

Bradley, LaSalle NCAA Semis Favorites Tonight

Braves Meet Trojan Quint Explorers Collide With Penn Staters

By BEN PHEGAR
KANSAS CITY (AP)—Bradley and LaSalle ruled slight favorites Thursday to win the semi-final games in the National Collegiate Basketball Championships starting here Friday night.

However, form went by the boards so consistently in the earlier games in the sprawling 24-team NCAA tournament that any result here won't really be surprising.

Bradley meets Southern California in the first game, starting at 6 p.m. PST, and LaSalle faces Penn State in the nightcap.

Southern California and LaSalle arrived Wednesday night. The other clubs checked in Thursday and all four have workouts scheduled at the municipal auditorium where capacity crowds of 9,800 plus will watch the tournament windup.

The Bradley-USC encounter will be a replay of an early season game which Bradley won handily at Peoria 79-64. Both clubs have improved since then after so-so seasons.

The Braves from Illinois have won four of their last five including a crushing triumph over Oklahoma A&M 71-57 in the regional finals at Stillwater, Okla. Southern California survived a double overtime to down Santa Clara in the finals at Corvallis, Ore., and has taken eight of its last nine.

Trojans Deliberate
Both are good rebounding teams with Southern California playing a slightly more deliberate style.

Tippy Dye, coach of the University of Washington, says the Trojans "make fewer mistakes than any other college team I've seen. They let the other fellows bat themselves."

LaSalle's biggest asset is All-America Tom Gola, a six-seven hustler whom his coach, Ken Loeffler says may "one day be considered the finest all-around player ever developed."

Gola can shoot from anywhere and is one of the best rebounders in the game.

Penn State, which surprised itself by beating Toledo in a preliminary game and then topped Louisiana State and Notre Dame on successive nights offers a strange combination of a pressing zone defense.

The Nittany Lions press with three men, then sink into as shifty a zone as has been around in years. Their key man is Jesse Arnelte, a six-five hook-shot specialist.

The final game Saturday will be televised nationally (NBC).

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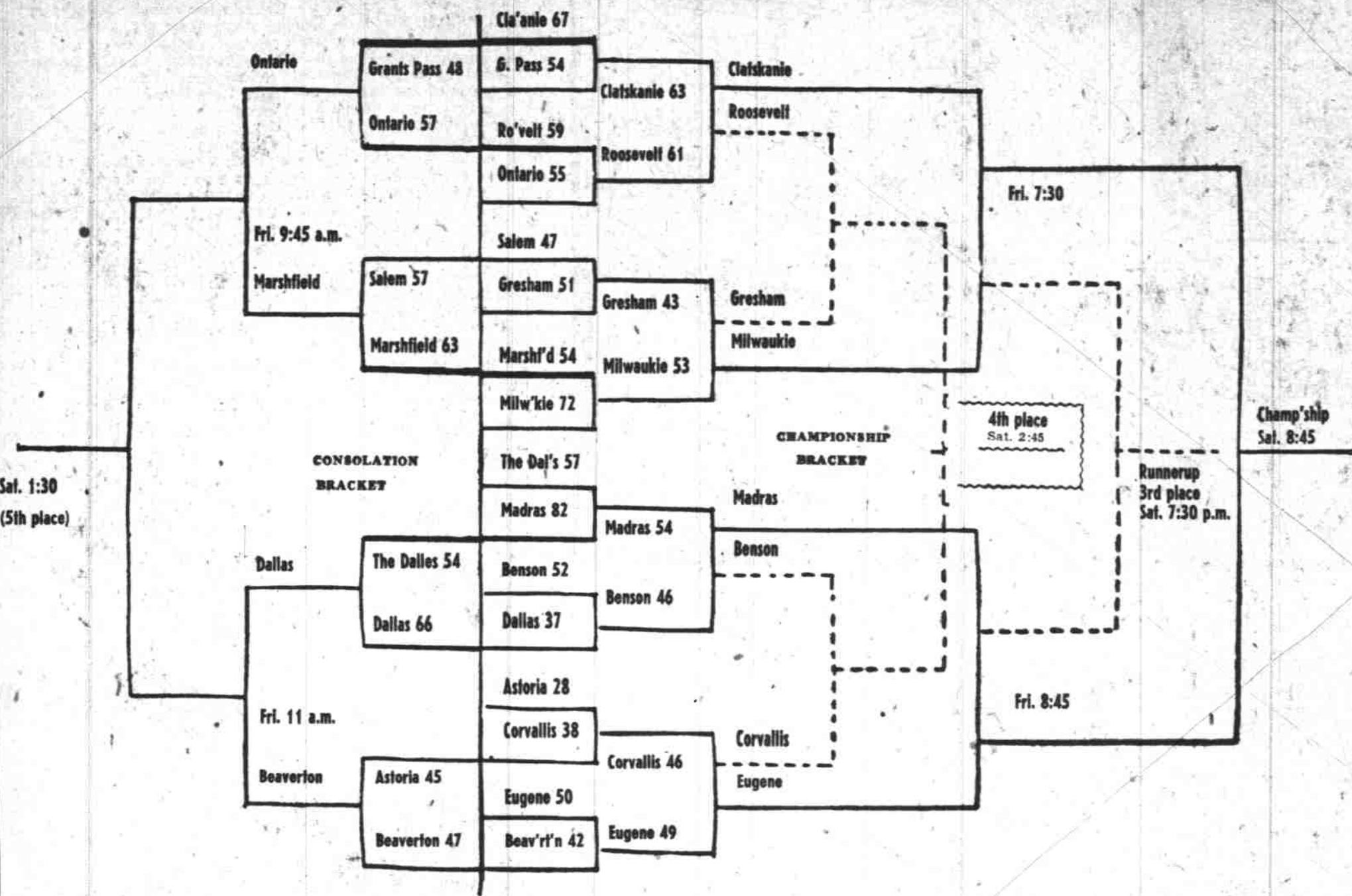
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Follow This Chart to See How State Tourney Is Going



