

# Browns Top Steelers, Nab NFL Eastern Title

## Rams Whip Colts, Keep Lead In West; Giants Trip 'Skins

**By ED WILKS  
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Surprise! The Cleveland Browns are champs of the Eastern Conference in the National Football League.

It's the sixth straight conference title for Coach Paul Brown's Browns, who never have finished anywhere but on top since joining the NFL in 1950.

## Ducks to Face Colorado Hoop Team Tonight

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. Eugene—(Special)—The Oregon Ducks return to basketball action here Monday night, playing the Colorado Buffaloes at eight o'clock in McArthur Court.

Both foes are undefeated after one start. Bill Borchers' Oregon downed Oregon State last week, 57-46, and the Buffaloes the next night beat the Beavers at Corvallis by a 63-53 score.

Borchers scouted Colorado in the Saturday night game at Corvallis. The probable Oregon starting lineup for the Monday game will see 6-7 Max Anderson at center, 6-5 Ray Bell and 6-3 Charley Franklin at forwards and 6-1 Jerry Ross and 6-1 Phil McHugh at guards.

**Peterson High Scorer**

For the Buffaloes, 6-8 George Hannah will be at center, 6-4 Jim Ranglos and 6-3 Jerry Coffman at forwards and 6-1 Bill Peterson and Bob Mansfield at guards. Peterson and Hannah, the Colorado co-captains were the big scoring guns in the game at Oregon State. Peterson with 18 points, Hannah with 16.

Later this week, on Friday and Saturday, Oregon travels to Provo, Utah for a two-game series with Brigham Young University. BYU downed powerful UCLA last weekend, twice at Provo. The trip to Provo will be the only one the Ducks will take during the pre-conference season.

## Cards Obtain Ellis Kinder

CHICAGO (AP)—Frankie Lane who made about 270 trades when he was with the Chicago White Sox finally made a deal for the St. Louis Cardinals Sunday but he had to dip into the American League for pitcher Ellis Kinder, oldest player in the majors.

Kinder, who will be 42 on July 26, was purchased from the Boston Red Sox after he had been waived out of the American League. Although no details were announced, it was understood the price was no more than the \$10,000 waiver figure.

Lane had sold a couple of players to the minors in his new capacity as general manager of the Cards but this was his first involving another big league team. Many more are sure to follow.

**Relief Needed**

"I don't care if he's 92, as long as he can pitch," was Lane's reaction to the age angle. The Cards were in desperate need of a reliable rubber-armed, righthanded reliever. The bullpen failures were an important factor in their seventh place finish last season, their poorest showing since World War I.

Kinder was one of the greatest relief pitchers in American League history in his salad days. In 1949 he had a 23-6 record as a starter and in 1953 he set a league record by working in 69 games and finished with an amazing 1.85 earned run average.

In the first half of the '55 season, Kinder was in rare form. He held a 5-1 record at one stage but lost three games in four days in

## Speech Slated By Ballantyne

Basketball will again hold the center of attention at the Salem Breakfast Club Monday meeting. The guest speaker will be Dick Ballantyne, head coach at South Salem High, who will speak on what he expects of his Saxons in the coming 1955-56 campaign.

Ballantyne's Saxons opened their season over the weekend with two victories at Portland. Friday night they downed Roosevelt and Saturday night they defeated Lincoln.

Monday's meeting gets underway at 7:30 a. m. at the Senator Hotel.

**Basketball**

National Basketball Assn.  
Rochester 107, Philadelphia 84  
Fort Wayne 111, Boston 90  
Syracuse 102, Minneapolis 96

## From These Four Came Two Champs



Dr. John R. Wood, second from left, won the annual Handicap Tournament at the Salem Golf Club Sunday by defeating Pat Mikila, far right. The other two in the picture were also finalists. Bob Moe, far left, won over Vern McMullen, second from right, for the first flight title. All matches in the months-long journey ended Sunday.

## Tourney Snared By Wood

Dr. John R. Wood, one of Salem's better amateur golfers who spends his time off the links in a dentist's office, captured the Fall Handicap at the Salem Golf Club Sunday by defeating Pat Mikila, 5 and 4, in the championship final.

