

# Kentucky Retains Lead; OSC in 19th

New York—(U.P.)—Kentucky regaining its winning habit after its perfect record was ruined, topped the United Press college basketball ratings today for the fourth straight week, with LaSalle and Illinois advancing to the next two spots.

Twenty-one of the 35 leading coaches who comprise the United Press rating board cast New York—(U.P.)—Oregon State College has moved back into the basketball spotlight. The Beavers are ranked in a tie for 19th place in this week's United Press ratings along with St. Louis, Alabama and Texas Christian.

first-place ballots this week for Coach Adolph Rupp's team, which rebounded from its upset defeat at the hands of Georgia Tech by beating DePaul and Tulane during the past week.

The Wildcats' point - total

# Junior Loop Night Games Total 208

Chicago—(U.P.)—The American League, which now sprawls out 1,273 airline miles between Boston and Kansas City, reduced its 1955 night game total to 208 today in the annual schedule.

Last year there were 215 night games scheduled and the league's all-time high was 218 in 1953.

The 208 night game total for the American League contrasts with the all-time high of 250 scheduled by the more compact National League where the distance between the extreme points, New York and St. Louis is only 888 miles. Because of the lesser distances involved, it is possible for the National League to schedule more night games since less time is required for travel.

**Kansas City Night Games**

New Kansas City club leads the way in night games with a total of 40. That contrasts with the all-time major league high of 56 scheduled by the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League.

Washington this season scheduled 39 night games while Baltimore listed 34, Cleveland 30, Chicago 21, New York 18 and Boston and Detroit 14 each.

The 1955 campaign will open on April 11 with the traditional presidential inaugural at Washington. Baltimore will furnish the opposition. On April 12 the rest of the teams will swing into action. Kansas City will herald major league ball with Detroit as the inaugural opponent. Chicago will be at Cleveland, Boston at Baltimore, and Washington at New York. In the secondary openers on April 14 it will be Cleveland at Detroit, Kansas City at Chicago and New York at Boston.

**12 Sunday Dates**

Each team was allotted 12 Sunday dates and the Chicago White Sox gave their fans the biggest break by scheduling double headers for 11 of them. The White Sox also scheduled two week-day double headers, the only team in the league to do so. Cleveland and Baltimore listed eight Sunday twin bills, New York seven, Boston six, Kansas City three and Detroit two.

The weekday afternoon game, once the backbone of the schedule, will find Detroit with the most, 33. New York has 29, Boston 25, Chicago 19, Kansas City 15, Cleveland 13, Washington 11, and Baltimore 10.

**Chisox Sign 26th Player**

By UNITED PRESS

The Chicago White Sox, first big league club to sign all their players in 1953 and 1954, are well on their way toward doing it again in 1955.

Outfielder Bob Nieman became the 26th member of the White Sox to sign Tuesday, leaving only 15 players who haven't as yet agreed to terms.

Nieman, acquired in a trade with Detroit two months ago along with Walt Dropo and Ted Gray, batted .263 in 91 games last year.

Elsewhere in the majors, switch-hitting Junior Gilliam of the Dodgers signed his contract after receiving a slight raise. Gilliam batted .282 in 146 games last year.

The Cardinals announced the signing of three rookies, Pitcher Luis Arroyo, shortstop Bob Stephenson and third baseman Ronnie Piazza.

Vic Wertz, the only Cleveland hero in the World Series, accepted the same \$25,000 salary after General Manager Hank Greenberg refused to give him a 10-per cent raise.

Thanks largely to protection of the National Audubon society, roseate spoonbills have made a strong comeback in Texas. They have also increased in Florida. In 1890 they had disappeared from Texas and almost from Florida.

swelled to 326 out of a possible 350, for a comfortable 110-point margin over runner-up LaSalle. Kentucky, with a 9-1 record through Saturday night, Jan. 15, played Louisiana State Monday night and is pitted against Tennessee next Saturday.

