

San Francisco Overwhelmingly Rated Nation's No. 1 Cage Team

By NORMAN MILLER
New York—(U.P.)—The University of San Francisco's defending NCAA basketball champions, led by All-America Bill Russell, were picked today by an overwhelming vote of the United Press Board of Coaches to win the national title once again.

In a near-unanimous display of sentiment, 33 of the 35 outstanding coaches who will rate the college basketball teams weekly for the United Press during the coming season voted Phil Woolpert's Dons as the best bet for 1955-56.

North Carolina State was the top pre-season choice of one coach and St. Louis University was selected by another. Of the two coaches who did not vote for San Francisco one picked the West Coast Dons third and the other seventh. On a point basis, that gave San Francisco 342 out of a possible total of 350.

Picked Top Team
San Francisco was picked as the nation's No. 1 team last season after winning 23 out of 24 games during the regular campaign. The Dons then lived up to their top ranking by winning the NCAA championship at Kansas City, beating LaSalle in the final, 77-63.

Kentucky, which has a perennial basketball powerhouse under Coach Adolph Rupp, was picked as the No. 2 team in the coaches' pre-season sizing, followed by Utah, North Carolina State and Iowa. Dayton was picked No. 4, Illinois and UCLA were tied for seventh, with Duquesne's 1955 National Invitational tournament champions ninth and George Washington 10th.

According to these pre-season ratings, here are the teams the coaches expect to win the major

West Shrine Grid Squad Announced

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Southern California and Stanford each placed three men on the West team named today for the Dec. 31 Shrine East-West football game at Kezar Stadium.

End Leon Clarke, guard Orlando Ferrante and quarterback Jim Contratto were the Trojans named to the team, which will be coached by USC's Jess Hill.

Tarr Picked
Stanford will be represented by guard Tony Mosich, center Joe Long and fullback Bill Tarr. However, Tarr is being carried on the roster as a halfback.

Two players each from Southern Methodist, Arkansas and College of the Pacific also were chosen. The Mustangs named were quarterback John Roach and tackle Forrest Gregg. Halfback Preston Carpenter and fullback Henry Moore were selected from Arkansas and end A. D. Williams and guard Gene Cronin from COP.

The Complete Roster
Ends: Leon Clarke, USC; Henry Greminger, Baylor; Lamarr Meyer, Colorado; Menan Schriever, Texas; A. D. Williams, College of Pacific.

Tackles: Forrest Gregg, Southern Methodist; Lon Stiner, Oregon; John Jankans, Arizona Tempe State; Reed Henderson, Utah State.

Guards: Orlando Ferrante, USC; Tony Mosich, Stanford; Vaughan Hitchcock, Washington State; Gene Cronin, College of Pacific.

Centers: James Furey, Kansas State; Joe Long, Stanford.

Quarterbacks: John Roach, Southern Methodist; Jim Contratto, USC.

Halfbacks: Bill Tarr, Stanford; Preston Carpenter, Arkansas; Herb Nakken, Utah; Dick James, Oregon; Rex Fischer, Nebraska.

Fullbacks: Henry Moore, Arkansas; Earl Lunsford, Oklahoma A&M.

Oregon Staters Edge Grad Five

Corvallis—(U.P.)—Oregon State's basketball team finally edged an alumni group in a game-type scrimmage here yesterday, 59-54. It was the first varsity victory in three tries over the ex-stars who included Tony Vlastelica, Tex Whiteman, Bill Toole and Ron Robins from last year's team.

Post 8 Wins Explorer Bowling Tournament

Post 8 won a recent bowling tournament in competition with two other Explorer posts of the Big Pines district of Boy Scouts.

Score of 529, 589 and 554 were chalked up by Post 8 rollers. Post 44 was second with scores of 446, 597 and 495 and Post 15 rolled 523, 504 and 479.

Wayne led 329 for three games. Clark had 319 for Post 14 and Rinn carried 299 for Post 15.

The tournament marked the first bowling for most of the boys.

conference championships:
Southeastern—Kentucky.
Skyline—Utah.
Atlantic Coast—North Carolina State.
Big Ten—Iowa.
Pacific Coast—UCLA.

Southern—George Washington.
Missouri Valley—St. Louis.
Southwest—Southern Methodist.
Big Seven—Kansas.
Ivy—Princeton.

SPORTS

B Loop Clubs Await Thursday Jamboree

The 1955-56 high school basketball season in southern Oregon will be heralded in Thursday night on the St. Mary's court here.

