tuesday night ringsider who does all that cheering for Rassler Al Szasz at the Armory, for you're apt to get a new hole in the head. She's Mrs. Szasz, whose professional name is Ada Ash, topnotch woman wrestler . . .

JIM BARRATT
Sees little scalping.

### *Finley Says Idaho Staters 'Pretty Good'*

**When asked what kind of outfit Idaho State has to toss against Seattle U next week in their playoff to see which one lands in the Corvallis NCAA tourney, Idaho Vandals Coach Chuck Finley opined, "They've got a pretty good team, one that will have to be reckoned with."**

Finley wouldn't elaborate to the point of picking the winner. But to get that much of a statement from him would indicate that the Staters do have a capable club. Coach of the Idaho Staters is Steve Belko, onetime Idaho Vandals football and basketball star who up until a couple of seasons ago was Finley's assistant at the university . . .

**What four teams will play at Corvallis? Here's the picture at present: 1—Winner of the Washington-California PCC playoff. 2 Winner of the Seattle U-Idaho State playoff. 3—Wyoming of the Skyline Conference in all probability since Brigham Young has tumbled from the top run in that league and Ev Shelton's Cowpokes are now all but in for the title. 4—Santa Clara to play winner of the tightly-contested Border Conference (Texas Tech, Arizona, etc.), and Bob Feerick's Bronco, who copped the Corvallis tourney last March, will be favored over whoever does win it . . .**

The rumor that certain factions have purchased large blocks of tickets for the Corvallis playoffs, with intentions of scalping same at monstrous prices, is an absurdity. We have this from Jim Barratt himself, the OSC athletic business manager who is in charge of all ticket sales for the tournament.

### *Scalping (If Any) Only on Minor Scale*

**"I've heard that some of the tickets are being scalped for as much as $25 each alright," says Jim. "But we anticipated the heavy demand for tickets and were very cautious in selling them. No one bought enough to convince us that any large scale scalping maneuver is going on. There may be some scalping, but if there is I'm sure it will be only on a minor scale"**

Should both Washington and Seattle U land in the tourney, making for the "game of games" the first night at 7:30 o'clock, we imagine that a couple of ducats would be worth a right fancy fee in the Seattle vicinity at that.

**But then anyone with scalping plans may be the gent who gets clipped in the end at that. The Corvallis games are to be televised directly to Seattle over KING - TV both nights, and since watching basketball on TV is just about as good as having a pavilion seat on the "50-yard line," the demand for actual game tickets might not be so strong as figured.**

No, Portland's KPTV will not carry the Corvallis games—just the Seattle KING-TV station. And the sponsor backing the telecasts figures that more than one-million viewers will be looking on each night.

Incidentally, the NCAA cage games will amount to the very first television to be piped directly out of Oregon. Worst part of it is, no Oregon (KPTV) viewers get to see it . . .

*With a 68-62 Victory . . .*

## Wolgamott Five Gains State AAU Semi-Finals

MEDFORD—(Special)—Salem's Wolgamott Service Station quintet rolled on all "six" cylinders Monday night to outrun Skinners Buick of Central Point in the state AAU tournament, 68-62.

The victory moves the Salem team, consisting of six players, into the semi-finals at 9 p.m. tonight against the Philco five of Portland.

Salem's starting five broke down a Central Point first half lead and took over for keeps early in the third quarter. "Mouse" Davis pumped in 18 points for the victors while Fasel hit 20 for the losing Skinners team. Larry Scheeler checked Central Point ace to only 5 points while hitting for 15 himself. D. Chamberlain had 14 and Larry Chamberlain scored 13.

| Salem (68) | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp | (62) Central Point | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D.Chln,g | 6 | 2 | 1 | 14 | Fasel,g | 8 | 4 | 3 | 20 |
| L.Chln,g | 5 | 3 | 5 | 13 | Wendt,g | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Schlar,c | 7 | 1 | 2 | 15 | Stacy,c | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Davis,g | 5 | 8 | 3 | 18 | Werner,g | 5 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| Zellar,g | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | B.Snglr,g | 6 | 0 | 4 | 12 |
| Hall,c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sodrlnd,f | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | J.Snglr,f | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| | | | | | Iven,g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | Rickmn,g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | Barlow,c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 26 | 16 | 12 | 68 | Total | 25 | 12 | 19 | 62 |

Salem 5 22 42 68
Central Point 12 25 39 62

Free throws missed: Salem 18, Central Point 4. Officials: Flink and Mailbye.

