

San Francisco Dons Gain Top Team Spot

Kentucky's Hold Ended

By NORMAN MILLER
New York—(U.P.)—San Francisco, the surprise team of the college basketball season, climaxed a steady rise in the United Press national rankings today by taking over the top spot with an overwhelming margin over Kentucky.

Coach Phil Woolpert's Dons, whose 1954-55 prospects were so lowly regarded that they did not even receive a single vote in the coaches' pre-season sump of the national race, were the No. 1 choice this week of 27 members of the 35-man United Press Rating Board.

San Francisco thus ended six straight weeks of Kentucky domination by extending its unbeaten string to 14 and its overall record to 16-1 with two triumphs last week while Georgia Adolph Rupp's men faltered. The Wildcats were beaten by Coach Tech for the second time, giving them a 14-2 record at week's end. The West Coast Dons enjoyed a wide 327 to 228-point margin over Kentucky.

They've Been Climbing
The Dons, unranked for the first two weeks of this season and placed only 23rd the third week, made their first big impression on the coaches by winning the All-College Tournament at Oklahoma City during Christmas vacation week. That triumph earned Woolpert's team the No. 6 ranking and it has made steady progress ever since.

One of the most important factors in the Dons' rise from relative obscurity this season has been a remarkable defense that has yielded an average of only 49.4 points a game—the best record in the nation. San Francisco's only defeat this season was by UCLA, by a 47-40 score at Los Angeles, Dec. 11. One week later in San Francisco, the Dons reversed the outcome, 56-44. Their next opponents are College of Pacific and San Jose State, on Wednesday and Friday of this week.

Illini Bounce Back
Illinois 11-3 represented the only change in the identity of this week's top 10 teams, replacing Marquette in 10th place. Besides this and the order of the two teams at the top, the only other alteration in the top 10 was La Salle's advance from fourth to third, with Utah reversing the process. La Salle had a 16-4 record and Utah 17-3.

Duquesne 12-3, North Carolina State 18-4, UCLA 15-3, George Washington 15-3 and Minnesota 10-5 all retained the previous week's ratings, from fifth to ninth in that order.

The coaches based their ratings on games played through Saturday night, Feb. 5. Marquette, dropping back one place, headed the second 10 group with 56 points. Next in order came Iowa, Missouri, Dayton, Oregon State, Villanova and Cincinnati. Niagara and Maryland were tied for 18th and Stanford 20th.

FIGHTS
By UNITED PRESS
Brooklyn: Eastern Park way—Chico Vejar, 152, Stamford, Conn., outpointed Joey Klein, 149 1/2, New York, (10).
New York: St. Nick's—Holly Mims, 157 1/2, Washington, D.C., outpointed Milo Savage, 160 1/2, Salt Lake City, Utah, (10).
Rochester, N.Y.: Jimmy Martinez, 149 1/2, Glendale, Ariz., outpointed Joe Mitchell, 154, New York, (10).
Providence, R.I.: Lou Campanelli, 165, Providence, outpointed Jose Contreras, 163, Taunton, Mass., (8).

26 Dogs Entered
There were 12 entries in the qualifying test and 10 in the derby and 26 dogs in all were entered in the day's competition, including some brought by non-club members. All dogs which picked up awards, with one exception were black labradors.

A sizable crowd was on hand for the event. Some Rogue Valley members plan to enter dogs in picnic trial at the game commission grounds south of Klamath Falls next Sunday.

RESULTS:
Qualifying stake—First, Belle, owned and handled by Earl Wescott; second, Pete, owned and handled by Sid Manacy; third, Happy, owned and handled by Hugh McGinty; fourth, Jade, owned and handled by Tom Rickard; certificate of merit, Tar Baby, owned by Hugh McAdams and handled by Carl Newell; CM, Rosie, owned and handled by Mrs. Hugh McGinty; CB, Betty, owned and handled by Charles Miller, and CM, Buck, golden retriever, owned and handled by Paul Skinner.
Derby stake—First, Tar Baby; second, Coaly, owned and handled by Ira Parish; third, Smoke, owned and handled by Hilman Miller; fourth, Rip, owned and handled by Gene Hunt, and CM, Rogue, owned by Dr. Rumble, and handled by Wescott.

