

# SPORTS

## Seventh Ranked Holy Cross Loses To Alabama, 89-84

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Alabama's surprise - studded northern tour, which already has jolted the national basketball ratings twice, created another upheaval today with an 89-84 upset of Holy Cross.

It all started last Wednesday when Alabama, ranked seventh nationally and hailed as a power after winning the Blue-Gray tournament, visited North Carolina. The Tide was favored, but Carolina showed stunning power in a 99-77 rout and moved up to the No. 8 national ranking. On Saturday, in New York, Alabama was upset again, by

St. John's, 87-79. Monday night in Boston unbeate Holy Cross, ranked seventh nationally, was a heavy choice but this time it was Alabama's turn to surprise.

George Linn paced the Tide in an opening assault that notched 24 points in the first 10 minutes. Alabama led by eight at half-time and 14 early in the second half. Holy Cross cut the gap to 64-62 with five minutes left, but a six-point string by 'Bama killed the Crusader rally.

**Kentucky Hosts Tourney**  
Kentucky, Alabama's big rival for the Southeastern Conference championship, plays host in the Kentucky Invitational Tournament opening tonight at Lexington, Ky., and Wildcats find themselves in the unusual role of underdog.

Kentucky, ranked ninth, is a slight pick over Minnesota in one of tonight's games, but experts figure the winner of the other opening-round game will win the tournament title. That one matched Utah, the nation's No. 2 team, against fourth-ranked Dayton.

The Carousel tournament at Charlotte, N.C., reached the semi-final stage today with the title choice Wake Forest meeting Colgate in a night game and Clemson meeting Tennessee in the day time.

In opening round games Monday night: Wake Forest trounced Mississippi St., 95-68; Tennessee nipped Boston university, 80-77; Colgate drubbed Davidson, 88-51; and Clemson routed Florida St., 94-76.

**Illinois Routs DePaul**  
Illinois, ranked 11th nationally, scored an impressive 97-79 victory over De Paul at Champaign, Ill.

In other leading games Monday night: Ohio States, ranked 16th, downed Tulane, 72-66; Duquesne, tied for 16th, bounced back from two straight losses to whip Loyola (Calif.), 71-55; Vanderbilt, ranked 19th, trounced Georgia, 85-61; Indiana, ranked 20th, routed Cincinnati, 80-61; Missouri took an 81-57 win over Idaho; Wisconsin won 71-52 from Nebraska; Rice ran its record to 7-0 with a 75-66 upset of Kansas; Iowa State won over Colorado A&M, 72-60; visiting Dartmouth nearly blew a 20-point lead but beat Southern California, 61-57; visiting California downed Arizona, 84-74; Manhattan edged Connecticut in overtime, 85-84; and Florida nipped Miami (Fla.), 74-69.

**Hedrick Wins 3 Games at EP**  
Hedrick Junior high school teams won three victories over Eagle Point teams at Eagle Point last night. Hedrick ninth graders, leading 24 to 16 at halftime, went on to hand Eagle Point freshmen a 42 to 28 defeat in the three-game basketball program.

John Harvey led the ninth graders of Hedrick by scoring 13 points, while Don Peak and Bill Maurer contributed 9 and 8, respectively. Collins with seven points was high for Eagle Point.

Hedrick's eighth graders handed EP's eighth graders a 49 to 20 loss, led by the scoring of Jerry Anderson, who tallied 17 points. Eagle Point's Nease contributed 10 points. Hedrick was leading 25 to 8 at halftime.

The local seventh graders posted a 31 to 21 victory, pulling away in the second half from a 15-12 halftime lead. Bob McIntyre and Stan Dawson scored 10 and 9 points for Hedrick and Preadue and Weidman tallied 6 and 5 for Eagle Point.

**Phoenix Wins 84-64, in MIL**  
The Phoenix Merchants, behind the 27-point scoring of Fenton, handed Butte Falls an 84 to 64 defeat in Medford Independent Basketball league play last night.