### Table of Coastal Tides

Tides for Taft, Oregon—March, 1953 (compiled by the U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.):

**Pacific Standard Time**

| March | HIGH WATERS Time | Ht. | LOW WATERS Time | Ht. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 1:48 a.m. | 6.0 | 8:09 a.m. | 1.3 |
| | 2:08 p.m. | 5.4 | 8:03 p.m. | 1.6 |
| 4 | 2:16 a.m. | 6.2 | 8:49 a.m. | 1.1 |
| | 2:47 p.m. | 5.1 | 8:30 p.m. | 2.0 |
| 5 | 2:40 a.m. | 6.3 | 9:33 a.m. | 1.0 |
| | 3:36 p.m. | 4.7 | 8:58 p.m. | 2.4 |
| 6 | 3:13 a.m. | 6.3 | 10:26 a.m. | 0.9 |
| | 4:32 p.m. | 4.3 | 9:33 p.m. | 2.8 |
| 7 | 3:54 a.m. | 6.4 | 11:28 a.m. | 0.8 |
| | 5:55 p.m. | 4.1 | 10:21 p.m. | 3.1 |

## Bowling Scores

Capitol Lanes

STARR FOODS (3): J. Sheldon 436, P. Ayres 448, G. Lengren 581, B. Duffus 564, B. Langhoff 577; MARION CREAMERY (1): L. Davenport 541, J. McIlnay 503, M. Allen 441, F. Kenyon 522, B. King 522.

RAWLINSON'S CAPITOL CITY LAUNDRY (3): K. Nelson 560, D. Ringland 490, W. Sprigg 561, E. Gallagher 508, R. Meffert 529; NICHOLSON'S INSURANCE COMPANY (1): M. Cady 498, B. Ryan 467, C. Bertram 430, J. Carr 481, P. Bolton 479.

GOLDIES OF SILVERTON (4): J. Herr 476, F. Frank 483, C. Howell 478, C. Herr 473, G. Bentson 517; KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (0): L. Koutney 497, T. Biegler 472, W. Link 397, M. Attz 443, C. Prange 404.

WICKLUND'S SPORTING GOODS (3): D. Hendrie 468, C. Morris 478, Dick Hendrie 424, T. Ganon 439, B. Lawless 485. ORVAL'S USED CARS (3): M. McClary 436, H. Wilkerson 547, O. Lama 430, S. Marr 471, W. Cline Jr. 472.

WOODRY'S FURNITURE (3): H. Olinger 510, V. Perry 462, D. Woodry 510, C. Foreman 504, R. Gunn 506; SALEM TITLE COMPANY (1): B. Owen 519, D. Torgeson 481, V. McMullen 468, P. Delaney 506, F. Guerin 486.

High team game and series: Rawlinson's Capitol City Laundry, 1063 and 2945. High individual game and series: Ray Gunn of Woodry's Furniture, 224 and 606.

LADIES' MINOR LEAGUE UNIVERSITY BOWL

BARB'S SPORTING GOODS (4)—V. Gannon 424, P. Wendt 249, W. Valdez 240, M. Curtis 209; A. A. LARSON-REALTOR (0)—S. Hills 319, G. Davies 338, N. Madding 245.

TOP HAT CAFE (3)—D. Coon 356, J. Newton 352, D. Frederick 340, A. Johnston 335; WESTERN PAPER CONVERTING CO. (2)—V. Pearson 403, V. Kirby 348, B. Cogswell 332, M. Epperly 329.