Occasion is the Jackson County B league jamboree. It will start at 7 p.m. with all six members of the league participating.

The affair will give an idea, although not a too conclusive one, of how the clubs should fare in the regular season play. Participants will be Talent, Jacksonville, Rogue River, Butte Falls, Prospect and host St. Mary's. Each will appear in two quarters of play.

As was done last year, the Darks will face the Whites with aggregate team scores to be kept. Talent, Butte Falls and Prospect will team on the white jerseyed side. St. Mary's, Rogue River and Jacksonville will wear their colored jerseys. The Darks won in 1954.

The teams will appear against each other in this order: Talent versus Rogue River, Jacksonville versus St. Mary's, Prospect versus Butte Falls, Talent versus St. Mary's, Rogue River versus Prospect and Butte Falls versus Jacksonville.

Six Contests
There will be six separate contests or quarters of basketball for fans of the B schools to witness.

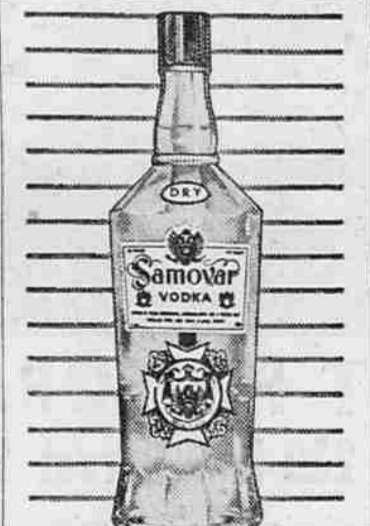
Talent, the defending B league champion, Rogue River and St. Mary's go into the jamboree the best fixed with returning lettermen. The Bulldogs have eight and the Crusaders of Medford and Chiefs of Rogue River each five. Prospect has two lettermen back and its hopes are bolstered by three transfers.

Jacksonville has only one letterman presently out and eyes the return of two others late in the season. The two were injured during football. There is no report yet from Butte Falls.

Actual league play does not start until January. The clubs will depend on a number of games through December to gird

Wyoming Named For Sun Bowl

El Paso, Tex.—(U.P.)—The University of Wyoming Cowboys, winners of seven of nine games this season, have been selected to play Texas Tech, Border conference champions, in the Sun Bowl game.



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Transfers Aid Cougar Hoop Cause

Prospect—Two Cougar lettermen and three transfers from the backbone of the Prospect high basketball squad at this stage of the season.

Darwin Bean is the only returning regular from last year and Lyle Pope is the only other Cougar hoopman who has won a basketball letter previously at Prospect.

The transfers who figure in Coach Wes Stauffer's plans are David Gardener, from a school in Washington; Don Vannice from Halsey; and Jim Daniels, from Butte Falls.

Stauffer reported that Cougar reserve strength will be limited in experience and talent. Like a number of other prep clubs of the area, Prospect will have fair speed but will not have much height. According to the mentor, the club looks stronger on the backboards than last season's edition. Scoring ability is more evenly divided.

The Cougars have not played together much as yet, Stauffer stated. However, he said indications point to a hard working squad.

On the Prospect roster are Bean, Pope, Don Andresen and Ray Shafer, seniors; Daniels, Jim Davidson and Vannice, juniors; Gardener, Jim Valentine, Bud Gillespie, Carl Spencer, Richard Robinson, Steve Hoag and Leo Daniels, sophomores, and Melvin Yorton, Tom Davidson, Jerry Gaines and George Lyett, freshmen. Jim Hansen is hoop manager.

Dick Price, elementary coach and eighth grade instructor, will tutor the freshman and sophomore team. He graduated from Southern Oregon college last year.

SCHEDULE:
Dec. 1—Jackson County B League jamboree at St. Mary's (Medford). Dec. 2—At Butte Falls; Dec. 10—Canyonville home; Dec. 16—At Jacksonville; Dec. 17—At Canyonville; Dec. 20—Butte Falls home; Dec. 29—At Chilquin.

Jan. 6—St. Mary's home; Jan. 10—Chilquin home; Jan. 13—At Rogue River; Jan. 17—Jacksonville home; Jan. 20—Butte Falls

BASILIO, DEMARCO EVEN RATING FOR TITLE MIX TONIGHT BRINGS QUERY

Boston—(U.P.)—Here is the tale-of-the-tape for tonight's Carmen Basilio-Tony DeMarco welterweight title fight:

	DeMarco	Basilio
Age	23	28
Weight	147	147
Height	5-9 1/2	5-6 1/2
Reach	72 1/2	67
Chest normal	37 1/4	36 1/2
Chest expanded	39 1/2	38
Waist	29 1/2	29
Neck	16	15
Thigh	20 3/4	20 1/2
Calf	14 1/2	13 1/2
Ankle	9 1/4	10
Biceps	12 1/4	13 1/2
Wrist	7 1/2	6 1/2
Forearm	13	15 1/2

Spokane, Wash.—(U.P.)—Promoter Gus Cozza has offered \$80,000 to the winner of tonight's welterweight championship bout between title holder Carmen Basilio and Tony DeMarco to defend here against Vince Martinez.