Phoenix got off to a 51-33 half-time lead, after taking the lead early in the game by using the fast break.

T. Yarnell added 12 points for Phoenix' second highest scorer, and Abbott dumped in 16 for Butte Falls.

Phoenix is to meet Prospect at Phoenix next Wednesday in a non-league tilt.

**Younger To Miss Game on Monday**  
Los Angeles—(U.P.)—The Los Angeles Rams will go against Cleveland in next Monday's National football league championship game minus Paul (Tank) Younger, their first string full-back.

Younger was declared out of the game yesterday because of a hairline crack of a neck vertebrae. Younger had been complaining of a sore neck since the Rams' final game with the Green Bay Packers, but x-rays failed to show the cause of the injury until yesterday.

The fracture itself was minor but if Younger played against Cleveland he could suffer serious injury if hit in the same place and might be permanently hurt, said team physician Dr. Danny Fortman.

Meanwhile, Ram Coach Sid Gillman said he would start Deacon Dan Towler in Younger's position.

## Texas Death Mix At Grants Pass

Grants Pass — First "Texas Death Match" to be held in Oregon is scheduled Wednesday evening when Kurt von Poppenheim and Wild Bull Savage crawl into the wrestling ring at the Josephine county fairgrounds, according to Promoter Elton Owen.

There is no time limit, winner take all, no disqualification, and the man who wins is the one who can answer the bell when his opponent is unable to continue whether it takes one fall or twenty.

This bitter rivalry between the two roughest guys in the Northwest wrestling came to a head last week in a bloody match at the fairgrounds. Both men were counted out and the match declared "no contest." In the battle outside of the ring Bull Savage hit Poppenheim with a chair and cut his head open. The Grants Pass Commission warned Savage that from now on any wrestler who picks up a chair will be fined and possibly suspended.

**Jealous**  
Both of these men are jealous of each other and they are both vying for top TV honors in the Portland area. Savage is very fast for a big man and his youth could help him.

Owen has assigned ex-boxer Alec Perez to referee.

The one hour semi will see dynamic Thor Hagen, the Swede from Minnesota trying to continue his winning ways against the veteran Scotty Williams. Hagen won a great match last week over Alec Perez. Hagen has developed a giant swing that leaves his opponents helpless.

## Bowling

Annual tournament of the Medford Bowling association will be held during January.

Team events have been scheduled for the regular league nights for the first week of the month to avoid conflicts for members.

All doubles and singles are slated for the four Sundays of January with three shifts each day, unless that number are not required. Participants may place themselves on the schedule board at the bar when they turn in their applications at the desk to Buzz Green or Bob Lane.

**McMurty To Fight In Portland Soon**  
Portland—(U.P.)—Pat McMurty, highly-regarded young Tacoma heavyweight, will fight in Portland again Jan. 9, according to Promoter Tex Salkeld.

McMurty will meet Cordell Jones, Oakland, Calif.

McMurty last appeared in Portland early this month, when he stopped Jimmy Walls. Jones stopped Idaho's Harley Breshers on the same card.

It is hoped to top last seasons entry of 85 doubles and 172 singles.

## Welterweights May Fight Again In Late January

New York — (U.P.)—Carmine Fiore and Gene Poirer, two welterweight "quick-bleeders," will meet in a return TV 10-rounder, at St. Nicholas arena, Jan. 30, if time heals the wounds suffered last night while fighting to a bloody draw at St. Nick's.

Left-hooker Fiore of Brooklyn said today, "I'll be ready for Jan. 30. I didn't even need any stitches." Carmine suffered a cut on his left brow in the first round, and a nick at the corner of that brow in the seventh.

Poirer, a right-handed sharp shooter from Niagara Falls, N.Y., got a four-stitch slice on his right brow in the ninth. And, ironically, the flow of his own blood apparently inspired him to the strong finish that earned him the draw.

