

Nation's College Quintets Settle Down For Conference Play

By CARL LUNDQUIST
NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—College basketball teams, their pre-season intercollegiate travels behind them, settled down today to the mid-winter grind for conference championships, which will precede the National tournament title play in March. Although intercollegiate play was not extensive enough to set a definite trend, at least five teams—Kentucky, DePaul, Muhlenberg, Iowa, and Arkansas—became early front-runners for national honors, but there were from three to five other aggre-

gations ready to move in and do business in every major sector, when and if any of the so-called leaders falter.

The Muhlenberg quintet, with 11 straight victories, is the only undefeated collegiate team in the east and although the caliber of its competition hasn't been top-drawer at all times, it is going to give the "Big Three" of the New York metropolitan area a real fight for sectional honors.

The metropolitan trio, St. John's, City College and New York University—have the backing of the Madison Square Gar-

den clientele, but each appears to lack real class in some particular department of the game.

In the eastern intercollegiate circuit, Columbia's young Lions and Yale's Elis are threatening to end Dartmouth's seven-year title monopoly, while Army's Cadets, bolstered by players from its national championship football team, may be a real threat when they settle down to extensive formal competition.

Temple, among the eastern independents, seems no easier in defeat to Kentucky, considered by many the top quintet in the

southeastern title without too much of an argument, with the Wildcats being touted throughout Dixie for their "clutch" play in the recent eastern trip in which they won from such standouts as Ohio State, Wyoming, Temple, South Carolina, Duke, and North Carolina are the early front-runners in the Southern conference.

Arkansas, with a typically powerful team, is setting the early pace in the Southwest conference and is a distinct favorite to take the title although Rice, Southern Methodist and

Texas Christian also are unbeaten in league play.

Those perennial rivals for honors in the Big Six, Kansas and Iowa State, are setting the early pace in that circuit which usually produces one of the nation's top-flight teams. Oklahoma, with a strong young team, also is in the title picture, despite an early loss to Kansas State. Oklahoma and Iowa State shared the title last year.

Utah's defending national champions and the colorful Wyoming Cowboys both were disappointing in intercollegiate play and may have trouble

within the conference when competition opens in the Rocky Mountain Big Seven circuit this week-end.

On the Pacific coast, Oregon and Washington are leading the northern division race with two victories apiece, although another annual standout, Washington State, hasn't opened league play yet. In the southern division, Southern California's Trojans, considered one of the nation's standouts, have won their only test against UCLA. California's Bears, an unknown quantity, haven't started league play.

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NORTHERN DIVISION

Standings	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Oregon	2	0	1.000	32	78
Washington	2	0	1.000	30	87
W.S.C.	0	0	.000	20	50
Idaho	0	2	.000	18	42
O.S.C.	0	2	.000	17	36

By JOE SOAP
PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 8.—Coach John Warren's University of Oregon Webfoots, not too fresh from a twin win over the Idaho Vandals Saturday and Saturday nights in Moscow, awaited today a two-game series against Jack Friel's Washington State College Cougars, scheduled to open here Monday night.

Oregon took the measure of the Cougars in two 20-minute engagements during the Astoria Jamboree just before Christmas, but the Cougars, yet to start their northern division campaign, continue to be rated as top contender for the championship won last year by Washington Huskies.

Coach Hed Edmondson's Seattle quintet is well on its way to make it a dogfight with WSC after a double victory against Oregon State's rangy Beavers last week-end.

The Oregon-WSC series will be broadcast over stations KWJJ (1680 kc), Portland, and KRLC (1400 kc), Lewiston, starting at 7:30 o'clock both nights.

As Washington beat Oregon State for the second time, 42 to 22, and Oregon took a 41-38 decision from Idaho, W.S.C. trounced Eastern Washington College Saturday night, 58 to 49, the first defeat of the season for eastern's giant-killing savages.

The Huskies are idle until Friday and Saturday, when Idaho invades the Washington pavilion, and Oregon State rests until a Saturday collision with Oregon at Corvallis.

Illness and penalties cut the props from under Oregon State's battling Beavers Saturday night, and what was expected to be a tight argument developed into a breeze for the Huskies. Big Ted Henningsen, ill with a bad cold, failed to answer the starting whistle. O.S.C.—after a 48-45 loss Friday fought through the first half on fairly even terms with the host five, but began to fade when Hal Puddy went out on fouls as the second period started.