Four other flights also finished Sunday in the annual tournament, but none were as one-sided as Wood's victory.

Wood shot even par in his 14-hole debut of Mikila. The match was close the first nine holes, which ended with Wood holding a one-up edge. But the swinging dentist won the next four holes and halved the fifth to clinch the title.

**Moe Defeats McMullen**

In the first flight action, which played a foursome with the championship match, Bob Moe defeated Vern McMullen to take top honors in the next-to-best round.

O. W. Langdoc won the second flight when he defeated Dr. Ralph Gordon in the closest match of the day by a narrow 1 up score. Carl Wittenberger won the third flight with a 3 to 2 victory over L. S. Smith. In the fourth flight, Sam Tosti downed Dr. Vern Miller, 3 and 1.

**Close First Nine**

Wood and Mikila played side by side through their first nine holes. Wood lost the first hole with his only bogie of the day and Mikila had a 4. Wood took the second hole with a par 3. The two halved the fourth. Both hit par on the fifth but Wood took the hole because of his stroke.

They halved the sixth and seventh, both with pars, but Mikila won the eighth with a 2 to Wood's 3. The ninth was halved with pars. That's when Wood got hot and won the 10th with a par, the 11th with another par, the 12th with a birdie and the 13th because of a stroke. They halved the 14th and final hole.

**Trophies to Winners**

Both the winner and runner-up in the championship round will receive trophies, as will the winners of the other flights. The trophies will be presented at a banquet at a date not yet decided.

Next tournament at the Salem Golf Club will be a flubber-dubber tourney next Sunday. Persons wishing to play are asked to sign up at the club house by Thursday night, reports Bunny Mason, SGC pro.

# The Oregon Statesman SPORTS

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## Both Preps, Colleges Slated For Big Week of Hoop Games

While the past weekend may have been classed by some as a light one for the start of the basketball season, this week will find both prep and college quints cutting loose full blast in the first big week of the campaign.

On the collegiate side, Monday night games find Linfield at Southern Oregon, Pacific U at College of Puget Sound, Colorado at Oregon and Washington State at Whitworth. On Tuesday night Portland U plays here at Willamette in the home opener for the Bearcats. Linfield is again at Southern Oregon and Pacific at Pacific Lutheran. Bay-

lor's Bears play Oregon State at Corvallis Wednesday night.

On Friday night Willamette is at College of Puget Sound, Oregon College at Linfield, Lewis & Clark at Seattle Pacific, Oregon at Brigham Young U, Wyoming at Oregon State, Baylor at Washington, Utah State at Washington State and Montana at Idaho. A couple of unique doubleheaders is southern California, involving PCC members, find both Southern Cal and UCLA meeting Denver and Purdue on Friday and Saturday.

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## Few Surprises Mark Hoop Openers

### Losing Teams Include OSC

**By SHELDON SAKOWITZ  
The Associated Press**

A handful of the nation's highly rated collegiate basketball teams, anxious to get off on the right foot in the season's opener, found the early going a bit treacherous. But, for the most part, the first big Saturday went according to form.

La Salle, a perennial power and voted the No. 3 team in the nation in last season's final Associated Press rankings, bowed in its second game to unheralded Muhlenberg 69-58 and Oregon State, No. 10, lost to Colorado 63-53 for its second setback in two nights.

UCLA, the Southern Division champion of the Pacific Coast Conference a year ago, and Princeton, the Ivy League kingpin, also were jolted over the weekend. The Uclans succumbed to Brigham Young twice in a row, losing 75-58 Friday and 67-65 Saturday, while Princeton went down at the expense of Hofstra 69-60.

**Others Win Easily**

Six other members of last season's top 10 saw action Saturday and all won handily. Top-ranked San Francisco, the defending national collegiate champion, turned back Southern California 58-42 and Kentucky, No. 2, downed Louisiana State 62-52.

LaSalle, minus All-America Tom Gola and Bob Maples, sidelined with a broken ankle, trailed Muhlenberg most of the way. The Explorers, who were runners-up to Frisco in the national collegiate tourney, cut the Mules' lead to three points with 8½ minutes to play before the winners' pulled safely ahead.