**Illini Make Big Gain**

Illinois, which defeated two Big Ten opponents in running its record to 9-2, made the biggest jump among this week's top 10 teams, moving three notches to third place. The Illini beat out San Francisco 12-1 for the No. 3 ranking, 189 points to 182.

For the third week in a row the same group of teams made up the nation's top 10, with a few shuffles in the order. North Carolina State 15-2 dropped one notch to fifth, and Duquesne 8-3, second last week, dropped to sixth.

Utah 11-2 and Missouri 10-2 retained the next two places in order, while Minnesota 8-4 exchanged places with UCLA 11-3. The Gophers from the Big Ten edged UCLA for that No. 9 rating by only one point.

There was a four-team tie for the 19th ranking among Alabama, St. Louis, Texas Christian and Oregon State.

**Rogue River Talent Host**

Jackson County B Basketball attention focuses tonight on Rogue River where the Chiefs entertain hosts to the Talent high Bulldogs.

Undisputed loop lead will be the prize for victory. Winner of the scrap also will remain the only unbeaten quintet in the circuit.

In other games Jacksonville will play St. Mary's in Medford and Prospect will journey to Butte Falls. Victor in the St. Mary's-Jacksonville hassle will earn a tie for second place in the standings with the loser at Rogue River. The scuffle at Butte Falls is over the cellar position.

**Tourney Ambitions**

Ambitions for a state tourney trip in March should intensify the Bulldog-Chiefstain battle. Talent is defending county and district champ and thereby was a state tourney entry last year. Several boys on the current Bulldog team made that trip and one taste has created an appetite for more. Rogue River has been a power in B league rivalry and has sent a number of clubs to the titular event at Salem in recent years.

Coach George Bray of Talent may call on Mel Wallace, George Zickefoose, Jim McAbee, J. Lloyd Wood and Gordy Thorsen as starters. For Ray McClain's Chiefs the quintet may be Gary Johnson, Bill Weaver, Cleve Daily, Ted Stanfield and Gary Stinchcomb.

**Ducks Win 6th Straight**

Spokane, Wash.—(U.P.)—The University of Oregon Ducks won their sixth straight basketball victory last night by defeating a tough Gonzaga University team 71-57.

Gonzaga tied the score at 2-all in the opening moments of the game, but the powerful Ducks quickly recovered, took the lead and kept it throughout the game.

However, the Bulldogs stayed close on the heels of their opponents despite injuries to guard Bill Gray, who was knocked out for a few minutes, and Jerry Vermillion, who suffered a broken nose.

**Page Hits 27**

Oregon guard Howard Page made 27 points to lead the evening's scoring and Clark Irwin led the Bulldogs with 14.

Oregon meets Oregon State on its home court Friday in a PCC Northern Division match and Gonzaga plays Portland University here Friday and Saturday.

Max Anderson had 12 and Jerry Ross hit 11 points for Oregon, while high scoring Jim Loscutoff hit only four points.

**PTA Will Have Benefit Game**

Phoenix—A benefit basketball game is planned by the Phoenix Parent-Teacher association, for Thursday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

One women's team, the Bloomer Girls, will play the Pedal Pushers, another team of women PTA members. The men's game will be played between the Sad Sacks and the Eger Beavers.

All teams are practicing hard for the big event, and a hilarious and exciting evening for the whole family is anticipated by the committee in charge.

Admission will be charged at the door and refreshments such as wieners, buns, and doughnuts will be sold during the evening.

# Medford 1st, Eugene 2nd In OJ Rating

Portland—(U.P.)—Medford continued to hold down first place today in the weekly Journal coaches' poll, with Eugene not far behind.

The Medford team, winner of 11 out of 12 games, polled five out of eight first place votes while Eugene got the other three.

The ratings:

Team	Points
1. Medford	77
2. Eugene	71
3. Milwaukie	59
4. Cleveland	55
5. St. Helens	45
6. North Bend	43
7. Astoria	18
8. Albany	18
9. South Salem	17
10. Beaverton	11

Others: Lakeview 9, Pendleton 5 1/2; Grants 1, Marshfield 1, Central Catholic \*.

