

Though UCLA wins LA Classic, Pacific Northwest fanatics consider it peanuts to OSU

Coast College Basketball
By United Press International
UCLA held its second straight Los Angeles Classic basketball title today but this could be regarded as peanuts by Northwest fanatics where Oregon State tries to salt away the Far Western Classic crown tonight for the eighth consecutive time.

Unleashing their devastating fast break for a 25-point spurge, the fifth-ranked Bruins retained the L.A. championship Saturday with an 83-79 win over Illinois.

Oregon State gained the final round at Portland on the same night by defeating Colorado State, 53-51. This lifted coach Slats Gill and his troops into the playoff round tonight against Brigham Young, which eliminated Oregon, 80-70.

Beavers Host Bearcats
The seventh-ranked Beavers have another classic on tap this weekend when Cincinnati's fourth-ranked Bearcats check in for a two-game series.

The race for the Big Six championship and a bid to the NCAA tournament officially gets under way this weekend.

UCLA, which bested Stanford in a playoff for the crown last March, invades Washington State for a pair of games. Two other weekend series bring Southern California to Stanford while Washington is at California. Stanford is at Arizona State tonight.

Long-shot Santa Clara, which was edged Saturday night by San Jose State—56-55—in the West Coast Athletic Conference tournament finals—opens that league race Saturday against the University of San Francisco.

A Spartan First
San Jose State, the first WCAC team in history to retain the tournament championship, is at San Francisco State in a non-league tilt Saturday. Another outside game finds the surprising UC of Santa Barbara Gauchos at San Diego University Saturday. UCSB nailed down third spot in the WCAC tourney by defeating St. Mary's, 73-70.

Pepperdine and Loyola, also-rans in the WCAC festivities, open their league campaigns when they meet this Saturday. Seattle plays Louisiana State tonight in a consolation game at the Far West Classic then heads for Arizona State and a Saturday classic.

Last Saturday's highlights:
Led by Gail Goodrich and Walt Hazzard, UCLA ripped off 25 points during six minutes of the first half for its 83-79 win over Illinois. The Illini closed the gap to 78-79 late in the going then was outscored, 41-15, in the second half.

Fifth place in the tourney went to NYU, which bested Southern California, 70-69, on Ray Bennett's tip-in with 16 seconds to play.

Oregon State took a 16-point lead early in the second half but Rick Whelan had to hit on four free throws with 45 seconds left in the game before the Beavers were assured of their win over Colorado State. John Fairchild's 21 points helped BYU down Oregon, 80-70, in the other semi-final. Seattle beat Washington State in a consolation tilt, 81-79.

San Jose State went to the free throw line for its last six to nick Santa Clara, 56-55 in the WCAC finals. S.T. Safold's shot from the side had put the Spartans ahead but they needed four charities by Ron Labetch and two more from Al Janich before they were safe. UCSB's Bob Yahnke came up with the go-ahead basket for the 73-70 squeeze past St. Mary's and third place.

Off the tournament beat, Stanford recovered from a cold start to defeat Southern Methodist, 80-70, and remain undefeated. Tom Dose led the Indians with 21 points, 15 of them coming in the first half.

In The South
In Southern California action Saturday, Cal Poly of Pomona turned a close game into a 108-83 rout of Long Beach State by pulling away in the last five minutes. San Francisco State defeated Chapman 76-67. Redlands used ball control methods to edge San Diego State 48-46 on Gary Smith's layup with two seconds remaining.

Cal Western won the Las Vegas Holiday basketball classic by defeating Nevada Southern 44-41. Occidental lost both of its tournament games to finish fourth. New Mexico Highlands scored an 85-79 victory over Oxy for third place.

The California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) season begins Friday night with games between pre-season favorite Fresno State and Los Angeles State; Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo and San Fernando Valley State; and Long Beach State and San Diego State.

Navy beware—other academies lost bowl games

By United Press International
The Navy had better inspect its ammunition before it cruises into the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day because two of its fellow service academies—Air Force and Coast Guard—fired nothing but blanks in Saturday's bowl activity.

The Middles, the nation's second-ranked college football team, figures to need all the live gunfire they can muster on Wednesday when they tangle with top-rated Texas, a defensive bear all season.

True Navy has Heisman Award winner Roger Staubach, the country's top marksman, at quarterback. But the Air Force had a very talented single caliber—triple-threat Terry Isaacson—at the helm and still was shut out by North Carolina, 35-0, in the Gator Bowl.

