

Blue Devils Favored in NCAA Series

Omaha — (AP) — Duke's supremely confident Blue Devils were installed as slight favorites Wednesday on the eve of the 1952 College World Series, the annual NCAA baseball tournament.

Duke showed its disdain of District 3 competition by reserving rooms here in advance of the four-team district playoff in Kannapolis, N.C. But the Southerners will meet considerably stiffer opposition in the national meet in the new Omaha stadium, beginning Thursday.

Coach Bibb Falk and his Texas crew-winners of the 1949 and 1950 series—are back this year to challenge Coach Jack Coombs' Duke squad.

Beavers Eye Upset

Oregon State's power-hitters, who meet Duke in the opening round, are gunning for an upset. And Holy Cross, popular nominee from District 1, will exhibit one of the nation's top college infield combinations.

Oklahoma, 1951 champion, faltered before Big Seven competition this year, and Missouri replaced the Sooners in the national meet.

The Missourians have an impressive conference record and two straight wins over St. Louis in the District 5 playoff.

Penn State, which topped a four-team field in the District 2 playoff, is another of the "big name" schools Duke must hurdle.

Two Darkhorses

Rounding out the field are two darkhorse "small college" squads — Western Michigan and Colorado State college. Colorado State had a .900 percentage in Rocky Mountain conference play and Western Michigan beat the cream of the Big Ten to top the District 4 title.

Penn State and Texas open the meet Thursday at noon, with Texas favored. Duke's all-around finesse is expected to get the Blue Devils past Oregon State in a 2:30 p.m. game. Holy Cross is favored over Western Michigan in the first game of the evening session Thursday, and Missouri will be favored to top Colorado State in the final first-round game.

The losers in first round play meet Friday afternoon, with the first-round winners matched Friday night. The double-elimination meet continues through June 16, and possibly until June 17.

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CLASPING HANDS AS RED SOX, three players traded by Detroit in biggest player swap in post-war American League history vow they will help bring pennant to Beantown. From left: Paul Trout, Root Evers and Johnny Lipon. Evers and Lipon stepped right into the lineup against Cleveland which proceeded to hand the revamped Red Sox a 5-0 shutout. (International Soundphoto)

Bob Shepherd Paces Jaycee Golf Tourney

Bob Shepherd, Medford, topped a field of 19 entries yesterday in the Junior Chamber of Commerce district golf tournament at Rogue Valley Country club.

He shot a 74.

Four other Medfordites and Harvey Woods, Ashland, qualified along with Shepherd for the Oregon Jaycee tournament June 23 and 24 at Bend. The four and their 18-hole scores were Justin Smith 80, Bob Rasmussen 83, Conrad Mann 87 and Charles Green 89. Woods was fourth in the running with an 85.

Green knotted with Larry Bucey, Medford, and beat him out with a bogey five on an extra hole.

Other tourney participants were Marvin Woods, Ashland, and Wayne Henninger and Joe Hallmark, Roseburg.

Here for the district tourney, sponsored by the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce, was Don Forbes, Roseburg, a national director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

REVOLVING DOOR

Boston — (AP) — Winning a game for the Red Sox is like getting caught in a revolving door. Don Lenhardt was traded to Detroit the day after he walloped a game-winning homer for the Red Sox. Tuesday Walt Masterson was traded to Washington after beating Detroit.

BASEBALL

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Coast League: Hollywood 8, San Francisco 3; Sacramento 4, San Diego 3; Seattle 3, Portland 1; Oakland 3, Los Angeles 4 (10 innings).

American League: New York 4, Detroit 9 (night); St. Louis 3, Boston 4 (night); Chicago 13, Philadelphia 4 (night); Cleveland 4, Washington 2 (night).

National League: Chicago 10, Philadelphia 5; Cincinnati 4, New York 3 (14 innings night); Pittsburgh 7, Boston 8 (night); St. Louis 1, Brooklyn 9 (12 innings night).

Western International: Vancouver 3, Yakima 1; Victoria 5, Wenatchee 4; Spokane 3, Tri-City 3; Lewiston 10, Salem 3.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS



PROVING BY HIS RECORD that you don't have to be tall to pitch in the majors, "Mighty Molecule" Bobby Shantz, winningest pitcher in American League who stands 5 feet 7 inches chalks up his ninth victory against one defeat for Athletics. (International)

Chuck Comiskey Back at Old Job

Chicago — (AP) — Charles A. (Chuck) Comiskey, who said "I'm through for good" only five months ago, was back at his old vice president's job with the Chicago White Sox Wednesday — at the same salary.

