

# Dons, Uclans Expected to Dominate Action in CBA and Coast Conference

San Francisco (U.P.)—With the 1956-57 basketball season but 10 days old, the die apparently has been cast with the University of San Francisco and UCLA as the two top contenders for the two top conferences.

USF, which took a \$7.52 cliff-hanger from Seattle Saturday night, is without three of its starters from the club which won two national championships and set a national victory string of 55 games, but still rolls on.

Gone are All-Americans Bill Russell and K. C. Jones, and USC's guards, compatriot little Hal Perry. But one again Coach Phil Woolpert has come up with a better than average team, one which should again win the California Basketball Association crown and qualify for the NCAA regional playoffs for the third consecutive year.

His 1956-57 edition is built around junior center, Mike Farmer, tabbed as one of the best front line men in the West, and Gene Brown, 6-4 junior guard and the team's top scorer and best All-American prospect.

**Brown Injured**

The Dons, who have won four games this season despite the fact Brown has been benched with a fractured hand the past two games, will be without their ace this week end when they meet the Olympic team headed by former teammates Russell and Jones in a Chicago tournament.

However, USF picked up a couple of unexpected nuggets in two junior college players who will partially make up for the loss of Brown.

From Hannibal, Mo., junior college Art Day, a 6-8 sophomore who took the national junior college scoring championship last year, and 5-11 Al Dunbar, Day is expected to do the impossible, fill Russell's shoes, before the season is out, but he leaves a lot to be desired defensively, although he showed improvement in the Seattle game in this department. He also sustained an injured wrist Saturday which is being x-rayed.

The Dons will probably get their come-uppance on the forthcoming midwestern trip which besides the Chicago tourney included games with third-ranked Illinois, and highly regarded Western Kentucky and Washington University of St. Louis. Without Brown, at least one of the trio is almost certain to dump the Dons, as is the Olympic

team. However, the NCAA has ruled that a loss to the Olympic team will not count as a break in the Dons' collegiate victory string.

**UCLA Standout**

Best of the rest of the CBA appears to be College of Pacific and Santa Clara, both in a building year. Santa Clara all but upset the UCLA team in Bakersfield, Calif., Saturday night, taking two overtime periods for the Bruins to win it 69-58.

While UCLA, even without its famed Willie (The Whale) Naulls,

now playing in the NBA pro ranks for St. Louis, appears head and shoulders above the remainder of the Pacific Coast conference teams.

The Uclans, with Ben Rogers and Dick Banton heading the list of standouts, are not eligible for the conference championship in view of the PCC's action knocking them out of title consideration for three years because of the under-the-table pay scandal.

California, sparked by forward Larry Friend, and Wash-

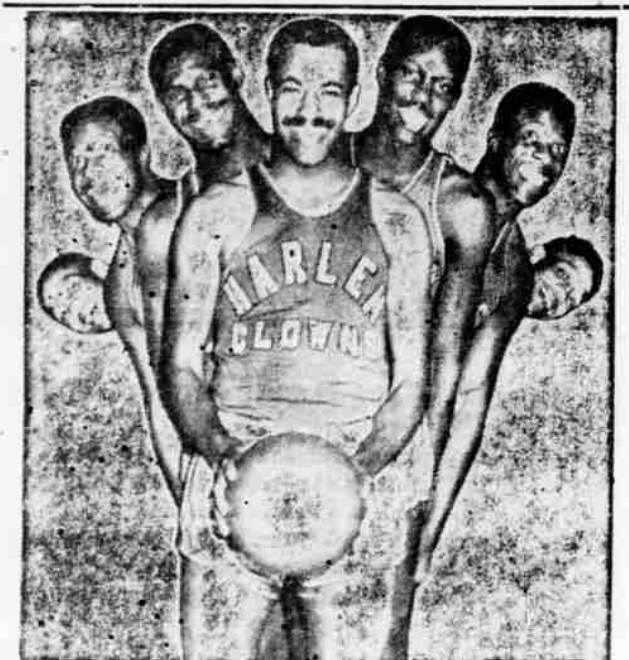
ington, which has one of the tallest clubs in the country, man-for-man, are slated to fight it out for the PCC title, or so the forecasters say.