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SPORTS

Wildcats Gain Loop Lead With 61-56 Win

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer
Kentucky, though forced to the limit by a winless foe, gained solace today for its loss of the No. 1 national basketball ranking by seizing first place in the Southeastern Conference.

In other major conference changes as a result of Monday night's court action, Minnesota took over undisputed lead of the Big Ten by defeating Ohio State, 82-56, and Illinois tied Iowa for second place by beating Michigan, 81-80, on Hiles Stout's last-minute basket.

But Kentucky's 61-56 triumph over Mississippi State at Starkville, Miss., topped these other changes for tension and drama.

The Wildcats went into the fray anxious to show they really are the nation's best team, a rating they lost to San Francisco as a result of last week's surprise loss to Georgia Tech. But instead of the easy win that was expected, Kentucky was forced to go all the way with only five players and fight off two late rallies by a team that hasn't beaten a league club this season.

Kentucky trailed, 56-55, with 1:49 to play when Bill Evans' basket put them ahead to stay. Two free throws and a basket by Phil Grammeyer clinched the victory as State tried desperately for another rally. Sophomore Jim Ashmore of Mississippi State took scoring honors with 19 points, while Jerry Byrd led Kentucky with 15.

The triumph gave Kentucky a 7-2 league record to go ahead of Alabama, which dropped all the way to third place at 5-2 by losing to Vanderbilt, 78-57. Vanderbilt took over second with a 6-2 record.

Minnesota went a half-game ahead of Iowa in the Big Ten by crushing Ohio State, 82-56, and Illinois tied Iowa for second place by beating Michigan, 81-80, on Hiles Stout's last-minute basket.

Feature of the Minnesota triumph was the duel between the Gophers' Chuck Mencil and Ohio State's Robin Freeman, the Big Ten's leading scorer. Mencil outscored Freeman, 18-17, and, meanwhile, flashy Dick Garmer, maker of Minneapolis eclipsed both with 27.

Colorado, unbeaten in five previous Big Seven games, was upset by Nebraska, 84-77, at Lincoln, Neb.

Tulsa retained first place in the Missouri Valley conference by beating Detroit, 77-72, in a game that featured a magnificent scoring duel between Tulsa's Bob Patterson and Detroit's Guy Sparrow. Patterson had 37 points, most ever scored against Detroit, and Sparrow had 35.

Jade Wins Open Stake
Jade, a black labrador female retriever, does all right despite the fact that she is minus a leg. The three-legged dog, owned and handled by Tom Rickard, won the only place given Sunday in the open stake of a picnic trial conducted by Rogue Valley Retriever club north of the Military bridge on Rogue River. She was the only retriever, among six which started, to complete the stake.

Belle, owned and handled by Earl Wescott, took the qualifying stake and Tar Baby, owned by Hugh McAdams, Grants Pass, and handled by Carl Newell, Medford won the derby.

Gonzaga Downs Cougars, 71-61
Spokane — (U.P.) — Coach Hank Anderson used the platoon system to good advantage last night as his Gonzaga University basketball team defeated Washington State, coached by Jack Friel, who invented the platoon system, 71-61 in a non-conference game.

The Zags, led by forward Jerry Vermillion with 18 points, were ahead all the way and were never in real trouble. They led 32-27 at halftime. Forward Ron Bennink was high point man for Washington State with 14.

Bill Irwin is the Butte Falls top leader in conference rivalry and is fifth in the loop with 87. Ted Stanfield is the second Rogue River player among the leaders with his 83 for sixth place. Jacksonville is paced by Bob Gemachlich, who didn't play last week. He has 80 for seventh spot. Sid Peterson, Prospect, has 77 for eighth and Lee Abbott, Butte Falls, Laval Mennier, St. Mary's, and Cleto Daily, Rogue River, are tied for ninth with 76.

As a team Rogue River has run up 461 points and a 65.8 per game average. Talent has second high total and average, 428 and 61.1.

Opposing teams have scored only 270 points against Talent, an average of 38.6 in seven contests. St. Mary's ranks next in defense, allowing rivals 324 or 46.3 per game.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING:

1. Gary Johnson, Rogue River	142
2. Jim McAbee, Talent	119
3. J. Lloyd Wood, Talent	98
4. Ron Couser, Prospect	87
5. Bill Irwin, Butte Falls	87
6. Ted Stanfield, Rogue River	83
7. Bob Gemachlich, Jacksonville	80
8. Sid Peterson, Prospect	77
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reservation, Shepard reported. He stated that 50 acres along Little Butte creek have been leased to the adjoining landowner for cooperative farming. Part of the grain planted on the acreage will be left standing for game bird use. Two other grain plots will be put in, one on the Agate slough and one on the military slough.