The 26-year-old grandson and namesake of the "Old Roman" who founded the Sox thus ended the angry tangent that took him all the way to Dallas, Tex., and a job with the now defunct Liberty Broadcasting system.

The bitterness that flashed during his dispute with his family at the time of his departure appeared to be gone.

Softball Season In Medford Will Open on Friday

The first Medford Softball association league action in several years will get underway Friday night with two games at the Medford senior high school football field.

Medford YMCA will oppose Eagle Point at 7:30 o'clock and Mobilgas and Andy's Jewelers will contend about 9 o'clock.

The league season will get underway with a minimum of fanfare. No opening ceremonies are planned.

A number of merchants have donated prizes for the opening night. They are Hubbard Brothers, Mann's Department store, Lamports Sporting Goods, Sam's Sporting Goods, Bohemian club, Acme Hardware, Whiteclaw's Candy company, Coca Cola Bottling company, Big Y Market, the Groceries, Barkers Men's store, and the Toggery.

In a practice game last night Mobilgas edged Central Point 5 to 4.

Carbonated Suds Defeat Portland 5-1

San Francisco — (AP) — Who put the carbonation in Bill Sweeney's Suds?

Vern Kindafather, his mound choice Tuesday eve, proved a wise one. The right-hander gave up only six hits and the Suds foamed over Portland, 5-1. A four-run first inning, in which Seattle abused Lyman Lunde, did the job.

San Diego lost a game off its league lead when lowly Sacramento downed the Pads, 4-1, on Joe Marty's two doubles and Richie Myers' homer. Holly-wood advanced to within two contests of the Pads by whipping hapless San Francisco, 6-1. And Oakland's Hal Gregg got credit for his 11th pitching victory as the Oaks nipped Los Angeles, 3-4, in a home-run crowded 10 frames.

Sparkling Outfit

Something has happened to the Seattle ball club in the last 12 days to transform the defending champions of the Pacific Coast league from a flat outfit to a sparkling one. In those few days, Seattle has climbed from last place to fourth and currently is only 8½ games away from San Diego's league lead.

Sweeney, the red-faced manager who a fortnight ago claimed his lads were plagued by tough luck, may figure the sudden spark is coming from a change of baseball fortune. But whatever the reason for Seattle's remarkable showing, Sweeney has tucked away a win streak of 11 and will go after 12 Wednesday night, using pitcher Art Del Duca against Portland.

A wild pitch and singles by Artie Wilson, Paul Lehner, Walt Juchnick and Bobby Wilson figured in the Suds' huge first-frame effort.

THE LINEUP:

Seattle — 401 900 000—5 8 3
Portland — 000 010 000—1 6 2
Kindafather (1) and Wilson, Lunde, Weinaker (1) and Robinson.

San Diego — 000 100 100—3 8 2
Sacramento — 100 101 010—1 11 2
Salveson, Smith (7) and Kerr, Grove and McKeegan.

Hollywood — 000 002 040—4 10 3
San Francisco 200 000 000—3 4 2
Pettit and Malone; Boemler and Theimer.

(10 Inning)

Oakland — 011 000 000—1 10 1
Los Angeles — 030 000 001—0 4 5 2
Gregg, Candini (1) and Neal, Lammann (10), Chandler, Watkins (1), Zick (3), Hamner (3) and Peden, Tappe (3).

3 Hoop Fixers To Be Sentenced

New York — (AP) — Three fixers who pleaded guilty Tuesday to bribing Kentucky basketball players during the 1949-1950 season, will be sentenced July 2.

Jack (Zip) West and Joseph Benintende interrupted a court recess Tuesday to plead guilty to bribery, thereby joining Jack Rubenstein, who faced a future trial.

West and Benintende entered their plea after witness Saul Feinberg testified, under questioning by Assistant Attorney Vincent O'Connor that the defendants had paid him \$300 to bribe Kentucky players Dale Barnstable, Jim Line and Walt Hirsch.

