

UCLA Rated Five Point Favorites over Cougars

Los Angeles, March 10 (AP)—Never a Pacific Coast conference champ but frequently a Southern division winner, the UCLA Bruins were five points favorites today over Washington State for the PCC basketball title.

The two teams meet tonight in the opening contest of a best two-out-of-three series for the conference championship. They will play again tomorrow night and then Monday night if a third game is necessary.

The PCC title will also win the right to represent the Far West in the NCAA basketball tournament.

Facing their toughest assignment of the season, the fast-breaking Bruins will be up against a first class exponent of a slow breaking, ball-control club. The Washington Cougars, Northern division standard-bearers, also have considerable height advantage.

The northern team was molded this season around Ed Gayda, six foot, two inch forward who weighs 210 pounds. He and Center Gene Conley, six feet, 8 inches tall, were the two Cougars named to the Northern di-

vision all-star five. Conley, leading Northern division scorer, averaged 13.5 points a game, followed closely by Gayda with a 12.2 average.

Bruin Guard George Stanich, who handcuffed USC's Bill Sharman so effectively last week, will be assigned the task of holding down Gayda. Stanich and Center Carl Kraushaar were the two Bruins named to the Southern division all-star quintet.

"We'll have to try to run over and around them," UCLA Coach John Wooden said regarding the series.

The difference between Washington State and UCLA styles of play is reflected in team scoring averages. The northerners have tallied 51.8 points per game while allowing but 47.2 points.

But the Bruins' racehorse tactics have netted them 61.8 points per game with their opposition averaging 57.7.

The Cougars, coached by Jack Friel, have won 19 out of 30 games. In the PCC tournament last year at San Francisco the Bruins defeated Washington State, 54 to 44.

Pacific Coast Cage Title Mix To Be Broadcast

The Pacific Coast conference basketball championship series will be broadcast in the northwest over station KVAN, KRUL and KERG among others. The games will be played in Los Angeles between Washington State and UCLA beginning at 8:15 Friday night. The second game is slated for Saturday night and a third, if necessary, next Monday.

Rupp Is Voted Coach of Year

New York, March 10 (AP)—Adolph Rupp has been voted the basketball coach of the year for his performance in piloting a sophomore-powered Kentucky quintet to a successful season. He won the honor yesterday on a vote of the Metropolitan Basketball Writers association.

Rupp fashioned second stringers and new men into a combination that won the Southeastern conference crown and another invitation to a post-season tourney.



Oh Doctor! The Hon. Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette University, leading a faculty rooting section during the Faculty-W club cage game.

Bearcat Faculty Claims Victory In Basket Fun

If there were any gags that weren't pulled by either side in Thursday night's annual Faculty-Lettermen's club "basketball" game at Willamette, it was because the fertile brains of the participants had overlooked them.

The show set an all-time high in the laugh production department, with the heartiest guffaws originating among the faculty because they won. At least that was their claim Friday forenoon.

At one stage of the production the lights went out and when illumination returned the score stood something like "57 to 9" for the Lettermen. However, largely due to the efforts of Johnny Lewis and Jim Johnson the teachers emerged victorious.

A portable oxygen outfit was given some credit in giving the faculty the lion's share of the score.

Foursquare Hoop Tourney Planned

Woodburn—A Foursquare church basketball league tournament with eight teams in competition will be held Saturday afternoon and evening March 11, at the Woodburn high school gymnasium, according to Rev. Arthur Golbe, local pastor. Represented will be Portland, Vancouver, Longview, Hillsboro, Oregon City, Corvallis, Salem and Woodburn squads.

Preliminaries will start at 1 p. m. and the finals at 7:30 p. m. Local young people will be hosts to the teams and others attending at the home economics room in the high school.

Speed and Deception to Mark NIT Cage Tourney

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

Chicago, March 10 (AP)—Speed and deception keyed Bradley, Syracuse and Niagara — three dazzling-paced entries in the national invitational tourney that have combined for 64 wins against 17 defeats for the season.

Niagara, which opens the meet in Madison Square Garden tomorrow afternoon against Western Kentucky, is playing its best basketball of the season at this time. The Purple Eagles have won their last six games, hitting their top stride of the campaign, in compiling a 20-6 record.

The team—nine on the squad come from the New York City metropolitan area — features hard-driving action led by 20-year-old Zeke Sinicola, flashy dribbler and lay-up artist.

Two of Niagara's defeats were by Syracuse which begins NIT firing tomorrow night against Long Island U.

