California Favored to Win NCAA Western Regional

Ill Player Returns; BYU Looks Strong

ISC Man Hurts Knee; Tickets Go Slowly

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UP) — California's chances for winning the Western Regional NCAA Basketball Tournament which opens here Friday night were boosted by the announcement that high scoring Mike Diaz will be able to play.

He has been suffering from the flu but is fully recovered and will be available for duty, the team physician said.

California, the Pacific Coast Conference champion, will meet Brigham Young, the Skyline Conference titlist, in the second game of Friday night's doubleheader.

San Francisco, the defending National NCAA champion, will meet Idaho State, the Rocky Mountain Conference winner, in the opener.

Their First Appearance

It will be the first appearance for California and BYU in the Western Regional tourney.

California, which lost only two Pacific Coast Conference games this season, is favored to win its contest.

But BYU backers are sure of their team. They point out that BYU beat Washington and UCLA and both defeated California this season. They also point out that California has lost its star center, Duane Asplund.

He is ineligible for the playoff spot, having played four seasons.

Asplund is bing replaced in the lineup by Joe Hagler. Other starters will be Larry Friend, Ev McKeen, Earl Robinson and Gabe Arrillaga.

Bengal Injured

Stan Watts, BYU coach, said he would stick with the same combination that has given him 18 victories in 26 starts this season: Lynn Row, John Benson, Roy Thacker, Tom Steinkie and Harry Anderson.

San Francisco, favored over Idaho State, is expected to start Mike Farmer, Mike Preaseau, Gene Brown, Art Day and Al Dunbar.

Idaho State coach John Grayson was concerned over the physical condition of his top pointmaker, Gail Siemen. He twisted a knee in a qualifying game with Hardin-Simmons last Monday. If Siemen is sidelined, his place will be taken by Ron Adelhardt, a 6-foot-7 player.

The advance ticket sale for the tournament has been small.

OREGON AFIELD

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IT HAS EVERYTHING—INCLUDING RAIN

My work of late has been taking me all over the sapbush (to quote one of my wife's favorite Idahoisms) and I am reminded that despite all the wet weather, Oregon is a very remarkable and wonderful region—a region with desert, mountains, and ocean all within the range of a tankful of gas.

NEEDS A BETTER GUIDE

Friend Lee Crawford has been sojourning out of the rain, however. He has been (and maybe still is) over on Oahu in the Hi-Wyan Islands. Got a card from him a week ago saying the fishing was not up to snuff, or else he didn't have the right guide. The card was embellished with a photo of a hula gal, and during my stay in the Islands 'way back in the days of youth and a full head of hair, hula girls (I was told) were excellent guides . . .

FRIGID PHEASANTS

According to reports, the upland game bird populations suffered as a result of the late lamented freeze. Especially did the pheasants in the eastern part of the state get nipped. Some of the chilly birds, ganging up along the roadway, became traffic victims. The car-kill was quite heavy, we are told.

Western Oregon birds got off more easily, though some of them wound up with a bed set of chillblains. What we will need is a good, warm nesting season, to sort of balance things up. A poor nesting season, especially in areas where the cold winter has reduced the birds, could result in a sad situation, both for the birds and the hunters . . .

SILLY QUESTION!

Fishing? You know better than to ask that. All streams still open to angling are in about as bad a condition as possible. Still no good salmon angling at Oregon City, but there should be immediately upon cessation of the deluge.

RETRIEVERS RUN SUNDAY

The Willamette Valley Retriever Club meets this Sunday down at Camp Adair for a picnic trial. If you are going to attend this "picnic" trail, slickers and rubber boots are s. o. p.

Salem Photogs in Action

Taking pictures of the double chair lift at Timberline Lodge Wednesday were George McKay, foreground, photo copyist for the Oregon State Highway Department, and Gene Kinney, Chief Photographer of the Travel Division, Oregon State Highway Department. Heavy clouds and intermittent snow flurries made picture taking difficult, but it didn't bother the skiers at all. (Bob Brown Photo)

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Solid Defense May Be Trend Reversal

NCAA Regionals Opens Tonight; Lutes Win

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
The Associated Press

Virtually all the scoring records for the NCAA Basketball Tournament were set in the past three years, but the big question as 16 NCAA contenders moved into four regional tournament tonight was whether this scoring trend might be reversed.

