

Dukes Upset Dayton Five; Green Stars

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 United Press Sports Writers
 Some folks have been saying that Duquesne is in the National Invitational tournament field "on a pass," but its upset of high-ranked Dayton served as a blunt warning today that the Dukes mean business in defense of their NIT crown.

Dayton, the nation's No. 2 team, figures to be top-seeded for this year's tourney starting on March 17, but Duquesne whipped the Flyers, 87-86 Wednesday night on a stunning performance by All-American Si Green.

Green racked up a total of 40 points in the fray at Pittsburgh and his driving layup with five seconds left proved the winning goal. The Dukes, who have a dull 14-9 record that little becomes a tourney team, thus avenged an early season loss to Dayton and reminded the experts they beat these same Flyers, 70-58, in last year's NIT finals.

Seven-foot Bill Uhl tallied 30 points in vain for Dayton as the Flyers suffered their third loss in 25 games.

Two Gain Berths
 On the NCAA tournament front, Texas Tech and Manhattan college became the 12th and 13th teams to gain berths in the 25-team carnival starting at various sites March 12.

Texas Tech wrapped up the Border title with an easy 87-66 conquest of New Mexico A&M at Lubbock, Tex., sinking 44.2 per cent of its shots. The Red Raiders thus qualified to meet SMU, the Southwest conference champion, in a first-round game at Wichita, Kans., March 13.

Manhattan (15-6) landed its berth by winning nine of its last 11 games and will be in the regional at New York, March 12, against one of the four yet-undetermined conference champions.

Saturday Cage League Enters Title Play-Offs

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Timid Tigers	5	0	1.000
Zombies	7	2	.778
Trojans	6	3	.667
Sleepy Hollow Boys	5	3	.625
Stompers	5	4	.556
Strokers	3	6	.333
Fragrant Five	3	6	.333
Eight Balls	3	6	.333
Studs	2	7	.222
Rodents	1	8	.112

Championship play-off first round games are slated this week end in the Saturday recreation basketball league at Medford senior high school.

Timid Tigers, unbeaten in the loop's round robin, will take on Sleepy Hollow Boys on Friday at 3:45 p.m. in a championship bracket fray. Other battles in the titular flight will match the twice-trimmed Zombies against the Trojans at 11 p.m. Saturday.

Two other Saturday scrapes will be in the play-off for fifth place or consolation honors. Stompers will play the Strokers at 1 p.m. and Fragrant Five will tussle the Eight Balls at 2 p.m. Tigers Beat Zombies

Last Saturday the Tigers edged the Zombies 38 to 35 to keep their record clean. The Trojans overpowered the Fragrant Five 55 to 35 and the Sleepy Hollow Boys took a forfeit win over the Rodents to wind up in a tie for third at the end of the round robin.

The Stompers won from the Eight Balls for No. 5 spot in the standings. The Strokers were pulled into a sixth-place tie with the Fragrants and the Eight Balls when they lost to the Studs. Finishing out of the running for a play-off place were the Studs and the Rodents.

Freeman Might Overtake Floyd

New York—(U.P.)—Robin Freeman of Ohio State has an outside chance of gaining the nation's scoring championship, but he'll have to score "real big" in his team's final two games to nose out Darrell Floyd of Furman, the current leader.

According to NCAA Service Bureau statistics, Floyd has scored 872 points in 26 games for a leading 33.5 points per game average compared to Freeman's 32.4 average on 647 points in 20 games.

Floyd has finished his regular season and soon will be playing in the Southern Conference tourney. Freeman gets his chance to catch up against Michigan State Saturday and Minnesota next Monday.

In the all-time scoring rankings, Buzz Wilkinson of Virginia holds the No. 3 spot behind Frank Selvy, also of Furman, and Floyd on his 1955 average of 32.1 points per game. Freeman can move ahead of him by maintaining his current pace.

Dan Swartz of Morehead State is third behind Floyd and Freeman at 28.4 and Julius McCoy of Michigan State is fourth at 28.0.

World War I began Aug. 1, 1914. It ended after four years, three months, 11 days of fighting.

Fanfare

DICK JEWETT
 Mail Tribune Sports Editor

Virgil Swanson, dean of referees in southern Oregon and one of the most capable over the years, has announced that he will go into semi-retirement as a basketball official at the conclusion of this season.

The ex-Medford high athlete of the Prink Callison coaching era is not putting his whistle away for good. But after more than 20 years of officiating he'll work games on a more limited schedule.

Swanson, who has been tooting for basketball tussles since 1935, said that he will not handle any Class A-1 hoop contests next season and will not continue as area commissioner of referees, a post he has held through this season. He may accept a few college jobs and work an A-2 and B prep fray "now and then."

Abilities of the veteran arbiter are not confined to basketball. He has also refereed football and umpired baseball and again has been right at the top in capability. Swanson said that he may work a few A-1 grid games next fall and that he'll continue as baseball ump on a reduced schedule.