## Trabert, Hart Top Net Ratings

New York—(U.P.)—The U. S. Lawn Tennis association, emphasizing its need for fresh talent, announced that Tony Trabert and Doris Hart—both of whom recently turned professional—head its respective men's and women's 1955 amateur singles rankings.

Trabert, now busy learning the hard facts of his new pro career with Jgck Kramer's touring troupe was placed first in the men's rankings because he won the U. S. singles crown. He also won the 1955 Wimbledon championship, winning both major titles without losing a set.

**Tentative Rankings**  
Miss Hart, now a teaching tennis pro after 14 seasons as a leading amateur in national and international competition, won the No. 1 women's ranking for the second straight year. She climaxed her amateur career by retaining her U. S. title in September.

The rankings are tentative. They must be approved at the annual U.S.L.T.A. meeting at San Francisco Jan. 21, but this usually is a mere formality.

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## HOCKEY

Montreal—(U.P.)—The National Hockey League's super stars, all had an "off" week, as the official figures showed today only two goals were scored by the five leading pointmakers.

Montreal's Jean Beliveau, the leader since the early weeks of the season, four-time scoring champion Gordie Howe, veteran Ted Lindsay of Detroit, and Maurice Richard, the most prolific scorer of all time, all failed to notch a goal.

Beliveau managed to account for one assist to raise his league

leading total to 35 points. Team-mate Bert Olmstead added a goal and an assist to move within four points of "Le Gros Bill."

Howe picked up a pair of assists and Andy Bathgate of the Rangers scored a goal and an assist to remain tied for third place with 30 points. Richard stayed one point back in fifth and Dave Creighton was sixth with 27 points.

Detroit's Earl Reibel got two goals and an assist to jump over teammate Howe into seventh place with 26 points. Alex Delvecchio notched three goals for a three-way tie for eighth with

## EASY JOB

Rockland, Me. — (U.P.)—Alice Yates, 51, has an explanation of why she hasn't scratched a fender in three years of driving between Rockland and Camden. "Handling a bus is easier than driving a car," she said.

Lindsay and Tod Sloan of Toronto, each with 24 points.

Beliveau and Olmstead were the top men in goal production and playmaking. The husky center's 19 goals were two better than Sloan's 17 and Olmstead's 24 assists topped teammate Doug Harvey by three.

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**BACK WITH CLOWNS** — Ed (Rookie) Carter, above, is back with the Harlem Clowns after a hitch in the Army. The 6-foot 2-inch hoopman, came directly to the Clowns out of high school after being an All-Chicago selection. He played with the club two seasons before entering the service. Carter will be seen on Thursday night by southern Oregon fans. The Clowns meet Yellow Cab at Crater high gym at Central Point.

## Three Stars Return to Clown Club

Three great stars of the Harlem Clowns basketball team of 1952-53 are back in the line up this year after having spent a couple of seasons with Uncle Sam's mighty squad, the Army. Manager Al (Runt) Pullins is happy to announce that he has Ed (Rookie) Carter, George Moore and Bob Woods back in uniform.

The Clowns play the Yellow Cab Independent quintet at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Crater high gym at Central Point.

Moore, of New York City is the smallest active player on the squad at an even 6 feet in height and weighing 170 pounds. He first came to the Clowns in 1951 from Lincoln university. He is a superb showman and tricky ball handler and a "dead eye" set shot artist.

Edward Carter, the "rookie" of the 1951-52 ball club, is 6 feet 2 inches and weighs 175 pounds. He came direct out of high school to the team, played two seasons and then went into the Army where he was a star on service teams. Carter may develop into the star of this year's club.

**Natural Comic**  
Bob Woods, 6-6, weighing 225 pounds, was a track, football and basketball star at McClymonds high school in Oakland, Calif., and played at Modesto junior college before joining the Clowns. He played one season and then went into the Army.

Big Bob is a natural comic and is leading the laugh parade this season for Pullins' hilarious Harlequins.