Seattle, with its sensational Elgin Baylor, without a doubt the Pacific Coast's best scorer, is rated the best of the independents.

Woolpert has come up with a better than average team, a team which should again win the California Basketball Association crown and qualify for the NCAA regional.

## San Francisco Don Coach Predicts Streak May End

### MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



**CLOWNS APPEAR**—The fun-loving Harlem Clowns, above, sometimes known as the "poor man's Globetrotters," will appear at the Grants Pass high school memorial gym tonight against a team of high school coaches and faculty players during the first half and a game of city basketball league all-stars during the second. Game time is 8:15 p.m. Players on the Dads' Club team include Ray Davis, Russ Werner, Gordon Prehm, Mel Ingram, Mark Cotton, Bill Martell, all high school coaches at Grants Pass; Larry Dinneen, Frank Hoesacker, Dale Smith, Jesse Loffer and James (Tuffy) Keith, faculty members; and Don Hedgepeth, Roger Taylor and Vic Sparlin, Dads' Club members. City league players are Sherman Heater, Tinker Hatfield, Jim Rhoten, Sam Dean, John Koch, Gary Mark, Keith Bertrand, Joe McNabb and Jack Yosten.

## Humboldt Lumberjacks Tip Southern Oregon 61 to 56; Quints Vie Again Tonight

Ashland—The Southern Oregon college basketball quintet goes against the Humboldt State Lumberjacks here this evening still seeking its first collegiate win of the season.

It was almost but not quite for the Red Raiders of the Rogue last night as the Humboldt club came from behind in the final minutes to trip the Ashlanders 61 to 56 in the first contest of a two-game series. The setback was the fifth for the Southern Oregonians.

SOC junior varsity beat Central Oregon Community college 81 to 53 in the preliminary.

Humboldt jumped in front in the early minutes and kept the upper hand through the first half and well into the second. Score at the midway pause was 32 to 22.

**SO Leads 46 to 45**

Southern Oregon went on top 46 to 45 with seven minutes gone in the second half on a long shot by Don Jacobson. Tim

By SCOTT BAILLIE  
United Press Sports Writer

San Francisco (U.P.)—A tough road trip faced the University of San Francisco Dons this week end and — taking nothing for granted — Coach Phil Woolpert declares that his cagers "may win one or two out of the five we play."

If his prediction holds up, it means that USF's 59-game winning streak, an all-time record, is near the end of the line.

Does this year's edition of the two-time NCAA champions, which has been stripped of Bill Russell and K. C. Jones, sense the pressure of trying to keep up the pace? Here's how Woolpert puts it:

"Naturally the kids don't want to feel that they will be the ones to break the string, so there is some pressure in that respect," Woolpert said. "And they still are playing fine basketball."

**Rough Road for Dons**

He told the Northern California Basketball Writers association Monday that Mike Farmer, his 6-7 center, might give Russell — now a member of the U.S. Olympic team along with Jones — some trouble if the teams meet in the Chicago invitational this week end.

The rough road ahead looks like this — USF opens against Loyola Friday night in the Chicago tourney and presumably will eliminate the Ramblers while the Olympians oust Santa Clara. That would set the stage for the story book battle of Russell and Jones against their old teammates.

Then come invasions of third ranked Illinois, Western Kentucky and Washington of St. Louis.

There is some balm in Gilead for the Dons. Even if the Olympians did snap USF's winning streak, which then would be at 60, the result would not count in NCAA records. Games with teams other than four-year colleges which give degrees rate only as exhibitions.

**Bears Meet The Stilt**

West Coast basketball has some other crucial tests. California meets top-ranked Kansas and Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain at Berkeley next Tuesday in a game that has been sold out for weeks and Stanford meets Rice on Saturday.

Pete Newell of the Bears said that all he knows about Kansas is what he has heard of the seven-foot sophomore.

"However, I don't think he is the defensive threat that Russell is," Newell added.

Howie Dallmar only had this to say about the Indians' return to courts after time out for exams: "If we're not active against Rice, we'll have problems, and the same goes for them."

