

Possible Operation Seen by Ball Group

SPORTSLIGHTNER

This, that, etc.: It wasn't at all surprising to note that the U of Oregon didn't land on the UCLA, Cal and USC future football schedules. That was expected, as most members of the Coast Conference residing below the far western version of the Mason-Dixon Line don't think much of the University of Hollis... But it was rather shocking to note that Oregon State was ignored also. The Corvallis school was supposedly in solid stead with the rebels... However, it must be noted that even though neither Oregon nor Oregon State was included on the regular schedules, one or both can be added later on as early-season opponents. This isn't likely, but it is possible... You might also make this note for future reference: The PCC mess will have been forgotten by 1960, and a new and solid conference, governed chiefly by the athletic directors and coaches will be ready for launching...



LEE HORMAN
He provides the drive.

A pleasant thought, at least... But then one way or the other, after what Oregon accomplished at Pasadena, football schools of the northern portion of the PCC will no longer be looked upon as secondary to the "big boys" in California.

UCLA Staff Ran Rose Bowl Game for Oregon

While the UCLA vs. Oregon divorce is final to one extent, it most certainly wasn't noticeable at Pasadena. The UCLA athletic department and ticket office was in charge of the big game, upon the invitation of Oregon, and UCLA students were assigned to the numerous jobs of ushering, catering, etc. When asked how come, one of the Westwood attaches told us, "Well, we know more about doing things like this than Oregon, and we're glad to help out."

Furthermore, this same UCLA fella stood behind our press box seat throughout the game and rooted himself into a latter for the Ducks!

Casanova and his Webfoots were getting and deserving most of the headlines in the LA papers January 2. But even Oregon State got in on the act, back on the third and fourth pages. "Oregon State Solid Choice to Win Conference Cage Title" sums it up... The scribes had been polled and their composite selection listed Slat Gill & Co. first, John Woodens' UCLA Bruins second and Steve Belko's Oregonians third... They were right (for a change), as OSC has since knocked off the Bruins and Oregon came very close to doing it...

Three Reasons For OSC Cage Showing

Which brings about the question being asked by more (Continued page 16, col. 1)

Brewer Falls to Third Stranahan Shoots 67 To Capture LA Open

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6 (AP)—Former amateur golf king Frank Stranahan took command today in the first two holes of the \$35,000 Los Angeles Open, and with hardly a threat, went on to capture this rich inaugural event of the 1958 winter tournament campaign.

The good-looking, 35-year-old strongman from Toledo, Ohio, stroked around the long, rolling Rancho Golf Course, with its par 35-37, and finished with a 32-35-67 and a 72-hole score of 275, nine strokes under par for the distance.

Stranahan, in winning his second major tournament since he turned professional in September 1954, finished three shots ahead of the 47-year-old master, E. J. (Dutch) Harrison. In third place was young Gay Brewer Jr., of Cincinnati, the 25-year-old former amateur star from Kentucky, who led the field on one occasion shot starting out on Wednesday.

Harrison holed a put of about 18 feet for a birdie three on the 18th green to beat out the 25-year-old Brewer.

Stranahan, who did a bit of scrambling on the back side, picked up his most important money as a pro, \$7,000. Harrison pocketed \$3,750 because of his whopping final birdie shot, and Brewer \$2,600.

Stranahan launched his victory round one stroke behind Brewer, and Harrison was two strokes off the pace.

But Stranahan, a man who twice won the British amateur championship—but never was able to capture the United States amateur—birdied the first hole to Brewer's par and pulled up even.

The muscular Stranahan got his par on the second and took the top spot when Brewer three-putted the hole for a bogey five.

From there on Stranahan had no one but himself to beat.

Trailing the featured three were Billy Casper of Apple Valley, Calif., whose 79 gave him 280 and \$2,000, tied at 291 were Bo Wingler of Odessa, Tex., and long, tall Al Balding of Canada, each with 70s.

Deadlocked at 282 were Art Wall Jr., Pocomo Manor, Pa., and Dave Ragan, a newcomer from Orlando, Fla., each with 70s, and Tommy Jacobs of Whittier, Calif., who made a gallant bid for leading honors but fell back with a 72.

Doug Ford of Mahopac, N.Y., who won the tournament last year with a 72-hole total of 280, wound up with a 71 and 284.

Next Meet Set Friday

61 Per Cent of Partnership In

By AL LIGHTNER
Statesman Sports Editor

If last night's Salem Senator baseball meeting at the Senator Hotel is an indication, there will be Northwest League action at Waters Field come summertime.

The combined 15-man club operating committee and special group assigned to feel the pulse of the public were confident that a new partnership for the 1958 season could be formed, and called for another meeting Friday night of this week.

