

UP Board of Coaches Acclaim Dons National College Champs

New York — (U.P.) — San Francisco's Dons, who can scarcely remember the last time they lost a game, today were acclaimed national college basketball champions for the 1955-56 season by the United Press Board of Coaches.

In the final ratings of the season, 32 of the 35 leading coaches who made up the United Press board picked San Francisco tops in the nation. With one vote for second place, one for third and another for sixth, the Dons' total of 342 points was just eight short of a perfect score.

Win 50 Games
Coach Phil Woolpert's Dons, who have won 50 games in a row, hope to equal the all-time college record of 55 by winning their regular season finale tonight and then sweeping through four more triumphs that will earn them a second consecutive NCAA championship.

By finishing atop of the col-

lege basketball scramble. San Francisco thus made sound prophets of the United Press Board of Coaches who predicted before the start of this season that the Dons would be the best in the land.

Here is a comparison of the coaches' final 1955-56 ratings and their pre-season forecast:

'55-'56 Ratings	Pre-Season
San Fran. 1	San Fran.
N. Car. St. 2	Kentucky
Dayton 3	Utah
Iowa 4	N. Car. St.
Alabama 5	Iowa
SMU 6	Dayton
Louisville 7 (7-tie)	Illinois
Illinois 8 (7-tie)	UCLA
UCLA 9	Duquesne
Vanderbilt 10	G. Washing.

The three first place votes that did not go to San Francisco went one each to third-ranked Dayton, fifth-ranked Alabama and seventh-ranked Louisville.

The final top 10 was compris-

ed of four teams from the South, three from the Midwest, two from the Pacific Coast and one from the Southwest.

Of these top 10 teams, San Francisco, N. C. State, SMU and UCLA are in the NCAA tournament, with either Iowa or Illinois due to represent the Big Ten. Dayton and Louisville are entered in the National Invitation Tournament in New York.

ACC Tourney Winner
North Carolina State, winner of the Atlantic Coast conference tournament, and Iowa, which upset Illinois to take over the Big Ten lead, made the biggest advances in the final week's ratings. N. C. State moved up two notches to the runner-up spot and Iowa five places to No. 4.

San Francisco, which can make St. Mary's its 25th straight victim in its season finale tonight, begins defense of its NCAA tournament title against UCLA, March 16, at Corvallis. By winning the four games required to take the NCAA championship, the Dons can match the record of 55 straight set by Peru (Neb.) Teachers 30 years ago.

From the start of the season, the Dons were marked men. But they stood every test of their schedule. With All-America center Bill Russell leading a star cast that included K. C. Jones, Gene Brown, Carol Boldt, Hal Perry and Mike Farmer, the Dons embarked on a seven-game coast-to-coast tour during December and topped it off by winning the Holiday Basketball Festival at Madison Square Garden.

Masters at defense, the Dons have yielded an average of only 49.5 points in 24 games for the best record in the country.

North Carolina headed the tenth 10 group in the final ratings, followed in order by Kentucky, Utah, Temple and Holy Cross. St. Louis and Oklahoma City University were tied for 16th place, and Seattle, Canisius and Duke were tied for No. 18.

Iowa Beats Indiana For Tourney Berth

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press Sports Writer

Iowa's happy Hawkeyes rode one of the season's most brilliant comebacks right to an NCAA tournament berth today as the newly-crowned Big Ten champion.

At the same time, Oklahoma A&M joined St. Joseph's of Philadelphia and Lafayette as new additions to the 12-team field for the National Invitation Tournament. Only one more NIT berth remains empty and may go to St. Louis or Brigham Young.

Iowa, defending Big Ten champion and picked to repeat, didn't look as if it was going anywhere when it lost five of its first eight

games.

But Monday night's title-clinching 84-73 triumph over Indiana at Iowa City climaxed a tremendous comeback that saw the Hawkeyes win their next 14 straight games. Illinois, which had led the league season long until beaten by Iowa last week, bowed out of the race with a surprise 83-82 loss to Northwestern.

Iowa City Meeting
Iowa, with a 13-1 league record to Illinois 11-3, thus landed a spot in the NCAA's regional at Iowa City, March 16, against the winner of the first round game between Marshall and the yet undetermined Ohio Valley Conference champion.

Only four berths remain open in the NCAA's 25-team field.

Ivy League champion Dartmouth has been offered one, but hasn't yet accepted. The Ohio Valley team will be decided by a three-team playoff Wednesday and Thursday. The Southeastern Conference is polling its members to pick between Alabama and Kentucky.