There have been a couple of signs. The San Francisco Dons, 1955-56 champions, got their best results by playing solid defensive basketball and holding their shots until they counted. Two of this year's first-round winners, Canisius and Idaho State, did virtually the same thing as they beat West Virginia and Hardin-Simmons with scores in the 60s.

Can Score High, Too

Canisius likely will try to keep control when it meets unbeaten North Carolina tonight, rather than take chances on letting Len Rosenbluth and his mates get their shots. Some of the others may use similar tactics if they decide it's futile to run against such teams as Kansas, Kentucky, St. Louis and Notre Dame.

The results could be just the opposite, since all 16 teams have shown that on occasion they can collect large gobs of points.

Meanwhile, in the NCAA Small College Tournament at Evansville Ind., Kentucky Wesleyan and Wheaton gained the finals to be played tonight. Kentucky Wesleyan blasted Mt. St. Mary's (Md) 99-81, coming from behind with 28 points in the first nine minutes of the second half. Wheaton led all the way to beat Los Angeles State 71-53.

Lutes vs. Tennessee State

In the NAIA Tournament at Kansas City, top-seeded Pacific Lutheran meets Tennessee State and Eastern Illinois plays Southeastern Oklahoma. The finals will be Saturday night.

Pacific Lutheran eliminated Texas Southern 91-72, Tennessee State went ahead in the final minutes to down Western Illinois 90-88, Eastern Illinois ousted Hamline, three-time champion, 88-83, and Southeastern Oklahoma took care of second-seeded Youngstown 69-65.

Here's the lineup for the four regional major college NCAA playoffs tonight that will qualify four teams for the final rounds at Kansas City March 22-23.

At Philadelphia, North Carolina, No. 1 in the nation, opposes Canisius, while Syracuse plays Lafayette.

Dallas Has 6 Lettermen for Baseball Drill

DALLAS (Special) — Wet practice grounds haven't kept Dallas baseball hopefuls from beginning workouts to get in shape for the first game at Corvallis March 22.

A number of the prospective team members and lettermen have been practicing in the gymnasium while awaiting the outbreak of sunshine.

Coach Gordon Kunke expects about 20 boys to join the squad, of which six are lettermen returning from last year. Veterans are seniors Jim Friesen, first base, and Dean McBee, outfield, and juniors Bob Friesen, pitcher, Tom Parsons, pitcher, Doug Lund, second base, and Doug Austin, third base.

First home game for the Dragons will be April 2 against Philomath. League play begins April 9.

One of the squad's 1956 lettermen, Jim Claus, won't join the team this year becaust of an injury suffered to his pitching arm last summer.

At Lexington, Ky., Kentucky faces Pittsburgh and Michigan State meets Notre Dame. Pitt edged Morehead (Ky.) 86-85 in the opening round and Notre Dame routed Miami (Ohio) 89-77.

At Dallas, Kansas plays Southern Methodist and Oklahoma City meets St. Louis.

At Corvallis, Ore., San Francisco opens its title defense against Idaho State and California meets Brigham Young.

Tide Table

TIDES FOR TAFT, OREGON

(Compiled by US Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Oregon)

MARCH 1957

	High Waters Time	Height	Low Waters Time	Height
15	11:47 a.m.	6.9	5:41 a.m.	0.5
			6:06 p.m.	-0.2
16	12:19 a.m.	6.9	6:32 a.m.	0.0
	12:40 p.m.	6.7	6:47 p.m.	0.1
17	12:58 a.m.	7.1	7:41 a.m.	-0.4
	1:33 p.m.	6.4	7:29 p.m.	0.6
18	1:38 a.m.	7.2	8:11 a.m.	-0.8
	2:26 p.m.	6.0	8:09 p.m.	1.0
19	2:19 a.m.	7.1	9:02 a.m.	-0.5
	3:21 p.m.	5.5	8:51 p.m.	1.5
20	3:01 a.m.	6.9	9:55 a.m.	-0.3
	4:22 p.m.	5.1	9:38 p.m.	2.0
21	3:48 a.m.	6.6	10:53 a.m.	-0.1
	5:29 p.m.	4.8	10:32 p.m.	2.4
22	4:41 a.m.	6.2	11:56 a.m.	0.2
	6:42 p.m.	4.7	11:40 p.m.	2.7
23	5:44 a.m.	5.8		
	7:54 p.m.	4.7	1:01 p.m.	0.3

5 National League Lefties Have Hard Times in Spring Pitching

Antonelli, Mizell, Podres Hit Hard

By SHELDON SAKOWITZ
The Associated Press

Five National League southpaws would just as soon forget about yesterday.

