

NCAA Bills Tourney for 13 Circuits

Kansas City, Mo. — (UP) — The National Collegiate Athletic association announced today that 13 small college conferences would send their champions into the first small college championship tournament next March.

There are 125 schools eligible for the NCAA college division championship in these 13 conferences, Walter Byers, NCAA executive director said.

The conferences and the number of members are: California Collegiate Athletic association (6), Central Intercollegiate Athletic association (17), College Conference of Illinois (7), Far Western Conference (5), Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (6), Mason-Dixon Intercollegiate conference (10), Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference (23), Mid-West Collegiate Athletic conference (6), Mid-Western Athletic association (6), North Central Intercollegiate Athletic conference (12), Ohio Athletic conference (14), Pacific Northwest Intercollegiate Conference (6), Southern Intercollegiate Athletic conference (12).

Prize Not Eligible

One member of the California Collegiate Athletic association, Fresno State, is not eligible for the college tournament, but is eligible for the national university tournament. Gallaudet college of Washington, D.C., a member of the Mason-Dixon conference, is not eligible because it is an associate member of the NCAA.

Fourteen other schools in the list of conferences are not NCAA members and thus are not eligible to participate.

The 32-team tournament will be completed by selecting 16 large entries from the NCAA's remaining 148 college division members, Byers said. First and second round games of the tournament will be played on home floors. The championship games will be played at Evansville, Ind., March 13-15.

Church Loop Sets Opening

The YMCA-sponsored Church Athletic league of Medford will open its seventh basketball season on Saturday, Jan. 5, with play in three divisions.

Games will be held in the Y gym on Saturdays and on school courts on Thursdays.

Divisions are junior, for boys 14 and under, senior, for boys 15 through 18, and open's, for players 19 and up.

First Methodist church was winner last year in the senior or high school division and will defend against such teams as St. Peter's Lutheran, First Baptist, Medford Assembly of God, Medford Nazarene, Phoenix Nazarene, St. Mary's Episcopal and First Presbyterian.

Others May Sign

Other churches may register by Jan. 5. However, entries should be in by 1:30 p.m. Dec. 29 when Ron Sherman, league director, and Cliff McGinty, of the YMCA board, will assist in final action on rules for the season.

Entry is open to any church which has enough players and can be made in any or all of the divisions. To be eligible players must attend Sunday school or church a minimum of three times a month.

Teams must have representatives at the manager's meetings at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 29 and Jan. 5.

The Five Lakes form a group of glacial lakes in central New York. There are 11 lakes in the group.

PHOENIX HOLDS DOUBLEBILL TONIGHT; EP HOST FRIDAY

Smaller prep of the area are not taking a back seat to the larger high schools during the vacation time and are staging a couple of holiday basketball doubleheaders of their own tonight and Friday.

The action begins at Phoenix at 7:30 p.m. today when Douglas plays Eagle Point. Phoenix will be host in the nightcap to St. Mary's of Medford.

All four teams move to Eagle Point on Friday night. Douglas will encounter Phoenix in the first game and Eagle Point will

Parker Gets 2-Year Pact

Detroit — (UP) — Detroit Lions Coach Raymond K. (Buddy) Parker, most successful coach in Detroit history, gained another victory Wednesday when he got the club's board of directors to give him a two-year contract.

The 43-year-old Texan who caused a flurry in pro football circles recently with his charges of "dirty football" against the Chicago Bears and subsequent apology to Bear owner George Halas, had refused to sign a one-year pact after working under the one-year deal six seasons.

Club President Edwin J. Anderson announced the board's approval of a two-year contract with the explanation that Parker's refusal to sign last week was just a "misunderstanding."

Basketball

WEDNESDAY COLLEGE GAMES
By UNITED PRESS

Holiday Festival Quarter-Finals
Brighton Young State, Johns (NY) 25
Ohio State 64, Temple 62
Manhattan 55, Niagara 79
Notre Dame 72, New York U. 11

(South)
Magnolia Tournament
First Round
K. Eastern La. 84, Memphis S.W. 51
Mississippi College 82, Howard 79

(Midwest)
Big 7 Tournament
First Round
Oklahoma 67, Kansas State 64
Kansas 54, Iowa State 57

Midwest Tournament
First Round
Mississippi 160, Lawrence Tech 85
Indiana St. 89, Georgetown Ky 80
UCLA 72, St. Louis 66

SPORTS

John Witte, Alex Karris To Battle in Rose Bowl

Pasadena, Calif. — (UP) — Alex Karris of Iowa and John Witte of Oregon State should guarantee some good old-fashioned head-knocking in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Karris and Witte were among the four outstanding tackles in the nation in the recently completed season. Both mow down opposing runners with the power of a bulldozer and the crispness of a bolt of electricity.

