

Gophers Go To 4th Place

By NORMAN MILLER  
New York—(U.P.)—San Francisco, with a 20-1 record, an 18-game winning streak and a berth in the NCAA Tournament, was the No. 1 choice of the United Press Board of Coaches today for the third week in a row.

Minnesota's Big Ten leaders made the biggest advance among the top 10 teams this week by vaulting from the eighth to fourth ranking. Marquette, which has won 20 straight games and also has accepted an NCAA bid, moved up one notch to ninth. These were the only teams promoted this week.

San Francisco was the first-place choice of 30 of the 35 leading coaches who make up the rating board. With two additional second-place votes and ninth places, the Dons had a one each for third, eighth and total of 32 points for a 119-point lead on runner-up Kentucky. La Salle third.

The coaches, basing their ratings on games played through Saturday night, Feb. 19, again voted La Salle 204 the No. 2 berth, followed in order by Minnesota 14-5, Duquesne 17-3, UCLA 19-3, North Carolina State 23-4, Utah 19-3, Marquette 20-1, and George Washington 19-4.

With San Francisco and Marquette already caroled, and six other teams along the United Press top 10 likely to qualify, the NCAA Tournament will have an excellent field this year. The six conference powers who probably will join the NCAA field are Kentucky of the Southeastern, La Salle of the Middle Atlantic, Minnesota of the Big Ten, UCLA of the Pacific Coast, Utah of the Skyline, and George Washington of the Southern.

**Other First Place Votes**  
Kentucky 18-2 received two of the five remaining first-place ballots this week, while Duquesne, Utah and Marquette each had one.

The Wildcats, who topped the ratings for six straight weeks before being knocked off the perch by San Francisco, beat out La Salle for the No. 2 ranking this week, 213 points to 200. Minnesota edged Duquesne for the No. 4 spot, 182 points to 181.

With 10 points awarded for a first-place ballot, nine for a second and so on down to one for a 10th-place vote, UCLA had 166 points, N.S. State 150, Utah 138, Marquette 84 and George Washington 57.

Illinois again topped the second 10 teams, followed in order by Iowa, Dayton, Oregon State, Missouri, St. Louis and Texas Christian. There was a tie for 18th place between Wyoming and Colorado, with Niagara 20th.

CI Wins 13th NW Loop Game

By UNITED PRESS  
College of Idaho made it 13 Northwest Conference victories in a row last night by handling Willamette's basketball team 104-67 as Elgin Baylor poured in 33 points.

In a battle of second division teams, Whitman downed Linfield 76-72 to move into fourth place ahead of the Wildcats.

Baylor and R. C. Owens grabbed off 53 rebounds between them as the Caldwell Coyotes completely outclassed Willamette. Neil Causbie had 15 points for Willamette.

Don Porter had 28 points and Bill Machamer 18 for Linfield in its losing cause against Whitman.

CALDERONE AGREES

Portland — (U.P.) — Sam Calderone, catcher acquired by the Portland Beavers from the Milwaukee Braves last month, has agreed to terms for the 1955 season, Bevo General Manager Joe Ziegler said today.

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**SPORTS**

Oval Stars Named for Track Meet

New York — (U.P.) Eight national indoor track and field champions, including a newly-crowned Wes Santee, were among the 33 stars named to represent the U.S. in the Pan-American games at Mexico City, March 12-26.

The team was selected by the Olympic track and field committee after Saturday night's national championships at Madison Square Garden.

Santee, America's top miler, snapped a two-race losing streak by gunning from behind in the last lap to win the indoor mile title by three yards over Denmark's Gunnar Nielsen. The 22-year-old Kansas cowboy's 4:07.9 clocking wiped out the old meet mark of 4:08.3 set by Gil Dodds in 1944.

**Others To Compete**  
Besides Santee, the newly-crowned champions selected to compete in the Pan-American games were Lt. Parry O'Brien of Los Angeles; Arnold Sowell of the University of Pittsburgh; Bob Richards of Los Angeles; Horace Ashenfelter of the New York Athletic club; Roselyn Range of Los Angeles; Bob Backus of the New York A.C., and Ernie Shelton of Southern California.

O'Brien retained his shot put title by bettering his world indoor mark of 59 feet, four inches with a 59 foot, 5 1/2-inch performance.

Sowell produced a brilliant last lap sprint and equalled Don Gehrman's world record of 2:08.2 while beating Norway's Audun Boysen by 10 yards in the 1,000-yard race.