MORE TIME TO RELAX

Relieved of a heavy officiating slate, Swanson, whose regular occupation is that of a mounted mail carrier, feels that he will be able to relax more and will have time for other interests. He says he may do some golfing.

EVIDENCE OF ABILITY

Officiating a ball game isn't the easiest job in the world and an arbiter is seldom the most popular man on the field or floor. A ref's job with its heavy responsibility and concentration to keep the game in hand and to make the right "call" with split-second quickness is one of stress and strain. Add to that the occasional abuse from the partisan.

The occupation—to do it well—requires a poised firm fibered personality. That Virg has been the man in the striped shirt or the blue serge suit for so many years at so many games in the area is evidence that he has the qualifications and at the same time is tribute to his ability.

Swanson, in the years we've followed his work, has always exhibited thorough knowledge of the rules of the sports he has refereed. And his impartiality, honest and fearlessness—his integrity—have been respected by coaches, players and fans.

whether, as partisans, they have agreed with his decisions or not.

APPRECIATED

This writer has found Swanson helpful in a cooperative and courteous way when he's pressed the arbiter with questions on rules, interpretations and incidents in games. It's been appreciated. We've also found Virg reluctant to criticize.

STATE TOURNEY REF

Swanson's stature has been recognized in his selection to referee Oregon state basketball tourneys in 1951 and 1953 and the Nevada state prep hoop tournament in 1952. In both 1952 and 1953 he was a ref for the state championship conflicts. Those jobs have been among the highlights of his career as was his post of headlinesman last August in the state Shrine all-star football game in Portland. Swanson finished Medford high in 1928 and turned to refereeing and umpiring after several seasons of semi-pro ball.

Mentor Claims W. Nauls Better Than Bill Russell

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Coach Johnny Wooden of UCLA believes his high-scoring center, Willie Nauls, is a better all-around player than Bill Russell of the University of San Francisco.

"Russell will be on everybody's All-American team and Player of the Year and all that," Wooden said. "He deserves it, but Nauls is a better all-around player than Russell. Willie can do so many more things."

Nauls, who is six feet five inches, leads the Pacific Coast Conference in scoring with 272 points in 12 games for a 22.7 point game average.

One of Finest
 Wooden said that on the Bruins' eastern swing last December, "the coaches back there considered Willie one of the finest pro prospects they'd seen."

When USC defeated UCLA, 70-53, in the finals of the Holiday Festival in Madison Square Garden, Nauls outscored Russell, 19 points to 17. Both players were selected on the tournament's all-star team.

At its greatest length, South Carolina is 235 miles.

Pro-Am Golf Tournament Slated Here

Final day's action of a three-round pro-amateur tournament will highlight the spring golf schedule at Rogue Valley Country club here.

Linksmen will come to Medford for the last 18-hole stint on March 20 after having played on March 18 at Laurelwood course, Eugene, and on March 19 at Roseburg Country club.

Money will go to the pros and trophies to the amateurs for both overall tourney contention and the separate play on each course. In addition to money from the entry fees, the three clubs are putting up a purse of \$600, each contributing \$200.

Of the total \$300 will go as prize money for entire 54 holes and \$100 each will go to the individual local competitions. For amateur dividers there will be three gross and three net prizes of the 54 holes.

Rogue Valley Pro Al Williams and Tournament Chairman Bill Thorndike also have announced the RVCC schedule of men's golfing events for the year.

Deadline Moved
 Qualifying for the spring handicap, chairmaned by Bob Weber, is underway now. Because of bad weather, the deadline for qualifying has been extended from this week end until March 11. Match play in the event is to end on April 29.

The third annual two-ball match play competition is set for April 27 through June 10. Members will participate in National Golf day rounds on June 2 or 9. Club championship action is set for June 9 through August 9 and the senior club title play June 21 through August 19. The Southern Oregon Junior tourney will be sometime in June and the Southern Oregon Men's and Women's championships August 29 through September 3.

Father and son play is billed for September 9 and the Me and Mine (husband and wife) rivalry for September 23. Holiday handicap contention will last November 22 through January 1. Interclub match dates are yet to be announced.

OSC WRESTLERS WIN

Portland—(U.P.)—Oregon State's wrestling team downed Portland State 24-4 here yesterday. George Meyer of OSC scored the only pin, winning from Steve Roso of the Vikings in 1:45 of the first period.

