

Dons Nick Beavers 57 to 56 to Gain NCAA Cage Tournament Semi-Finals

Oregon State Closes in at Hectic End

By HOWARD APPLIGATE
Corvallis — (U.P.) — University of San Francisco's mighty Dons, undisputed champions of West coast basketball were back in San Francisco today for a well-earned rest before playing Colorado in the NCAA national semi-finals at Kansas City next Friday.

The Dons, first ranked in the final United Press coaches' ratings, ran their victory string to 24 straight games Saturday night by narrowly defeating tough Oregon State, 57-56, in the NCAA western regional tourney here.

OSC, the Pacific Coast conference champion, almost dumped San Francisco at the close of a wild, exciting game before 11,206 screaming fans.

San Francisco, the nation's top ranked college basketball team, was ahead for all but a few seconds of the game.

But Oregon State, a veteran ball club that didn't know the word quit, fought back time after time and with only 13 seconds to play Halbrook dropped in two field goals that closed the gap to 57-55.

Then came the game's most exciting moments.

San Francisco called time out and K. C. Jones, the Don's fiery guard, was called on a technical foul for pushing Bill Toole before the ball was put into play. Reggie Halligan sank the free throw and it was 57 to 56, San Francisco.

Oregon State passed the ball in and Guard Ron Robbins tried a set shot that missed its mark. Jones tied Halbrook up on the rebound and the game ended after the jump ball went to Hal Perry of San Francisco.

San Francisco threatened to run away with the game several times in the second half, building up its lead to 10 points. But Oregon State came fighting back and some fine hook shots by Tony Vlastelica kept the Beavers from dropping too far behind.

Oregon State went ahead 26 to 25 with 50 seconds left in the first half when Tex Whitman, who played a great game as a fireman, batted in a rebound. Both Russell and Jones cleaned up to make it 30 to 27, San Francisco at half time.

In the consolation game earlier, Utah set a new NCAA scoring record by mauling Seattle university 108-85. Art Bunte led the Skyline conference champs with 35 points, even though the 6-foot 3-inch center sat out a good part of the second half.

Big Bill Russell, USF's 6-foot 9-inch All-America center, was the unquestioned hero in the game against OSC. He reeled off 29 points and successfully checked Halbrook in a battle of the giants, holding the Swede to 2 points.

Russell played a brilliant game despite a slight cold which USF fans feared for a time would keep him out of the crucial contest. Don followers also added more grey hairs minutes after the game began when twinstout forward Jerry Mullen twisted an ankle and had to be benched. Mullen returned to action six minutes later.

Cow Girlies, Yellow Cab Get Laughs

The basketball played wasn't particularly brilliant but the antics of both clubs were sufficient to provoke a lot of laughs Saturday night as the Texas Cow Girls opposed the strong Yellow Cab independent men's team of Medford Saturday night in the second of a two game week end series.

Entertainment was the main issue of the night and from that standpoint the small crowd in the Crater gym at Central Point probably got money's worth enough to make up for what was lacking in strictly basketball technique.

Pattern of the conflict pretty much followed that of the meeting Friday night at St. Mary's gym here. The Gals resorted to holding, hanging on, shirt-grabbing, hair pulling, covering Cabbies' eyes and other devious methods to get the advantage on the taller, stronger Car Jockeys.

As on Friday Refs Lee Flink and Virg Swanson went along, overlooking, like gents, some of the Cow Girls' infractions. But the Cabbies couldn't get away with a thing. One gag was added. Flink was "shot" by the Cow Girls for one decision and crumpled realistically to the floor.

Scoreboard at the end showed that the lassies were "winners" 60 to 51 but they didn't appear to relish the "victory." Yellow Cab, giving the impression that it was easily superior to the ladies, went along with the Texas gang and helped it out a lot. The Medford independents, in fact, stole some of the clowning thunder from the girls and the boys and the crowd seemed to enjoy the evening much more than the lady barnstormers.