NEHI BEVERAGE (0)—J. Hertz 299, K. Lindsey 420, J. Gannon 297, C. Hildreth 297; HOLLYWOOD MERCHANTS (4) — E. Hillerich 388, M. Haller 336, L. Herman 358, R. Eckstrom 382.

LEE'S FINE CARS (4)—L. Fallen 417, J. Greenlee 368, J. Aaron 449, L. Reinke 354; SMOKE SHOP (0)—B. Arthur 332, D. Koenig 345, B. Hoxie 325, E. Battles 368.

High team game and series—Lee's Fine Cars 575 and 1579; high individual game—V. Gannon 167; high individual series—J. Aaron 463.

DUCK PINS

Ladies' League: Master Bread (1), Woodruffe's (3); Willamette Valley Bank (1), Randle Oil (3). High individual game and series, Mary Polinski, Willamette Valley Bank, 194 and 422; high individual series and game, Randle Oil, 602 and 1708.

## Viks, Bulldogs Slated Tonight

### Mt. Angel, North Marion Eliminated

By NORMAN LUTHER
Sports Writer, The Statesman

Mt. Angel and North Marion were the first teams to drop out of the District 11-A basketball tournament when they were upended for their second defeats of the tourney last night at the Vik Villa.

Coach Leo Grosjacque's Sacred Heart Cards stopped the Preps 54-43, in the 7:00 encounter and Cascade triumphed over a fighting North Marion aggregation 46-43, in the nightcap.

Two winners bracket clashes are on tap for tonight. In the seven o'clock engagement, Silverton's Foxes will go against the Stayton Eagles. Salem and Woodburn will get together at 8:30 in the evening's finale.

In the evening's initial tilt, Coach Gene Barrett's Mt. Angel charges kept up with the classier Cardinals until shortly after the third period started. Then Sacred Heart, led by Bill Thompson, pulled into a comfortable lead which they held for the remainder of the contest.

The lead in the first period changed hands five times with the Cards holding a slim 15-14 margin at the buzzer. The Preps spurted briefly early in the second period and held a 19-15 lead with about a minute and a half gone. However, the Cards caught up the lead changed hands four more times before the Cards left at halftime with a 26-25 edge.

After Ron Schmidt tied up the encounter for the Preps early in the third stanza at 27-27, Sacred Heart caught fire and poured through eight points while holding their foe to one to grab a 35-28 lead and they were never in real danger thereafter. The scoreboard read 41-33 for the Cards at the end of the third quarter.

Thompson had the best individual scoring output of the tourney so far as he racked up 29 markers, 14 in the first half and 15 in the final half. Ron Schmidt paced the Preps with 15. Vince Matt contributed 12 to the Sacred Heart cause.

The second tilt was a see-saw battle between Coach Johnny Seim's Cougars and Coach Don Reed's Huskies until just before the half. Then the Cougars spurted out in front and added to their lead until late in the fourth quarter when the North Marions made a valiant bid to pull the game out of the fire and remain in the tourney.

The tilt was tied three times and the lead changed hands four times during the first quarter with the Cougars clutching a 13-11 edge at the buzzer. The contest continued close until late in the second stanza when the Cougars jumped from a 19-18 margin into a 25-20 halftime lead.

Cascade upped their lead to eight points, 35-27, at the third quarter stop. In the opening minutes of the fourth canto, the Cougars extended their advantage still farther, holding a 43-30 lead about halfway through the period. Then, all of a sudden, the Huskies caught fire and the the Cougars were hard-pressed in the final seconds of the clash.

Don Sproul and Lee Metcalfe led the Cougars in their win with 12 points apiece, the same number hung up by Center Ron Berendse of the Huskies.

| Sacred Heart (54) | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp | (43) Mt. Angel | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rdwld,f | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | Shmidt,f | 7 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| Thpsn,f | 13 | 3 | 2 | 29 | T.Trger,f | 3 | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| Mlarty,c | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | Zauner,c | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| Matt,g | 4 | 4 | 3 | 12 | J.Trger,g | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Coony,g | 4 | 0 | 3 | 8 | Obsner,g | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Fladwd,f | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Frey,f | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Stabb,c | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Kimlgr,f | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Brsbry,g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Lightlt,c | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Fisher,g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ruef,g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 21 | 12 | 15 | 54 | Total | 18 | 7 | 16 | 43 |

