

Hotter Than Toast, Melba Tallies 102 Points

By HORACE BILLINGS

Landis, N. C.—Melba Overcash, Landis high's six-foot-seven forward, probably established a high school record for a regulation girls' game recently with 102 points.

"I just wanted to score 66 points in a game," she said after the East Spencer high game which her team won, 107-35.

"I knew that a girl in South Carolina (Miss Nan Eaddy of Hemingway high) scored 65 points in a single game and I wanted to better that record."

The tall junior who is only 16 years old collected 79 points in the first half.

"I didn't want to shoot too much but the other forwards, realizing that I had a good chance of beating the 65 scored by the South Carolina girl, kept passing me the ball and yelling to shoot. So I did. But I probably won't do that again."

What about the future for the 6-7 lanky lass?

"I have received several scholarships and intend to go on to college," says Melba. "A couple of the professional girls' teams have written me and asked if I were interested in playing with them. I replied that I would be when I graduated next year."

Melba, an excellent student, says: "I have a lot to learn about the sport, however."

Last year was her first year no the team. Thus far this season the team, thus far this season game.



MELBA OVERCASH Averages 40 Points

Dick Dunkel's College Basketball Power Index

EXPLANATION—The Power Index provides a direct comparison of the relative strength of any two teams for this season to date. Thus, a 50.0 team has been 10 scoring points stronger than a 40.0 team on their comparative records, in which scoring margin has been weighed against strength of opposition. This does not necessarily mean that a 50.0 team should defeat a 40.0 team by exactly 10 points in the future. Teams rarely follow past performance that closely. Furthermore, the ratings are not adjusted for such factors as home court, injuries and ineptibilities. The Dunkel system correlates records of all college teams and was started in 1929.

Table with columns for National Leaders, Probable Winners, Probable Losers, and College Scores. Lists various college teams and their power index ratings.

Holy Cross, Ohio Rate Spots in NCAA Tourney

New York, Feb. 13 (AP)—The NCAA basketball tournament fathers put a big bold "Holy Cross" on their chart for district one today, a firm "Ohio State" for district four and then...

Elsewhere around the nation it was any man's guess who will play in the eight-team national elimination tournament come March.

Here is a district by district picture:

District 1 (New England)—Holy Cross maintained its record as the only undefeated major team, downing the New York A. C., 73-56, Saturday and waited only the formality of an invitation.

District 2 (Middle-Atlantic)—Duquesne looked best with 18-1 record after its 75-47 conquest of Geneva. LaSalle (14-3) lost backing by its defeat by Toledo, 59-55, Saturday.

District 3 (south)—Kentucky and North Carolina State were the top possibilities with Kentucky a more likely selection. Kentucky beat Tennessee, 79-52, and State licked Wake Forest, 73-35.

District 4 (midwest)—Ohio State, pretty much a cinch for the Big Ten championship and the bid, kept rolling with an 87-43 win over Michigan State.

District 5 (midlands)—Bradley, St. Louis and Kansas State ranked in just about that order. Bradley has the best record, 21-3, after its 67-65 win over DePaul. St. Louis was impressive in a 55-45 win over Notre Dame and now has won 13 and lost 5.

District 6 (southwest)—Texas A&M, Southern Methodist and Arizona all look good. Arizona's record of 20-2, best in the second, was capped by a 72-49 trouncing of Texas Western.

District 7 (Rockies)—It's a tossup between Brigham Young (15-9) and Wyoming (21-6), although both lost Saturday—BYU to Colorado A&M by 40-30 and Wyoming to Washington by 27-36.

District 8 (Pacific coast)—UCLA and Southern California are fighting it out to play Washington State for this one. UCLA beat California, 54-47, and Southern Cal downed Stanford, 59-45.

The Referee Said No In pursuit of a loose ball at New York's Madison Square Garden, Mel Seeman (white jersey) of New York University over-shoots his objective, landing on the back of Manhattan's Jack Byrnes. Seeman's "piggyback ride" was ruled a foul by the referee. Manhattan's Joe Loprete (17) and NYU's Dan Quilly (right) watch the action. Manhattan won, 80-55. (Acme Telephoto)

To Meet Viking Team on Tuesday The cellar-dwelling Albany Bulldogs are due to close out their 1950 basketball series with Salem high school's Vikings Tuesday night in a game booked for the Vik Villa.

Willamina Plans Revised Schedule Willamina—The recent bad weather spell caused disruption in basketball schedules, making it necessary to re-schedule several games. The make-up game with Tillamook scheduled for January 20, will now be played February 18. The other game with Tillamook, scheduled for February 2, will be played here February 27. The cancelled game with Amity will be played here February 24, and the Newport game has yet to be re-scheduled. All make-up games must be played before the opening of the tournament of March 1.

Gene Sarazen has played in more PGA championships than any other golfer—26 through 1949.

RECORD FOAL CROP New York (AP)—Jockey Club Registrar Harold O. Vosburgh reports a record crop of thoroughbred foals for 1949. A total of 8,482 foals of 1949 have been registered. How many of these will get to the races as two-year-olds of 1951, only time and the vicissitudes of horse rearing will tell.

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Seattle Juniors Defeat Academy

The Seattle Pacific college juniors had too much on the ball for Salem Academy last Saturday night and the quint across the river dropped a 44 to 15 decision to the invaders.

The half, rather slow as to offense, ended with Seattle leading 15 to 8.