Chairman Bill McMahon of the special committee reported that 61 1/2 per cent of the necessary 100 per cent in pledges for a new operating partnership has been realized. His group is to accelerate efforts until Friday and hopes to be able to report the full 100 per cent by the 7:30 o'clock meeting time at the Senator Hotel.

Less than a dozen of those of the 1957 partnership, who have been contacted thus far, have turned

down the invitation to become members of the new partnership. Dr. Vern Miller, temporary chairman of the organization spoke for the enthusiastic group when he said, "It looks good to me and I'm sure we can succeed if we will concentrate our efforts by Friday."

Bill Stevens called Bob Freitas in San Jose last night and reported that the experienced and popular Boston Red Sox pitcher "has been given many offers by ball clubs, but is writing us a letter that should be here by Friday for our meeting."

Freitas quite likely would become the Senators' general manager if he wants the job and if his salary demands can be met. But the group wants to be certain of the new partnership before it hires anyone for the job.

Since the winter meeting of the Northwest League is slated for Sunday at Portland, Dr. Miller, Walt Zosel, George Paulus (if he's available), Ken Potts and Al Lightner are to attend it in behalf of the Senators, with Zosel acting as chairman.

It was also disclosed last night that members of the 1957 partnership have thus far turned in only \$7,804.71 of the \$13,341.32 loss suffered by the operation. Which means that another \$5,536.61 is still forthcoming. Of the 58 members of the '57 partnership, 33 have now paid up.

Those attending last night's meeting were Dr. Miller, Paulus, Zosel, Stevens, Potts, Lightner, Ernest Partridge, Steve Brody, Dave Hoss, Buddy Smith, McMahon, Glenn Burroughs, Dr. R. Reynolds, Curt Ferguson, Don Fair, Leonard Rowland, Al Loucks and Vern McMullen.

The Salem City Basketball League will open Wednesday night with a full slate of three games at Leslie Junior High School, league officials announced after a meeting Monday night.

Teams in the league this year are Orcutt's Market, the Prison Officers, Salem Auto Parts, First National Bank, National Guard Co. D, and Epping Lumber Company.

Teams will play a 15-game scheduled, with tilts on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Leslie. Three games will be played on Wednesday and two on Thursday. The Independent Valley Motor Company team will play the third game each Thursday after this week.

Opening games Wednesday pit Orcutt's against the Prison Officers at 7 p.m., Salem Auto Parts against First National at 8:15, and National Guard against Epping Lumber at 9:30.

Thursday night Epping Lumber will meet Orcutt's at 8:15 and the Prison Officers face Salem Auto Parts at 9:30.

OTI TAKES FIRST LOSS
KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 6 (AP)—The San Francisco Presidio basketball team defeated Oregon Tech 78-62 tonight. It was the first defeat of the season for Oregon Tech.

St. Paul at Perrydale, 1. Valdez at MacLaren, 2. Chemawa at Detroit, 3. Shedd at St. Boniface, 4. Deaf School at Falls City, 5. Santiam at Brownville, 6. Waldport at Siletz, 7.

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Beavers Up To 15th in Tabulation

Second Position Held by Kansas

By BEN OLAN
The Associated Press

Unbeaten West Virginia hauled in 55 per cent of the first place votes to increase its lead in the weekly Associated Press basketball poll while Mississippi State, Oklahoma State and Bradley also made notable gains in the national rankings.

After an 11-day layoff, West Virginia started the new year off on the right foot by clobbering Canisius and Washington and Lee last week. These successes gave the Mountaineers a 10-0 record.

Fifty-seven of the 104 participating sportswriters and broadcasters considered the Mountaineers the best team in the country. On the basis of 10 points for first place, 9 for second etc. The Southern Conference leaders piled up 894 points. Kansas remained in second place with 735 points and North Carolina moved up a notch to third with 720.

Kansas, which trailed West Virginia by only 32 points a week ago, suffered its first loss of the year—a 52-50 overtime thriller to Oklahoma State. The defeat came with Will Chamberlain, the Jayhawk's star, on the sidelines with a groin injury.

The upset not only dimmed the prestige of the Jayhawks for the time being but it enabled Oklahoma State to advance six places to the No. 8 spot. Oklahoma State and Bradley were the new clubs in the top 10. They replaced Maryland, which was beaten by Clemson, and Michigan State, loser to both Washington and Ohio State.

North Carolina and Kansas State traded positions. North (Continued page 16, col. 3)

Three Straight SC Downs Husky Five

SEATTLE, Jan. 6 (AP)—Peppery little Monte Gonzales and Jack Mittle brought Southern California to life in the second half tonight and showed the way to a 60-54 Trojan basketball triumph over the University of Washington.

