

North Carolina State Wins Loop Title; Gophers In Lead

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Mighty North Carolina State, ineligible for the big post-season tournaments despite a glittering 23-4 record, at least owns the regular season championship of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Wolfpack, rated seventh in the nation, was presented the title Monday night when Maryland the only team with a chance to tie, suffered a 75-71 setback to a Wake Forest team led by a pair of brilliant sophomores.

North Carolina State, which concludes its league season tonight against North Carolina, is barred from the NCAA Tournament as a punishment for recruiting violations. And the National Invitation Tournament has agreed to ignore teams barred by the NCAA.

An NCAA berth will go to the winner of the Atlantic Coast Conference's post season tournament, March 3-5. But if State wins that, too, the runner-up team will get the bid.

Sophs Turn Trick
Ernie Wiggins and Jackie Murdock were the sophs who sparked Wake Forest after Maryland led, 68-63, with 4:20 left. Wiggins scored one basket, stole the ball and set up another, then scored a third to put the Deacons ahead, 69-68. Murdock added two baskets and two free throws for the final Wake Forest total. Bob Kessler of Maryland took scoring honors with 29 points as Wake Forest ace Dick Henric was held to 11, his lowest total of the year.

A basket by Chuck Mencil with two seconds left gave Big Ten leader Minnesota, a 72-69 victory over Wisconsin Monday night's most dramatic finish. The victory kept the Gophers a half-game ahead of Iowa, who trounced Illinois 89-70.

Kentucky and Alabama each scored easy victories to remain tied for the lead in the Southeastern Conference, but Tennessee was virtually knocked out of the race by an 83-77 loss to Georgia Tech.

Kentucky, the nation's No. 2 team, routed Vanderbilt, 77-59, despite free use of subs as Bob Burrow led the attack with 31 points. Alabama romped to a 71-

51 decision over Louisiana State as the Tide's George Linn and State's Don Sebastian tied for scoring honors at 19 points.

Tulsa Closes Gap
Tulsa drove within a half-game of first place in the Missouri Valley Conference by whipping Houston, 69-59, as Bob Patterson outscored Houston's 7-foot skyscraper, Don Boldebeck, 28-25. The stage now is set for Tulsa's payoff meeting with league-leading St. Louis in Tulsa Saturday.

In other leading games: Notre Dame edged Kansas State, 76-74, on Jack Stephens' two final-minute free throws; Oklahoma nicknamed Nebraska, 78-76, on Lester Lane's 25-foot basket with five seconds left; Loyola of Chi-

cago beat Indiana State, 58-57; Indiana beat Purdue, 75-62, as Wally Choice scored 29 points; Michigan State beat Northwestern, 71-69, despite Frank Ehmann's 21 points for Northwestern; John Miller's 29 points led Ohio State to a 72-68 win over Michigan; Tulane downed Auburn, 90-79; Toledo upset Detroit, 73-69; and Virginia Tech ended an 18-game losing streak by beating The Citadel, 88-53.

First place in the Big Seven and Southwest Conference will be at stake tonight. Colorado 7-1 risks its Big Seven lead against Kansas and Texas Christian 8-2 risks its Southwest Conference lead against Baylor. Co-runners-up Arkansas and SMU each 6-3 also clash.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Cabbies To Face SO Plywood for Mantle

Yellow Cab of Medford will face Southern Oregon Plywood in Memorial gym at Grants Pass on Thursday night for the AAU District 10 basketball flag.

The Plywood five captured the Grants Pass League championship last night by defeating Rogue River, 58 to 49 in a playoff. The two clubs had tied in regular season standings. Yellow Cab previously earned the Medford Independent League crown.

District 10 representative will meet Economy Drug, McMinnville, District 5 victor in the first round of the state AAU tournament at Hermiston. The

SOC or EOCE To Get Tourney Bid at Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Committee members of the District 2, National Association of Interscholastic athletics, will meet here Thursday evening to decide a site for the district playoffs, to be held Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Chairman Eldon Fix, Lewis and Clark basketball coach and athletic director, said two sites new under consideration are the Milwaukie high school gym and the University of Portland.