And the Big Seven team can be decided tonight when Kansas State can clinch the league championship by beating old rival Kansas. But Kansas won an earlier meeting 91-86, and a repeat victory would drop Kansas State into a tie with Missouri, with Iowa State still able to join the deadlock.

Still After Title
Missouri kept its title hopes alive with an 88-80 victory over Nebraska Monday night.

In other league games: Robin Freeman of Ohio State scored 33 points, but State lost to Minnesota, 95-89, and Freeman finished four points short of the Big Ten scoring record of 439 points set by Don Schlundt of Indiana in 1953; Michigan State took a 76-75 victory over Michigan; St. Louis beat Arkansas in overtime, 68-66; Colorado nipped Oklahoma, 67-66; defending champ Duquesne warmed up for the NIT with a 64-56 win over St. Bonaventure; and Southeastern Conference champion Alabama downed Florida, 82-75.

Tatum To Bring Harlem Magician Team To Valley

"Fabulous" Goose Tatum and Marques Haynes will be seen in action for the first time in these parts when they lead their Harlem Magicians basketball club against the New York Olympians, paced by Bill Spivey, the seven-foot, one-inch former Kentucky all-American.

The game is scheduled for Tuesday night, March 27, in the Ashland high school gym. They meet again Wednesday night in Grants Pass.

Before organizing the Magicians, Tatum and Haynes were the top stars of the Harlem Globetrotters but performed only with the number one unit and not with the units which usually toured this area.

Recognized throughout the world as basketball's best known performer, the "Golden Goose" can do more on the court than any combination of players in the game today, says Los Angeles basketball writer Bob Hunter.

While Tatum is the high scoring court clown, Haynes is rated as the "world's greatest dribbler." He can handle a basketball as though radar controlled, dribbling with either hand, behind his back, sitting, lying on his side and even on his back.

DeMarco Wins on TKO Over Smith

Boston — (U.P.) — A jubilant Tony DeMarco credited a long memory and an unannounced fall on the ice for a ninth round TKO victory over lightweight champion Wallace (Bud) Smith Monday night at Boston garden.

"I knew Smith's style because we sparred together in Jersey City in 1951," said the former welterweight champion after he earned a bloody triumph over Smith.

Boston's "Little Marciano" confessed he had slightly sprained his left hand because of a fall during a pre-fight workout. Though he used his southpaw dynamite to deck Smith for a mandatory eight count in the third round, DeMarco used the injured duke sparingly until he got Smith into real trouble in the eighth round.

After that DeMarco, who weighed 145½ for the non-televized, non-title match, rallied and caught Smith with a short hammer-like left in the third. The Cincinnati, O., battler — who had welterweight aspirations — was sunk goggle-eyed for an eight count.

HOCKEY

New York — (U.P.) — Zellio Toppazzini of the Providence Reds is showing no let-up in his drive towards the American Hockey League scoring championship.

The ex-National Leaguer picked up five points during the past week and now has totaled 99 in 57 games. Including games played Sunday, he had 61 assists, also top in the league, and 38 goals.

Willie Marshall of the Pittsburgh Hornets and Camille Henry of the Reds are conducting an interesting race for runner-up honors. Marshall, who turned in his sixth "hat trick" of the season against Springfield Sunday night, has 84 points, three more than Henry.

Montreal — (U.P.) — Big Jean Beliveau, already the highest scoring center in National Hockey League history, will tie Gordie Howe's all-position record of 50 goals if he finishes the season at a goal-a-game clip.

The Montreal pivot is only six goals short with six games left to play. He has 44 goals and 37 assists for a total of 81 points, a seven-point margin over second-place Howe.

Maurice Richard, who has scored 40 or more goals four different times, picked up one goal and two assists during the week and was in third place, 14 points behind Beliveau.

Tag Team Match At Grants Pass This Wednesday

Grants Pass — Larry Chene will team with Bill Fletcher against Bull Montana and Pedro Godoy Wednesday night on the weekly wrestling card in the Grants Pass arena at the Josephine county fairgrounds.

Fletcher and Chene are fast, elusive men and each can throw a mean punch. They'll be outweighed but figure that their speed will offset the disadvantage. The two are skilled in lever-age wrestling. Montana and Godoy reportedly have bragged that they are the uncrowned tag team champs of the northwest.

