

# San Francisco, Iowa Battle This Evening For NCAA Crown; SMU, Temple Trimmed

By ED SAINSBURY  
Chicago — (U.P.) — Unbeaten San Francisco and Big Ten Champion Iowa, two basketball teams with dogged defenses, tangled tonight for the big prize—the NCAA championship—with the defending champion Dons a slight favorite to win.

San Francisco rolled over Southwest Conference Champion Southern Methodist with ease in the semi-finals Thursday night, 86-68, as forward Mike Farmer netted 26 points in the Dons 54th straight win.

Center Bill Logan set a personal record with 36 points to pace Iowa to its 17th straight, 83-76, over Temple.

**Good Shooting Eye**  
Both Iowa and San Francisco won Thursday night because of better shooting and rebounding. The Hawkeyes hit a 41 per cent pace from the field and grabbed 51 rebounds to 39 per cent and 47 rebounds to Temple.

The Dons hit a 46 per cent clip from the field and garnered 49

rebounds, with Bill Russell pulling in 23. The Mustangs shot 36 per cent with 39 rebounds.

Iowa's victory resulted chiefly from excellence at the free throw line. Temple committed 23 fouls and the Hawks, who netted only 29 field goals, collected 25 points on 38 gift tosses. Iowa fouled only 14 times and Temple, with

35 field goals, got six free throws in 17 tries.

**Owls' Guards Star**  
Two terrific shooting guards, Hal Lear and Guy Rodgers, sparked a last minute rally for Temple which nearly converted the Owl's fourth loss of the season into the 27th win. Lear shot 50 per cent from the field and

scored 32 points while Rodgers contributed 28 points. Their last minute surge pulled Temple from a 12 point deficit with seven minutes to play to only three points with three minutes remaining.

San Francisco sailed to a 21 point lead in the first half but thereafter appeared to coast against the Mustangs, whose 19 game winning streak was broken by the defeat. The Mustangs came within seven points three times in the last half but on each occasion the Dons potted two or three quick baskets for a comfortable margin.

Russell, an All-America for the past two years, was a stand-out as usual. He bagged 17 points but he cleared the boards consistently and ruined numerous shots by Jim Krebs, who finished as the Mustangs' leading scorer with 24 points.

## Agostini of Fresno State Eyes Chance To Compete in Olympics; Would Run Under Trinidad Flag

By DON REED  
Fresno, Calif. — (U.P.) — Mike Agostini, a small sprinter from Fresno State college, is aiming for the track throne reserved for the "world's fastest human" and a gold medal at the 1956 Olympic Games.

Agostini, a 21-year-old junior, bettered Mel Patton's listed world record of 20.2 seconds for 220 yards last Saturday with a clocking of 20.1 at Bakersfield, Calif. He also ran his second straight 9.4-second 100-yard race of the new season.

"There was no wind and mentally, I guess, I was ready," Agostini said. "I've been running since I was nine and I think I can go faster yet."

Agostini, a business administration student, isn't cocky. He's just confident.

**Runs For Trinidad**  
But if Mike earns a trip to the victor's stand at the coming Olympic Games in Australia, the band won't play the Star Spangled Banner. He will run for Trinidad, an island off the coast of Venezuela and a member of the newly-formed British Commonwealth Federation in the Caribbean Sea area.

One way or another, Agostini appears almost certain to get to Melbourne for the games.

"I've been nominated as the top sprinter for my country," Agostini said. "I don't know yet if there will be enough money raised by Trinidad to send a team to the Olympics, but father wants me to go even if he has to pay my way."

Agostini comes from a family that dates back more than 100 years in Trinidad. His father, Sendley, an Italian, is office manager there for the Texas Oil

Co. His mother is Portuguese. He has an older brother, Colin, 22; a sister, Noreen, 14, and a baby brother, Ray, 1.

Mike stands five feet, 7½ inches and weighs 154 pounds. He is careful about his diet, eat only high protein and vitamin foods.

Agostini, who set Trinidad's records for 60 yards through 200 meters while in high school, already had run 100 yards in 9.4 seconds before entering college. He first met his present coach, Fresno State's J. Flint Hanner, at the 1953 national AAU championships in Dayton, O.

He enrolled at Villanova university in December of that year. But he met Hanner for the second time during the 1954 British Empire Games at Vancouver, B. C., and decided to transfer to Fresno State

## Pirate Track Gang Readies For Season

Phoenix—Phoenix high will stage a Little Rogue relay track meet on Saturday, April 7.

The tussle is slated the same day as the annual big Rogue relays at Medford. While Medford is host to the larger schools of the area, Phoenix is inviting the smaller schools to take part.