Likely to be entered in the tournament are Pacific University, Portland State College and Willamette. Another probable is either Eastern Oregon or Southern Oregon, with the choice apt to be decided by the results of conference games scheduled for this week.

Winner of the two-night tourney will represent the district at the NAIA national finals in Kansas City the week of March 7.

Pries Chosen Tri-City Head

Pasco, Wash. — (U.P.) — Don Pries, 27, manager of the Victoria Tyees of the Western International league last season, was signed yesterday to manage the Tri-City entry in the new class "B" Northwest league.

Pries, an infielder who usually plays third base, hit .322 for Victoria last year. He succeeds Edo Vanni who will manage Wenatchee.

Pries announced the signing of Milt Martin, a catcher, who was player-coach with Victoria last year. The two were the first players signed by the Braves for the coming campaign.

Local Five Keeps Top State Spot

Portland — (U.P.) — The weekly prep basketball poll of the Oregon Journal showed two Portland teams — Cleveland and Jefferson — moving up. But the top three, Medford, Milwaukie and Eugene, were proving durable.

The Journal's board of eight coaches put Medford on top unanimously. Cleveland advanced from seventh to sixth spot and Jefferson jumped from ninth to seventh place. Milwaukie polled 71 out of a possible 80 points for second place and Eugene got 62 points for third spot.

The rankings:

Place	Team	Points
1.	Medford	80
2.	Milwaukie	71
3.	Eugene	62
4.	St. Helens	52
5.	North Bend	41
6.	Cleveland	40
7.	Jefferson	27
8.	Astoria	22
9.	Beaverton	18
10.	Albany	17

More Men Sign Pacts

By UNITED PRESS
With only a week remaining before the official March 1 opening date for spring training, most major league clubs were trickling out news of late signings today.

The Milwaukee Braves announced that centerfielder Bill Bruton had come to terms for an estimated \$15,000. Bruton, who hit .284 and stole 34 bases last season, gives the Braves 36 signed and 7 to go.

The Philadelphia Phillies revealed the signing of three rookies, giving them a total of 30 contented players on their roster. The additions are second baseman Ben Tompkins, up from Syracuse; first baseman Jimmy Westlake, up from San Francisco; and first-baseman Spencer Robbins, up from Schenectady.

The Chicago Cubs signed right-handed pitcher Sam Jones, former Cleveland Indian bullpen sunbather who posted a 25-8 record with Indianapolis last season. Jones' signing left outfielder Hal Price as the only unsigned Cub player.

The Pittsburgh Pirates announced the signing of pitcher Calvin Hogue, 11-7 for New Orleans in 1954, while pitcher Floyd Woodbridge, 15-13 at Houston in 1953, signed with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Henley, Brookings "Unknowns" In Little Six Cage Tournament

Crater, Eagle Point, Phoenix, and Illinois Valley high schools will be known quantities this week when the Little Six sub-district basketball tournament is held at Eagle Point. Henley and Brookings, to fans of this area, are pretty much of unknown caliber.

The tournament opens on Thursday with the team which collects the top trophy on Saturday entitled to meet Medford high next week for the Class A District 4 diadem.

Henley, a small A school in Klamath county and not figured big enough for competition with Klamath Falls, had contented itself with conflicts with B schools of the area this season. Its record is 11 wins and five defeats.

The Hornets losses were two each to Malin and Chiloquin and one to Bly with which it split. Malin won the Klamath B tournament and Chiloquin the county league title and both are considered on about par with the Jackson County B league's top clubs, Talent and Rogue River.