After a rumbustious which ended in a "no contest" ruling by the Grants Pass wrestling commission last week, Chene and Bull Montana wanted to get at each other in a one-hour tussle. Neither, however, would agree to terms. Montana asked that Chene put up his coast junior heavyweight belt and Chene demanded a guarantee which couldn't be met.

There will be two preliminary bouts.

Godoy and Fletcher entered the ring to join the battle between Montana and Chene last week. The commission and police broke up the fracas and held up the money pending outcome of this week's action.

Clark, Grays Harbor Win in JC Tournament

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Clark JC and Grays Harbor met tonight for the Washington junior college basketball championship.

Clark boomed over Olympic JC 97-74 and Grays Harbor took the measure of Yakima 88-76 last night in opening round games.

Bill Chronis and Joe Johnson, the later a former Marshallfield, Ore., high school star, scored 21 points each for Clark JC. Don Smith of Olympic led all scorers with 23. Bob Roiko of Grays Harbor and John Rhine of Yakima each hit 20 points in the other contest.

High School Scores

By UNITED PRESS
Milwaukie 47, Astoria 43
St. Helens 46, Tillamook 45
Scappoose 51, Seaside 49

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Porter Leading NW Loop Scoring

By United Press
Final statistics released by the Northwest Conference show the standings pretty much the same as when they got underway—Linfield's Don Porter still holds the number one spot.

Porter dumped in 376 points over the 15-game run to far out distance the runner up in the scoring race, College of Idaho's R. C. Owens who had 327.

Others in the top ten in the final tabulations were: Del Klieker, Whitman, 258; Danny French, Pacific, 236; Bill Machamer, Linfield, 224; Hal Adrian, Lewis and Clark, 208; Bill Kundrat, Idaho, 200; Pete Reed, Willamette, 187; Dave Sanford, Linfield, 186; and Max Sanchez, Idaho, 182.

Jerry Kalapus, Pacific university center, and ex-Medford high player, ranked 13th in scoring in the Northwest Conference basketball chase this season. He had 172 points. Kalapus is a freshman.

Portland Beavers Sign Two Players for 1956

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland Beavers have signed two more players in the fold for the 1956 campaign, General Manager Joe Ziegler said today.

Frankie Austin, regular shortstop for the club since 1949, and Beryln Hodges, 23-year-old right-handed pitcher who was with Eugene in the Northwest league last year, have inked 1956 contracts.

Hollingsworth, Hoffine Second, Third in OC Conference Scoring

By UNITED PRESS
Ted Schadewitz, Eastern Oregon's perennial scoring leader, walked off with the Oregon Collegiate Conference scoring laurels this year, according to figures released by league officials at the close of the season.

Schadewitz stuffed 389 counters through the hoop in the 16

	G	FGA	FG	FTA	FT	PF	TP
Schadewitz, EO	16	200	147	112	95	47	389
Hollingsworth, SO	16	216	103	177	124	53	330
Hoffine, SO	16	251	117	92	59	37	293
Viskov, PS	16	276	120	59	51	39	291
Kolbaba, SO	16	212	87	152	106	60	280
Parker, PS	16	202	102	91	65	32	269
Foster, OT	16	213	88	94	75	35	251
Milner, OC	16	164	74	95	84	28	232
Jones, CC	16	215	78	79	45	38	201
Reinking, EO	16	195	86	48	29	47	201
Bates, SO	16	99	29	75	53	32	131
Ward, SO	16	97	34	59	49	12	117
Titus, SO	13	62	23	30	23	48	69
Bledington, SO	14	40	21	14	7	9	49
Carlie, SO	14	23	9	17	11	13	29
McIntyre, PS	11	25	13	9	3	20	29
Lowrance, SO	11	18	4	16	8	13	16
DePuy, SO	7	6	0	5	2	6	3
Tenny, SO	10	65	21	40	26	19	69

Belle Takes Open Stake In RVR Trial

Belle, Colleen, Darcy and Tim won stake honors Sunday in Rogue Valley Retriever club picnic trial competition at the Oregon State Game Commission management area on the south side of Rogue river near the military bridge.

The trial was the third in a series of five to determine "best dog" in the club in each stake.

It was also a warm-up for the annual American Kennel club licensed trial to be held here March 23, 24 and 25. That trial will feature some of the finest retrievers in the United States and Canada on the annual circuit.

Belle, female labrador, owned and handled by Earl Wescott, was open all-age winner on Sunday Colleen, female labrador, owned and handled by a Mr. Savage, Cave Junction, took qualifying honors. Derby stake laurels went to Darcy, male labrador, owned and handled by Eugene Hunt. Tim, a male labrador, owned and handled by O. R. Middlekauf, won the puppy stake.