Polished Off Quickly
The Falcons were demolished in short order. North Carolina quickly marched for 77 yards and a touchdown in the first period en route to a 20-0 halftime lead. Ken Willard, a bruising 220-pound halfback voted the most valuable player in the game for the Tar Heels, gained 50 yards on the first scoring drive on powerful bursts through Air Force's thin defense.

Carolina quarterbacks Junior Edge and Gary Black outshone Isaacson before a crowd of 50,018 in Jacksonville. Isaacson, the fifth player in the nation in total offense this season, was intercepted three times and the Tar Heels swiped two other passes from his substitutes.

Lost First Game
Coast Guard, held to a total net rushing yardage of five yards, couldn't penetrate the Hilltoppers' strong defense. Sharon Miller, Western Kentucky's junior quarterback, completed only two passes all night, but both went for touchdowns—20 yards to John Mutchler and 57 yards to Stan Nappler.

Miller also ran for another score on a 14-yard reverse around left end. The crowd of 7,500 in Orlando saw Otto Graham's Cadets suffer their first defeat of the season after eight wins.

Larry Rakestraw of Georgia also passed for two scores in the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala., but he completed 14 of 22 for the day in a dazzling aerial display. A crowd of 20,000 saw Rakestraw hit Tennessee's Mallon Faircloth with TD tosses of 44 and 10 yards.



SHOWED POTENTIAL — Bend's 1963-1964 wrestling team turned up as a surprise in the Central Oregon season-opening mat tournament. Here Fred Hamm works over Redmond's heavyweight, Larry Rice. Hamm won and the Bruins took second. Bend will try to keep it going Jan. 4 when they travel to The Dalles to do battle with the Indians and Mac-Hi.

Sugar Bowl peek

Rebels' air game could beat 'Bama

OXFORD, Miss. (UPI)—Mississippi's highly respected aerial attack could prove the difference when the unbeaten Rebels meet Alabama's Crimson Tide in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day.

The Rebs wind up home practice sessions here today and fly to New Orleans in quest of their fifth Sugar Bowl victory in seven appearances, more

than any other school. A brief workout is scheduled at Sugar Bowl stadium Tuesday afternoon.

Alabama's defense stopped nearly every ground attack it met during the regular season, but nearly everyone was able to pass against the Tide. And Ole Miss has two of the most effective passers in the Southeastern Conference in quarter-

backs Perry Lee Dunn and Jim Weatherly.

Two Top Passers
Dunn completed 51 of 89 tosses for 820 yards and nine touchdowns while Weatherly connected on 52 of 96 for 676 yards and seven touchdowns.

Mississippi also led the conference in total offense and defense, gaining an average of 326.9 yards per game against 135.7 for the opposition.

The Rebels were touted by some pre-season experts as the top team in the nation, but wound up in seventh place after starting and ending the season in a rather dismal fashion. In between, however, they were just plain murder.

Held To Ties
They opened with a scoreless tie against underdog Memphis State and, eight games later, had to fight from behind in the dying minutes to salvage a 10-10 deadlock with Mississippi State, the SEC's cinderella team of the year.

After their gloomy start, the Rebels settled down and marched over Kentucky, Houston, Tulane, Vanderbilt, Tampa and Tennessee. They reached their peak against Louisiana State with a merciless 37-3 killing in what had been expected to be their hardest fight.

Going bowling has become a habit with Mississippi, making its 10th appearance in a major post-season classic since 1953. Last year, the Rebels added the finishing touch to a perfect season with a 17-13 verdict over Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl.

Telltale limp hampers Coffey
LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI)—Junior Coffey put on a Husky uniform Sunday for the first time since his foot injury Dec. 21, but a telltale limp indicated he will be unable to make the Rose Bowl game two days from now.

The big All-Coast fullback carried the ball a couple of times and caught one pass, but he limped while running at half his normal speed.

Coffey will not see any action against Illinois in the Rose Bowl unless he can go full speed. Washington coach Jim Owens said.

The Huskies chose halfback Dave Kopay and center John Stupey, both seniors, as co-captains for the Wednesday classic in Pasadena.

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East-West Shrine tilt was defensive masterpiece

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—If it was defensive genius the pro scouts were looking for in the East-West game on Saturday, then they got an eyeeful of perfection and a bookful of notes.

The 39th renewal of the Shrine classic was supposed to be a wide-open affair, featuring the passing of Don Trull of Baylor for the West and the running of a group of fleet backs for the East.