At Moscow, the Vandals made it a battle up to the last 4 minutes, when a toss by Dick Wilkins cracked a 35-35 deadlock and put Oregon in front to stay. The lead had been swapped seven times in the first period and there were five ties, but Idaho never could get better than the one tie in the second half—after dropping a 42-40 decision Friday.

With WSC still to see action, Don McMillan, Washington's veteran center who set a conference scoring mark of 34 points in a game against WSC last year, is the present individual scoring leader with 26 points in two games. He is followed by John Taylor, Idaho center, with 34; Dick Wilkins, Oregon, 32; Bob Jorgenson, Washington, 20; Hal Puddy, OSC, 19, and Ken Hays and Bob Hamilton, both Oregon, with 18 each.

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MILER—Arne Anderson (above) of Sweden set a new world record of 401.4 for the mile at Stockholm July 18. Gil Dodds of Boston turned in a new indoor record, making a one-man race of the Bankers mile at the Chicago Belay in 4:06.4.

3000 Mat Fans See Olsen Defeat Kiser at Armory

Literally clinging from the rafters, the largest crowd in local mat history pack-jammed the Armory Saturday night for the reopening of the local arena to professional wrestling. The crowd, numbering approximately 3000, saw popular Milt Olsen add his name to the winners of the coveted "traveling trophy" as he decisively defeated Jack Kiser in the final match of a seven-man single-elimination tournament.

In an appeal for contributions to Lane county's sports Polio fund, made by Father Francis P. Leipzig, member of the local Infantile Paralysis committee, the wrestling fans gave a disappointing total of around \$300. The money, collected by a staff of nine Eugene girls, was handled by Bill Porter, member of the Eugene wrestling committee, who said Monday that the cash had not been counted, but estimated at around \$300.

The show was free to Lane county's grappling multitude and

Nelson, Harrison Tie In L. A. Open

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—The final round of the 72-hole Los Angeles Open golf tournament started today in a mild state of confusion. The two-section affair, as it were, was due to a fog-bound finish late yesterday that ended the play for the day—but definitely.

Some of the stars couldn't finish their third round in the swirling haze that rolled in from the ocean to blanket the Riviera course.

Among those caught in the extraordinary atmospheric conditions and resuming play today were Sam Byrd, Ray Mangrum, Leland Gibson, Harold McSpaden, Johnny Revolta and George Schneider.

Byrd, Mangrum and Gibson had driven off the 18th and the other three were fog-trapped on the 18th fairway. The entire course was obscured by the soup-thick fog. The fairways couldn't be seen from the club house.

Byrd, one under par, only needed a par 4 to snatch undisputed leadership from Byron Nelson, and Sgt. E. J. "Dutch" Harrison, who had finished earlier with 54-hole totals of 213.

Consequently these two teed off today as the pace setters.

Byrd, particularly, still had a good chance to grab third-round leadership with 212. Mangrum needed a birdie 3 on the 18th or 212. Revolta and McSpaden each had to complete the last four holes in one under par figures to get into the 212 bracket.

Schneider and Gibson, the other top-finishers, were too far back to take the lead in the \$13,335 war bonds event.

"The balance of the reduced field of 81, meanwhile, went about fourth round business, second-choice favorite Nelson and Sgt. Harrison tied, teeing off.

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Lane B's Await Friday Clashes

LANE COUNTY 'B' LEAGUES

Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Crow	4	0	1.000
Mapleton	3	1	.750
Elmira	3	1	.750
Triana	2	2	.500
Lorane	2	2	.500
Siustlaw	0	3	.000

Valley Division	W	L	Pct.
Forest Hill	1	0	1.000
Dakridge	1	0	1.000
Lowell	1	0	1.000
Creswell	0	1	.000

McKenzie Division	W	L	Pct.
St. Mary's	1	0	1.000
Coburg	1	0	1.000
Mohawk	1	0	1.000
McKenzie	0	1	.000

All 14 high school basketball teams in the Lane county "B" league—oldest circuit of its kind in the Pacific northwest—swung in to action last week and continue their hoop hostilities until late in February when the top eight quintets vie in the annual tourney at McArthur court.