Oregon State's downfall came at the foul line with the Webfest scoring only five free throws. Colorado, which won the Big Seven Conference crown and then wound up third in the national champion-



## Portland Has Skate Victor

Rodney Babcock and his partner, Carol Pollanz, of Portland won the state championship in the dance of the month contest at Salem's Skateland Sunday night.

The competition was in the progressive tango and 12 top skaters from throughout the state entered. Second place went to Kenzie Doney and Donna Grant of Canby and the third spot was won by Keith Doney and Linda Burgess, also of Canby.

Others who placed were: 4th, Darrell Rader and Edna Stone, Portland; 5th, Kent Battrick and Joanne Schenk, Portland; 6th, Paul Chitwood and Sherril Chapman, Roseburg; 7th, Phillip Bell and Janice Collins, Portland; 8th, William Rossow and Velda Nelson, Salem; 9th, John Fletcher and Muriel Armstrong, Gresham; 10th, Loren Goddard and Roe Ann Child, Gresham; 11th, Peter Wright and Barbara Roberts, Salem; 12th, Tom Laemmle and Gail Laemmle, Eugene.

**California Blessed With Good Hunting**

Reports from down south would indicate that California is blessed with one of the heaviest waterfowl flights in years. Most of the other flyways report the same. More ducks than for many a season. For a few days it was that way in the Willamette valley and then—WHOOP!—most of the birds disappeared.

It is hard to pin it on the cold snap we had a couple of weeks ago as right smack in the freeze up we had the best shooting along the river that we have had all season.

True, there is lots of water now and the birds are not concentrated in any one spot. However, there should be enough hunters out over the weekends to keep a lot of birds flying, yet there is very little doing in the way of flying birds.

Perhaps some more birds can come in yet from eastern Washington but we must remember that they too had a quick freeze in that country. It would not surprise us too much if most of the birds headed straight for Palm Springs.

**Weather May Bring Good Steelhead**

Continued cooler and rainless weather should give the steelhead a shot in the arm now, and with dropping and clearing water the big sea-run rainbows should be giving the salmon cluster boys the fits.

With half a break the coastal streams usually drop and clear rapidly after the rains. They are short and the drop is swift. Just give us some more of this weather and we'll be hearing from the hook and gaff boys. The streams should be well filled with big steelies now so the stories could be even bigger and better than normal.

No matter how poor the hunting or fishing may be it could always be worse. Besides there will be another year with lots of room for improvement. It couldn't happen again. We hope.

**Mathias in Formosa**

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Bob Mathias, U.S. Olympic games decathlon champion in 1948 and 1952, arrived from Hong Kong Sunday for a six-day visit to Nationalist China.

**Souchak Winner In Havana Match**

HAVANA (AP)—Mike Souchak, former Duke University football player from Grossinger, N.Y., Sunday won the \$15,000 Havana Invitational Golf Tournament as he shot the final round in three-under-par 69 for a 72-hole total of 273.

Souchak, leader since the first round, picked up first prize of \$2,000 as he finished 15-under-par for a two stroke lead over Ed Oliver of Newark, Del. Oliver, three strokes back of young Souchak at the start of Sunday's round, shot 69 for a total of 275.

**Gals Break Legs On Hood's Slope**

TIMBERLINE, Ore. (AP)—Two teen-age girls suffered broken legs Sunday in a tobogganing accident on the slopes of Mt. Hood.

Judy Kister, 13, and Irma Richards, 12, both of Vancouver, Wash., were coasting down a hill with companions when their feet were caught by a snow pump. They were thrown from the sled by the impact and each girl's thigh bone was snapped.

It took the ski patrol nearly an hour to reach the injured girls. They were taken by ambulance to a Portland hospital.

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## Defending Champs Again Nab NFL Title



PITTSBURGH—Ed Modzelewski, fullback, Coach Paul Brown and quarterback Otto Graham (l to r) give out with the big grins in the dressing room after defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers 30 to 7, giving Cleveland the Eastern Division championship of the National Football League for the sixth time. (AP Wirephoto)

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