In the Associated Press sports writers poll, Eugene edged out Medford for the top spot by two points, 89 to 87. Milwaukie was a close third with 84 points.

# Gale Culy, Tru-Mix Set Kegling Pace

First weekend at the annual Medford City Bowling association tournament, held for the first time at the new alleys, was completed in better form than in past years with no great array of high scorers.

High honors of the weekend were gained by Tru-Mix Concrete Construction company team with 2906 score and by Gale Culy whose individual counts put him in top in two departments. Culy teamed with Frank Martin for 1244 best score in doubles and his three series gave him all-events front spot with 1747. Ken Christianson was best in singles with 651.

Leading scores for the first week end indicate a close race for prizes and titles. The tourney will continue for two more weekends. Tournament officials said that their is plenty of space for keggers who wish to try their skills in the remaining sessions.

Spectators interest was good over the weekend and is expected to hold up with some good team and individual events yet to come.

It is planned to publish the schedule of participants each Friday and Sunday.

**FIRST WEEK LEADERS:**

Teams—Tru-Mix 2906, Crater Electric 2858, Independent Order of Foresters 2750, Big Y Super market 2747, Hawkinson Tire service 2737, Pierce Freight lines 2733.

Doubles—Gale Culy and Frank Martin 1244, George Russell and Ed Dwight 1179, Max Ament and Bob Findley 1142, Ernie Olson and Bill Newland 1137, Gene Eberius and Dan Wunderlich 1123, Harold and Vern Allen 1110.

Singles—Ken Christianson 651, Darwin Morehouse 633, Findley 622, Ament 617.

All-Events—Culy 1747, Harold Allen 1735, Darrell Copeland 1722 and Vern Allen 1711.

**Game Director Asks Cooperation For Kill Study**

Portland—The success of determining hunting season kill rests upon your individual cooperation." So reads part of the letter from P. W. Schneider, state game director, to 2,520 Oregon hunters.

These hunters are ones holding hunting licenses with numbers that correspond to numbers selected several years ago by use of mechanical equipment of the Oregon State Game Commission.

A letter and questionnaire is sent to these hunters, and the information thus obtained is correlated with other facts gathered to determine the harvest of game birds and mammals in Oregon for 1954.

Since few hunters get the same license number each year, it is possible to use the numbers selected for a number of years.

The questionnaires will be sent out within the next few weeks, and the game commission asks that the hunters receiving them aid the survey by filling out and returning the questionnaires as soon as possible.

**BEAVERS GET WILSON**

Portland—(U.P.)—Management of the Portland Beavers baseball club today was well satisfied with the "more than \$20,000 deal" which brought second baseman Artie Wilson to the Beavers from Seattle. Wilson, who has hit better than .300 for the five years he has played in the Pacific Coast loop, was swapped to Portland in exchange for pitcher Jehosie Heard, third baseman Rocco Krsnich and an undisclosed amount of cash.

Deal line Sunday Classified in at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

# Fanfare

With the selection of Halfback Alton Stone, Guard Paul Eckel and Center Mike DeVore to the State squad Medford high gets as much representation as one school can expect in the annual Shrine all-star football squad. If all three are on hand for the contest next August, Medford will have the best representation it's had in a Shrine scrap.

All three of the Medford players were all-Southern Oregon Conference choice. Stone made the Portland Oregonian all-state second team, gained honorable mention on the Wigwam Wisemen of America polling. DeVore was named to an insurance magazine all-state first team.

**LUCK CHANGES**

Dick McLaughlin may attribute his change of luck to a change of uniform. The Medford high basketball player's regular uniform didn't get to Ashland on Saturday night so he wore a pair of white trunks and black jersey No. 25 instead of his usual No. 11. He got into the scoring column for the first time this season.

**GOOD FLOOR SHOW**

Medford high's pep team has been stealing some thunder from the basketball aggregation in recent games. It's quite a floor show the gals have been putting on with high kicks and skirt swishing and swirling routines in time to the music of the bands. The seven peppy "chorus" girls are Melissa Jennings, Carol Denman, Donna Halvorson, Dinah Hutchinson, Peggy Lydiard, Beverly Newby and Sally Walker.