But it turned into a titanic defensive battle in which: —There were 10 pass interceptions.

—The ball was lost three times on fumbles because of jarring tackles.

—And only two touchdowns were scored. The final count was a 6-6 deadlock.

Head Knocking Game
"It was the strongest line play I've ever seen," said coach Ara Parseghian of Notre Dame, one of the East coaching aides.

"There was a lot of head-knocking both ways."

Trull had a miserable first half when the defense roughed him up and he gained only 69 yards through the air. He wound up with 153 yards gained on 15 completions out of 32 attempts. But he had four interceptions.

The secondary boys stood out on both sides. For the East, Jay Wilkinson, the All-America from Duke, intercepted two; Paul Warfield, Ohio State, knocked off a pair; and fullback Rick Leeson of Pitt picked off one.

Brown Shines
For the West, Willie Brown of Southern California, who scored the touchdown, had two interceptions; Jerry Richardson of West Texas had a pair; and Dave Parks of Texas Tech got one.

The defense was so strong that it set up the first touchdown of the game for the West in the third quarter. Ron DiGravio of Purdue, the East quarterback, was snowed under by a horde of linemen, fumbled, and end Jim McNaughton of Utah State recovered for the West on the East 25.

On the first play, Trull dropped back and tossed a high pass into the end zone. Brown shook off a pair of defenders, leaped high in the air and pulled in the ball over his shoulder for the score. The conversion attempt was blocked.

The East was not to be denied, however. In the waning moments of the game it started

WHL Standings

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Denver 24 9 2 50 146 81
Los Angls 18 15 3 35 98 124
Seattle 15 15 4 34 116 106
San Fran 15 19 2 33 107 133
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FOR CENTRAL OREGON

Sun Bowl battle: Ducks meet SMU in top attraction

EL PASO, Tex. (UPI)—The Oregon Webfoots will meet the Southern Methodist Mustangs Tuesday in this bowl—happy town's 29th annual Sun Bowl football game.

In the bowl's first try at major college teams, it has come up with a new stadium and accessory events from basketball to bullfights at nearby Juarez, Mexico, and sky-diving to table tennis tournaments.

If the weather holds — and there is no reason it shouldn't as the sun has shown in El Paso for 711 consecutive days — a near sell-out crowd of about 25,000 is expected.

Oregon, with a 7-3 record, is a four-point favorite over its Southwest Conference foe, whose 4-6 mark belies its ability.

The Mustangs beat Navy, the nation's No. 2 team 32-28, and lost by only 5 points to national champion Texas.

Four of SMU's six losses were by one touchdown or less and they also held a victory over the Gator Bowl's Air Force Academy team as well as Texas A&M and Arkansas.

SMU's last bowl game was in 1949—oddly enough against Oregon, and the Mustangs came out ahead 21-13. SMU uses a balanced rushing-passing attack, mostly out of the "I" formation and can rely on the nation's leading punter, Danny Thomas, when in trouble.

Oregon relies more on its passing than its running with junior quarterback Bob Berry doing its throwing.

Both teams held brief workouts in sweatshops Sunday and then attended bullfights in nearby Juarez.

SMU worked on offense and defense while Oregon worked on kicking. Coach Len Casanova planned a brief Webfoot warmup today.

Tuesday's game will be televised over a regional network at 1 p.m. PST.

Leavenworth names leaders

LEAVENWORTH (UPI)—The first of three meets to decide the five-man Pacific Northwest Ski Association junior national ski team was held here Sunday at the Nordic training camp.

The five best skiers in the three meets here and at Snoqualmie Pass will travel to Squaw Valley, Calif., March 16-21 to compete in the junior national Nordic championships.

Results:
Cross-country, junior expert: 1. Mike Devecka, Government Camp, Ore., 25:45; 2. Jim Speele, Leavenworth, 26:18; 3. John Vandecamp, Bellevue, 26:36.

Cross-country, junior novice: John Horey, Leavenworth, 27:27; Marv Speer, Leavenworth, 29:51; Rhoul Mielleur, Wenatchee, 32:11.

Jumping, junior expert: Speel, 234.1 points; Randy Garretson, Seattle, 230.8; Devecka, 168.

Jumping, junior novice: Milton Taylor, Leavenworth, 200; Vandecamp, 189.6; Larry Olson, Spokane, 185.

NBA Standings

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Eastern Division

Western Division

Sunday's Results

BOWLING SHOW PREMIERES

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