

NIT Tourney Bid Cinched By Niagara

By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer
Mark down Niagara's sophomore-laden Purple Eagles as the "dark horse" team of the post-season basketball tournaments.

The swift, slick quintet which passed up a bid to the Holiday Festival tournament because Coach (Taps) Gallagher didn't "think we were good enough," clinched a bid to the National Invitation tournament with an 87-56 victory over Seton Hall Thursday night and was so impressive that it may be one of the favorites to win the title.

Best All Season
"That's the best club we've played all season," said Seton Hall Coach Honey Russell after his NIT-bound Pirates dropped their third game in 20 starts. "On the basis of what they showed tonight they certainly can win the NIT. They certainly had no trouble with us. We never were in the game."

Gallagher was all smiles but played it safe because the formal invitation from the NIT committee has not yet been extended, although it is expected within 48 hours.

Basketball

THURSDAY COLLEGE SCORE
By United Press
Fordham 63, CUNY 50
Providence 63, Boston Coll. 51
West Vir. 82, St. John's (N.Y.) 75
Niagara 87, Seton Hall 56
Richmond 90, YMI 88
Wash. and Lee 79, Virginia 71
Georgia Tech 72, Georgia 72 (OT)
Virginia Tech 77, Furman 75
Western Ky. 74, Xavier (Ohio) 65
Hamline 88, Augsburg 56
Utah 101, New Mexico 74

PAL Boxers Fight Burns Boys Tonight

Jackie Puscas, Larry Lewis, Bobby Little and Jimmy Evans of the Medford Police Athletic League boxing crew are slated to appear this evening on a benefit card at Burns.

Loren Christean of the PAL group was to have made the jaunt but is staying home to recuperate from an attack of flu.

All the Medfordites are pitted against Burns fighters. Puscas, 135, will take on Clifford Sam in a five-rounder. The two have split in previous competition.

Lewis, 114 is matched with Lloyd Louie.
In Golden Gloves
Little, 110, will scrap Ron Daniel, and Jimmy Evans, 95, is paired with Jake Gregg.

Puscas and Lewis will continue a busy boxing season by entering the Seattle Golden Gloves on Tuesday and Wednesday. Christean will go if he is sufficiently recovered.

Lewis won his second straight bout against Darryl McQuarry, Portland, last Saturday night. It was inadvertently reported that he had reversed a previous loss.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Fullmer Battles Turner Tonight

New York — (U.P.) — Middleweights Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, and Gil Turner of Philadelphia, meet tonight at Madison Square Garden in a TV-radio "rubber match" that should be a beaut.

Those two aggressive, fast-action lads tangled twice before and each won a decision. This one will be the decider.

The 10-rounder will be a significant bout for both because the winner may get a Garden fight on March 23 with Charles Humez of France, who ranks second among 160-pound contenders—just behind ex-champion Carl Bobo Olson. Promoter Jim Norris is trying to import Humez.

Fullmer is favored at 9-5 because he is rated number six among contenders and because he increased his aggressiveness with a plunging, headlong attack in his last two bouts.

BUMS ON AIR

Brooklyn — (U.P.) — Eighteen radio stations in New York and New England will carry play-by-play broadcasts of all Brooklyn Dodger games this season, it was announced today. The new Dodger network also will carry the world champions' spring exhibition games starting March 10.

MBS INKS BARNEY

New York — (U.P.) — Rex Barney, former Brooklyn Dodger pitcher, today was signed as a baseball announcer by the Mutual Broadcasting System. He will help broadcast the network's "Game of the Day" during the 1956 season.

LEADING SIRE

Columbus, Ohio — (U.P.) — The Widower, a 21-year-old stallion, sired the winners of 409 harness races in 1955, it was announced today by the United States Trotting Assn. Dean Hanover wound up as the nation's second-leading sire, with his offsprings accounting for 400 victories.



RECORD TOSS—Lt. Parry O'Brien, former Southern California Olympic champ now in the Air Force, as he established a new world indoor record of 59 feet 9 inches in shotput event at N.Y.A.C. games in New York.

Highway Commission Calls for Paving Bids

The Oregon State Highway commission has called for bids on the paving of South Riverside ave. between Boyd and 12th sts.

Sealed bids for paving the 42 miles will be received in the Queen's room of the Imperial hotel, Portland, at 9 a.m. Friday, March 2. Completion date for the project is August 31.

RR Grade School to Publish Yearbook

Rogue River — Students and teachers of Rogue River grade school are preparing for publication a school year book, "School Daze."

The issue will consist mostly of pictures and will not be sold for profit, according to a school announcement.

Members of the seventh and eighth grade English classes will start publishing a newspaper next month to report current events at the school. It will be distributed every six weeks with a different class publishing each issue.

The world has done more mining the past 45 years than in all past history.

AAU Sub-District Championship BASKETBALL

Sat. Night at Rogue River
7:30 P.M.
ASHLAND RAIDERS vs. ROGUE RIVER
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