

## Dons Clinch CBA Mantle, NCAA Berth

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To the surprise of absolutely no one, San Francisco today became an official entry in the NCAA basketball tournament and also the immediate favorite to pick up all the marbles.

The streaking Dons, who won the tourney last year, made themselves eligible for a title defense Tuesday night when they crushed College of Pacific 87-49, at San Francisco to clinch the championship of the California Basketball association with a perfect league record and their 48th straight over-all victory.

That moves the Dons into the NCAA regionals at Corvallis, Ore., with a March 16 date against the Pacific Coast Conference champion — not yet determined but, probably, UCLA.

The Dons, rated the nation's No. 1 team by the United Press board of coaches with a perfect 22-0 record for the year, are the 11th team to land a berth in the 25-team NCAA carnival.

If they win their three remaining regular season games, and then sweep through four more games to win the tournament title for the second year straight, they will equal the all-time all-college record of 55 straight wins held by Peru, Ill., State and also will become the third team in history to win the NCAA crown two straight years — following Oklahoma A&M (1945-46) and Kentucky (1948-49).

**Star Guard Ineligible**

However, they'll have to do it without K. C. Jones, their star guard who is ineligible for the NCAA competition as a fourth-year player.

Another team may be added to the NCAA field tonight when Texas Tech can clinch the border conference championship by beating New Mexico A&M, at Lubbock, Tex. Tech's heavily favored to win this one and, with it, a first-round berth in the NCAA tourney against Southern Methodist, the Southwest conference champion, on March 12.

Tech moved into first place in the league while idle Tuesday night when Texas Western, which had been tied for the lead, was beaten by West Texas State, 80-79, at Canyon, Tex., on a long set shot by Lawrence Overcast with six seconds left.

SMU tuned up for the tourney by beating Rice, 89-75, to finish with the first perfect league record (12-0) seen in the Southwest conference since 1947. Big Jim Krebs paced the Mustangs with 30 points and they set a league record with a final average of 80.25 points per game.

## High School Scores

**TUESDAY BASKETBALL**  
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(Portland)

Jefferson 67, Roosevelt 37  
Franklin 77, Cleveland 62  
Lincoln 58, Grant 44  
Washington 63, Benson 47

(Others)

McMinnville 46, Forest Grove 44  
Baker 50, La Grande 46  
Oregon City 66, West Linn 65 (overtime)

Milwaukie 53, Gresham 44  
St. Helens 86, Vernonia 58  
Seaside 36, Pacific Frosh 54  
Beaverton 58, Newberg 50  
Parkrose 47, Astoria 46  
Drain 59, Willamette 47  
Sandy 79, Dallas 72  
Elgin 64, Huntington 51  
Jewell 60, Verboort 54  
Knappa 53, Warrenton 35  
Hillsboro 72, Tigard 61  
Brownsville 53, Harrisburg 49  
Coquille 51, Myrtle Creek 45  
Oakridge 54, St. Francis of Eugene 52 (overtime)

## Knickerbockers Blow Opportunity

By UNITED PRESS

Another wasted opportunity, marked by the blowing of an 11-point lead in the last quarter, meant that the New York Knickerbockers were just about through today.

With a chance to gain ground in their battle with Syracuse for the last playoff berth in the Eastern Division of the National Basketball association the Knicks instead dropped a 99-95 decision to Fort Wayne at New York Tuesday night.

The defeat dropped the Knicks two full games behind Syracuse with only eight games left to play. Never before in their history have the Knicks failed to make the playoffs, but now their doom seems certain.

In the only other game Tuesday night, also at New York, the Rochester Royals pulled within 2½ games of third-place Minneapolis in the Western Division by beating Boston, 117-96.

## EXHIBITION BALL

Tucson, Ariz.—(U.P.)—The new glossless baseball is not expected to be used in regular American league games this season. "They will be used in exhibition games but the factory cannot supply enough for the season," Earl Hilligan, press chief of the league, declared.

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FOLLOWING THROUGH with solid left to head as John J. Sullivan slips to canvas, Rocky Castellani wins unanimous but unpopular 10-round decision over English middleweight in feature bout at Madison Square Garden. (International)

## P. Mueller Victor Over J. Martinez

Portland, Ore.—(U.P.)—Peter Mueller, "the Clown of Cologne" was dead serious here today when he said through his manager, Al Lane, "we want a money fight, whether it's in Portland or elsewhere."

Mueller took a unanimous 10-round decision over Jimmy Martinez of Phoenix, Ariz., at the auditorium here last night. Two weeks earlier when the two middleweights faced off in the same auditorium ring, Martinez won by a knockout when Mueller lunged at him, missed and sailed between the ropes, knocking himself out on the boards at ringside.

Mueller and Lane were going to remain in Portland for a few days, waiting for offers to come in for the services of the stocky German. Portland promoter Tommy Moyer will undoubtedly be one of the first to knock on Mueller's door with what he hopes will be an offer with enough of that "big money" Mueller talks about.

**Scores Knockdown**

Lane was not entirely happy with the showing of his boy last night, despite the favorable verdict. "He can fight better than he did last night," Lane said. "Last night, Mueller sewed up the decision by knocking Martinez down for a nine count in the ninth round."

Amos Lincoln of Portland and Oakland's Roger Rischer, a pair of 190-pounders, fought to an 8-round draw in the semi-windup.

In a six round exhibition Rogue Maravilla of Boise, Ida., won a fourth round TKO over Jesse Gray of Portland.