Six lettermen are on the squad of 18 Pirates working out for track under the supervision of Coach Hap Consruck. They are Jim Korth, javelin man and shot putter; Delmar Brood, low hurdles, sprinter and pole vaulter; Walter Hurlbut, shot, discuss and broad jump participant; Charles Swingle and Llewellyn Witte, quarter-milers, and Jim James, high hurdler and high jumper.

**Other Candidates**  
Among other candidates are Roger Carson, shot putter, discus thrower and pole vaulter; Gary Simonds, sprinter; Jim Waldron, middle distance runner; Archie Trot, high hurdler and high jumper, and Charles Miers, freshman mile prospect.

Trackmen have been practicing for about two weeks.

Next action for the Pirates after the Little Rogues may be the Hayward relays at Eugene. Tentative plans for the Pirates include a triangular meet at Phoenix on April 20 with Eagle Point and Illinois Valley; the invitational at Rogue River on April 28; the Rogue league meet at Central Point on May 5 and the A-2 district meet at Ashland on May 12. Phoenix hopes to qualify entries for the state meet on May 18.

## INDIANA TAKES STAND

Bloomington, Ind. — (U.P.) — The University of Indiana announced Thursday that it will not schedule contests in any sport in areas where Negro athletes are barred.

## Crater High Rebuilding In Baseball

Central Point — This is a rebuilding season in baseball for the Crater high Comets, defending Rogue League and District 6 A-2 champions.

Only five lettermen from 1955 are among the 35 candidates from whom Head Coach Clarence Melby and his assistant, Jim Gay, will shape the 1956 nine for a 14-game regular season.

Returnees are Harold Lefler, catcher; Fred Herrmann, pitcher and utility player; John Shama, outfielder and infielder; and Allen Gosnell and Gary Smith, outfielders. Charles South, outfielder, and Randy Campbell, catcher, are varsity reserves back from the 1955 campaign.

The squad has been working out only this week. Among the top prospects other than lettermen are Eddie Koch, Bob Fowler, Paul Beach and Doug Daver, infielders; Wayne Allen and Melvin Smith, pitchers; Dave Morris, outfielder or pitcher and Bill Reaves, catcher. Allen, Davis, Fowler, Beach and Smith are among 11 freshman aspirants.

In addition to six games with A-2 Rogue League foes the Comets will have eight contests with the members of the A-1 Southern Oregon Conference which it will join as a participant next fall.

## Hawks Nab Lead Without Pettit

By UNITED PRESS  
The St. Louis Hawks proved they could win on the road in the opening series of the National Basketball association playoffs—and they demonstrated today they also can win without league scoring champion Bob Pettit.

The Hawks, who advanced to the Western Division playoffs by beating the Lakers at Minneapolis in the decisive game, took a 1-0 lead in their best-of-five game series from the Fort Wayne Pistons Thursday night with an 86-85 decision. But, even more impressive than the fact the victory was scored at Fort Wayne, was that the Hawks gained it with only a seven-point performance from Pettit.

Pettit, who tallied 41 points in the key win over Minneapolis, was held to three field goals and a free throw Thursday night.

mix at Central Point on April 17. Games are to be arranged also with Eagle Point junior varsity.

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## Sandlot Teams Getting Earlier Start This Year

Wichita, Kan.—Sandlot baseball teams and leagues for players of unlimited age are organizing earlier than usual, it was made known here by the National Baseball Congress which sponsors a National Association of Leagues and a nation-wide tournament program.

One of the main reasons for the early activity results from the first global world tournament staged last year in Milwaukee's county stadium. The nation's No. 1 non-pro club in 1956 will represent the United States in the second global series in September. The site and starting date of this event will be announced before April 1.

The winner of the 22nd annual national tournament in Wichita in late August will represent the United States in the global playoff, in addition to being awarded a \$10,000 cash purse and mileage. Teams certified in U. S. national tournament qualify through franchised leagues, district and state tournaments.

A new plan for franchising leagues by the National Baseball Congress in its 1956 national association is also resulting in more leagues organizing early. Under the new plan championship team in franchised leagues will be presented an elaborate trophy through the national organization by the bottlers of Coca-Cola and individual players will receive additional awards. Each league operates under its own constitution and by-laws without interference from national organization. The Congress, however, offers many services to leagues including settling disputes and recognizing the leagues in the following edition of the Official Baseball Annual.

**Umpires Association**  
Under the new plan, circuits are franchised into the National Association of Leagues at only \$25 per season.

Date on either the National Association of Leagues or the tournament program will be furnished upon request, at no cost, by writing National Baseball Congress, Wichita (1) Kan.

The NBC also will sponsor a National Association of Umpires and Scorers for the coming season with combined membership slated to exceed 8,000 individuals.

Complete details of the entire program are in the 1956 Official Baseball Annual, published by the National Baseball Congress and distributed through news stands and athletic goods stores.

