

Ohio State Survives Another Squeaker

Coach Fred Taylor has been saying it right along. Opponents have had more than a strong suspicion and now the general public is beginning to realize it. Jerry Lucas, fine player as he is, isn't the entire Ohio State basketball team.

State won anyway, 73-69. Last Saturday it was Larry Siegrist who contributed the important points in a narrow victory over a Iowa team that lost most of its leading players by ineptly but still manages to hang in there.

Louis, due largely to the efforts of Don Nelson, the one surviving first stringer, turned back Michigan 50-48 and retained that almost invisible chance of overtaking the Buckeyes.

Elsewhere Duke's Blue Devils, who dropped to sixth in this week's Associated Press poll rankings (Iowa is fifth), moved into a tie with Wake Forest for second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference; Mississippi State stayed on top of the Southeastern and Florida continued its strong bid to represent the SEC in the NCAA tournament with fairly impressive victories.

Duke, missing sophomore Art Heyman, who has been barred from the remaining conference games, conquered Virginia 77-66 in a lackluster game. The Blue Devils' big hope now is to earn the No. 1 seeding in the conference tournament.

Mississippi State, which won't play in the NCAA tournament, ran its SEC record to 9-2 by whipping Georgia 99-77 with the aid of 34 points by Jerry Graves. Florida, winner over Mississippi State Saturday, moved ahead of Vanderbilt into second place at 8-3 by taking an 81-77 overtime decision from Mississippi. The Gators had to come from behind again to tie at 73-73 then pulled it out at the end of the extra period when Cliff Layk sank two free throws and a field goal in the closing seconds.

It was just about a year ago that Ohio State suffered its last defeat, losing to Indiana at Bloomington. Since then the Bucks have won 26 straight. They're 11-0 in the conference and about the only way they could lose the title would be to drop their remaining three games to second division rivals.

They had some shaky moments Monday night when Indiana cut their lead to three points near the finish. But Nowell, high scorer with 27 points, tossed in four points and saved the game. Two of Ohio's remaining conference foes came through with upset victories Monday night. Wisconsin tumbled Minnesota 83-75, ending an eight-game losing streak that began early in January, and Michigan State climbed out of the conference cellar with a 90-50 victory over Illinois in a heated game.

In the Big Eight, Colorado replaced Oklahoma State in a third place tie — far behind pace-setting Kansas and Kansas City — by trimming the Cowpokes 63-61 while Nebraska trounced Oklahoma 83-61.

Bucks Keep Lead in Poll

The Ohio State basketball team had its biggest scare of the season last Saturday night. Playing Iowa in Iowa City, the undefeated Buckeyes fell ten points behind at halftime and still trailed by seven points with minutes remaining.

Then the Buckeyes slammed in ten straight points—the last two goals on steals—and squeezed out a 62-61 victory.

The great comeback for victory No. 20 gave Ohio State the No. 1 position in The Associated Press basketball poll for the 11th straight week.

St. Bonaventure, with a 20-1 season mark, also was a unanimous choice of the special panel of sports writers and broadcasters for the runner-up spot, getting 36 votes.

UPI College Poll table with columns for Team and Points. Ohio State (20) is at the top with 348 points.

Willamette Matmen Top St. Francis, 27-19. Willamette, building its margin on victories in light-weight matches, defeated St. Francis 27-19 in non-league wrestling action at St. Francis Tuesday.

Roth Says Thurston Having Better Year Than Expected

Thurston coach Ivor Roar was presented with one letterman and another player with junior varsity experience when the Colts began their first basketball season.

It looked like a long season for the Colts. But Saturday night's 51-45 win over North Bend may have made it a successful year.

Both admitted that "We are having a better year than I anticipated. The kids have come so far it's unbelievable."

Roth paid tribute to the defense—a man-to-man with State guarding North Bend center Chick Johns.

When did Thurston pick up? "The first spark was showed," Roth said, "was that January series with North Bend and Marshfield." Marshfield whipped the Colts 62-54 and North Bend won 68-58.

Thurston still has five games left, three of those with tournament contenders South Eugene, Roseburg and North Eugene.

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Portland Wins In Overtimes

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Washington trailed until midway in the second half when it caught Portland 44-44.

proposed solution to personnel problems for the Willamette Pass Ski Patrol will be discussed at a patrol meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Red Cross building on E. 18th Avenue.

A meeting of patrol leaders was held last week to discuss the shortage of patrolmen on duty at Willamette Pass Ski Area this season.

Dick Brunwig, regional chairman for the Ski Patrol, said the Willamette Pass patrol is interested in obtaining new members.

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"The Russians claim no corner on the market of coaching technique," Flanagan added. "But they are working harder at it."

"In contrast to our regarding sports as a recreation, they have made it a religion."

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PIERSALLS HAVE BOY BOSTON (AP)—Mrs. Mary Piersall, wife of Cleveland Indian outfielder Jim, Monday night gave birth to her eighth child, an 8-pound 5-ounce boy. The Piersalls now have six girls and two boys.

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