Gomez Seeks Stojack Mat Toga Tuesday

One of the choice events of the year's local grappling schedule falls next Tuesday night at the Armory as Frank Stojack, world's light-heavy champion from Tacoma, risks his belt against the eager and talented Pepper Gomez.

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SBC to Fete Viking Quint

Salem High School's basketball team, ousted from the State Tournament Thursday by Marshallfield, will be feted at Monday morning's meeting of the Salem Breakfast Club. Coach Harold Hauk of the Viks will handle main speaking duties at the 7:30 session at the Senator Hotel.

Hauk may discuss some of the highlights of the many seasons he has served at the school. Hauk transfers to the new South Salem plant next year.

Ted Ogdahl, Willamette football and track coach, also is scheduled to speak Monday morning.

Leahy Accepts Jobs With Firms

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Frank Leahy, who retired as football coach at Notre Dame seven weeks ago, announced Thursday he will enter sales work and become president of a public relations firm.

Leahy is the new president of All-Star Sports Associates. He announced the public relations firm will handle special accounts

Oilers Upset Victims In AAU; Peoria Victor

DENVER (AP)—Co-favorite Phillips of Bartlesville, Okla., was knocked over by unseeded San Diego, 63-58, but Peoria's defending champions squeezed through Thursday night by edging San Francisco's Young Men's Institute, 56-55.

The Grubba Buicks from California broke out of a 34-34 tie with 3 minutes to play to upset the favored 66ers.

Jim Hovender, an AAU all-American last year, drilled in 12 points in San Diego's fourth quarter surge while the usually polished Oilers choked up in the critical moments.

Peoria and San Francisco battled evenly throughout their pressure-filled game with San Francisco holding a 49-43 edge with six minutes to play. That was the biggest margin between the teams during the game.

67 Aspirants Open Vandal Drills

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—Sixty-seven football candidates turned out Thursday for the first day of spring practice under Idaho's new head football coach J. Neal (Skip) Stahley.

That's 19 more than the 48 who turned out for workouts last spring. Only two of the team's 21 returning lettermen, Jay Buhler and Jerry Lee, were absent from the first sessions. Both are expected to join the squad soon.

Although it postponed the start of practice three days because of cold weather, Idaho still is the 14th Northern Division club to get its spring football program rolling.

last month and will be completed about the end of this month.

Huge Steelhead Program Starts

First step in the production of one-quarter million steelhead for release in Oregon's streams next year has started by personnel of the Oregon Game Commission.

In keeping with the recently announced step-up in production of the ocean-going rainbows, egg-taking activities have been started on various coastal streams. Spawning of the adult fish by commission crews began

Tourney Semi Slots Filled; Viks Ousted

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in a basket with 50 second left to clinch the game.

Moran, a 6-foot 7-inch junior who usually is a substitute, was the important man for Eugene. He was high scorer of the game with 16 points, and checked Dave Gambee usually high-scoring Corvallis pivot man, to 7 points.

Teddy Rally Falls
Clatskanie led Roosevelt all the way after the first three minutes. But Roosevelt, owner of a 20-3 record up to the game, uncorked a furious fourth quarter offensive that sliced an 11-point Clatskanie lead to 62-61 as the game ended.

Clatskanie guard Larry Hermo, who topped all scorers with 20 points, was fouled on the last play and converted a free throw to give his team its winning 2-point margin.

Center Charlie Geldaker flipped in nine points for Roosevelt during its futile last period rally and wound up with 12. Forward Dennis Rodin was high for the Portlanders with 16.

The short but accurate shooting Madras team, which has become one of the tournament favorites, broke Benson's back with a 20-point third quarter. Center Billy Machamer, the game's high scorer with 19 points, started things off in the period with three successive field goals.

The surge increased Madras' 26-23 halftime lead to a safe 46-36 margin at the end of the quarter. Benson later cut it to 5 points but never seriously challenged.

Johnny James was high for Benson with 18 points.

Thursday's attendance increased the total for the tourney, which opened Tuesday night, to 39,734, about 1,000 more than at the same point in the 1952 meet when the present record was established.

In the day's opener in the consolation round, Ontario had little trouble in defeating Grants Pass. Except for two ties, the easterners led all the way. Grants Pass kept close behind through the first half which ended with Ontario ahead 28-26. But in the third period the winners started rolling and maintained a comfortable margin to the end. Ken Ackerman, Ontario guard, was high point man with 28. Sam Dean, center, with 21, was high for Grants Pass.

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