Three of them—Johnny Antonelli of the Giants, Johnny Podres of the Dodgers and Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell—are among the top-rated in the league.

Veteran Paul Minner is trying to make the grade with the Pirates after an accident apparently ended his career, and the Cubs' pint-sized Jackie Collum is with his third different club in as many seasons.

Antonelli, a 20-game winner in 1956, made his first spring appearance as the Giants bowed to Baltimore 7-6. He was the victim of a five-run third frame. He allowed three hits—including a home run by Gus Triandos — and walked four.

Podres, who beat the Yankees in the seventh game of the 1955 World Series, was shelled for eight runs in fourth inning by Milwaukee. He gave up a pinch grand slam homer by Andy Pafko and a three-run home run by Jim Pendleton.

Podres was the losing pitcher as Milwaukee won 12-9. In two innings he yielded five hits and issued three bases on balls.

Mizell Wild

Once again Mizell's wildness led to his downfall, Boston scored all four runs off him in the first inning to blank St. Louis 4-0. The big speed-baller, who had a 14-14 record last season, walked four men and failed to get a batter out. He gave up an infield hit, but only two runs were earned due to Ken Boyer's error.

Minner fractured his neck in mid-June when he slipped in the shower of his hotel room. The Cubs released him at the end of the season. The Pirates signed him as a free agent and agreed to give him a tryout, although he was not placed on the roster.

In his spring debut, Cincinnati sent five runs across the plate in the first inning before he could retire a batter. They went on to hand Pittsburgh its first setback after five exhibition victories 7-4.

Collum Yields 5 Runs

Collum played with Cincinnati in 1955 and was traded to the Cards, who then dealt him to Chicago after the 1956 season. The 5-8 lefty pitched three innings of relief in the Cubs' 9-8 defeat at the hands of Cleveland in 13 innings. Taking over in the fourth inning, he was touched for five runs, allowing at least one run in each of the frames.

East-West Grid Tilt Nets $251,008 Fund

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — The Shrine East-West football game, played here on Dec. 29, 1956, netted $251,008.28 for the San Francisco Shrimers' Hospital for Crippled Children, making it the first time in the 32 year history of the game the take has topped a quarter of a million dollars.