Boston—(U.P.)—Handlers of welterweight champion Carmen Basilio were suspicious of a betting coup today as "even money" was surprisingly quoted for his first title defense against ex-champ Tony De Marco in their return bout tonight at Boston Garden.

Co-managers Johnny De John and Joe Netto asked the Massachusetts Boxing commission for reassignments of a square deal for 28-year-old Carmen.

"I simply can't understand it," said De John. "Last June, Carmen was favored at 9-5 for their first fight at Syracuse, N.Y., and he took the title from De Marco on a technical knockout in the 12th round. Yesterday morning he was favored at 8-5. Now it's even money. What gives?"

Commissioner Henry Lamar told De John: "No news about the referee or judges could have leaked out of the commission because we haven't yet made up our minds about who will officiate tonight."

Rumor Basilio Weakened
Bookies said the swing to the 23-year-old De Marco was caused

home; Jan. 27—At Talent; Jan. 31—At St. Mary's.
Feb. 3—Rogue River home; Feb. 10—At Jacksonville; Feb. 14—Butte Falls; Feb. 17—Talent home.

ed by rumors that rangy, rawboned Basilio had weakened himself paring down toward the 147-pound limit. Also because stocky young Tony should be in much better condition than for their first fight on June 10.

The champion, seeking his 12th straight victory, had been favored because his savage hooking attack wilted De Marco after the seventh round. Tony was on the floor twice in the 10th.

The dynamic, black-haired son of a former Boston shoemaker had one bout since he lost his crown in June. On Sept. 14 he knocked out Chico Vejar in the first round. That victory brought his record to 41-5-1, including 26 knockouts. He was stopped three times.

Basilio fought twice since he won the title, outpointing Gil Turner and Italo Scorticchini. His career list of 47-11-7 includes 21 knockouts. He was never stopped.

FIGHTS

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Miami Beach, Fla.—Rex Layne, 209 1/2, Salt Lake City, Utah, outpointed Mike Hammer, 189 1/2, Detroit, 10.
Tampa, Fla.—Willie Peep, 127, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Pappy Gault, 124, Spartanburg, S. C., 10.

Junior High Home Room Cage Winners Reported

Champions in recent home room basketball and pep tournaments at McLoughlin junior high school have been announced by the school.

Winning rooms in basketball and the room supervisors are the ninth grade, No. 18, Mrs. Dorothy Sutter; eighth grade, No. 34, Mrs. Gertrude Holmes, and seventh grade, No. 23, Mrs. Hazel Bosshard.

Champs and the room supervisors in the pep competition were ninth grade, No. 5, Darrell Davis; eighth grade, No. 35, Mel Boldenow, and seventh grade, No. 27, Ray Lewis.

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Sacramento Gets Risley

Columbus, O.—(U.P.)—The Sacramento club of the Pacific Coast league opened the annual minor league draft yesterday by selecting infielder George Risley from the Augusta, Ga., team of the Sally league.

He was the first of six players chosen by the eight Pacific

Coast league clubs.
Hollywood chose infielder Robert Ruck of Birmingham, who hit .285 playing with Winston-Salem in the Carolina league.

Los Angeles, in the first round, selected George Freese, a third baseman, from New Orleans and in the second round chose John Goril, a third baseman from San Antonio of the Texas league.

Freese hit .302 for the Pittsburgh Pirates early in the season, wound up hitting .302 at Hollywood in the Pacific Coast league. Goril hit 3.01 for Wichita of the Western league.

Seattle also selected two players, drafting pitcher Arnold Atkins from Shreveport of the Texas league and first baseman Kenneth Landenberg from Colorado Springs of the Western league.

As an open classification league, putting it just a step ahead of the Triple A American association and the International league, the Pacific coast circuit had the first choice of the minor league players left after the majors selected 10 players Monday.

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland U. and Portland State open their 1955-56 basketball season tomorrow night by meeting each other at Howard Hall here.