Test plots will be planted on the desert area to determine what grasses are best adapted. Cooperation Fair

Some permanent fencing will be done, Shepard said, to allow future grazing leases. Spring and fall pheasant liberations are planned this year from game farm stock.

Public cooperation in keeping the area clean has been fair, according to Shepard, but rubbish dumping is still a problem. He pointed out that the Medford city disposal area is more conveniently reached for dumping of refuse. And it's "cheaper."

The area is heavily posted with signs stating that rubbish is not to be disposed of in the game management area. Seven persons have been fined in district court for violation of the regulation. Average fine and court costs in the cases was \$25. Shepard said there will be no let up in enforcement of the regulation.

Snowmen Meet To Swap, Sell
Rogue Snowmen will swap and sell skiing equipment Wednesday at an 8 p.m. meeting at the YMCA.

It is hoped to have a ski film to show at the meeting. All persons interested in joining the group are invited.

SKI ENTRIES POUR IN
Eugene—(U.P.)—Entries are beginning to pour in for the two-day national cross-country ski championships to be held at the Willamette Pass ski area next weekend. Meet officials said the entry list to date is topped by Sven Johansson, Anchorage, Alaska, winner of the North American Ski championship at Minneapolis last weekend.

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G. Johnson Top Scorer In B League

Gary Johnson, Rogue River, scoring at a rate of 20.3 points per game, and Jim McAbee, Talent, hitting at a 17 per game clip, pace the individual statistics in the Jackson County B High School Basketball competition while unmarred Rogue River is offensive leader and second place Talent is best in team defense.

All six member schools are represented among the top eleven individual scorers. Johnson has a total of 142 counters and McAbee has 119 for the seven league games. They are the only cagers to exceed the 100 mark but J. Lloyd Wood, Talent, running in third place, is close on that total with 98. Ron Couser, of cellarite Prospect is fourth ranking scorer with 93.

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Quaker State Solons Study Boxing Probe

Harrisburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — The state Senate Law and Order committee studied today a resolution demanding the investigation of an alleged "strangler's hold" on professional boxing by racketeers in Pennsylvania.

The resolution, principally sponsored by Sen. Benjamin R. Donolow of Philadelphia, charged that "there is evidence that racketeers and crooked gamblers possess a strangler's hold on the profession."

It added that "evidence of fraud and fixed fights, and many of the decisions of fights recently held, show the incompetence of some referees and judges."

Four other Democratic senators co-sponsored the resolution with Donolow Monday. It had the backing of Gov. George M. Leader, who announced his support of a boxing "clean up" last week.

High School Conferences Slate Action

Two non-loop frays tonight start off a week of high school basketball in this area which will wind-up with action in all three conferences.

Tonight's encounters put Ashland against Crater at Central Point and takes Rogue River to Glendale.

League contention will see the Southern Oregon Conference Big Four launch their second half. Phoenix and Crater, tackling different foes, will try to break their Rogue League deadlock while Talent has its last good chance for successful title defense in the Jackson County B league.

Mighty Medford with six wins and nary a loss in the first half is favored to sweep on to the Big Four title. The Black Tornado has a three game lead over second place Klamath Falls and interest will be aroused by the strategies of other conference teams will impose in efforts to calm the Big Wind.

At GP Friday
Medford will play Grants Pass there on Friday and here on Saturday in the second series this season between the two schools. Ashland scrapes at Klamath Falls on Friday and Saturday nights.

In the Rogue circuit, Crater encounters tail-ender Illinois Valley at Central Point on Friday and at Cave Junction on Saturday. Phoenix is host to Eagle Point on Friday and goes to EP on Saturday. Crater will be heavy favorite to dunk the Cougars while Phoenix battles with the Eagles are rated toss-ups.

Talent, 1954 champ, is trailing unblemished Rogue River by a game in the B circuit. The Bulldogs meet Rogue River on Friday and must win if they are to retain ambitions of another state tourney jaunt. The Chiefs handed Talent its lone loss so far in the loop and the Bulldogs can tie up the race Friday. Both are favored over other remaining rivals.