A terrific fast break, tightly-knit team play, and good reserve strength are the essentials of Syracuse's 17-8 mark. The record includes 62-49 and 60-55 wins over Niagara and an 83-74 triumph over another NIT entry, City College of New York.

Speed characterizes the first five, topped by play-maker and No. 1 sharpshooter, Jack Kiley of Newark, N. J. He has scored an even 400 points in 25 games.

Syracuse, however, began to jell only in midseason when Ed Miller, a 6 foot 6 inch sophomore from New Rochelle, N. Y., made the first string. The club has clicked for 10 wins in 14 starts since then.

Bradley of Peoria, Ill., is a veteran of the NIT, and this time is seeded first, opening its bid Monday night against the Syracuse-LIU winner. The Braves have a fluid attack. They prefer to run but are quick to adjust to an opponent's style. The Braves, under 30-year-old Coach Fordy Anderson, have a 27-3 record and the No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press poll.

Church League Title Play Is Slated for 20th

Championship games in the three divisions of the Salem Church basketball league will be played the night of March 20 on the Parrish junior high school gym floor. The date is a postponement from an earlier one to avoid conflict with the state tournament in Eugene.

The "C" division teams will meet at 7 o'clock, "B" at 8 and "A" at 9. Contenders in all divisions have not been determined.

Sweeney to Send Squad to Batting Practice Friday

Riverside, Calif., March 10 (AP)—Manager Bill Sweeney will send his Portland Beavers through a long batting practice today, even though the Beaver sluggers left little to be desired in whipping Los Angeles here yesterday.

The Beavers bunched five hits for three runs in the fifth inning and went on to trounce the Angels, 8 to 1.

KSLM Will Air 'Game of the Day'

Radio station KSLM will air the "Game of the Day" selected from the American and National leagues beginning with the opening of the 1950 baseball season April 18.

The program will be handled through the facilities of the Mutual-Don Lee system and live play-by-play broadcasts will be heard Monday through Saturday.

A minimum of 10 broadcasts will originate from each of the ball parks during the regular playing season. In addition, there will be interviews with players, managers, coaches and sports writers.

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By Walt Ditzen



Amateurs of West Battle in Golden Gloves on Friday

Chicago, March 10 (AP)—The top 32 amateur fighters in the west will battle tonight in the semi-finals and finals of the 23rd annual Chicago Tribune Golden Gloves tournament.

Winners of the eight championships will set up the New York Golden Glove winners in the Chicago stadium March 29.

A crowd of more than 10,000 was expected to watch tonight's stadium bouts. The scrappers, coming from cities ranging from Cleveland to Los Angeles, qualified for the bouts in three nights of preliminaries two weeks ago.

Stephens Ends Holdout, Inks For \$40,000

Sarasota, Fla., March 10 (AP)—Vern Stephens, slugging shortstop of the Boston Red Sox, ended his holdout yesterday when he agreed to sign for \$40,000 in a long-distance telephone conversation with General Manager Joe Cronin.

Stephens hit .290, knocked in 159 runs and hit 39 homers last season.

Union Hold Broken in Hoop, Monmouth Loses

Astoria, March 10 (AP)—Union no longer rules the class B schools—at least in basketball. Garibaldi's surprising Wolves pulled the upset of the year last night, spilling the defending champs, 51-44.

It came in the first round of the state class B high school tournament, as Drain, Rogue River and Alsea also moved into the round of four, where Drain will meet Rogue River and Garibaldi will face Alsea tonight.

Union—defending champion of class B basketball, track and football—had been favored to repeat here, but Garibaldi just wouldn't give Union recognition.

The Wolves seized the lead in the early moments, rolled on to a 29-24 halftime margin and had the count up to 50-37 in the closing seconds.

That installed Garibaldi as one of the favorites here. The crowd also liked the chances of the tall Rogue River team to win the crown.

The smaller Condon team simply had no chance against Rogue River, which has three players at 6 feet 4 inches, one at 6 feet 2, and three at 6 feet 1.

While the Condon players dodged forlornly amongst the legs, Rogue River played handball at the backboards, piling up a 29-7 halftime edge and going on to a 52-20 victory.

The other games were closer. Alsea nosing out Prairie City in a free-throw comedy, 40-36.

Drain and Monmouth were all right while the action was fast, but the jitters set in at every whistle. As it turned out, Monmouth was just more jittery than Drain.