## OSC Gridders Have Exams

Corvallis (U.P.)—Books rather than football was the emphasis with Oregon State's Rose Bowl gridders today as they knocked down for term exams which begin Wednesday.

Coach Tommy Prothro, returning to the campus yesterday bearing a golden tan from his Hawaiian vacation, has scheduled the first bowl drills for his team Friday. The Beavers will work out here only until the 17th when they move to Southern California to set up camp in preparation for their game against Iowa New Years day.

**Reese High With 15**

Don Reese was high scorer of the game with 15 tallies for SOC while Baker put in 14 and Lawson and Schubert each 13 for Humboldt.

The Californians had a 44 to 37 advantage in rebounding but Norm Oliva of the Raiders was top man with 16. Schubert had 11, Baker nine and Lawson eight for the visitors.

Southern Oregon missed eight of its first nine free shots but wound up with a commendable 24 out of 37 while the Lumberjacks connected for 15 out of 23. The Jacks hit 23 for 63 or .338 from the field while SOC had .313 on 16 for 51.

In the prelim mix Dave O'Oliva led the junior Raiders with 22 points and Ron Owings had 16. Lee and Dunn each put in 16 for Central Oregon. The same two clubs tangle in this evening's opening tussle.

**BOX:**  
Humboldt  
Lawson, f. 4 4 3 5 13  
Schubert, f. 3 3 7 3 13  
Baker, f. 2 2 9 2 14  
Evans, f. 0 0 1 2 1  
Cooper, g. 4 0 4 10

## M. Clogston Grabs Club Skeet Title

Martin Clogston made a clean sweep Sunday of the Medford Gun club skeet championship tournament, retaining his open and 410-gauge titles and taking honors also in the 20-gauge event.

Clogston broke 98 out of 100 in the open and Don Hawk was runner-up with 89. Floyd scored 101 in the added bird handicap.

In the 20-gauge shooting Clogston had 47 out of 50 and Bert Peck was next with 46. Peck also took the added bird laurels with 49. Clogston's 410-gauge score was 42 of 50. He was followed in this event, too, by Peck, who broke 40 platters. Ray Coleman with 45 was added bird victor.

Sixteen-yard and handicap practice was conducted.

First two pre-Christmas turkey, ham and bacon shoots is slated for next Sunday, Dec. 18. It will be held rain or shine.

## Cubs Get Silvera From Yankees

Chicago (U.P.)—The Chicago Cubs added a second catcher in less than 24 hours to their roster today, buying Charlie Silvera from the New York Yankees for cash and two minor league players to be delivered later.

Silvera, 32, was waived out of the American League in order for the deal to go through. He had been with the Yankees for eight years, and has a lifetime major league batting average of .291. But in 1956, he appeared in only seven games and hit .222 in nine times at bat.

## Basketball

(Monday Scores)  
By UNITED PRESS  
East  
Juniata 89, Shippensburg 80  
Moorehead St. 61, Marshall 79  
Duquesne 73, St. Francis Pa. 6  
Rider 79, Susquehanna 64  
Wilkes 83, Moravian 61  
South  
Navy 76, Roanoke 61  
Maryland 59, Wake Forest 53  
St. Louis 71, Kentucky 53  
Tennessee 76, Cincinnati 68  
Rice 67, Louisiana St. 72  
Loyola La 71, Texas A&M 68  
Presbyterian 82, Citadel 73  
Tulane 88, Louisiana Coll. 48  
Florida 67, Florida St. 65  
Mississippi 87, Arkansas St. 68  
Midwest  
Missouri 61, South Dakota 71  
Marquette 78, North Dak. St. 49  
Iowa Wesleyan 97, St. Ambrose 77  
Nebraska 53, Wisconsin 51  
Northwestern 75, Notre Dame 60  
Oberlin 75, Penn. 55  
Indiana 73, Butler 68  
Southwest  
Texas Tech 66, Tulsa 42  
Oklahoma A&M 59, Arkansas 50  
Texas Christian 57, McMurry 50  
 Baylor 71, North Tex. St. 38  
West  
Colorado 70, Colorado A&M 49  
Idaho 44, Utah State 50  
Humboldt State 61, Southern Oregon 56  
Gonzaga 75, Portland State 63  
Washington State 66, Whitworth 63  
Seattle 47, Santa Clara 44  
Central Catholic 52, Franklin 45  
Roosevelt 49, Oswego 34  
Pacific Frosh 46, Vernonia 33

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

## Hopes Are Bright at Fresno State College

Editor's Note: This is another of a series on the prospects of West Coast basketball teams for the 1956-57 season.