## Humez Opposes Jones Tonight

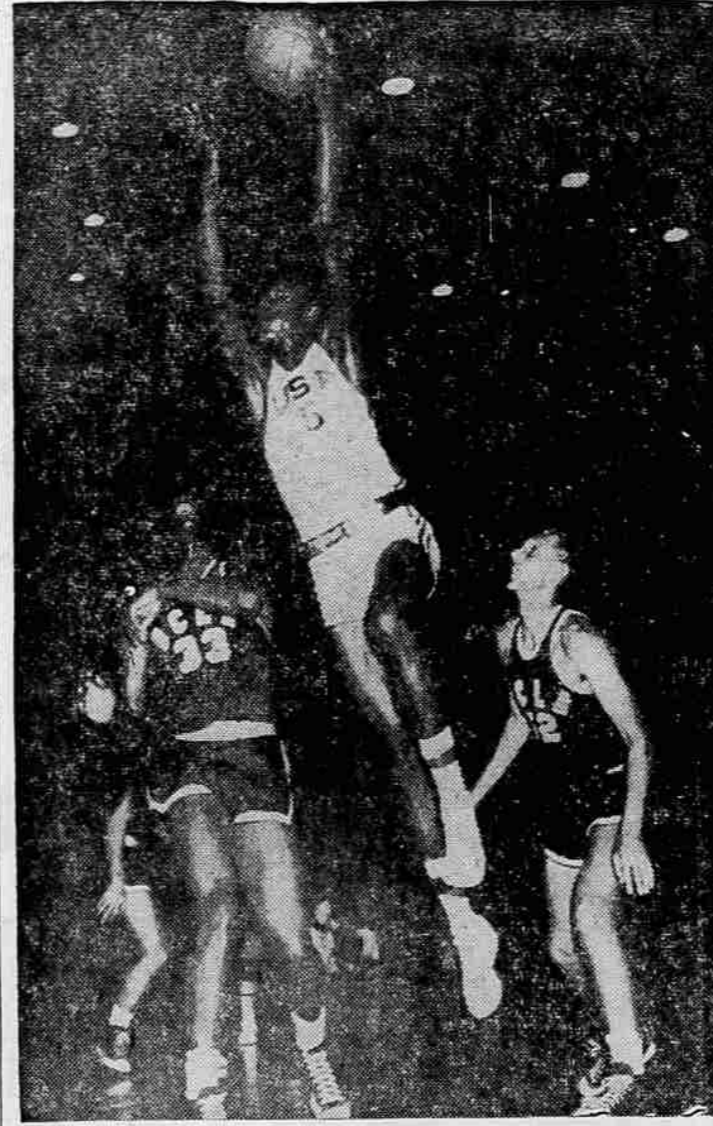
New York — (U.P.) — Charles Humez of France, who came to the U.S. once before and won a boxing title, tries it again tonight at Madison Square Garden this time as a professional taking the first step in an American campaign he hopes will bring him the world middleweight crown.

In 1948 Humez, then a welterweight, won the International Golden Gloves at Chicago, beating Dave Coleman.

Tonight, as 28-year-old holder of the European middleweight crown, he is an 8-5 favorite over tough Ralph (Tiger) Jones, who nearly spoiled Ray Robinson's comeback 13 months ago. Jones is now ranked ninth among middleweight contenders; Humez is second-ranked among challengers.

## Halbrook Second Most Valuable

Denver — (U.P.) — Swede Halbrook, former Oregon State basketball center now playing for Wichita, was named the second most valuable player in the National Industrial League. Halbrook was nosed out for the top award, announced here last night, by Ed Solomon of the Peoria team.



WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE—San Francisco's Bill Russell takes to the air for a left-handed score as UCLA's Willie Naulls (33) and Allen Herring (52) watch helplessly at Corvallis, Ore. Russell's 21 point effort and fine defense work helped USF down the Bruins, 72-61, in the NCAA Western playoffs.

## Babe McCoy Has Chance To Answer

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Babe McCoy, veteran Los Angeles matchmaker, gets his chance today to answer charges that he ordered fighters to take dives in at least four fixed fights throughout the country.

McCoy was scheduled to be the main witness before the governor's committee investigating boxing and wrestling in California. McCoy, Olympic auditorium matchmaker, testified Tuesday in the investigation but illness prevented him from returning to the stand.

The investigation has touched off a major nationwide boxing scandal as a result of testimony by former lightweight Tommy Campbell and ex-featherweight George Hansford.

Campbell testified that McCoy ordered him to lose fights with Art (Golden Boy) Aragon and Del Flanagan. McCoy denied Campbell's charges.

**Four Fights Fixed**  
Hansford said yesterday that he had engaged in at least four fixed fights—one of which McCoy personally ordered him to lose. McCoy ordered him to lose to Enrique Bolanos in San Antonio, Tex., on April 2, 1946. Hansford said. He lost in two rounds although the fight was supposed to go four, he said.