Mt. Angel 14 11 8 10—43
Sacred Heart 15 11 15 13—54

Free throws missed: Sacred Heart 18, Mt. Angel 19. Officials: John Kolb and Bill Beard.

| Cascade (46) | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp | (43) North Marion | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sproul,f | 6 | 0 | 3 | 12 | Stockrd,f | 1 | 5 | 0 | 7 |
| Waldp,f | 5 | 1 | 2 | 11 | Svilar,f | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Wipper,c | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | Bardse,c | 5 | 2 | 5 | 12 |
| Chdck,g | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | Cole,g | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Mtcalf,g | 3 | 6 | 1 | 12 | Ensign,g | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Speer,g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Callwy,f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown,g | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | McLaren,f | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | | Hooley,f | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| | | | | | Driver,g | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| | | | | | Ramsen,g | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 18 | 10 | 12 | 46 | Total | 14 | 13 | 13 | 43 |

North Marion 11 9 7 16—34
Cascade 13 12 10 11—46

Free throws missed: Cascade 13, North Marion 8. Officials: Al Lightner and Ollie Williams.

## *Bearcats, OCE in NAIA Tournament*

**Both the Willamette Bearcats and Oregon College of Education Wolves, along with Portland U's Pilots and the Lewis & Clark Pioneers wade into the district NAIA basketball tournament starting tonight in Portland's Central Catholic High School Gym. Winner of the two-night playoffs qualifies for the national playoffs at Kansas City starting March 9. The same four teams were in the tourney at Portland last year, and Mush Torson's Pilots won it. They're favored again this trip.**

**Coach Johnny Lewis' Bearcats, aced out of the Northwest Conference title by Lewis & Clark last Saturday night, play tonight against Portland U at nine o'clock, the second game. Dr. Bob Livingstone's OCE Wolfpack, who actually tied for the Oregon Collegiate Conference title only to finish second best when Portland State surrendered a couple of games to Eastern Oregon via forfeit, will play the Lewis & Clarks in the first game, at 7:30 o'clock.**

**Tonight's winners play Wednesday night for the title, after a consolation game between tonight's losers.**

**Only a major upset would keep Portland from winning the tourney, as none of the other entries are classed in the same collegiate cage index with the Pilots. Willamette's scrappy crew has full sights set on just that—an upset—in tonight's mix.**

**OCE and Lewis & Clarke broke even in two games early in the season, and the Wolves figure to give the Pioneers another battle in their game tonight.**

### *Meet the Rasslin' Loggers*

**Elmer (left) and Logger (right) Larsen, a pair of rough and tough woodsmen from Williams Lake, Canada, make their debut at the Armory tonight in a tag team brawl with Buck Weaver and Red Vagnone. The tag tiff will be but a prelim to the Coast junior heavy title battle between Frank Stojack and Al Szasz, however. The Larsens, who operate attired in their Levis, have been smash hits in Boise and Salt Lake City appearances recently.**

*A-1 Effort for Maestro Owen . . .*

## Stojack, Szasz Collide Tonight in Title Match

Matchmaker Elton Owen launches another of his extra-special Armory attractions tonight, same capped by the Coast junior heavy mat title brawl featuring Frank Stojack and affable Al Szasz, who is also known the land over as "Mr. Wrestling." It will be Stojack's first Salem appearance in quite a while, but the former Washington State College grid All-American who now stands a fine chance of becoming mayor of Tacoma, is well known in these parts.

Stojack has held to the Coast junior heavy title belt for the better part of two years, and doesn't expect to drop it here despite the fact that Szasz is a first-cabin matador with all the savvy it will take to spill a muscled gent of Frank's caliber.

Szasz won the right to tangle with the dynamic Stojack last week when he copped the local 8-man tourney, beating Eric Pederson in the final. It will be a battle of his general know-how and whip wrist locks against Stojack's thunderous spins, whirls, dropkicks and tackles.