**Pole Vault Record**  
Richards pole vaulted 15 feet, four inches, to better Cornelius Warmerdam's meet record of 15 feet, 3 7/8 inches; Ashenfelter kept the three-mile title with a 13:54 clocking; Range leaped 25 feet, one inch to win the running broad jump; Backus retained the 35-pound weight crown with a toss of 60 feet, 4 1/2 inches.

Shelton tied John Hall of the Armed Forces team for the running high jump title when each cleared six feet, 8 3/4 inches.

Eastern Oregon Tops PS, 92-79

La Grande, Ore.—(U.P.)—Eastern Oregon kept alive its hopes for a possible tie in the Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball race last night with a 92-79 victory over Portland State.

Portland State has clinched a tie for the crown and either a win for PSC or a loss for EOCE would give the Vikings the title outright.

Last night's win moved EOCE into second place ahead of Southern Oregon by a few percentage points. EOCE has an 8-5 mark and SOCE a 9-6 record. The second place finisher likely will get a spot in next week's district NAIA playoffs.

John Rienking paced Eastern Oregon's win last night with 34 points. Ted Schadewitz had 23 while Jack Viskov led Portland State with 16.

The two teams meet here again tonight.

THE ROCK TRAINS

Grossinger, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Rocky Marciano turned in seven miles of road work and then sparred four rounds Monday at his training camp. It was his sharpest workout since he defended his heavyweight title against Ezzard Charles last autumn.

YOAKLEY TO REFEREE

Klamath Falls—Earl Yoakley, Medford, has been named referee for a boxing card at Klamath Falls Wednesday night, it has been announced. Jimmy Grow, Boise, Ida., lightweight champion, will meet Teddy Hall, Seattle, in a rematch. Grow won their first encounter with a knockout in the 10th round after trailing throughout the fight.

EXAMS PASSED

New York — (U.P.) — Featherweight champion Sandy Saddler and challenger Teddy (Red Top) Davis passed physical examinations Monday for their world title fight at Madison Square Garden Friday night. Both returned to their training camps for final sparring sessions.

Dead line Sunday Classified 12 a.m. Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Fishing Change

An error has appeared in the February Oregon Game commission bulletin regarding steelhead fishing on the Applegate river, according to C. R. Shepard, district game agent.

The Bulletin states that the Applegate river will be open to winter steelhead fishing until Feb. 28, which is an error. This date for the stream will not be effective until 1956, he said.

The river was officially closed to steelhead fishing on Feb. 15, he added.

Bevo Proposal For Stadium is Given to Group

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland baseball club directors last night submitted to the board of directors of Multnomah Stadium a proposal to rent the stadium for the 1955 baseball season.

It was believed the offer included a cash guarantee and a percentage of gate receipts.

Chairman Tom Stoddard of the stadium committee negotiating with the baseball club emphasized that the talks do not mean greyhound racing will not be held there this year. So far the stadium and the Multnomah Kennel Club haven't agreed on rental terms.

The baseball club and stadium officials will meet again later this week.

2-Day Shoot Slated Here

Medford Gun club members are preparing this week for the first registered trapshoot of the year.

The 500-target event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27. Sixteen-yard handicap and doubles events will be shot both days. Many trophies will be offered, including awards to high junior and high lady each day in the 16-yard firing.

Pacific International Trapshooting association rules will prevail during the two days. The event is the fifth annual spring shoot staged by the Medford club.

Scores of 23 each by Don Hawk and Bert Peck and 20 by Martin Clogston were sent in last Sunday for the Pendleton East Oregonian telegraphic skeet shoot.

Clogston was high Sunday in 16-yard action with 98 out of 100 and in handicap bird-busting with 45 out of 50. George Jantzer shattered 97 at 16 yards. Ray Coleman got 47 out of 50 and Bill Thomas 46. Larry Horn racked 44 out of 50 handicap targets.

Harper Decisions Italo Scortichini

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Maurice Harper used a combination of well aimed left jabs and jolting right crosses last night to win a unanimous welterweight decision over Italo Scortichini of Italy.

Scortichini, 153, carried the fight to his opponent but punched wildly with lefts and rights, giving Harper beautiful openings for his hard, straight punches to the head.

The Italian ran out of gas in the seventh round when he began bleeding from a cut over the right eye.