UP Honors Jess Hill

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—He was laughed at when he quit coaching track to take over his first head coaching job in college football four years ago.

He was laughed at again only two weeks ago when he was hanged in effigy on his own campus.

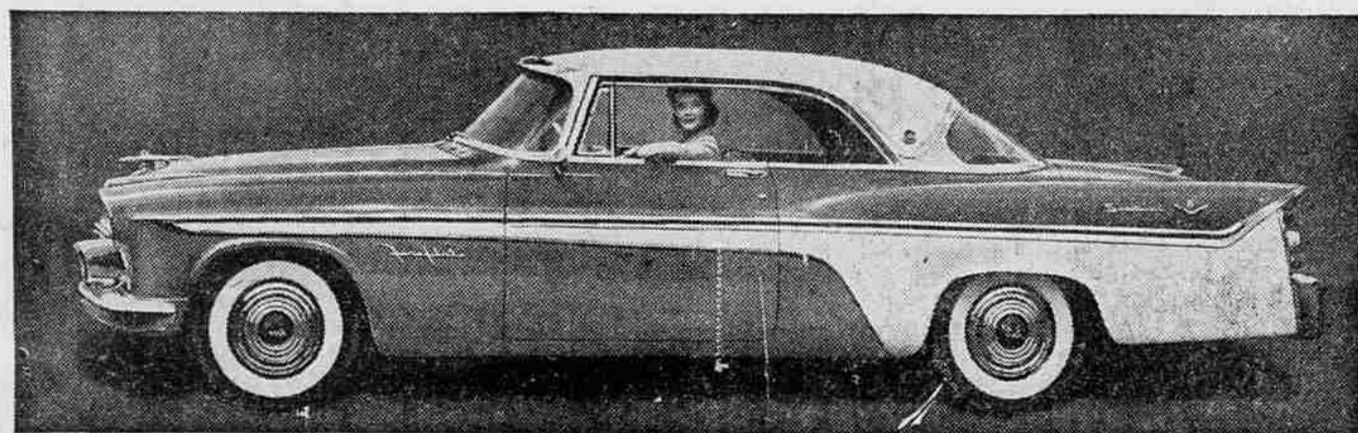
But Jess Hill, the United Press Coach of the Week, got the last laugh when his Southern California Trojans sprung one of the season's biggest upsets last Saturday by mauling Notre Dame, 42-20.

Southern Cal never had beaten the Irish in their annual windup game since Hill took over the coaching reins from Jeff Cravath in 1951. This season, the Trojans reached the Notre Dame battle with an undistinguished 5-4 won and lost record, while the Irish had an 8-1 mark.

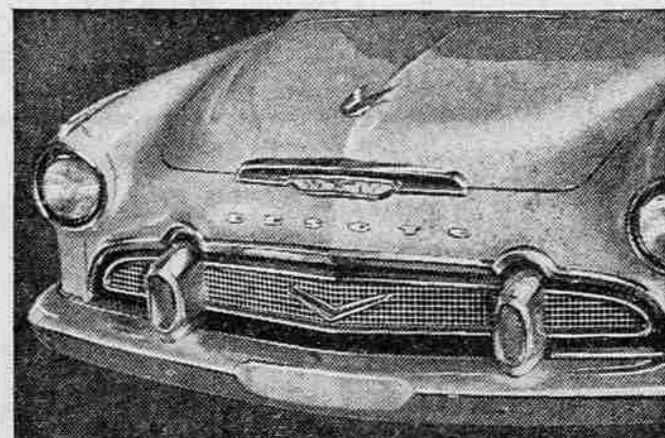
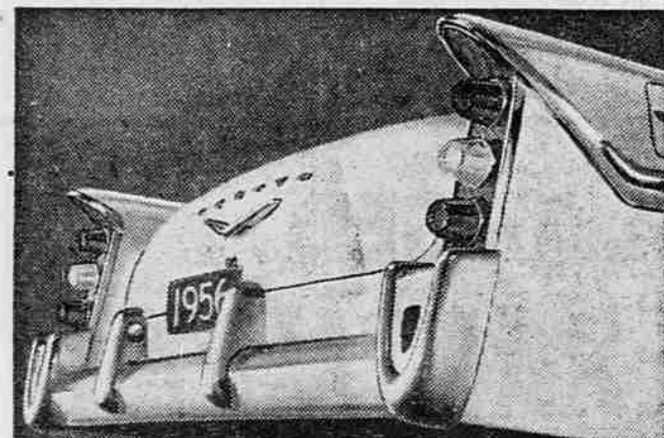
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