"Bolanos and his manager were in on it," Hansford said. "Bolanos knew my hands were tied. When he tried to cut me up, I got out."

Another witness, retired fight manager Eddie Stanley, testified he once took Ira Hughes to Portland, Ore., to fight Joe Kahut. Stanley said that McCoy sent him to the fight with instructions to "get him out early."

"I didn't think Hughes could

## Basketball

**THURSDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS**  
By United Press  
National Invitational (Semi-Finals)  
Louisville 89, St. Joseph's 79  
Dayton 89, St. Francis (Brooklyn) 58

NCAA Tournament (Semi-Finals)  
Iowa 83, Temple 76  
San Francisco 86, Southern Methodist 68

AAU Tournament (Quarter-Finals)  
Phillips Oilers 106, Rainer Comets (Chicago) 90  
Buchan Bakers (Seattle) 68, Mirror Glaze (Pasadena) 64  
Allen-Bradley (Milwaukee) 79, Central Bank (Denver) 77

Junior College Tourney (Quarter-Finals)  
Pueblo (Colo.) 85, Cameron (Okla.) Aggie 77  
Hannibal (Mo.) 109, New York City Tech. 89.

## Bakers Gain Semi-Finals

Denver — (U.P.) — Buchan Bakers of Seattle advanced to the semi-finals of the National AAU basketball tourney last night with a 68-64 win over Pasadena Mirror Glaze.

The Bakers meet Milwaukee's Allen Bradley tonight.

The Mobile Oilers, made up of University of Alabama stars, downed the Wichita Vickers 79-74 and will play the Phillips Oilers in the semi-finals.

Swede Halbrook hit 11 and Ted Romanoff 10 points for Wichita. Both are former Oregon State players.

## PLAYERS CHOSEN

New York — (U.P.) — Center Gary Bergen of Utah and guard George Selleck of Stanford were selected today to play for the West team which opposes the East in the annual Fresh Air fund basketball game at Madison Square Garden, March 31.

win anyway, so I advised him in the fight. I don't generally advise fighters. In the fourth round, Hughes was hit in the eye and got it."

## Tornado Diamonders Will Play at Yreka

Baseball season opens for Medford high school Saturday when a 14-man squad travels to Yreka, Calif., for a 1 p.m. contest.

The game will also mark the debut of Black Tornado diamonders under the helm of new coach John Kovenz. Action will launch a slate of at least 20 games for the Medfordites.

Kovenz said he hopes to work three pitchers in the scuffle. Duane Sides, Ernie Tyler and Henry Putney. The tussle is slated for seven innings but the mentor would like to have it extended to nine.

Since Ray Hilton will not be able to make the trip, Kovenz likely will call on Dick McLaughlin to handle the catching. Larry Gober, who has been a third baseman, would move to McLaughlin's first sack spot.

Probable starters at other spots will be Larry Perkins, second base; Gordon Owsley, shortstop; Jim Putney, third base, and Ron Peery, Ed Reinking and Roger Gallaci, outfielders.

McLaughlin, Gober, Perkins and Reinking reported to the squad Monday after completing the basketball season.

"Things are looking pretty good," Kovenz reported. He said that members of the squad are hustling and have good desire. A few intersquad tangles are being used to get the team used to game conditions, Kovenz stated, adding that the crew is "coming along good."

Medford will play Crater here March 30 and 31 before swinging into its conference slate.

**SCHEDULE:**  
March 24—At Yreka; March 30-31, Crater here.  
April 3—At Ashland; April 6—Ashland here; April 10—Crater at Central Point (tentative); April 14—Klamath Falls here (2 games); April 17—Grants Pass here; April 20—At Grants Pass; April 24—At Ashland; April 27—Ashland here; April 28—Yreka here.  
May 4—University of Oregon Fresh at Eugene; May 5—At Eugene (2 games); May 8—At Grants Pass; May 11—Grants Pass here; May 19—At Klamath Falls (2 games).

## Eureka Cyclist Victor In Crescent City Meet

Slim Jokele, Eureka, Calif., was high point man last Sunday in the Grants Pass Red Squirrels seventh annual motorcycle field meet at Crescent City, Calif. He took four first places.

Chuck Dorn, Grants Pass, won the short drag race and Wayne West, Rogue River, took the run and ride event.

Southern Oregon was well represented at the meet with four entries being from Rogue River. Beach at Crescent City was scattered with logs and driftwood left mostly from the Klamath river flood. Despite the condition the beach at low tide was good for the fast cycle events.

## Slats Gill Named VP of Mentors

Chicago — (U.P.) — Slats Gill, Oregon State College basketball coach, was named first vice president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches at their annual convention yesterday.

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