Tommy Berg of Pasco, Wash., and Bill Miller, Seattle, battled to a draw in the 4-round opener. Sonny Hett, Salem, dropped Seattle's Al Norigia in the first round of their scheduled four-rounder.

## AAU Tourney Opens Friday

Albany, Ore.—(U.P.)—Action in the four-team Oregon AAU basketball tourney will get underway here Friday night with the Eugene Paddocks meeting the Myrtle Point Bucks in the opening contest and the Albany Industrials squaring off against the Condon Elks in the finale.

Saturday night the two Friday night winners meet for the state title.

## Linfield Defeats Willamette in NWC Final Game

McMinnville—(U.P.)—Linfield and Willamette wrote the final chapter to the 1956 Northwest Conference basketball race here last night as the Wildcats posted a 65-57 win. By virtue of the win Linfield finished the race in a tie with Pacific for second place.

The win could set Linfield up for a bid to the District 2 NAIA tourney. Three berths in the four-team field have been claimed with Portland State, University of Portland and Pacific already named. Officials will meet tomorrow morning to decide between Linfield and Eastern Oregon College to round out the field.

Don Porter, Linfield's little All-American, paced the night's scoring, hitting for 35. He left the game with 11:29 left to play and the Wildcats ahead 58-46.

## Corvallis No. 1 Play-Off Choice

Pocatello, Ida.—(U.P.)—Corvallis is the top choice for Seattle University and Idaho State to hold their one-game play-off for the right to compete in the four-team western regional NCAA basketball tournament, it was reported today.

Steve Belko, Idaho State coach, said the matter was discussed in a three-way telephone conversation. Eugene would be second choice and Pocatello third. The play-off will be held March 12 or 13. The western regional tourney is March 16-17.

## St. Mary's Tapering Off In Drills For Malin Tiffs

St. Mary's high school basketball team, which is currently showing more spirit than any other time during the season, began tapering off today for its District 5B play-off series with the Malin Mustangs.

The Medford Catholic school opposes Malin on Friday and Saturday evenings at the Southern Oregon college gymnasium in Ashland. If a third game is necessary in the two-out-of-three series, it will be on a Klamath county court.

Coach Millard Webb of the SM Crusaders reported that the Medford aggregation worked light last week and had hard drills Monday and Tuesday. Practices today and Thursday were to be less extensive. Webb reported that the squad is in good shape physically and that spirit is "awfully high."

St. Mary's faces a big task in its effort to overcome the defending district champions and gain the first state tourney entry for the school. Malin was runner-up for the state championship last season, losing by one point to Knappa. Back from the 1955 crew are three who

## Indians Win Legal Battle On Hunting

Portland—(U.P.)—Indians from the Klamath and Umatilla reservations yesterday won their legal battle to prove that they are not subject to Oregon state laws governing hunting and trapping but rather are governed by treaties of 1855 and 1864.

U.S. Judge Gus Solomon ruled that a 1953 Congressional act extending Oregon criminal and civil laws over the reservations does not take away hunting and trapping rights granted to the tribes in the treaties. Oregon game officers had said they would enforce the state game regulations on the reservations, arresting Indians who did not

abide by the statutes. The Indians had sued the Oregon state police superintendent, the State Game Commission, and the attorney general, after three Umatillas were arrested on a charge of "hunting out of season," on their reservation.

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## Red Devils To Face Crater For District 6 A-2 Flag

Crater high will play Coquille this week end for the District 6 A-2 basketball championship. Coquille reached the play-off last night by tripping Myrtle Creek 51 to 45 at Roseburg for the northern division title. The two clubs were tied in the district with 10-2 records at the completion of the regular season. The Comets of Crater won the southern toga by nicking Phoenix 55 to 54 in last Saturday's subdistrict tourney finals.

First game of the two-out-of-three game district play-off will be Friday at Coquille. The clubs will play on Saturday night at Central Point. Site of a third game, if required, will be determined by mutual agreement.

The Red Devils of Coquille overcame Myrtle Creek last night after trailing until the last 4½ minutes of play. They were led by their big gun, Don Nelson, 6-2 forward, who had 19 points.

**Spirit High**

A Crater squad "hepped up" since its Saturday night division win, has been laboring spiritedly and diligently this week for the week end tussles. The Comets are aiming for a first state basketball tournament shot for their school.

The Central Point aggregation came through the subdistrict tournament despite a somewhat crippled condition and its success against Coquille could depend a lot on the extent of recovery from its injuries. John Shama and Fred Hertmann have foot sprains, Harold Lefler and ankle sprain and Dick Callender a knee injury. Shama picked up his ailment during the tourney.

Coquille looms as a toughie for the Comets. The Red Devils hold two wins over North Bend this season, one by 92 to 72.



**GOOD LUCK, KATY**—Olympic ski champion Katy Rodolph, 25, of Hayden, Colo., and Lt. William Wyatt, 28, Air Force pilot from Denver, cut their wedding cake after their marriage at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. Katy wears a cast covering broken neck suffered in a ski accident in Austria during pre-Olympic try-outs.

## Holman Favored Over Joe Rowan

Miami, Fla.—(U.P.)—A 20-pound weight advantage and more experience made John Holman of Chicago a 2 to 1 favorite today for tonight's nationally televised 10-round bout with Irish Joe Rowan of Philadelphia in Bayfront Park Auditorium.

Time big, tough-looking Holman was expected to be near 205 pounds for the bout and trainer Angelo Dundee said his fighter was in the best condition of his career.

But the 20-year-old Rowan was full of zip in his workouts and burning with determination to cut short Holman's hopes for a title shot at champion Rocky Marciano.

Holman is the fourth-ranked heavyweight contender.

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