

# Seattle Favored over Idaho State in Playoff Contest

By BILL McFARLAND

Seattle, (AP)—Seattle University ruled as heavy favorite today to whip Idaho State in their elimination game here tomorrow night for a berth in the Western Regional NCAA Basketball play-offs at Corvallis.

The Idaho State-Seattle winner meets Pacific Coast Conference champion Washington March 13 and the Santa Clara-Hardin Simmons victor takes on Wyoming in the other semifinal game at Corvallis. The regional champion enters the national playoffs at Kansas City next week.

Seattle, an "at-large" entry, will shoot its fabulous O'Brien twins—All-American John and brother Eddie, at the Rocky Mountain champions.

The O'Briens are the difference between the two clubs. Stopping them will be the task

of Idaho State, whose claim to fame lies in its defense. The Bengals have held opposition to an average of 57 points a game. Seattle has averaged 87 per contest.

"That defense could give us trouble," says Seattle Coach Al Brightman, who adds "we're not looking past Idaho State to Washington."

Idaho State Coach Steve Belko said on his arrival here with his squad, "I might have an answer for those look-alike seniors from South Amboy, New Jersey."

"But you don't think for a minute I'm going to tell anyone in Seattle about it do you?" Belko added.

One thing is certain, Seattle won't rely on its defense, because it doesn't have one. The Chieftains are runners and shooters.

They'll attempt to wear down

the boys from the high country with a ratchet offense. They've been successful against 27 of 30 opponents with that strategy this year.

The Chiefs work on an inside and outside theory. Five-foot-nine inch John O'Brien will be in the pivot firing his accurate hook shots and leaping layups.

If Idaho State sags on him defensively, then "outside Eddie" unlimbers from long range—and he's really deadly.

Idaho State will put its championship hopes on a pair of sophomores—Les Roh, who was scoring champion in his conference, and Dick Bauer, a 6-6 backboard expert.

As Belko stressed his defense at today's get acquainted workout in the University of Washington pavilion, site of the games, he said "we know Seattle can be beaten. Don't count us out yet."

# Kiner Just Wants 'Good Wood on Every Pitch'

(Associated Press Sports Writer)

Hammerin' Hank Sauer, who nailed down the National League's Most Valuable Player Award in 1952, may not do as much fence-busting this season. He just wants to "get good wood on every pitch."

The husky Chicago outfielder, tied with Ralph Kiner for home run honors with 37 last year, concedes his race with Kiner caused a decline in his hitting. Actually, he slumped from a .350 mid-June batting average to a final figure of .270.

"Without realizing it until it was too late," he said yesterday at Mesa, Ariz., "I allowed myself to become a pressure victim last season. In my desire to win the home run crown, I was swinging for the seats almost every time I stepped to the plate."

"This year there'll be no more switching bats or shifting stances. I'll settle for my natural swing. I learned my lesson and it won't happen again."

Last season was the fifth consecutive year in which the 33-year-old flycatcher hit at least 30 home runs. He compiled his highest average, .275, in 1949 when he drove out 31 circuit wallops.

Meanwhile, Wally Westlake, another veteran outfielder, had other ideas.

Westlake, on the comeback trail with the Cleveland Indians after a poor year, is aiming for the fences on the advice of Manager Al Lopez and getting results. He hit several over the left field fence at Tucson, Ariz., yesterday.

"Take a healthier cut," Lopez told him. "Be vicious. I don't care if you fall down because you swing so hard. Use your strength."

If his comeback succeeds, Westlake is sure of a regular job in right field, Lopez says, for "he's an excellent outfielder, can run well and his arm is strong."

Elsewhere, Mickey Mantle, who turned 21 last Oct. 20, has come of age in more than one way. The fleet-footed center-fielder will bat in the cleanup spot for the World Champion New York Yankees in the early exhibition games and may start the season in that position if he comes through.

"There are only two men on the club who can hit fourth," Manager Casey Stengel declared. "So it has to be either one or the other. Berra who batted cleanup during most of 1952 doesn't like it so I'll use Mantle there."

Mantle was the American League's third leading batter last season at .311 but he struck out 111 times, a Yankee record. He also hit 23 homers during his second major league campaign.