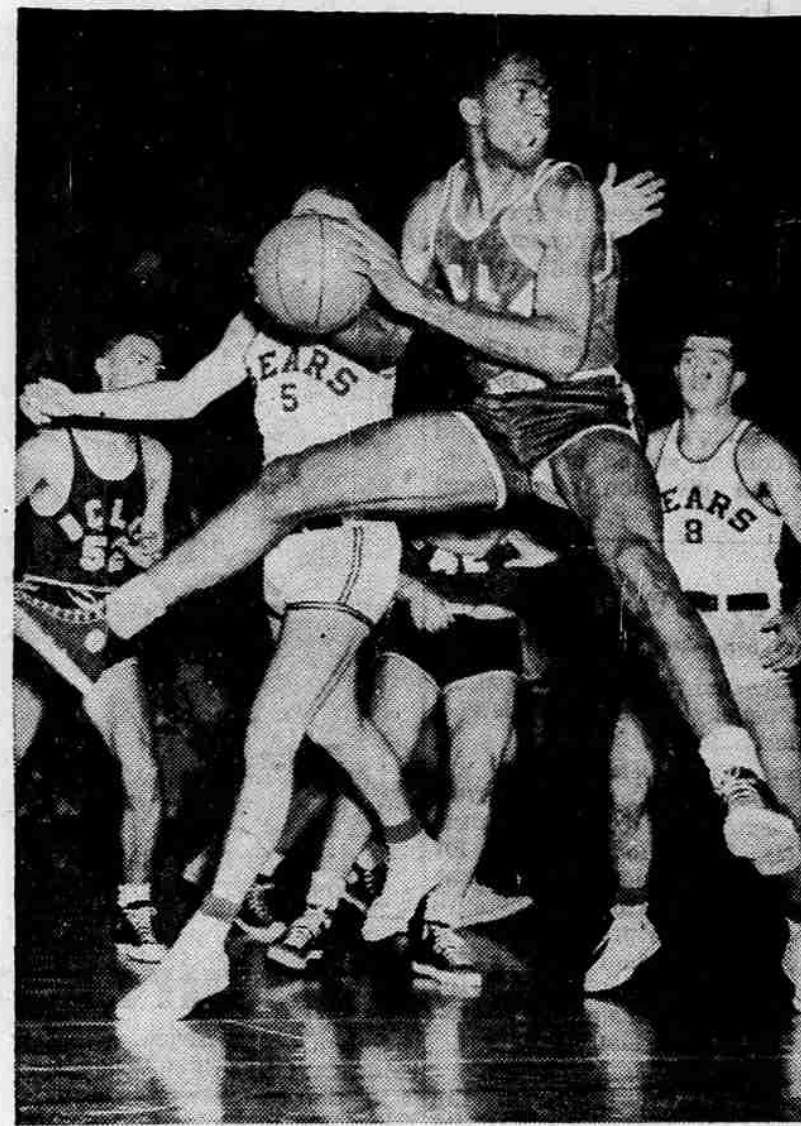
A possible starting crew for Henley is Dale Searcy and Randy Montgomery, forwards; Lou Zarosinski, center, and Joe

BASKETBALL

MONDAY COLLEGE RESULTS
East
Kings Point 87, New York U. 66
Moravian 88, Wilkes Coll. 79
Susquehanna 85, Hartwick 75
South
Alabama 71, LSU 51
Tulane 90, Auburn 79
Florida St. 102, Mississippi St. 86
Georgia Tech 33, Tennessee 77
Kentucky 77, Vanderbilt 59
Wake Forest 75, Maryland 71
Centenary 68, Miss. Southern 49
Virginia Tech 88, The Citadel 53
Florida 78, Mississippi 72
Davidson 72, Catawba 70
S. Carolina St. 64, Allen 53
Midwest
Toledo 73, Detroit 69
Iowa 89, Illinois 70
Loyola, Ill. 58, Indiana State 57
Indiana 75, Purdue 62
John Carroll 108, Youngstown 95
Notre Dame 76, Kansas State 74
Michigan State 71, Northwestern 69
Minnesota 71, Wisconsin 79
Wayne, Mich. 70, Valparaiso 60
Ohio State 72, Michigan 68
Illinois Tech 68, Chicago Techs. 70
Arkansas Coll. 77, Ozarks Coll. 74
Southwest
Tulsa 69, Houston 59
S. F. Austin 71, Lamar Tech 65
E. Tex. Baptist 102, Pan Amer. 69
E. Tex. State 58, Sul Ross St. 53
N. Texas State 83, Austin Coll. 82
Oklahoma 78, Nebraska 76
West
Whitman 76, Linfield 72
College of Idaho 104, Willamette 67
EOCE 82, Portland State 79