Basketball

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE GAMES
 By United Press
 Fordham 81, Columbia 68
 Dartmouth 76, Yale 67
 Duquesne 87, Dayton 86
 Penn. St. 75, Carnegie Tech 66
 Canisius 76, Syracuse 73
 Temple 86, Albright 75
 LaSalle 71, Villanova 64
 Niagara 78, Siena 44
 Notre Dame 87, Marquette 69
 Louisville 83, Xavier of Ohio 70
 Texas Tech 87, New Mexico A&M 66

Portland Varsity Receives Scare From Freshmen

Portland—(U.P.)—The University of Portland Pilots, just to keep limbered up for the coming district 2 NAIA tourney took on the Frosh team in an exhibition stand here last night and before the evening was a through the varsity was more than limbered up.

The Pilots managed to escape with a two-point margin of victory and salvage some measure of prestige with the final count 79-77. It was the first loss of the season for the freshmen.

Bob Altenhofen, 6-4 pivot man for the regulars, led the night's scoring with 27 counters. Jim Armstrong stuffed 23 markers through the hoop for the Frosh.

Minneapolis Ups Gap Over Royals

By UNITED PRESS
 The Minneapolis Lakers took a commanding 2½ game lead over the Rochester Royals today in the battle for a playoff berth in the National Basketball association on a victory sparked by Little Whitey Skoog.

The Lakers downed the Syracuse Nationals, 98-94, at St. Paul Wednesday night as the Royals were handed an 86-81 defeat by the Philadelphia Warriors at Philadelphia.

In the only other game played Wednesday, the Boston Celtics downed the Fort Wayne Pistons, 106-99.

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STATE TOURNEY THEIR GOAL—First state basketball tournament berth for their school is the aim of the St. Mary's high of Medford Crusaders, above. In order to make the trip to Baker the Medford parochials will have to whip the tough Malin Mustangs in a week end play-off series for the District 5 B bunting. Games are scheduled Friday and Saturday nights at Southern Oregon college gym in Ashland with a third game, if necessary in two-out-of-three elimination, to be contested on a Klamath county floor. The Jackson County B League champion squad is: Kneeling, from left, Manager Jim Duda, Pat Sullivan, Dick Paup, Laval Meunier, Ronnie Pruitt, Jack Birmingham; standing, left to right, Coach Millard Webb, Gerald Darland, John Walsh, Jerry Flakus, Tony Miksche, Jim Darland and Father Robert Tomisser, athletic director. Main games each night in Ashland are set for 8 o'clock. Preliminary tussles are planned each night.—(Landis-Shangle photo).

\$17,000 Salary Set for Royal At Washington

Seattle—(U.P.)—Darral Royal, new football coach at the University of Washington, will receive an annual salary of \$17,000 on a four-year contract it was announced yesterday.

It will be the highest salary ever paid Washington football coach. Howie Odell was paid \$15,000 yearly and John Cherberg, fired Jan. 21 after a "player rebellion," earned \$12,000 a year.

The associated students of the University of Washington's board of control approved Royal's salary by a 17-2 vote. The action was subject to ratification by Dr. Henry Schmitz, university president.

Briggs \$11,000
 George Briggs, the school's new athletic director, will receive an annual salary of \$11,000. Royal, 31, was hired Tuesday by Briggs to take over the head football job at Washington. He was an outstanding quarterback under Buzz Wilkinson at the University of Oklahoma and coached Mississippi State in 1954 and 1955 finishing with a 6-4 mark both years.

Royal announced yesterday that Jim Pittman, 29, assistant line coach at Mississippi State the past five years, would become line coach of the Huskies.

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SPORTS

Game Men Hurriedly Replacing Fish Count Station at Gold Ray

Game Commission fishery department personnel out of the Central Point shop are laboring hurriedly this week to replace the fish counting station at Gold Ray dam.

Reason for the speed: The main run of winter steelhead is expected to reach the Gold Ray fish ladders any day now.

The station was washed out last Tuesday for the second time this winter. Cole Rivers, Grants Pass, field agent and fish biologist for the State Game Commission, said that it is hoped to have the station rebuilt by Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

A steel rack across the ladder, a gate to let fish across a counting board and a small shelter for the man who does the counting make up the station. Rivers said that when water reaches 8-foot level on the dam, the counting station has to be removed to prevent its loss. However, in the pre-Christmas flood and on last Tuesday water came up so fast that nothing could be salvaged.

Lost Only Twice
 The two recent floods are the only times in 14 years that count-

ing stations have been lost. Counting is done on sample basis. The counts are made on half days, alternating morning and afternoon six days a week all year long. To make up for the periods when no tabulation is taken an extremely accurate formula is applied to get a total fish count figure.

The Gold Ray figures are of considerable value in studies of the Rogue fishery.

Baton Rouge Golf Tourney Begins

Baton Rouge, La.—(U.P.)—Baton Rouge's \$12,500 open golf tourney opened shortly after sunup today on a breezy but dry course for a four-day match where no top-heavy favorites emerged in warm-up sessions.

Winter tour stars Cary Middlecoff and Ted Kroll, the latter winner of the Tucson Open, were conceded favorites by a few pros, but not by an overwhelming margin.

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