The Cow Girls did show some fine flashes of fine ball handling, passing and shooting but the Cabbies provided them with a lot of good opportunities and even made three field goals for the girls.

Florence Holder showed an accurate eye for the bucket and adept shooting with 10 field goals on her own. She had 30 points for the evening with three points provided by the men. Ellie Panas also showed a lot of skill and came up with eight field goals for 16 points. Shirley Dorow dunked some nice hook shots in the second half. Johnny Foster got 12 points for the Gabbies.

Big Texas Wrestling Ace Meets Hussane; Davidson On Saturday Mat Program

Cyclone Cobb, giant wrestler from Dallas, Tex., will make his local debut on Mack Lillard's mat at Merrick's arena Saturday night. Cobb, who scales 240 pounds and stands six feet, four inches tall, will take on Yoggie Hussane, the wild man from Turkey.

Cobb is said to be a good grappler who specializes in taking care of "meanies." If that is the case, he will have his work cut out for him because Hussane will do anything if he thinks it will gain an advantage for him.

Harold (Buck) Davidson, a local favorite for many years, goes against Johnny Dobbs, the Omaha toughie who ranks right behind Hussane for "meanie" laurels.

Lillard had been after a tag team match but couldn't get Hussane to go for it. The big Turk also wouldn't approve a match with Dobbs, which Lillard also was trying to make. The mat maestro said he hopes to be able to force Hussane into a match with Dobbs.

Capping the triple-bout card will be a women's match featuring Tiny Kim, Honolulu judo expert, against rough-house Gerry Hunter.

All bouts will be for 30 minutes or two out of three falls.

Clubs Arrive For Class A Cage Tangle

Eugene — (U.P.) — South Salem, Redmond, Central Catholic and Hillsboro high school basketball squads arrived here today to hold final workouts for the 37th annual Class A state high school tournament which begins tomorrow.

The 12 other entrants will arrive tomorrow.

Opening game of the tournament at McArthur Court pits Central Catholic of Portland against Redmond. Hillsboro goes against South Salem in the second game of tomorrow night's doubleheader.

Eugene meets Milwaukie and Albany meets Dallas in the Wednesday morning twin bill. After lunch, St. Helens goes against Cleveland.

Medford plays Franklin and Mac-Hi plays North Bend in a double header Wednesday night that ends first round action. The tourney ends Saturday.

Syracuse Knots With Piston Five

By UNITED PRESS
Division champions Syracuse and Fort Wayne wound up in a tie today for the regular season overall championship of the National Basketball Association.

The tie resulted when Syracuse was upset in its final game of the season, 77-76, by Milwaukee at Syracuse Sunday. The Nationals and idle Fort Wayne thus finished with 43 victories and 29 defeats each, just falling short of the .600 mark at .597.

In the only other Sunday game, the Boston Celtics beat the New York Knicks, 112-101, at Boston. The same two teams will meet in the opening game of the Eastern Division playoffs at New York on Tuesday.

The Western Division playoffs also open Tuesday with Minneapolis playing Rochester at St. Paul, Minn.

Gill Says Dons Will Go All Way

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Coach Slat Gill of Oregon State today predicted that the University of San Francisco, which handed the Beavers a 57-56 defeat Saturday, would "go all the way" to the NCAA championship at Kansas City this week.

Gill, disappointed that the OSC squad was bumped from the tournament during the quarter-finals, nevertheless had some high praise for his own squad. He said the Beaver quintet was "one of the best ever" at Oregon State.

USF coach Phil Woolpert, before leaving here yesterday, said the Oregon State team was the best his squad had played this season.

Knappa Bumps Malin For State B Diadem

Salem — (U.P.) — Knappa high school came from behind to win its first state class B basketball title Saturday night, edging by Malin 46-45.