**KLAMATH TEAM TALL**

The Black Tornado of Medford will be up against quite a bit more height, when it plays Klamath Falls here Friday and Saturday nights, than it was in the Grants Pass and Ashland series. It is anticipated considerably more opposition than it has received so far in the Southern Oregon Conference basketball campaign.

Four of the likely Pelican starters are 6 feet 2 inches or better. Guy Munsell and Larry Yarnell are right at that level. Dave D'Olivio is 6-4 and Marlin Causey is 6-3. The fifth man is a midget, Jack Sunitich, 5-6. Among reserves Denny Todd is 6-3 and Orin Perkins 6-1. Two others who may see duty here, Dan Lowe and Dave Pepple, are 5-10 each.

**LOOKING FORWARD**

Coach Frank Roelandt has indicated that the Tornado cagers are plenty serious about the Pelican series. "The boys have been working forward to it," he remarked. Defense is expected to get the emphasis this week in Medford drills. The aim will be to stop the scoring of D'Olivio and Munsell. D'Olivio is leading the Pels with 174 points in 10 games.

**COPPLE HAS 199**

Larry Copples continues to head Medford scorers and has 199 for 12 games. Jerry Kalapus has 153, Frank Rector 141, Glenn Peterson 88 and Bud Kastner 78. The per game averages are Copples 16.58, Kalapus 12.75, Rector 11.75, Peterson 7.33 and Kastner, 6.5.

**PELS WIN 6, LOSE 4**

The Klamath Union high school record in basketball to date: Six wins, four losses. Klamath lost twice to Reno, Nev., won two from Redding, Calif., beat Grants Pass twice and split with Jefferson of Portland and with Ashland.

**HARTLEY PACES QUINT**

At last report Rollie Hartley, ex-Talent high school athlete, was leading the George Fox college (Newberg) basketball team in the Metropolitan League with an average of about 18 points per game.

**FROSH GRADES LOW**

University of Oregon recently announced a B-minus scholastic average during the fall for the varsity football squad. But Dick Strite of the Eugene Register-Guard has pointed a finger at some of low grades among outstanding freshmen athletes and at the poor public relations resulting. He advises the coaches to be more particular in selection of athletes to participate in the grant-in-aid program.

According to Strite, Jimmy

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**WALTONIANS GET REQUEST**

With a little change in dates the Oregon State Game Commission has tentatively granted just about what the Jackson County chapter of the Isaac Walton league requested relative to more accessible winter steelhead fishing and a longer season on a longer stretch of river.

The Commission after a hearing last Saturday set January 1 to February 28 as season for angling for trout not less than 12 inches on the Applegate river exclusive of tributaries below the mouth of the Little Applegate. If this decision is made final after a second hearing on January 23 the January 1 to February 28 season will go into effect in 1956.

Waltonians asked by letter that the Applegate to open from its mouth to McKee bridge from January 15 to March 15 for winter steelhead. The stretch of river proposed is about two miles longer than that granted.

Tentative angling changes adopted by the commission included:

"Summer regulations for trout, salmon, steelhead and jack salmon: 'Open season'—April 30 to October 9 in all zones. May 28 to October 9 for lakes; reservoirs and their tributaries within national forest boundaries in the Cascade mountains. (Includes Paulina mountains.)

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"Applegate river closed to all angling between Laurel Hill dam and the mouth of Williams Creek. . . .

"Date for Rogue River and Applegate—January 1 to February 1.

"Date for angling for steelhead changed from August 15 to July 15.

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**LUCCHESE NAMED**

Frank Lucchese, who managed the Medford Rogues of the Far West league during the 1951 baseball season, has been named skipper of the Pociello Bannocks of the Class C Pioneer league. Lucchese, now 29, played for Twin Falls in the Pioneer circuit in 1950. The next year he was pilot of Thomasville in the Florida league and the last two seasons he has been manager of Pine Bluff, Ark., in the Class C Cotton States league.