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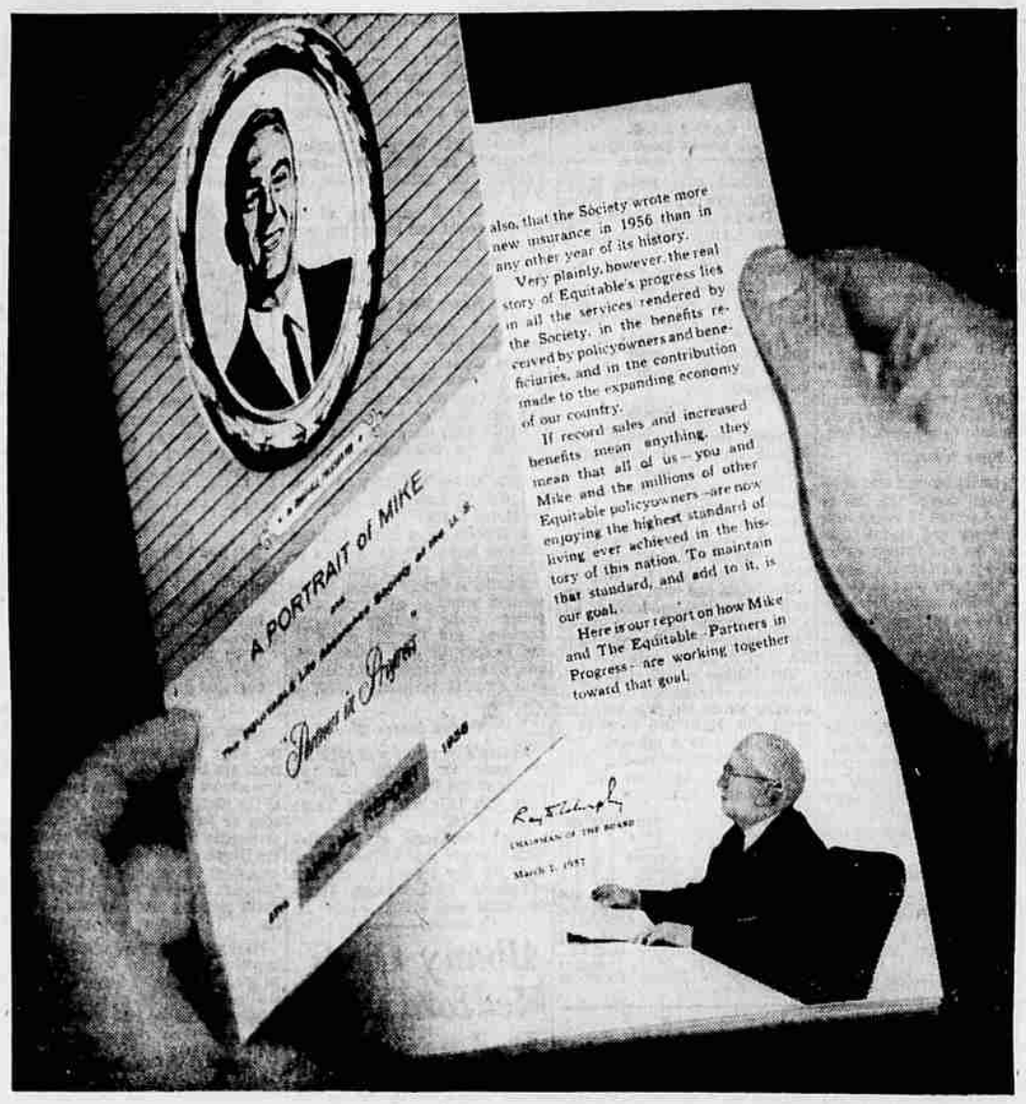

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Public utility bonds	963,418,318	(11.4)
Railroad obligations	736,579,178	(8.7)
Industrial obligations	2,411,803,143	(28.5)
Other bonds	579,148,528	(6.8)
Preferred and guaranteed stocks	157,753,734	(1.9)
Common stocks	19,005,535	(0.2)
Mortgages and Real Estate		
Residential and business mortgages	2,130,851,140	(25.2)
Farm mortgages	353,756,481	(4.2)
Home and branch office buildings	18,442,064	(0.1)
Housing developments and other real estate purchased for investment	196,543,959	(2.2)
Other residential and business properties	243,033	(–)
Other Assets		
Cash	76,443,740	(0.9)
Transportation equipment	114,421,058	(1.4)
Loans to policyholders	198,817,769	(2.3)
Premiums in process of collection	75,821,211	(0.9)
Interest and rentals due and accrued and other assets	79,005,009	(0.9)
Total	$8,472,819,242	(100.0)

*Including $7,859,771 on deposit with public authorities.

In accordance with requirements of law, all bonds subject to amortization are stated at their amortized value and all other bonds and stocks are valued at the market quotations on December 31, 1956, as prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. In addition, as required, a security valuation reserve is included among the liabilities.

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Policy Reserve Funds		
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Policy proceeds held on deposit for policyholders and beneficiaries	378,009,651	(4.5)
Dividend and annuity payments left on deposit with the Society at interest	242,748,953	(2.9)
Policy claims in process of payment	47,855,325	(0.6)
Premiums paid in advance by policyholders	76,968,708	(0.9)
Dividends due and unpaid to policyholders	12,855,816	(0.1)
Dividends apportioned for distribution during 1957	133,475,164	(1.6)
Other Liabilities		
Taxes—federal, state and other	33,497,000	(0.4)
Expenses accrued, unearned interest and other obligations	16,825,475	(0.2)
Mandatory security valuation reserve	82,727,573	(0.7)
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