A preliminary went to Salem Academy's "B" team over Christian Missionary Alliance of the Church loop, 31-27. Salem Academy (15) (4) Seattle Pacific Zeller 5, Kennedy 3, Frisner 2, DeLapp 3, Suba 1, Seaman 1, Dan Quilly 1, Vandermeer 1.

Coach Finds Solution to Sloppy Play With Retort

New York—When Al Kircher, Michigan State basketball coach noticed some sloppy work by one of his players the other night, Al called him out and asked: "What's wrong out there?"... the kid allibied: "I'm not getting the ball enough, Coach."... snapped Kircher: "Well, sit here a while and see how often you get it."

ONE MINUTE SPORTS PAGE Cliff Kimsey, Kansas backfield coach, wants to know where those IBA boys got their reputations as defensive basketball coaches...

WEAK END NOTES Viljo Helmo, the Finnish distance runner, claims he may start training on cigars so he can get used to the smoky atmosphere at the Garden. That should give him a strong finish...

Clown Prince of Baseball Tries to Recapture Dream

By OSCAR FRALEY (United Press Sports Writer) New York, Feb. 13 (AP)—Al Schacht, the clown prince of baseball, is eating all types of horrible midnight concoctions trying to recapture a dream.

"The other night I had a midnight lunch and then dreamed that I was sitting in the stands at Yankee stadium and they called me out to pitch," Schacht explained. "The bases were loaded, with none out but heck, that didn't bother me. The bases were always loaded when I pitched."

"So I retired the side on nine pitched balls—nine straight strikes, and the Yankees offered me a contract for \$50,000," Al continued. "I told them rookies were getting \$100,000 to sign, supposedly, so I wouldn't take less than \$75,000. Then I woke up!"

BUSY DAY

Kid Gavilan, the Cuban welterweight, figures his third amateur bout was a bit more rugged than his battle with Billy Graham... the kid not only had to walk seven miles from Havana to Palesco, but he had to carry the ring ropes with him...

At Rochester, N. Y., press-radio polo fund dinner, Billy Southworth of the Braves recalled two tie ups—one as Rochester's all-time manager and the other as one of its all-time outfielders. He wears the one which says: "Outfielder."

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BASKETBALL

COLLEGE SCORES (By the Associated Press)

Table of college basketball scores including Wisconsin 66, Northwestern 39, Iowa 70, Illinois 65, Purdue 61, Michigan 53, Indiana 59, Minnesota 39, Eastern (Ivy) League, Yale 60, Cornell 47, Harvard 60, Dartmouth 52, Columbia 51, Pennsylvania 48, Southwest Conference, Texas Christian 64, Rice 38, Southern Methodist 51, Texas 24, Big Seven, Kansas 49, Nebraska 24, Missouri 59, Kansas State 43, Southeastern Conference, Kentucky 70, Tennessee 39, Vanderbilt 47, Alabama 35, Auburn 54, Tulane 60, Georgia 77, Florida 42, Mississippi Valley, Detroit 40, Oklahoma A&S 39, Tulsa 44, Wichita 40, Southern Conference, Georgia Southern 62, Duke 36, (Two overtimes), North Carolina State 73, Wake Forest 35, William and Mary 64, Virginia Tech 50, Richmond 48, South Carolina 40, Skidmore 56, Utah 49, Utah State 30, Colorado A&M 46, Brigham Young 30, Pacific Coast Conference (Southern Div.), UCLA 34, California 47, Southern California 59, Stanford 48, Other Games, Oregon 61, St. Mary's 53, Washington 37, Wyoming 38, Eastern Washington 86, British Columbia 46, Whitworth 54, Western Washington 49, Puget Sound 42, Pacific Lutheran 37, Seattle Univ. 61, Gonzaga 43, Seattle Univ. Proch 85, Skagit Valley J.C. 48, Lower Columbia J.C.M., Yakima Valley J.C. 53, Wenatchee J.C. 72, Clark J.C. 61, Seattle Univ. 61, Gonzaga 43, St. Johns (Bkn.) 72, Niagara 69, Syracuse 73, Army 53, Boston College 42, Seton Hall 39, Colgate 64, Boston Univ. 45, Rhode Island State 55, Bucknell 78, Fordham 59, Biens 48, Duquesne 75, Geneva 47, Holy Cross 72, New York AC 44, Navy 46, Penn State 46, Grace Harbore, Bradley 67, DePaul 56, Ohio State 87, Michigan State 42, St. Louis 55, Notre Dame 43, Hamilton 59, Concordia (Minn.) 43, Beloit 74, Indiana State 43, Arizona 72, Texas Western 49.



Plane Crash Fatality—One Gopher—Only casualty in the crash of an air force C-47 transport at Los Angeles International airport was a little gopher (box), who scrambled from his burrow to see what was going on and was impaired on a splinter from a shattered propeller. All seven men aboard the plane escaped without injury. Near-zero visibility was blamed for the crash. (Acme Telephoto)

NEW! SAFE! NO SOOT! NO CARBON! CATERIZED OIL DEFENSEMEN SHUT OUT New York (AP)—A defenseman never has been selected as the outstanding rookie in the National Hockey league. Ever since the top freshman was first honored in 1933, the choice always has been a forward or a goaltender. And only twice, Frank Brimsek in 1938-39 and Frank McCool in 1944-45, have goalies captured the rookie award. Toronto players have won this award the most times—on five occasions a wearer of the Maple Leaf has been selected the outstanding rookie.

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