**Skiing Enjoyed At Crater Lake Despite Weather**

Snow fell and the wind blew all day Sunday at Crater Lake National park but Rogue Snowmen found skiing "not too bad" and said they managed to have a good time.

There were about 50 snow enthusiasts on the hill, according to Snowmen President Bill Brooks. About half were members of the ski club. Brooks reported no accidents. The road was closed from Government Camp to the lake rim.

Eddie Simmons gave instruction to new members and other beginners. Classes will be conducted by Snowmen each Sunday.

Biggest crowd in a couple of years was at the warming shack where park rangers had a good fire going.

The club, which operates tows on Garfield slope, is a non-profit group and has stressed that it is not responsible for accidents on the slope. Brooks mentioned that there are plans to form a ski patrol or some sort of first aid organization.

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**Patterson TKO's Grant**

New York—(U.P.)—Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn's remarkable young light heavyweight contender who stopped Don Grant in the fifth round, indicated today he would by-pass a sure shot at the 175-pound title this year and challenge for the heavyweight crown in 1956.

Patterson and manager Custer D'Amato agreed today to fight heavyweight Rex Lane of Salt Lake City at Brooklyn's Eastern Park Arena, Feb. 14 or 21, if matchmaker Teddy Brenner could close the deal. Brenner said "I'll have no trouble."

Only 168 pounds was Floyd's weight Monday night when he scored a technical knockout over Grant of Los Angeles, 168%, at 1:15 of the fifth round at the Parkway.

But Floyd, former Olympic middleweight champion, said he would register about 175 for Layne, who is a 200-pounder. "I'm growing and I'll be a full-fledged heavyweight by the end of the year," added the lightning-fast 20-year-old Negro who had been slated for his first 10-round bout Monday night. Although he is the fourth-ranking contender, his age had prevented accepting more than eight rounds previously.

**CI Clobbers Linfield, 90-63**

By UNITED PRESS

College of Idaho continued to cut a wide swath through Oregon basketball teams last night by clobbering Linfield 90-63 for its sixth straight Northwest Conference victory.

Willamette struck down Whitman 98-73 in another league encounter.

Again it was rubber-legged Elgin Baylor who led the College of Idaho team as he racked up 27 points, and got 27 rebounds. Don Porter had 24 points for Linfield.

Willamette was red hot against Whitman, rolling up a 61-33 halftime lead but falling two short of the 100-point mark. Neil Casuble hit 17 points to top the Bearcats' scoring.

**Hopkins Cup Play Begins; Rain Expected**

La Jolla, Calif.—(U.P.)—The weatherman frowned today as the 14 golfers representing the United States and Canada teed off for the opening rounds of the fourth international PGA matches for the Hopkins Trophy.

A. W. Anderson, chief of the San Diego Weather Bureau, said a storm coming down the coast would dampen the area by nightfall. He predicted nearly a half-inch of rain would fall within the next 36 hours.

The seven team members of the United States golf squad will be shooting for their fourth straight victory.

Although this is the first of the Hopkins matches to be played in the United States, the Canadians believe they have their best chance yet of victory.

The seven-man team from North of the Border has been practicing on the 6,600-yard La Jolla Country Club course for more than seven days and seems to be taking to the fairways and greens.

In a practice nine holes Henry Martell fired the back nine with a five-under-par 31.

Heading the United States team as captain is Charles Chick Harbert, of Northville, Mich., holder of the U.S. PGA championship. With him will be Ed Furgol, St. Louis, the U.S. Open titleholder; Jack Burke Jr., Klamath Lake, N. Y.; Jerry Barber, La Canada, Calif.; Marty Furgol, Lemont, Ill.; Lloyd Mangrum, Niles, Ill.; and Cary Middlecott, Memphis, Tenn.

In addition to Martell, the Canadian team includes Stan Leonard as captain, Pat Fletcher, William Kerr, Al Balding, Jules Huot and Gordon Brydson.

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