Butte Falls at Prospect and St. Mary's at Jacksonville complete the Friday B program.

GIANTS TO FLY
New York — (U.P.) — The world champion New York Giants will travel by air almost exclusively during the 1955 season, it was announced today. The team will make 24 different chartered plane trips, but will travel by train for short hauls between Chicago and Milwaukee and between Philadelphia and New York.



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BLACK TORNADO UNANIMOUS CHOICE Eugene 10 Points Back

Portland—(U.P.)—The Oregon Journal's high school coaches' poll today again picked Medford as the top prep basketball team in the state. The selection was unanimous.

Two newcomers made the top 10 this week. Jefferson, which leads the Portland International Scholastic League, appeared in seventh spot with 28 votes. Central Catholic, tops in the Valley Coast league, was in 9th spot after beating Milwaukie, which slipped from second to third place.

Eugene, with only two defeats against 14 victories, assumed undisputed possession of second place.

The Ratings:

1. Medford	80
2. Eugene	70
3. Milwaukie	63
4. St. Helens	52
5. North Bend	38
6. Astoria	37
7. Jefferson	28
8. Albany	25
9. Central Catholic	16
10. Beaverton and Jefferson tie	10

Others: Lakeview 6, Cleveland 4, Redmond 1.

Cottonpickers Nudge Salmons In Saturday Loop

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Tweakers	W.	L.	Pct.
Flubbin' Five	5	0	1.000
Cottonpickers	4	1	.800
Senior Wieners	4	1	.800
Gold Ray Salmon Backs	4	1	.800
Mountains Boys	3	2	.600
Beany Boys	1	3	.250
Screwballs	1	4	.200
Thunderbirds	0	5	.000
Nico-Quint	0	5	.000

The Tweakers were left the only undefeated team in the Saturday recreation basketball league at Medford senior high when the Gold Ray Salmon Backs tumbled last week end.

Cottonpickers edged the Salmon Backs 27 to 25 while the Tweakers plastered the Screwballs 53 to 23.

In another contest the Flubbin' Five beat Nico-Quint 30 to 16. Senior Wieners won by forfeit from the Thunderbirds.

The Tweakers will keep their position this week since they and the Salmon Backs both draw byes.

Games this Saturday are Senior Wieners versus Flubbin' Five at 10 a.m., Thunderbirds versus Mountain Boys at 11 a.m., Screwballs versus Nico-Quint at 1 p.m. and Beany Boys versus Cottonpickers at 2 p.m.

A "dependent re-survey" is a cadastral survey which identifies re-establishes and re-marks the land boundaries that were set up by a prior cadastral survey.

Mims Unpopular Winner; Falls for Shoelace Trick

By JACK CUDDY
New York — (U.P.) — Middleweight contender Holly Mims, an unpopular winner and a near victim of the ancient "shoelace trick," will meet slugger Milo Savage in a return fight at St. Nicholas arena, March 14.

Mims of Washington, D. C., third-ranking contender was given a majority decision over unranked Savage of Salt Lake City at St. Nick's Monday night.

Brave Seeks Wage Boost
By UNITED PRESS
Slugging Eddie Mathews gave the Milwaukee Braves fair warning today that he intends to hit 'em up for "a substantial increase."

Mathews, who received an estimated \$25,000 last season, will have a number of talking points—including 40 homers and 103 runs batted in—when he confers with General Manager John Quinn about his 1955 contract later in the week.

"The club made a lot of money last year," Mathews said, "and I think the players should share in it."

Elsewhere around the majors, players were signing their contracts in brisk fashion. The Chicago White Sox added third baseman Stan Jok and outfielder Ed White, both up from Memphis of the Southern association, leaving outfielder Minnie Minofo their only unsigned player.

Floyd Baker, 33-year-old utility infielder, and rookie second baseman Gerald Claycomb became the 14th and 15th members of the Phillies to agree to terms while the Boston Red Sox signed rookie catchers Guy Morton and Joe Buck.

Veteran Steve Gromek, who posted an 18-16 record with Detroit, signed his 1955 pact after receiving what General Manager Harold (Muddy) Ruel called "a well deserved salary increase."



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