An individual three-game scoring record was broken by 6-foot 3-inch sophomore Bob Hunt. He totaled 70 points in three games to lead the Loggers to victory.

Harrisburg took third place in the tourney by overwhelming Powers 70-40. As a team the Eagles broke a three game record also, piling up 202 points.

Saturday afternoon, Heppner won fifth place by downing Enterprise 46-37.

Knappa paved its way to the title with a first round tournament victory over Heppner 41-38 and followed up with a defeat of Harrisburg 56-51.

In Saturday night's final game, the Oregon coast Loggers overcame a 29-19 deficit at half-

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Eagle Point Lettermen Take Title

Eagle Point — Eagle Point Lettermen beat the town team from their home community 72 to 56 Saturday night to cop the championship of the Eagle Point independent basketball tournament.

Burelson's of Central Point defeated Butte Falls 100 to 70 for third place and Prospect Townies dumped the Eagle Point Outlaws 62 to 34 for fourth.

Wind-up of the tourney saw numerous honors awarded and announced.

Lloyd Hoffine of Burelson's led the all-star team selections by being chosen the outstanding player of the tournament. Frank Reich of the EP Lettermen got the No. 2 outstanding laurels and Ellis of the EP Townies No. 3. Both also were picked on the all-star first team along with Bill Caldwell of EP Lettermen and Wes Stauffer of the Prospect Townies.

Caldwell was picked as best offensive player of the three night tourney. Ted Greb of Eagle Point Townies gleaned top defensive honors. Greb was named to the second all-star five along with Jim Linderman of Prospect, Bruce Bateman of National Guard, Medford, Ossie Osborne of EP Townies and Lee Abbott of Butte Falls.

Linderman with a total of 80 had the most points in the tournament.

Third team choices were Harvey Nelson of EP Lettermen, Bartlett of Butte Falls, Keith Johnson of Burelson's, Bill Wyatt of the Outlaws and Ron Couser of Prospect Lettermen.

Best sportsmen picked were George Campbell of Burelson's among forwards, Sullivan of Prospect among centers, and Bob Kimmel of the Eagle Point among guards.

Chuck Crandall of Burelson's had the most points in one game with 34 against Butte Falls.

Eagle Lettermen headed 42 to 27 at the half of their final game. Nelson scored 15, Jack Greb 14, and Caldwell 13 for the Lettermen and Ted Greb and Osborne 10 each for the Townies.

Medfordites Place Second In A Doubles

Albany — (U.P.) — Leaders in the 13th annual Oregon women's bowling championships withstood last minute rallies to retain titles as the six-week competition came to a close here yesterday.

Bey Novak of Portland took the A singles crown with a 589 rolled last Sunday, which was just four points better than the 585 totaled yesterday by Carol Duzen of Prineville.

Bernice Elliott, Myrtle Point, finished with a 1650 Saturday for the class A all-event crown. Second again was Miss Duzan, with 1627.

Winners of the A doubles class were Ruby Thorn and Dorothy Niday of Portland, with 1708. Six pins off the pace were Rose Barr and Audrey Swape of Medford.

McMinnville was chosen for the 1956 championships. Eleanor Myers of Salem was elected president for the coming year.

Vaughn Battered By Bobo Olson

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson returned last night to his San Francisco home highly satisfied with his workout Saturday against California champion Willie Vaughn who will be out of the ring several months as a result of the Olson-administered pasting.

"Vaughn is hard to hit," Olson admitted. "It was a good workout. I wanted to get the 10 rounds to get ready for Maxim." Bobo, who weighs 168, will tangle April 13 in San Francisco with Joey Maxim, 175, his first heavyweight opponent in 71 professional bouts.

"This kid won't be able to go for two or three months," lamented Vaughn's manager, Charley Gregoli, who previously claimed the Vaughn-Olson match was a serious affair and not merely a workout for the middleweight champ.