Even though hefty Doug Smart hit the basket with 26 Washington points, the Trojans kept the rest of the Husky team well in hand.

The victory had to fight off a late surge by Washington, which still is looking for its first Pacific Coast Conference victory of the season. With a crowd of 5,500 urging them on, the Huskies rallied from a 13-point deficit to narrow the count to two points at 50-48 with three minutes still to play.

Southern California played a fast, sharp game of keep-away to run out the time and retain its advantage on free throws.

Washington set the pace through the first half, never trailing although the score was tied four times. A lefthanded flip from the side by Gonzales tied it up at 22-22 at the recess.

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Pugh 3 8 11 Irvine 2 2 7
Hanna 2 5 8 Smart 10 6 16
Mount 3 4 10 Stat 3 0 6
Gonzales 5 1 31 Crews 2 1 5
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Fryer 1 2 4 Crowe 0 0 0
Kemp 0 0 1 Greer 0 0 1
Bloom 0 0 0 Brown 0 0 0
Werhas 0 0 0 Coats 0 0 0
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USC Washington 22 22 24 54

TV Discussed for Middle Title Fight

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—International Boxing Club officials met today with representatives of two theater network television concerns to discuss propositions for a theater-televast of a return middle-weight title bout between champion Carmen Basilio and Sugar Ray Robinson.

The IBC hopes to promote the title fight in Chicago in mid-March.

Chamberlain to Miss Big 8 Opener Tonight

LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. 6 (AP)—All-America basketball player Wilt Chamberlain will be out of action for the second game in a row when the Kansas University team opens its Big Eight season against Oklahoma Tuesday night at Norman, Okla.

Dr. Kolbjorn Jensen, the team's physician, today informed K.U. coach Dick Harp that the 7-foot Chamberlain is still below par because of a urinary tract infection. The doctor said the ailing star should receive more rest and medication for the next few days.

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Memphis State, Wichita Slapped

NCAA Turns Down Husky Plea

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6 (AP)—The National Collegiate AA council today severely penalized Memphis State University today for a double violation of the collegiate athletic code and handed the University of Wichita a lesser penalty for an infraction that resulted in the dismissal of most of the school's football coaching staff.

Memphis State drew a two-year period of probation, starting today, and its athletes were ruled ineligible for all NCAA championship meets and the 23 cooperating events, including basketball tournaments, football bowl games, and relay carnivals.

The two infractions concerned three members of the Memphis State basketball team which was runner-up in the National Invitational Tournament in New York last spring.

Memphis State was ranked 18th in this week's Associated Press basketball poll, and NCAA officials "assumed that the three players still were on the team."

"In one case it was found that three players had not been admitted to the university in accordance with regular requirements. In another it was ruled two of them had been given illegal financial aid."

Wichita drew a year's probation because of various illegal payments to football players by the Downtown Quarterback Club of Wichita. But since the coaches involved were fired and the situation was corrected by the school the NCAA did not invoke the ineligibility penalties.

These two new actions, bringing to 43 the number of institutions penalized since the present NCAA enforcement program began in 1952, overshadowed the council's earlier action denying two schools relief from previous penalties.

North Carolina State and the University of Washington had appealed for the lightening of prohibitions which included the ineligibility of all athletes. They asked to have ineligibility restricted to the sports in which the violations occurred.

Under a new policy which calls for admissible new evidence before another hearing is granted, the council refused to hear either appeal.

Baseball Is Talk Subject

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6 (AP)—College athletic directors in round-table discussion today agreed unanimously that the NCAA should move toward legislation to permit college players to participate in summer baseball on an amateur level.

Everett Barnes of Colgate University told the other athletic directors that summer baseball is in a bad situation at present and "will fall into disrepute like basketball did" unless something is done to regulate it properly.

In general, athletic directors and coaches favored a work-baseball playing program which would permit a college athlete to be compensated for actual work done while playing a limited number of games each week for his employer's team.

Pin Record Falls Again

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—A 49-year-old minister wound up 59 hours and 55 minutes of bowling today and claimed a national record of 460 consecutive games.

The Rev. Wayne Vernon Jensen, a 6-foot, 1-inch, 210-pound man who calls himself "The Bowling Preacher," said that broke the previous record of 440 games set by Bill Dillon of Conroe, Texas, last month.

Pastor of the Southwest Church of Christ in Portland, he averaged 139.16 points in the long stint, and friends said they figured he had thrown 63 tons of bowling balls.

Crowds were on hand much of time, and they contributed to a box labeled "Marathon Kitty." The money, he said, goes to a building fund for his church.

WATCH Wednesday's Papers FOR BISHOP'S 68TH JANUARY CLEARANCE

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