By DON REED  
United Press Sports Writer  
Fresno, Calif. (U.P.)—Bill Vandenberg is all smiles at Fresno State College these days over his Bulldog squad, which includes probably the smallest performer in the California Basketball Association.

"We have fun-loving basketball players who should turn into Fresno's best team in years," says the former University of Washington cager, now in his third year as Bulldog coach. "We have plenty of strength behind the first five, too."

The Bulldogs started first by winning their first three games, the latest triumph being a 91-66 romp through the Cal Aggies.

Don Leone, a dribble expert with two years playing time at Reedley College, has shown that he may be the "David" among "Goliaths" of the powerful CBA.

The 130-pound, five-foot seven inch guard from Maryville, Ill., is a smooth ball-handler and has cat-like reflexes on defense. He also is a fair shotmaker from the outside.

Leone is a newcomer to the Bulldog first team along with Gary Alcorn, 6-8 center who averaged 20 points a game during his Fresno Junior College career. Alcorn provides the height that the Bulldogs never have had for offensive bucket post play.

The addition of Alcorn has allowed Vandenberg to get his squad to a single pivot style. Last year, when the Bulldogs wound up next to last in their first season in the CBA, the double pivot style offense was used in an attempt to avoid blocks by performers like big Bill Russell of USF.

Six-foot Dick Diebert, mainstay of last year's squad, is tabbed for a guard role along with Leone while Len Brown, 6-3 center in 1955-56, will join Rolland Todd at the forward posts.

**PORTLAND STATE LOSES**

Spokeyne (U.P.)—Gonzaga won its third straight basketball game last night with a second half rally that overwhelmed Portland State 75-63. Bob Turner hit 25 points for Gonzaga while Jack Parker was high for Portland State with 15.

**FERGUSON LEADER**

Seattle, Wash. (U.P.)—Quarterback Al Ferguson of the University of Washington football team led the Huskies in total offense this year with 506 yards gained.

**PACIFIC LOSES**  
Tacoma (U.P.)—Pacific University's traveling basketball team dropped an 86-69 decision to Puget Sound here last night for its third straight loss.

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## White Sox Boss Dies

Chicago (U.P.)—Mrs. Grace E. Comiskey, president of the Chicago White Sox, was found dead at home early Monday.

Her son, Charles, vice president of the Chicago American League ball club, was called out of a meeting of the American League Board of Directors, of which he is a member, and told the news. He went immediately to her home.

Mrs. Comiskey was the first woman to become a club president in the American League. She was the widow of J. Louis Comiskey, who was the club's second president. After his death July 18, 1939, she was elected to the club's top executive spot by its Board of Directors, and has held the post since.

Only one other woman has become president of a Major League club. Mrs. Schuyler P. Britton succeeded her husband as president of the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League for part of the 1956 season.

**FOSHA NAMED**

New York — William Ward Fosha of New York has been named to fill the unexpired term of the late Fraser M. Born as general counsel of the United States Golf Association.

**HUMBOLDT TOPS SOC**

Ashland (U.P.)—Humboldt State scored a 61-56 basketball victory over Southern Oregon last night by making four straight baskets in the last two minutes of play.

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Lawrence, f. 1 1 3 2 8  
Oliva, c. 2 4 2 8  
Christensen, g. 1 2 1 4  
Bates, g. 2 4 2 8  
Gannon, c. 2 1 2 5  
Jacobson, c. 2 1 2 5  
Crandall, c. 2 4 0 6  
Totals 16 21 15 56  
Referees—Swanson and Flink.