Judges for the open were Middlekauf and Irv Warren and Wescott handled the qualifying stake. Ken Denmar, and Frank Carter judged the derby affair and Weldon Kline and Hunt the puppy stake.

Other winners were:
Open stake—2nd, Kip, male labrador, owned and handled by Ken Denmar; 3rd, Rogue, male labrador, owned and handled by Dr. C. F. Rambo, Rogue River; 4th, Flash, male labrador, owned and handled by Weldon Kline.
Qualifying stake—2nd, Coaly, male labrador, owned and handled by Ira Parrish; 3rd, Rogue; 4th, Smoke, male

Local Shooters Record 74 Total In Journal Event

Medford Gun club members turned in a 74 total Sunday in the Oregon Journal telegraphic trapshoot.

They shot against Klamath Falls, McMinnville and Myrtle Point, scores of those clubs were not immediately available.

Paul Culbertson and Ed Pease recorded perfect 25s and Joe Brooks had a 24 count. Top three scores of each club are wired in.

In handicap shooting at the local club Sunday Brooks broke 24 out of 25 birds and Bert Peck had a perfect 25 at skeet.

The club will have a shooting school for beginners next Saturday afternoon. Members are asked to bring new men out. There will be practice shooting on Sunday in addition to continuation of the Journal rivalry.

Graders Will Vie In Sports Night

Ten Jackson county grade schools in non-high districts will participate in a sports night, Friday, March 9, at Howard school.

Basketball will be played and foul shooting contests and relay races held. Teams will compete on a point system in Black and White divisions with five teams in each group.

Whites will be Ruch, Oak Grove, Elk-Trail, Griffin Creek and Howard. Black participants will be Applegate, Evans Valley, Shady Cove, West Side and Lone Pine.

Crater Runs Into Tough Rival

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NCAA Football TV Plan Favored

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — The National Collegiate Athletic Assn. membership voted overwhelmingly in favor of the television football plan recommended by the 1956 NCAA TV Committee, NCAA Executive Director Walt Byers announced today.

The plan, virtually identical to the one governing football telecasts last year, provides for a national game of the week to be telecast on each of eight dates with five Saturdays devoted to district telecasts.

Although there are a few late ballots yet to be received and counted, the NCAA membership approved the plan by a vote of 224 to 12.

Byers said the Television Committee will meet tomorrow and Thursday in New York to receive proposals for telecasting the national series.

Oregon Team Into Finals

Milwaukie, Ore. — (U.P.) — Portland State and the University of Portland moved into the finals of the district 2 NAIA tournament here last night as both turned in impressive opening night wins over Northwest Conference opposition.

Portland State gained its spot with a 93-72 decision over Pacific while Portland laced Linfield in the evening's opener, 92-62.

The Pilots ran into little trouble with Linfield. Jack Scrivens and Jim O'Donnell paced the night's scoring for Portland with 18 each. Game scoring honors, though, went to Linfield's Don Porter, a NAIA all-American last year, who collected 21.

Pacific stayed even with Portland State for three-quarters of the distance in the nightcap before the Vikings broke completely away in the final 11 minutes of action. Jack Viskov hit 24 for Portland State.

Linfield and Pacific, a pair that ended the Northwest Conference race in a tie for second spot, meet tonight in the opener for third place. Winner of the finale and the district title picks up a ticket to Kansas City. Jimmy Winters, star Portland U. guard, is out of the tourney with a leg injury.

Coquille, Crater Mix Wednesday in District 6 A-2 Court Decider

Central Point — The Crater high Comets, who move up into the A-1 athletic ranks after this school year, would like to leave an imprint on the state Class A-2 basketball record books before they do. And they have that opportunity here Wednesday night.

The Comets and the Coquille Red Devils collide on the Crater floor at 8 p.m. Winner will claim the District 6 A-2 championship and along with it a spot on the state titular play-off opening Monday at Salem.

If the Comets make the grade, they'll be the first hoop squad in the history of their school or its predecessor, Central Point high, to reach a state tournament. And there is added significance to the honor. The field of eight at Salem will vie in the inaugural separate state championship tourney for A-2.

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ion for his charges yesterday; today's drill was not to be too strenuous. The mentor indicated that the Comets would work today on offensive changes that, while minor, might prove the key in turning back the Coquille quietest.