As a special event Owen has installed a regular main event in itself, a full-fledged tag team battle. On one side will be the highly rated newcomers, the Larsen Brothers of Williams Lake, Canada, a pair of bearded and tough hombres who have been big hits in Boise and Salt Lake City recently. They rassle in their levis, too. They'll make mayhem with Bustlin' Buck Weaver and Red Vagnone, a pair of clever veterans.

As an opener at 8:30 o'clock Owen has Negro head-butter Frank James facing the young and clever Bill Fletcher.

"This is a mighty fine card," Owen told Monday, "and I advise fans to get their reservations in at Barb's Sporting Goods store early."

There will be no hike in admission fees.

## Badgers Vote Against Pact

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — University of Wisconsin faculty members voted Monday 121-52 against renewal of the Western Conference's Rose Bowl football pact with the Pacific Coast Conference.

The current Rose Bowl pact expires with the Jan. 1, 1954 game. The Big Ten was invited by the PCC Jan. 19 to consider renewal and the matter was referred to each school.

Acceptance or rejection will be made public at the Big Ten's annual spring meeting May 29-30. To date, Illinois has announced a vote for renewal, provisionally, while Minnesota has rejected renewal.

The Wisconsin vote reaffirmed the stand of faculty members two years ago when they voted against renewal.

## Seattle Clear Again in NAIA

SPOKANE (AP) — The Seattle University Chieftains, who went "big time" last year with the O'Brien twins and were suspended from the state small college basketball playoffs, will be welcomed back in 1954.

The O'Briens will be gone then.

W. B. (Red) Reese, president of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), said Monday Seattle has applied for reinstatement in the NAIA and that it has been accepted.

Seattle could have had a spot in the State NAIA Tournament last year but didn't bother. The Chiefs, sparked by All America John O'Brien, went to the National Invitational in New York. The NAIA suspended Seattle for two years.

The Chiefs wouldn't have bothered about the small college state playoffs this year, anyway. They are in the NCAA Western eliminations.

## NAIA 'Slight' Protested by SOCE Quintet

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP) — Southern Oregon College of Education protested Monday because its basketball team was not invited to the state N.A.I.A. playoff, opening in Portland Tuesday.

President Elmo Stevenson said he sent the protest to Jim Torson, Portland University coach and chairman of the committee that selected the four teams for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics playoff in Oregon.

Stevenson said Southern Oregon had a better record than Oregon College of Education, which was invited to participate, along with Portland, Lewis and Clark, and Willamette.

Stevenson said Southern Oregon won five and lost three games played against Eastern Oregon and O.C.E. He said O.C.E. had a 4-4 record and Eastern Oregon a 3-5 record in the series.

## Free-For-All Marks Game

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Several players were bruised and cut Monday night in a fight that broke out after the University of Louisville handed Seton Hall its second straight basketball defeat, 73-67.

Harry Brooks, a Seton Hall guard, was taken to a hospital to see if stitches would be needed to close a gashed lip.

Both squads were drawn into the melee as two players from each team exchanged words after the game.

Both Brooks and Billy Sullivan of Louisville were knocked down but opinions differed on which was struck first.

Several persons said a spectator instead of a player hit Brooks after Brooks swung on Chet Beam of Louisville.

Coach Honey Russell of Seton Hall said tempers were fired up by "roughhousing" on the part of Al Russak, a substitute Louisville center.

Coach Peck Hickman of Louisville blamed the trouble on Brooks.

"Brooks appears to me to become a little belligerent when his team is losing," Hickman said. "He takes a wise-guy attitude."

Russell countered that "the roughousing started when Russak came into the game."

Sullivan, who suffered a big bump on the side of his head, said Walt Dukes, Seton Hall's 6-11 All-America center, struck him. Sullivan was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

Dukes was taken out of the game with 57 seconds to play after he fell and bumped his head. The injury was not serious, however.

**BEVOS OPEN TRAINING**

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — The Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League opened their regular spring training session here Monday but Manager Clay Hopper was not on hand.