"The body blows were the only things that hurt me," Willie commented, peering through puffed eyes. "Those kidney punches were pretty rough. Olson is the toughest guy I ever fought."

NCAA Committee Draws TV Plan

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — The Television committee of the NCAA today announced it has drawn up a part-national, part-regional plan for televising football games this fall — even as one critical conference met to decide whether to go along with the plan.

The committee's plan, which will be submitted to a mail vote of all NCAA member colleges, calls for eight national "game of the week" telecasts and five dates on which college teams may telecast their games only within the NCAA districts in which they are located.

If a team does not appear on a national telecast, it may appear twice within its NCAA district.

The Big Ten's Television committee met in Chicago today to consider its stand on the NCAA plan.

Bakers Face Martin Sign

Eugene — (U.P.) — Martin Sign of Eugene and the Buchan Bakers of Seattle meet on the Eugene high school court here tonight for the right to represent the Northwest at the National AAU basketball tournament at Denver next week.

The Oregon team took an overtime game away from Alsea Lumber last week, and the Bakers won the Washington title by defeating Peshastin's, to qualify for the playoff.

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Heading the squad are the regulars, Frank Rector, Larry Cople, Kastner, Glenn Peterson and Jerry Kalapus. Others who may be in uniform for every contest are Johnny Foust, Ed McCullough, Bob Tisdell and Dick McLaughlin. The other four on the squad are Bill Cochran, Warren Deakins, Lloyd Cearley and Ed Reinking.

Kastner was sent to a doctor this morning to get a shot. The coach said the stellar forward was "plugged up" by the cold but he felt confident that Kastner would be in shape by Wednesday evening.

The Black Tornado slated a heavy workout this afternoon. It will loosen up and shoot for 45 minutes starting at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday at McArthur court in Eugene.

High School Scores

Oregon B Tourney:
Knappa 46 Malin 45 (Championship)
Heppner 45 Enterprise 37 (5th place)
Harrisburg 70 Powers 40 (3rd place)

LaSalle Plays Iowans For Eastern Mantle; USF To Play Colorado

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer
Come Friday night at Kansas City, it's La Salle against Iowa for the eastern championship and San Francisco against Colorado for the western title in the NCAA Basketball Tournament that already has seen its scoring record smashed three times.

Defending champion La Salle

Dukes Choice In NIT Over Louisville

By JOHN GRIFFIN
New York — (U.P.) — Sky-scraping Louisville puts top-seeded Duquesne to the "sick-nest test" and high-jumping Niagara tackles fourth-seeded Cincinnati tonight as quarter-final competition opens in the National Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Duquesne was a solid favorite, but Cincinnati — which closed the regular season with four straight losses — was no better than a tossup against red-hot Niagara.

Tonight's winners will meet in one semi-final on Thursday night. The quarter-final round concludes Tuesday night with second-seeded Dayton playing St. Louis and third-seeded Holy Cross meeting St. Francis Pa., with winners in these games meeting in the other semi-final.

Worried

Duquesne never has won the NIT in seven previous tries, and Coach Donald Duddy Moore is worried that ailments suffered by his two All-Americans — Si Green and Dick Ricketts — may lead to an eighth failure.

Moore admitted this is no time for Green, who averaged 21.9 points per game, and Ricketts, who averaged 20.0, to feel sick. Because Louisville, on the strength it showed in beating Manhattan, 91-88, in Saturday's opening round, is dangerous.

Niagara, generally regarded as the toughest of the unseeded teams, looked every bit the part in walloping Lafayette, 93-80, in the opening round to snap Lafayette's 20-game winning streak.

In their first-round game Saturday, St. Louis beat Connecticut, 110-103, in a game that smashed Madison Square Garden scoring marks for both one team and two teams, and St. Francis downed Seton Hall, 89-78, as Maurice Stokes tallied 29 points and nabbed 20 rebounds to lead St. Francis to victory after it had blown a 10-point first half lead.