FIGHTS

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New York: Rafael Merentino, 158½, Argentina, stopped Rinzi Nocero, 156½, Brooklyn, (8).
Brooklyn: Carmelo Costa, 190½, Brooklyn, outpointed Bobby Bell, 126, Youngstown, Ohio (10).
Providence, R. I.: Tommy Tibbs, 136½, Boston, outpointed Irish Stanley Smith, 133½, New Haven, Conn., (8).
Butte, Mont.: Ramon Tiscareno, 146, Los Angeles, outpointed Walde Fuscaro, 146, Chicago, (10).
San Francisco: Maurice Harper, 149½, Oakland, Calif., outpointed Hato Scorticchio, 153½, Italy, (10).



AND AWAY WE GO!—UCLA's Johnny Moore switches his playing position to take this rebound and squelch a potential upset of the league-leading Bruins in game against California at Berkeley. Bruin teammate and captain (52) at left is Don Bragg. Bears are Bob Brown (5) and Gabe Arrillaga (8). Moore scored 15 points as he led the Bruins to a 55-48 victory.

Tally Ho, Lampport Kegling Fives Win From Redding Aggregations

Two Medford teams defeated Redding, Calif., quintets and Hawkinson Tires edged Central Point Veterans of Foreign Wars on Sunday in matches at Medford Bowling lanes.

Tally Ho team of Medford took its first tussle with Bassett Buick of Redding 2749 pins to 2561. In the second series the Californians won two games and rolled a 2785 but Tally Ho aggregated a 1027 game pushing it to higher total pins, 2858.

Lampport's Sporting Goods took the other Redding fives 2600 in the first match. In the second the Oregonians squeaked by with a two-pin edge, 2526 to 2524.

Hawkinson's won two of its three games with the Vets and took the match by 11 pins.

Ray Wise was high for Tally Ho in the first contest with 568 and Jerry Burroughs followed close with 562. Fred Anderson, Bill Hawley and Karl Johnson rounded out the crew. Dick Porterfield headed the visitors with 564. His teammates were Walt McDonald, Dan McRae, Gerry Conlee and Bob Weldon.

Porterfield Has 603
Wise was also tops for the restaurant with 601 in the second ruckus, but was outdone by Porterfield who added 204, 232 and 194 single games for a big 630 series. Johnson rolled a 224, Johnson a 203 and Burroughs a 215. Conlee had a 578 series.

Tally Ho was a consistent quint with games of 903, 926 and 920 in the first series and 940, 891 and 1027 in the other.

Jim Morgan carded a 558 high series for Lampport's and Harold Schroeder got a 209 game. Others on the team were Nels Florey, Sam Van Dyke and Buzz Green. Curt Erbes had a 589 for the Redding foe. On the club were Jim Creadon, Sylvester Bui, Theo Bassett and George Hubbard.

Hawkinson's team was Jim Knapp, Andy Kalker, Howard

Central Pointers Play GP Crews

Central Point — Central Point seventh and eighth grade basketball teams will be hosts this evening to Grants Pass aggregations.

Seventh graders will play at 6:30 o'clock. Previous engagements at Pass were won by the Central Point teams. The eighth grade needed an overtime.

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