He is recovering in Greenwood, Miss., from a miner operation. In his absence, Coach Bill Fleming is directing the training.

### *Cat Star*

**Duane Shield, sparkplug guard for the Willamette Bearcats in their recent clashes, will be one of Johnny Lewis' starters at Portland tonight when the WU's play Portland University in the NAIA cage tournament. Shield is a sophomore from Seattle.**

## Bowlers From Portland Hold Bulk of Leads

HILLSBORO (AP) — The Gerlinger Carrier Co. of Salem topped the Class A team event in the state bowling tournament here Monday, but Portlanders led in all other divisions.

The Gerlinger team compiled a score of 2,965. Kay's Candy of Portland was second among teams with 2,871. Fulton Provisions Portland, followed with 2,822.

Class A doubles: Joe Hoffart and Salty Groh, Portland, 1,168; Ollie Welch and Cash Pashato, Portland, 1,162; Leo Naapi and Bruce Koppe, Eugene, 1,160.

Class A singles: Stan Gifford, Portland, 684; Smokey Sylvester, Portland, 655; Rollie Jones, Albany, 630.

Class A all-events: Stan Gifford, Portland, 1,888; Smokey Sylvester, Portland, and Mike Merrell, Salem, tied at 1,822.

## Indiana Wins In Overtime

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)—Paul Pope's skyscraping fielder from near the center of the flooor gave Indiana University's Hoosiers, ranked No. 1 nationally, a 90-88 overtime basketball victory over Northwestern Monday night.

Pope hit with only six seconds left in the extra session.

Indiana had clinched the Big Ten championship at Illinois Saturday night with its 17th victory in 19 starts this season. Eighth-place Northwestern had lost 13 times previously but it almost had Indiana's number.

## Middlecoff Grabs Houston Open Title

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Cary Middlecoff banged out a three under par 69 Monday to win a five-way playoff for the Houston Open Golf Tournament's four thousand dollar jackpot.

Middlecoff, who had held or shared the lead from the first day of this stop on pro golf's winter trail, held a two stroke edge over Jim Ferrier of San Francisco and Shelly Mayfield, Cedarhurst, N.Y.

Earl Stewart Jr., of Dallas was fourth with an even par 72.

Bill Nary of Los Angeles was fifth with a 75.

## Seton Hall '5' Skids to Third

### Split With Vandals Puts Huskies Fourth

By BEN PHLEGAR

NEW YORK (AP) — Indiana's Big Ten champions replaced Seton Hall as the nation's No. 1 basketball team this week in the Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters.

After shadowing the Pirates in second place for six straight weeks the Hoosiers finally made it to the top on the strength of their conference championship plus the first loss of the year for Seton Hall.

The South Orange, N. J., club, riding a 27 game winning streak until it fell, 71-65, to the lightly regarded University of Dayton Sunday night, skidded down to third place — one point beneath LaSalle.

This week's voting virtually was a runaway for Indiana, which won its first undisputed Big Ten title Saturday night with a 91-79 conquest of Illinois. The Hoosiers, with a 17-2 record, polled 639 votes to 459 for LaSalle and 458 for Seton Hall. Indiana rated 25 first place ballots to six for LaSalle and 15 for Seton Hall.

Although there are no new faces in this week's Top Ten most of the clubs shifted positions. LaSalle vaulted from fourth to second by whipping Lafayette and Youngstown.

The University of Washington slipped down a notch from third to fourth after splitting a pair with Idaho. The 64-61 loss Friday night broke a 21 game winning streak for the Huskies.

Louisiana State won the Southeastern Conference championship and moved from sixth to fifth, trading places with the University of Kansas which lost its only start of the week, 79-58, to Oklahoma A. and M.

The victory over Kansas was neutralized for A. and M. by an upset loss to Bradley but the Aggies clung to seventh place in the balloting.

Kansas State, fighting a last ditch stand in the Big Seven Conference race, edged up from ninth to eighth in a switch with Western Kentucky. Western won the tough Ohio Valley Conference tournament at the end of the week but earlier had bowed to Bowling Green.