Savage Picked To Beat Walker

New York — (U.P.) — Mil Savage of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Sammy Walker of Springfield, Mass., the two "losingest" fighters ever paired on television, will make desperate bids tonight in St. Nicholas Arena for ranking among middle weights.

Savage is favored at 13-5.

Also on television tonight, Rudy Garcia of Los Angeles, seventh-ranking featherweight contender, will fight unranked Nate Brooks of Cleveland in a 10-rounder at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway arena.

Garcia is favored at 7-5.

HERMANSON VICTOR

Government Camp — (U.P.) — Howard Hermanson of Schnee Vogel Ski club went over a 50-gate ski in 52.6 seconds yesterday for top honors in an standard slalom test, third of four races sponsored by the club.

ALL STARS WIN

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Pacific Coast League players returned to their Southern California training camps today after a mass reunion in which the league All-Stars defeated the Hollywood Stars, 6-2, in the annual Kiwanis crippled children's benefit game at Gilmore Field.

Coast Mat Toga Won by Newland Oregon State Takes Team Crown

Dave Newland, University of Oregon competitor and ex-Medford high athlete, Saturday won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate wrestling championship at the 147-pound weight. He defeated Todd Likins, California, in the tourney finals at San Luis Obispo.

San Luis Obispo, Calif. — (U.P.) Oregon State's team ruled the Pacific coast wrestling roost today after piling up 66 points in the sixth annual Pacific coast intercollegiate tournament.

Washington State, winner of the crown the last four years, finished second Saturday with 48. UCLA took third with 29.

Other team totals: Oregon 27, San Jose State 26, California 20, Lewis and Clark college 17, Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo, the

Yanks Loom Strongest in Pan-America

By HAL WOOD
Mexico City — (U.P.) — The combined might of United States' athletes today threatened to make a runaway of the second Pan-American games.

With a world-record smashing performance from a comparative midget in weight-lifting, a women's championship in fencing, and a great first-day qualifying round in track and field, the U.S. squad looked like it was on its way to an easy team victory.

At the end of the first day this was the way the unofficial scoring went:

United States 46, defending champion Argentina 30, Mexico 20, Panama 15, Cuba 10, Chile 7, Brazil 4, Canada 2, Venezuela 2, and Puerto Rico 1.

Here were the first-day highlights:

Weight-lifting: Tiny Charles Vinci of York, Pa., set a world's mark in the bantam class for the snatch event with a lift of 223 pounds.

Fencing: Veteran campaigner Maxine Mitchell won the women's fencing championship, scoring seven wins against a lone defeat.

Baseball: The U. S. team beat Mexico, 5-1, and the Dominican Republic turned back Venezuela, 4-3.

Track and field: Ernie Shelton, Southern California star, set a new games record in the high jump with 6-foot, 7 1/2 inches; Ingeborg Fuller of Argentina won the women's discus with a record toss of 141 feet, 8 1/4 inches.

Rod Richard of the U.S. Armed Forces and Michael Agostini of Trinidad set a new games mark in the 100-meter dash at 10.5 seconds; the U.S. team qualified all its entrants, three in each of the men's 100-meter and the women's 60-meter and men's 80 meter runs; Oswaldo Juarez, Argentina, won the 10,000 meter run.

Basketball: The U. S. women's team beat Brazil, 51-45, after trailing at half-time, 30-20.

Ted Kluszewski May Be Shifted

By UNITED PRESS
Sluggier Ted Kluszewski, off to one of the best spring starts of his career, may be switched from cleanup to No. 3 in the Cincinnati Redlegs' batting order in an attempt to aid his assault on Babe Ruth's home run record.

The 240-pound first-baseman batted third for the first time this spring Sunday and blasted a triple and a two-run homer to lead the Redlegs to a 6-2 triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals. The homer was the second in four exhibition games for Kluszewski who led the majors last season with 49 round trippers and 141 runs batted in.

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