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Oregon Semi-Pro Baseball Tourney To Start July 22

Wichita — The Oregon baseball team which will have a chance to represent the United States in the second annual interhemispheric championship series in Tokyo, Japan, starting September 14, will be determined by the winner of the 18th annual state tournament in Silverton starting July 22.

The Oregon champions will have a chance to be certified into the 18th annual National tournament in Wichita, starting August 15, with the national champions, in addition to the \$50,000 all-expense paid trip to Japan, being awarded a cash purse of \$10,000 plus mileage.

State champions in the national tournaments are slated to share in more than \$80,000 in cash, distributed as prize money and mileage refunds.

Any Club Eligible

Any sandlot or semi-pro club is eligible to enter the Oregon state tournament program.

District tournaments are being franchised in most parts of the state.

Teams desiring to enter the Oregon state tournament program should contact Carl Hands, Jr., Oregon state commissioner, 101 Main street, Silverton.

Complete details of the NBC tournament program are featured in the 1952 Official Baseball Annual, yearbook of the organization, at news stands and athletic goods stores.

MURPHY FAVORED

Detroit — (AP) — Irish Bob Murphy rules a 7 to 5 favorite over Jake La Motta for their 10-round bout Wednesday night at Olympia stadium. The 28-year-old ex-sailor from San Diego, Calif., will be out to duplicate the punishment he dealt La Motta at Yankee stadium in New York last June 27.

Standings

COAST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	24	27	.469	2
Hollywood	21	30	.411	5
Oakland	20	30	.400	6
Seattle	18	34	.340	10
Los Angeles	17	35	.327	11
San Francisco	10	40	.200	18
Portland	10	39	.204	18
Sacramento	2	40	.033	35

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	20	13	.606	0
Cleveland	20	21	.488	8
Boston	19	21	.475	9
Chicago	24	24	.500	3
Washington	23	23	.500	4
Philadelphia	20	23	.465	7
St. Louis	20	28	.417	12
Detroit	15	34	.306	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	25	12	.676	0
New York	20	17	.543	5
Chicago	20	18	.521	6
St. Louis	20	20	.500	7
Cincinnati	14	20	.410	13
Philadelphia	19	27	.413	15
Boston	18	28	.391	16
Pittsburgh	13	30	.304	22

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Victoria	23	14	.622	0
Spokane	21	21	.500	4 1/2
Vancouver	20	20	.500	5 1/2
Lewiston	21	25	.450	9 1/2
Salem	23	28	.451	11 1/2
St. Louis	22	28	.438	12 1/2
Wenatchee	23	29	.440	12 1/2
Yakima	18	22	.450	13 1/2

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Marciano Tells Why He Believes He Will Be Heavyweight Champ

New York — (AP) — Rocky Marciano, crown prince of pugilism, shyly disclosed Wednesday the reasons why he believes he will be heavyweight king before October.

The modest mauler from Brockton, Mass., said he figured Harry (Kid) Matthews would succumb to pressure in their challengers' fight on July 28, and that Jersey Joe Walcott's recoveries would be too slow in their September title bout.

Odds-makers quote Marciano at 7-5 to beat Matthews of Seattle at Yankee Stadium in July. If he turns that trick, he will be favored to wrest the crown from 38-year-old Walcott in September.

Hard Fights Seen

"I expect hard fights with both Matthews and Walcott," he said as he sat in Jim Norris' office at the International Boxing Club. "They're both tough fellows or they wouldn't be where they are."

A reporter asked the swarthy challenger if he had ever seen Matthews and Walcott in action.

"Yes, I've seen them both on television. What did I think of them? Well, Matthews is a great counter-puncher — particularly to the body. He can hurt you. He can punch. He's knocked out a lot of guys. But he can be hit, too. What about Walcott?"

Joe Dangerous

"Joe is the most dangerous fighter today he's ever been, because he's an aggressive slugger. If he had fought that way when he was young he would have been a great champion—a long time ago."

Had he noted any particular weaknesses about Matthews and Walcott?

"I noticed Matthews liked plenty of room for his counter-punching," Rocky said. "He does best when he steps in from long range. I noticed he's not so hot at close quarters. So I'll keep right on top of him—keep pressing him. And I'm pretty sure he can't lick me with the pressure on."

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