He had started fast, rushing Harper, 149, of Oakland, Calif., with furious blows. Harper held off the attacks with his arms, however, and then scored with chopping lefts and rights.

DUCK MONEY

Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) — State Fish and Game Superintendent Arroll H. Lamson said a Greenwich woman applied for a state aid to help pay a feed bill. He said she started feeding a few hungry ducks and within a month had spent \$250 on feed. Lamson took the request "under advisement."

By NORMAN RITTER  
United Press Sports Writer

The Pacific Coast's three leading candidates for national tournament honors, USF, UCLA and Oregon State, were camping at the bit today—just waiting to get at each others' respective throats.

But they were going to have to be patient. Traditional rivalries and battles for second place take place over this week's cage action with the big tournament-qualifying struggles still two weeks away.

UCLA's Bruins, who became the last of the "Big Three" to nail down a championship when they downed California 84-67 Saturday for the Southern Division crown, meet cross-town rival USC this weekend in a pair that winds up the regular season for both teams.

**SECOND PLACE**  
Southern Cal, which won the Pacific Coast conference and the regional title last year, will be fighting for second place in the final SD standings. The Trojans are currently tied with Stanford at 5-5.

Meanwhile the Indians will be engaging downtrodden California with the same thought in mind.

University of San Francisco, named first in the nation by the United Press board of coaches the last two weeks, plays two of its last three California Basketball Association contests this week, meeting San Jose Wednesday and College of Pacific Saturday.

The Dons, 9-0 in the league and 20-1 for the season, won the

CBA title last week. They play their last league game March 2 against traditional rival Santa Clara before tangling with the winner of the Border Conference for the right to enter the regional NCAA tournament in Corvallis March 10.

The Corvallis site also will determine the Pacific Coast conference champ when Oregon State, which clinched the Northern Division crown last week, meets UCLA.

The Beavers play second place Oregon this Friday and Saturday in the annual season end scrap that opens mammoth Gill Coliseum in Corvallis and moves to Eugene's MacArthur court for the finale.

**Loop Game**  
Washington State plays Idaho tonight in the only PCC action of mid-week.

Washington hooks up with Idaho in a pair this weekend.

Bowling

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

Standings:	W.	L.
Hunter and Best	36	12
Medford Steel	30	18
Barnard's	29	19
Telephone Employees	27	21
Austin King	25	23
Richfield Oil	24	24
Snowboys	23	25
Stevens Kaiser-Willys	22	26
Hawkinson Tire Tread Co.	20	28
Cummings Agency	20	28
Padghams	19	29
Junior Chamber of Commerce	15	33

RESULTS:  
Hunter and Best 2, Barnard's 2; Medford Steel 3, Telephone Employees 1; Austin King 2, Snowboys 2; Richfield Oil 3, Hawkinson Tires 1; Stevens Kaiser-Willys 4; Padgham's Millwork 0; Cummings Agency 3, Junior Chamber 1. High individual series, Virgil Painter, Richfield, 571. High team series, Barnard's, 2545.

Gals Signed To Finish Mat Bout

Mack Lillard announced today that Gerry Hunter, wrestling's blonde bombshell of the feminine circuit, has agreed to a return match with Ella Kowalski in the feature spot of next Saturday night's card at Merrick's arena. There will be no time limit and two out of three falls will decide the winner, Lillard said.

Buck Davidson, last week's referee, has postponed a trip to Idaho in order to comply with Yoggi Hussane's demand for a chance to square fancied wrongs suffered at Davidson's hands last week during Hussane's match with Joe Hahn. Davidson and Hussane will go 45 minutes with two out of three falls deciding.

Lillard said another match was expected to be added today. Tickets are on sale at the Rogue restaurant, 42 South Central ave.

Sellout Reported for NCAA Regional Playoffs

Corvallis — (U.P.) — All tickets for the Western Regional NCAA basketball tournament here March 11-12 have been sold. OSC Ticket Manager Jim Barratt said today.

Barratt also said all tickets for the PCC playoffs between Oregon State and UCLA March 4-5 would be gone today and advised that no more fans should apply.

LITTLER LEADER

New York — (U.P.) — Golfer Gene Littler today owned the first leg on the 1955 Hickok "athlete of the year" award. He led all professional athletes in the January poll.

ROBINSON BOUT

Boston — (U.P.) — Sugar Ray Robinson, former welterweight champion, will fight Georgia Small of Brookline, Mass., at the Boston Garden, March 5, it was announced today.

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