

San Francisco, Seattle, LaSalle Grab NCAA 1st Round Hoop Spots

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United Press Sports Writer
Defending champion La Salle and national champion San Francisco both displayed stunning scoring power as they led eight preliminary round winners today into berths in the first round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Advancing along with the two hottest early favorites for the title by victories at four sites Tuesday night were Canisius, Villanova, Marquette, Penn State, Bradley, and Seattle.

But La Salle, smashing the tournament's single-game record by thrashing West Virginia, 95-61, and San Francisco, almost matching that total by wallowing West Texas State 89-66, were the most impressive winners.

Besides La Salle, other victors in the preliminary round triple-header at New York's Madison Square Garden were Canisius by 73-60 over Williams and Villanova by 74-73 over Duke. At Lexington, Ky., Penn State nipped Memphis State, 59-55, and Marquette was forced into overtime to beat Miami of Ohio, 90-79. In a single game at El Reno, Okla., Bradley ousted Oklahoma City, 69-65. At San Francisco's Cow Palace, San Francisco was joined in victory by Seattle, 80-63, over Idaho State.

Friday's Regionals Set

The winners move on to four new sites for the first round of regional competition Friday night, as follows:

At Philadelphia

Canisius vs. Villanova.

La Salle vs. winner of tonight's Columbia-Princeton playoff at New Brunswick, N. J., for Ivy League championship.

At Evanston, Ill.

Marquette vs. Kentucky.

Penn State vs. Iowa.

At Manhattan, Kans.

Bradley vs. SMU.

Colorado vs. Tulsa.

At Corvallis, Ore.

Seattle vs. Oregon State.

San Francisco vs. Utah.

Friday night winners will meet Saturday night at the same sites. The regional winners then will go to Kansas City where, on Friday, March 18, the Philadelphia and Evanston winners will meet for the eastern championship and the Manhattan and Corvallis winners will meet for the western championship. Eastern and western champs will meet the following night for the national championship.

Hundley Shows Well

Despite La Salle's 34-point victory margin, the Explorers were tangled in a battle for 15 minutes as West Virginia's Rodney (Hot Rod) Hundley ran wild. But Hundley, who scored 16 points in the first half, was held to one in the second by a three-zone defense. La Salle, sparked by All-America Tom Gola's 22 points and brilliant playmaking, breezed home.

La Salle's 95 points erased the tournament record of 92 the Explorers set themselves in beating Bradley in last year's finale.

Six-10 All-American Bill Russell tallied 29 points to lead San Francisco after being twice "flattened" in fouls by his rival

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland Beavers announced today that catcher Jim Livesay has been placed on the retirement list. Livesay said he hopes to return to the Pacific Coast league team next year.

center. West Texas State was in the game only for the first five minutes, until Russell hit three straight lay-ups, to break a tie. He was the Dons' defensive star, too. San Francisco's first team sat out the last 17 minutes of the game.

Seattle led almost all the way in beating Idaho State for the

fourth time in five meetings this season. Seattle's big center Dick Stricklin led the scoring with 20 points. Idaho State was forced to do without five important freshmen who were members of the squad during the regular season.

The win gave Seattle a 22-5 season record.

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Songkitrat, Macias Scrap For NBA Belt

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand and Raul Macias of Mexico each weighed in at 117 1/2 pounds today for their 12-round fight tonight for the NBA world bantamweight title.

By SCOTT BAILLIE

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Raul Macias of Mexico and Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand, a pair of little men who have battled before mammoth crowds in their homeland, meet in a 12-round bout tonight at the Cow Palace for the NBA version of the world bantamweight title.

The fight, which is the first world bantam title to be held in the United States since 1947, will be televised by CBS starting at 10 p.m. EST. It also is being broadcast direct to Mexico and relayed to Thailand by the Voice of America. The telecast is blacked out in a 150-mile radius of San Francisco.

Macias, a hard-hitting gamecock who also dances a sharp mambo, has been dangled as a 2-1 favorite over Songkitrat. The Thai police lieutenant rushed over here on short notice to take the fight after Mario D'Agata, originally scheduled to fight Macias here, was wounded by a shotgun blast during an argument in his laundry at Avezzo, Italy.

Bout Suffered

Promoter Benny Ford, who is staging the bout with the IBC, said he is expecting the fight to lure 8,500 fans who will put \$35,000 into the till.

The bout suffered something of a knockout itself at the hands of the California State Athletic commission which refused to go along with the NBA in recognizing the fight as a title affair.

Ford has not advertised the fight as being for any title lest he stir the wrath of the commission. But NBA President An-

Randy Turpin Scores Knockout Over Gonzales

London — (U.P.) — Randy Turpin, former world middleweight champion, knocked out Jose Gonzalez of Spain in the seventh round Tuesday night. Turpin weighed 171 1/2, while Gonzalez scaled 177 pounds.