Also at St. Petersburg, Fla. St. Louis Browns owner Bill Veech said it looked like his club will stay in St. Louis. He said he did not discuss the rumored Milwaukee switch in his recent talks with William Harridge, president of the American League.

Two more players signed signed their 1953 contracts yesterday. Outfielder Gus Zernial of the Philadelphia A's came to terms for an estimated \$22,000 and first base-

man Eddie Waitkus of the Philadelphia Phillies agreed to a reported \$20,000 pact.

Other news: Catcher Joe Rossi smashed a 400-foot homer in Pittsburgh's intra-squad game. Manager Roger Hornsby nominated Eddie Erault and Bud Poole to divide the mound chores in Cincinnati's first exhibition game against the Boston Red Sox tomorrow.

Gus Niarhos, who made only six hits all last season, lashed out three singles as the Red Sox veterans routed the rookies.

Rookie catcher Charley Thompson had two stitches taken over his right eye after being hit with a bat during a Brooklyn Dodger batting drill.

# Seven Teams Qualify for State B Tourney

(By The Associated Press)

Except for one place, the lineup is complete for the Oregon Class B high school basketball tournament, which starts at Salem Thursday.

Jefferson, Drain, Chiloquin, Heppner and Elgin won district playoffs Saturday night to join undefeated Echo and Brownsville, which had clinched tourney berths Friday.

Garibaldi can win the eighth tournament spot by beating Knappa Monday night. If Knappa wins, a Tuesday game will be necessary.

In Saturday play-off finals, Jefferson beat Sublimity, 48-40; Drain downed Brookings, 48-44; Chiloquin defeated Jacksonville, 48-43; Heppner beat Cascade Locks, 54-50; and Elgin whedded Wallowa, 45-43.

Friday, Echo edged Mt. Vernon, 44-42, while Brownsville trimmed Lowell, 42-31, to gain tourney places.

Powers, the 1952 state champion, was eliminated by Drain in a district play-off semi-final Friday.

Two of the favorites, Echo and Drain, will meet Thursday afternoon in the first game of the three-day tournament. Chiloquin and Heppner are slated for another afternoon contest.

Thursday night it will be Elgin vs. Brownsville and Jefferson vs. the Garibaldi-Knappa winner.

# Dimit of Salem Named to State Softball Office

Portland — The 1953 Oregon state softball tournament will be conducted August 22-26 at a site to be selected later, it was decided at a meeting of the Oregon State Softball association at the Multnomah hotel here Sunday.

Mill City hosted the 1952 tournament, and there is a chance that the 1953 tourney will go to that city too.

The regional tournament will be held at Pendleton this year, and the national tourney at Miami, Florida, September 19-24.

State softball officers elected yesterday were Ralph Guynes, president; Frank Doane, vice president; Spike Franz, director at large; Jim Dimit of Salem, secretary-treasurer; and Ken Kerr, state softball director.

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# Magnetic North, Not True North, Shown by Compass

By J. HUGH FRUETT

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A young man after purchasing a knife with a small compass in the handle, stepped out on the street—which he had always thought ran about due north and south—and tested the new acquisition.

To his amazement the compass needle pointed fully 20 degrees east of the street direction. He at once reported to the salesman that the compass did not work correctly. The salesman, somewhat surprised, ventured the explanation.

"The trouble is the street is 20 degrees off of true north and south."

Both men were mistaken. The compass was all right and so was the street. But true north is not necessarily determined by the direction of the compass needle. This needle indicates magnetic north, which in the United States varies from 24 degrees east of true north in northwestern Washington to 23 degrees west in northeastern Maine. It indicates true north only along a line running rough-

ly through Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, and South Carolina.

But a compass is a very useful instrument if you know its deviation from true north in your own locality. This needed correction can be obtained from any civil engineer in your community.

Is the North Star, or Polaris, then the indicator of true north? Like the compass, it can be so used if its deviations are properly considered. Only for a moment twice a day is Polaris due north. It seems daily to trace a little circle in the sky which at present is slightly less than one degree (twice the width of the full moon) from the point that is true north during an entire 24 hours.