Hope Physically Better
A hope also is that the Crater crew will be improved physically for the brush. Fred Herrmann fought with the flu bug as well as the Red Devils during the week end and which also saw Bob Gray's sinus ailment take a turn for the better.

Herrmann has been recovering from a foot sprain as has John Shama. Nathan Douthit has been troubled by an ankle sprain and Harold Leffer had both ankles taped Saturday night because of sprains. A knee injury slowed Callender for the week end series.

Probable starters for the Comets tomorrow are Shama and Herrman, forwards, Gray, center, and Douthit and Leffer, guards. Coquille may have Don Nelson and Leroy Ames or Tom Creager, forwards, Howard Weggoner, center, and Jack Liles and Leroy Sargent, at the guards.

Poirier Beats Perez in Eighth

New York — (U.P.) — Welterweight Gene Poirier of Niagara Falls, N.Y., said today his improved left hook had enabled him to stop Danny Joe Perez of New York on bloody face cuts in the eighth round of their return TV fight at St. Nicholas arena Monday night.

Poirier, who weighed 151 pounds to Danny Joe's 148½, said, "I used to concentrate so much on my right I was almost a one-handed fighter. But I've been working hard on my left hook since I fought Perez before."

Gene, 23, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Perez at St. Nick's last July 25.

Poirier, favored at 11-5, suffered a nick on his right brow and a three-stitch cut on his left brow while giving Perez such a licking he was almost out on his feet at the close of the eighth round. Left hooks to the head and right smashes to the body were Gene's most effective weapons. Two right uppercuts near the end of the eighth almost dropped Danny Jo.

Fight Results

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New York: (St. Nick's)—Gene Poirier, 151, Niagara Falls, N.Y., stopped Danny Joe Perez, 148½, New York, (8).
Boston: Tony DeMarco, 145½, Boston, stopped Wallace (Bud) Smith, 142, Cincinnati, (9—non-title).
Providence, R.I.: Steve Marcellio, 158, Providence, knocked out Bob Bolton, 151, Providence, (9).
Orleans: Al Pellegrini, 154, New Orleans, outpointed Alfonso Flores, 151, Mexico City, (10).
Quebec City, Que.: Jimmy Carter, New York, outpointed Phil Burston, St. Louis, (10).

State Prep Pairings Set For Class A

Portland — (U.P.) — State basketball tourney drawings were announced by the Oregon School Activities Association yesterday for both A-1 and A-2 class schools.

Pairings were:
(A-1 tourney)
March 13, Tuesday —
7:30 p.m. — Central Catholic (3) vs. Lincoln or Washington (2), play-off Wednesday, loser out.
8:45 p.m. — McMinnville (4) vs. Klamath Falls (6).
March 14, Wednesday —
9 a.m. — Eugene (5) vs. Pendleton, Baker, Mac-Hi (7).
10:15 a.m. — South Salem (8) vs. Jefferson or Franklin (1), No. 2 team from Portland to be decided by coin flip Monday.
1:45 p.m. — Cottage Grove, North Bend or North Salem (5-8 playoff) vs. Milwaukie, Astoria, Gresham (3), No. 2 district team to be decided in playoff ending Wednesday.
3 p.m. — Beaverton (4) vs. Medford (6).
7:30 p.m. — Marshfield (5) No. 2 team, vs. Pendleton, Mac-Hi or Baker (7), No. 1 team in Blue Mountain playoff.
8:45 p.m. — Corvallis (8) No. 1 team, vs. Jefferson or Franklin (1), No. 1 team from Portland to be decided by coin flip.
(A-2 tourney)
Monday March 12 —
2:30 p.m. — Stayton (3) vs. winner 4-team district 1 tourney, 3 Lower Columbia teams and Tillamook.
3:45 p.m. — Coquille or Crater (6) vs. winner of Molalla tourney (4).
7:30 p.m. — St. Francis (5) vs. Redmond (8).
8:45 p.m. — Toledo or Newport (2) vs. Ontario (7).

Basketball

BY UNITED PRESS
St. Louis U. 68, Arkansas 66
Missouri 66, Nebraska 60
Minnesota 40, Ohio State 39
Northwestern 83, Illinois 82
Alabama 82, Florida 75
Duquesne 64, St. Bonaventure 56
Michigan State 76, Michigan 75
Iowa 84, Indiana 73
Colorado 67, Oklahoma 66
Portland State 93, Pacific 72
Portland U. 92, Linfield 62

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