Anthony Petronella is in town with a belt to give to the winner emblematic of world supremacy as far as that organization is concerned.

Medford Retains Press Poll Lead

Medford high's storming Black Tornado was unanimous choice again this week for No. 1 place in the Associated Press Oregon prep basketball ratings.

Sportswriters vote in the poll.

Milwaukie and Eugene, which clinched state tourney berths last night, ran second and third, respectively, again in the voting.

Final poll will be conducted next week.

	Points
1. Medford, 23-1	90
2. Milwaukie, 21-3	75
3. Eugene, 21-3	74
4. North Bend, 23-3	68
5. Clatskanie, 18-4	49
6. St. Helens, 21-0	39
7. Albany, 20-4	35
8. Astoria, 24-4	22
9. Beaverton, 21-5	11
10. (tie) Franklin, 13-10	8
11. (tie) Dallas, 21-4	8
Others: Pendleton 6, Powers 3, Grant of Portland and Baker 4, Milton-Freewater 3, Harrisburg 2.	

Franklin HS Gains Berth In Tourney

Medford high will oppose Franklin of Portland on Wednesday, March 16, in the first round of the Class A Oregon high school basketball tournament at Eugene.

By UNITED PRESS

Defending champion Milwaukie, Eugene, and Franklin of Portland qualified for the 1955 Oregon class A high school basketball tournament last night, leaving only two berths yet to be filled.

Milwaukie and Eugene, tourney finalists last year, will meet in a first round game next Wednesday.

Milwaukie downed Oregon City 68-48; Eugene dumped Springfield 56-45, and Franklin turned back Grant 73-52 in games last night.

The two remaining berths are between Central Catholic and Estacada in district 13 and South Salem and Cascade in district 11.

Independent Tourney at Eagle Point

Eagle Point—An independent basketball tournament will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week at the Eagle Point high school gymnasium.

Participants will be YMCA and Headquarters company of the National Guard from Medford, Burelsons of Central Point, Prospect town team, Prospect Lettermen, Eagle Point town team, Eagle Point Lettermen, and Butte Falls town team.

Four games will be played on cross courts (two at a time) on Thursday. There will be four games on Friday and three on Saturday.

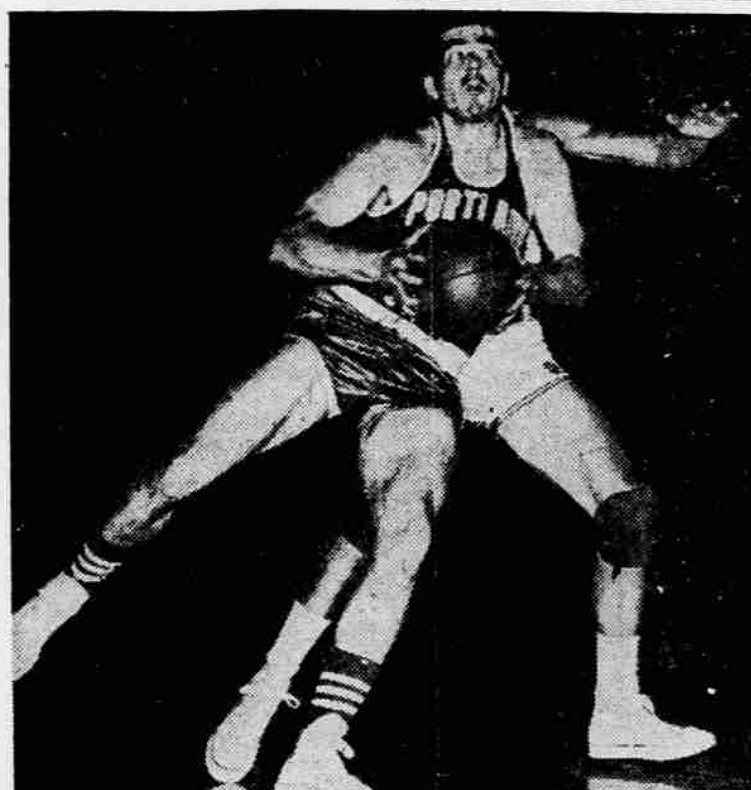
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NIGHTMARE HOOPER—If Guard Paul Poetsch of Portland, Ore., really had four legs and three arms as appears here he'd be a pretty rugged opponent in any basketball game. The extra legs and arm belong to Clarence Lynch of East Texas State Teachers College of Commerce, Tex. Lynch is just about to foul Poetsch in first round game of annual NATA tournament at Kansas City. Texas won, 68-55.

PLAYER INKED

Spokane — (U.P.) — The Spokane Indians of the class B Northwest league yesterday signed Clifford Crawford, 20, lefthanded first baseman de-

scribed by Manager Eddie Lake as a "very good prospect." Crawford, of San Leandro, Calif., batted .273 in the 110 games in the West Texas-New Mexico league last year.

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