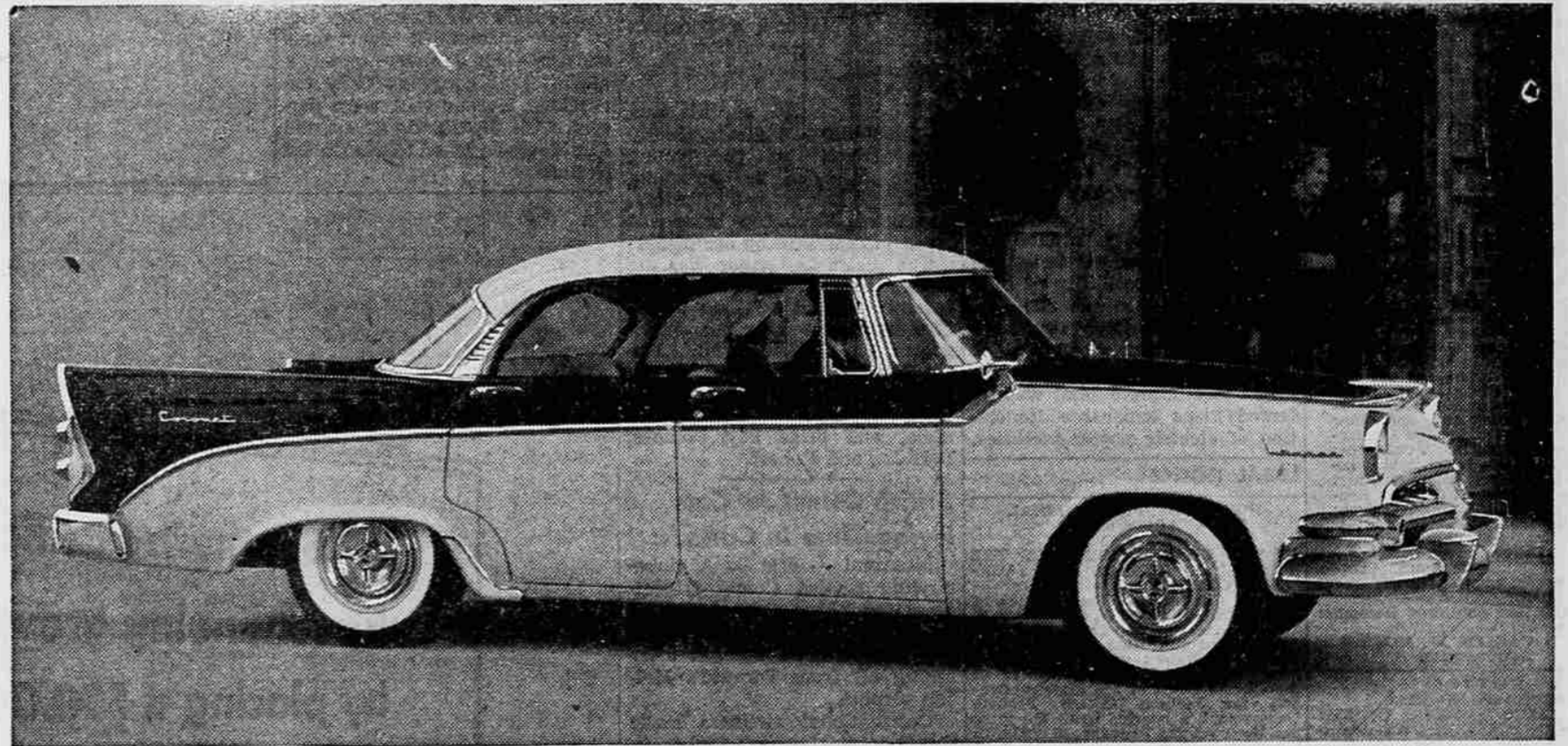
The team is a virtual powerhouse. Ralph Hayes, 6-6 weighing 200, played college ball at Niagara university.

Manny Kennedy, 6-3, weighing 180, was an outstanding player at Iona college.

Al Sutton, 6-3, weight 185, was a great star at Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo, Calif., before joining the Clowns.

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