Shakespeare made his Julius Caesar say, "I am constant as the northern star, of whose true fixed and resting quality there is not fellow in the firmament." But this great poet was not an unerring astronomer. Polaris was off about four degrees from the "true resting" point in Shakespeare's time and 15 degrees off when his Caesar was supposed to have been speaking. There were several fainter stars that seemed to be more "resting" than the North Star.

If neither the compass nor Polaris defines true north, then what does? North is the direc-

# Veteran Sports Announcer Dies

Atlantic City, N.J. (AP)—George E. (Stoney) McLinn, 68, veteran sports announcer known to listeners as the "Old Timer," died at his home at nearby Northfield yesterday after long illness.

He had been sports editor for radio station WIP in Philadelphia for the past 19 years and for more than 10 years edited the "Sports Parade" program for the Mutual network.

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# Grand Slam A happy Eddie Arcaro sits astride intent in the winner's circle after winning the \$400,000 San Juan Capistrano Handicap at Santa Anita, giving him a grand slam in the track's four richest races this season.

Reese Taylor (left), Los Angeles Turf club director, presents gold cup to the Brookfield Farm's trainer W. J. (Buddy) Hirsch, standing beside Mrs. Hirsch. (AP Wirephoto)

# TRAINING CAMP NOTES

By GAYLE TALBOT

Phoenix, Ariz. (AP)—The new-look Chicago White Sox, having been carefully stuck together by Manager Paul Richards in the seclusion of El Centro, Calif., are to be officially unveiled in a game against their cross-town rivals, the Chicago Cubs, at nearby Mesa tomorrow.

Thereafter for 11 straight days the club which has been tabbed by many experts as a contender for the American League pennant is to receive a steady testing in the Cubs, the New York Giants and the Cleveland Indians, all of whom are looking forward with much pleasure to taking a whack at the team which hogged the winter's publicity.

The Giants, in particular, are laying for the Sox because Richards at first announced he wasn't bringing all his regulars for the two games here next week. President Horace Stoneham of the Giants got that straightened out in a hurry, but the memory lingers on.

Freston Ward continues to work hard at converting himself from a first baseman into a center fielder for the Cubs, and Manager Phil Cavarretta feels fairly confident the experiment will prove a success.

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# Portlanders Led Keg Meet

Hillsboro (AP)—Portland bowlers took a major share of the Class A honors in the state bowling tournament which ended here Sunday after six weeks of competition.

But Gerlinger Carrier Co., Salem, won the Class A team title with a score of 2,965. Kay's Candy, Portland, was second with 2,871, and Fulton Provision, Portland, third with 2,822. Don Hansen and John Anderson, Roseburg, racked up a score of 1,166 to take second in the Class A doubles on the final day of the tournament. Joe Hoffard and Salty Groh, Portland, won the crown with 1,168; Ollie Welch and Cash Cashato, Portland, were third with 1,162.

Other Class A winners: Singles—Stan Gifford, Portland, 684; Smokey Sylvester, Portland, 655; Rollie Jones, Albany, 630.

All Events—Gifford, 1,888; Sylvester, 1,822; Mike Merrell, Salem, 1,822.

A record total of 365 teams competed. Best game was the 274 rolled by Jack Lewis, Portland, on the opening night of the tournament, Jan. 22.

# Dykes Burned Up at New 'No Rhubarb' Rule in Amerk

By JACK HAND

West Palm Beach, Fla. (AP)—Jimmy Dykes is burning about the new American league ruling that says an umpire's judgment must not be questioned by a player, manager or coach.

The manager of the Philadelphia A's ended his brief armistice with the ump's after reading the new rule from the office of Will Harridge, American league president.

"We're going to have to educate the public to pay more attention," said Dykes with a straight face. "Mickey Mantle and those other boys don't mean a thing any more. It's only the umpires the people pay to see. Now they're putting the four umpires on a pedestal."

"If they want colorless games, it's okay with me. I'm warning my players the first to get tossed out of a game for questioning an umpire's judgment will get a fine from me. If that's the way they want it, they can have it."

Dykes loosened this blast as he re-read the rules in the A's club house.

The rule on umps read like this:

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