Illinois held on to tenth despite the loss to Indiana, but only had a nine vote edge over Oklahoma City which headed the second ten as it did a week ago.

The big changes in the second ten saw DePaul and Manhattan, 15th and 16th last week, disappear into the also-rans while Navy and Holy Cross moved into the picture.

Next week will bring the semi-final poll of the season with the final balloting coming after the post-season tournaments. The final poll will be announced Sunday, March 22.

The Top Ten: (First place votes and season records in parentheses)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Indiana (25) | (17-2) | 639 |
| 2. LaSalle (6) | (24-2) | 459 |
| 3. Seton Hall (15) | (27-1) | 458 |
| 4. Washington (4) | (25-2) | 450 |
| 5. Louis. State (2) | (21-1) | 262 |
| 6. Kansas (13-5) | | 223 |
| 7. Okla A & M (3) | (19-6) | 201 |
| 8. Kansas State (15-4) | | 182 |
| 9. West. Kentucky (2) | (24-5) | 179 |
| 10. Illinois (15-4) | | 118 |

In the Second Ten, Seattle University was tied with Louisville for 14th place.

## *Says 'Hook' Houbregs to Johnny O 'Just Stand Aside And Let Me Go'; Hoop Aces Eye Playoffs*

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle's two collegiate Associated Press All-America basketball stars tried checking each other with pegs in a cribbage game Sunday night.

The two high scoring stars—Johnny O'Brien of Seattle University, and Bob Houbregs of the University of Washington — hope, though, they won't have to check each other if or when their teams finally meet at Corvallis, Ore., in the Western NCAA regionals March 13-14.

"Just in case," said the 6-foot-7 Houbregs, "I feel pretty lucky that I'm not the guy that probably will have to guard you."

"Nobody's going to be crazy enough to put me on you either," said the 5-foot-9 O'Brien. "But I've got it figured out how to stop your hook shot."

"How?"

"Amputate."

Houbregs smiled. "I know a better way. Stand aside and let me shoot. I've been missing 'em plenty lately."

Houbregs had called on O'Brien at Seattle U's Veterans Hall to get better acquainted.

Seattle U, must conquer Idaho State here March 10 if it is going to Corvallis. And Washington faces a best-of-three series with California here starting Friday for the flag and the right to go to Corvallis.

Both the All-Americans fondly hope their teams will make it to Corvallis, and that their teams clash there. Efforts to match the teams here have failed the past three years, with the most rigid attitude being displayed by Washington officials.

The two All-Americas played against each other as freshmen, Washington winning twice, 65-52 and 71-61. Houbregs scored 15 and 18 points; O'Brien 13 and 29.

They've also clashed in baseball. "You fellows sure took care of us," said Houbregs, a first baseman. "Three out of four."

There were no friendly chats when O'Brien, a shortstop and Seattle U.'s leading hitter, got on base.

"You never stopped at first," said Houbregs.

"I only fielded one ball you ever hit at me," said O'Brien. "A grounder hot as a rivet and spike-high. Remember?"

"Yup," said Houbregs. "A double play."

O'Brien and his twin brother Eddie, from South Amboy, N.J., plan to go into professional baseball. Johnny says he and his brother have been the object of more feelers than a sugar lump in an ant hill. Johnny enumerated:

"The Pittsburgh Pirates, the New York Yankees, the Brooklyn Dodgers, the White Sox, the Red Sox and Detroit. I get the impression the St. Louis Browns don't like us. Then the other night we got a call from the Seattle Rainiers. In about a week we ought to know what's what."

Houbregs says he'd like about five or six years of AAU basketball, then coaching.

O'Brien has a 3.7 grade average in business administration. Houbregs is batting 2.5 in physical education.

O'Brien taught Houbregs how to play cribbage — and beat him. Then Bob taught Johnny how to play a card game called "seven up." Houbregs won.

They finished, got up, stretched, and Bob said:

"Well, I've got to drift."

"Swell of you to drop by," said Johnny.

"Glad to do it," said Houbregs. "See you — well, you know—later."


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