Btg Karris, who lost his football scholarship a year ago because of his attitude, turned into the "wild man" of Iowa's sterling defense.

For his all-around play, the Gary, Ind., junior was named All-Big Ten tackle and won a berth on the United Press All-America second team. Coaches and observers say he is a sure fire bet for higher honors in 1957.

His reckless line play was in direct contrast to that of the lineman who reported to Coach Forest Evashevski as a 253-pound sophomore in 1955. With a sensational high school record of all-state honors for three successive years at tackle, guard and end, Evashevski had high hopes for Karris in 1955.

Loped Through Drills

Instead, the hefty sophomore loafed through drills and failed to lose weight, partly on the advice of a brother who played professional football and who had advised him the "pros like 'em heavy."

Once Karris showed up at practice midway through the season and was kicked off the field by his coach.

The net result was Karris failed to win a letter and lost his football scholarship.

At his Indiana home during the summer, his mother advised him not to be a quitter and, on his own, Karris reported for

football last fall. He scaled down to 220 pounds and after a few sessions was running with the first team.

Karris ripped through opposing lines all year long and was consistently singled out by opponents for his alert, rugged defensive play.

He nailed Jim Roseboro for a 10-yard loss on the final play of the Ohio State game, won by Iowa, 6-0, for the Big Ten championship.

Evashevski, usually slow to single out individuals, had a few words about Karris at the end of the season.

"He improved 1,000 per cent in everything," said Evashevski.

All Work, No Play Decreed For Hawkeyes; Good Health Concern of Oregon State

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Pasadena, Calif. — (UP) — Coach Forest Evashevski laid down an "all work and no play" ruling today for the Iowa football team as he fought the possibility of his team "going Hollywood" prior to the Rose Bowl game.

Rugged workouts that included plenty of contact in lengthy scrimmage sessions were the orders laid down by Evashevski from now until he begins tapering off his team three days prior to the New Year's Day encounter with Oregon State.

"The trouble is that everyone wants to entertain our boys," he grumbled. "There are almost as many Iowa folks here in Southern California as there are in Iowa and they are proud of the team. But unless we buckle down and get in some solid practice, they won't be so proud on New Year's Day."

To indicate he meant business, Evashevski called off a visit to Columbia Studios and the chance to see actress Kim Novak in person Wednesday. Evashevski told a studio official his players had broken so many training rules over Christmas that they needed a shot of hard work to make them realize they had a serious problem in meeting Oregon State.

No Kidding

And to prove he wasn't kidding, Evvy put the team through its hardest single workout since it arrived here. The drill lasted until darkness brought it to a halt and it was so rough that co-captain Dick Deasy suffered a knee injury and tackle Dick Klein was knocked out. Both were up and around today, however, and apparently the injuries were not major.

The Hawkeyes spent an hour and five minutes scrimmaging and at the end of that time the players were exhausted and gasping for breath.

Quarterback Ken Ploen passed for six completions during the scrimmage while Randy Duncan, his understudy, hit four completions.

"The defense seems in fairly good shape," Evashevski commented after the drill. "But I'm not too happy about the offense yet."

Over at the UCLA practice field, however, Oregon State Coach Tommy Prothro's chief concern was harboring the good health of his small squad and he banned contact drills from now until team time.

No Chances

"We've got a few key men bruised but they should all be in good shape by the week end," he commented. "I'm not taking chances on further injuries, however."

Prothro concentrated on timing and dummy drills to get down the precision required under his single-wing attack if it is to work against the heavier and deeper Iowa squad.

Tailback Joe Francis, who suffered a hip point injury over the week end, was running without any apparent strain and Prothro was confident he would be back in shape for the game.

Prothro said he also was guarding against his squad relaxing too much and losing its edge during the final few days of practice, and he personally was herding his players between their hotel in Santa Monica and the practice field at UCLA where he was Red Sanders assistant for six years.

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