Only in the Western division's six-team circuit, which played three series prior to the holidays, is there a definite leader—Coach Starkweather's Crow quintet that has won four straight triumphs to hold a one-game edge over Mapleton and Elmira. Crow defeated Elmira 31-18 last week-end. In other Western games, Bill Book scored 23 points for Mapleton as the Sailors walloped Triangle 59-19. The Lorane-Siustlaw (Florence) game was postponed until a later date.

Pleasant Hill's defending champions, finalists in the state play-off last year, opened with a 36-21 victory over Creswell in the Valley division. The Hillbillies used 15 players in disposing of the Bulldogs, Oakridge, with Ty Lovelace collecting 25 points, defeated Lowell 50-28 in another Valley game.

St. Mary's of Eugene, a definite title contender with a veteran lineup that placed second in the state Catholic tournament last year, downed McKenzie 28-12 in the opener for the Gaels. In the other McKenzie division game, Coach Warner Empey's Coburg Broncos hung up victory No. 7 for the season in edging Mohawk's rangy Indians 32-28.

Oakridge plays at St. Mary's and Brownsville at Coburg Tuesday night, but there will be no league games until Friday when Pleasant Hill entertains Oakridge in the top contest of the week. Other contests will see St. Mary's playing at Mohawk, Creswell at Lowell, Coburg at McKenzie, Triana at Lorane, Mapleton at Elmira, and Crow seeking its fifth straight league victory in a game at Florence against victory-starved Siustlaw.

Portland, Seattle Tie In Coast Puck Loop
SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—The Seattle Stars and Portland Eagles were perched atop the Pacific coast hockey league's northern sector standings today, all even after the Stars defeated the San Francisco Shamrocks 7-4 here Sunday night while Portland was losing to the Vancouver, Wash., Vanquards, 8-5.

Red Wings, Canadiens In Hockey Deadlock
 (United Press)
 The Detroit Red Wings, strengthened by the addition of new players, drew up even with the Montreal Canadiens in first place in National hockey league after an 8-4 victory over the Boston Bruins Sunday night. The New York Rangers and Chicago Blackhawks battled to a 0-0 tie.

White Sox Purchase St. Louis Shortstop
CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The Chicago White Sox have purchased Floyd Wilson Baker, a shortstop, from the St. Louis Browns. Vice-president Harry Grabiner announced today. Terms of the transaction were not made public. Baker, 25 and classified 4-F by selective service, hit only 175 as a part-time player with the league champions last year, but batted 326 with San Antonio of the Texas league in 1942.

Klamath Marines Win
SALEM, Jan. 8.—Williamette's Boatscats, in their game Saturday night with the Klamath Falls Marines, dropped a 41-26 decision.

BASEBALL VET DIES
CLINTON, N. J., Jan. 8.—George Stone, 67, who played 10 years with the St. Louis Browns and the Boston Red Sox when he was a young man, died Saturday.

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Tex Oliver's Navy Wins

HONOLULU, Jan. 8.—A fast-charging Navy team of former college and professional stars—coached by Lt. Comdr. Tex Oliver, Oregon's on-leave mentor—drew the football championship of the vast Pacific ocean areas today, victory over a Seventh Army Air Force outfit, 14-0 in Hawaii's first Poi Bowl game.

An estimated 20,000 servicemen jamming the 22,000-seat Furlong Stadium at Pearl Harbor yesterday saw Edger "Special Delivery" Jones hurl touchdown passes in the first and last quarters.

In the opening stanza Navy Fullback Charlie Timmons, ex-Clemson player, missed a 40-yard field goal, and then the Navy was pinned back with a 53-yard punt by Glenn Dobbs, the Tulsa All-America whose bullet passes were a prime Army threat.

In the closing minutes, Jones completed a 47-yard pass to Steve Lach of Duke and the Chicago Cards, then a nine-yard aerial to End John Rokiski of Duquesne. After picking up three yards through the line, Jones passed from the six to Fullback Bob Morrow, former Chicago Card, over the goal. Timmons place-kicked the extra point.

Midway in the fourth period the Navy again set up a touchdown, with passes to Rokiski and End Greg Browning of Denver. Browning took the last aerial, covering 42 yards, for a touchdown. Again Timmons added the point with a place kick.