They each made 18 field goals, but at the free throw line Monmouth managed to miss 11 out of 11 tries. Drain somehow got 4 of 14 tries inside the hoop, and that was the margin of victory.

In the consolation round Monmouth was to meet Condon at 2:30 p. m. and Union to play Prairie City at 3:45 p. m.

Drain (16) ... Monmouth (10)
 Don Joslyn 10 ... F. ... 10 Lyle
 Haliman 5 ... F. ... 4 Thompson
 R. Duncan 7 ... G. ... 8 Rasmussen
 Cellars 10 ... G. ... 2 Buz
 Gabe 8 ... G. ... 2 Loch
 Sub: Monmouth—Bostrom 4.

BASKETBALL

COLLEGE RESULTS (By the Associated Press)
 Ohio State 66, Butler 63.
 Xavier (Ohio) 34, Cincinnati 33.
 Pepperdine 63, Chico (Calif.) 35.

CLASS B TOURNAMENT (By the Associated Press)
 Drain 40, Monmouth 36.
 Rogue River 52, Condon 26.
 Garibaldi 31, Union 44.
 Alsea 48, Prairie City 43.

Oh Doctor!

The Hon. Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette University, leading a faculty rooting section during the Faculty-W club cage game.



Little Helpers With this type of assistance, one can easily determine why the "Faculty" won over the "Lettermen" in Thursday night's "basketball" game at Willamette. The score? That depends upon who answers the question. Left to right, Chester Stackhouse, athletic director; "Manager" Ann Stackhouse and "Trainer" Joy Koepfen of the "Faculty." They appear somewhat glum at this stage of the contest.

St. Mary's and Mill City Meet In South Playoff

Aumsville—Grade school teams from Mill City and St. Mary's of Stayton were listed today as the contenders for first and second place in the South Marion playoff finals to be held here Saturday.

Mill City gained a berth in the championship bracket by defeating a Turner team 16-13. Ward was the high pointer in the game with 6.

St. Mary's topped Gates, 32-

12, to take the spot opposite Mill City in the Saturday finale. Jerry Gislis copped 10 counters for the Stayton team.

Trophies will be awarded winners in the Saturday games. The consolation bracket sees Turner meeting Gates Saturday for third and fourth place standings.

Win Trophies
 Sublimity—St. Boniface high school won two trophies at the basketball playoff at Monmouth. One trophy was awarded for placing second in the tournament. The other was the sportsmanship trophy, donated by a merchant of Monmouth.

Viking Matmen Leave for State Meet at Corvallis

Coach Hank Juran's Salem high wrestling crew left early Friday morning to attend the third annual Oregon high school wrestling tournament slated to be staged in the Oregon State college men's gym.

The Vik groaners are slated to work off a few extra pounds before weighing in prior to the matches Friday afternoon and evening.

Juran's muscle massagers making the jaunt to Corvallis are Orson Cooley, 96 pounds; Ron Morgall, 140; Cliff Hutchinson, 121; Darrel Klampe, 121; Jack Kubishta, 128; John Gundran, 134; George Logan, 134; Dwayne Shook, 139; Marvin Schlrman, 139; Vic Schweitz, 146; Herb Stepper, 155; Frank Yellen, 165; Marvin Karn, 165;

Dick Peterson, 175, and John Enger, heavyweight.

Schweitz will be all out to defend his state champion crown in the 145 weight bracket which he won last year.

Other district champions and the number of men qualified are Klamath Falls, 21; Canby, 16; and Oregon City, 13. Other schools in the tournament are Molalla, 14; Newberg, 11; McMinnville, 7; Albany, 14; Dallas, 12; Lebanon, 6; Springfield, 12; Grants Pass, 6; Roseburg, 7; Hillsboro, 11; Sandy, 10; Parkrose, 8; West Linn, 4; Tigard, 2; and Bend, Burns, and Jefferson, 1 each.

K-Falls qualified their 21 out of a possible 24 berths in winning their district crown and are in fine position to successfully defend their title.

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Seals Get Power Hitter in Rookie

El Centro, Calif., March 10 (AP)—Rookie Jim Westlake may be just the power hitter that Manager Lefty O'Doul of San Francisco is looking for.

Westlake, 20-year-old brother of Pittsburgh's Wally Westlake, got two doubles and two singles yesterday to lead the seals to a 14 to 7 victory over Seattle here. The win gave the O'Doul club a 3 to 2 edge in their exhibition game series with the Rainiers.

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