The Navy gained 137 yards on the ground, while the Army wound up with a net loss of 17 yards. The Navy rolled up eight first downs against the Army's seven.

Vic Johnson Scores In Challenge Bowling
 Eugene keggers were "off the beam" Sunday in an eight-game challenge bowling match held jointly by the Bowling and Eugene Recreation clubs. Vic Johnson walked off with the \$250 purse by scoring an aggregate 1506, an average of three pins under scratch. The winter's total was 64 pins better than Roy Northam's 1442 second-place total, however.

Other contenders and their scores: Ralph Bricker, 1427; Roy Rasmussen, 1403; Lee Bonney, 1401; Ollie Mercer, 1389; Oscar Quinn, 1374; Don Siegel, the challenger, 1370; Virgil Jones and Charley Harvey, both 1350.

Andrews' Quint Victor
VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 8.—A freethrow converted by Norm Baker in the final minute of play earned Porky Andrews' Pat Bay Gremlins a 34-33 victory over the Seattle Alpines in an exhibition basketball game here Saturday night.

NEWS NEWS
By H. F. "MAC" McDANIEL
 Well, we've just fought our way through one of the most startling and exciting years that ever visited this topsy-turvy earth. 1944 saw the invasion of Europe that blasted Hitler's dream of a new world order higher than a careless smoker in a munitions factory. MacArthur returned to the Philippines and Japan's Navy was reduced to a second class power. Germany introduced the Robot bomb and the B29s made their world debut. F.D.R. and Dewey put up the most stirring political battle in years. The transportation problem became a national headache and finding adequate housing for the nation's war workers was a knock-down, drag-out affair. There were taxes, strikes, priorities, rationing, confusion, while our enemies were as hard to find as ear muffs on a roofer. And aspirin became a vital part of the national diet.

I see the Y.M.C.A. has completed its plans for new quarters downtown. It is a swell layout for the teen-age group.

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DISTRICT 6 LEAGUE

Standings	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Eugene	1	0	1.000	27	25
University	1	0	1.000	28	22
Springfield	0	1	.000	24	26
Junction City	0	0	.000	0	0
Roseburg	0	1	.000	26	24
Cottage Grove	0	2	.000	37	30

Eugene, University of Eugene and Springfield's defending champions are deadlocked for the leadership of the District 6 high school basketball league championship today, following the first week of play that dropped Cottage Grove into the cellar position with two defeats.

Eugene and University gained their top ranking with 47-25 and 38-32 victories over Cottage Grove, respectively. Springfield's 1944 state tourney scoring leader moved into the front with a 34-26 decision over Roseburg, a new entry in the circuit this season.

Junction City's Tigers will not see action until this week, playing two games—against University of Eugene Tuesday and Cottage Grove Friday, both at Junction City. Either Eugene or Springfield will be shunted from the first-place deadlock Tuesday night at Springfield where the Axemen and Millers tangle—and Coach Hank Kuchera's Axemen, with 13 wins in 14 starts this season, will be favored. The only other league game will match two quintets seeking their initial league triumph—Cottage Grove and Roseburg at Cottage Grove Tuesday night.

Wilbur Heath, 6-foot, 4-inch Cottage Grove hoopster, holds the league individual scoring lead at the present time with 15 points, a single point ahead of Harlan Chapman and Dwayne Carpenter of Cottage Grove, Randall Young of Roseburg and Dale Warberg of Eugene. The Grove players, however, have played two games as against one each for Young and Warberg. Chuck Gillanders of University is next with 10 points.

USC Back Aids Navy In 39-6 Lilly Bowl Victory Over Army

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan. 8.—Danny Vargo of Akron, O., who knows how to hit a moving target with a football, and John McQuary, former Southern California backfield star with the line bucking talents of a young bull, drew most of the plaudits today for Navy's 39-6 victory over Army in the third annual all-service Lilly Bowl game.

Vargo threw two long touchdown passes and McQuary hit the line for two more to give Navy the rubber game before 11,000 fans yesterday in the annual match between personnel stationed here.

Basketball Scores
HIGH SCHOOL
 Medford 25, Eureka 25.
 Clatskanie 32, Silverton 32.
 Hood River 39, Parkdale 19.
 Grants Pass 32, Roseburg 22.
 Klamath Falls 35, Bend 21.

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