

Boston Celts Cinch For Division Title

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It's now a runaway in the Eastern Division of the National Basketball Assn. where the Boston Celts have opened a 7½ game lead with a seven-game winning streak.

The Celts took their latest giant stride toward the division title by whipping the Philadelphia Warriors, 105-95, Monday night at the Boston Garden after Syracuse had beaten Minneapolis, 112-96, in the first game of the double-header.

The loss dropped the Warriors into third place, less than one percentage point behind the idle New York Knicks.

Boston took a 10-point lead in the opening minutes and led the rest of the way despite Warrior rallies in the second and fourth periods. Bob Cousy had 22 points and Tom Heinsohn 21 to lead the Celts, but Paul Arizin of the Warriors took individual honors with 24.

In the opener, the only other league game Monday night, John Kerr's five baskets in the fourth period helped Syracuse break out of a tie to beat Minneapolis. Kerr led the Nats with 26 points but Dick Garmaker of the Lakers had 28.

Huskies Battle Ducks Today in PCC Action

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There are only three college basketball games scheduled on the Pacific Coast tonight, but they're spread out from Seattle to Los Angeles.

The University of Washington and Oregon, both members of the Pacific Coast Conference, meet in Seattle in a non-conference game. College of Pacific and Santa Clara engage in the only California Basketball Association contest, and San Diego meets Los Angeles States.

However, two of the games involve top teams. Washington leads the PCC in victories with seven, but stands third on the basis of a single loss. Unbeaten California and UCLA have won six and four games, respectively.

Santa Clara is presently tied with St. Mary's for first in the CBA with records of 3-1. A Bronco victory tonight would give Santa Clara the conference lead.

The Huskies, with a pair of towering stars like Bruno Boin and Doug Smart, should have no trouble scoring a victory tonight. Oregon is the cellar dweller of the PCC with a record of 1-5.

Santa Clara has beaten COP once, and according to statistics, should be able to do it again.

The Tigers hold a narrow edge in scoring average, but Santa Clara tops them in defense, field goal percentage and free throw percentage.

In junior college play tonight, Menlo visits Modesto and Marin travels to Yuba.

Tarheels Pace Nation; UCLA Fifth

New York—(U.P.)—The United Press college basketball ratings with first-place votes and won-loss records through Jan. 26 in parentheses:

Team	Points
1. North Carolina 26 (15-0) 339	
2. Kansas 7 (12-1) 295	
3. Kentucky 1 (13-3) 224	
4. Southern Methodist (14-2) 171	
5. UCLA (13-1) 160	
6. Louisville 1 (12-2) 159	
7. Illinois (10-2) 141	
8. Ohio State (11-3) 92	
9. Iowa State (11-3) 79	
10. Seattle (18-2) 69	
11. Second 10-11, Bradley, 45; 12 (tie), Canisius and California, 32 each; 14, Wake Forest, 21; 15, Vanderbilt, 12; 16 (tie), St. Louis and Brigham Young, 11 each; 18, Washington, 10; 19, Duke, 8; 20 (tie), Syracuse and Oklahoma A&M, 7 each.	

Others—San Francisco and Tulane, 4 each; St. Bonaventure, 1.

Seaman May Break Mark

Boston—(U.P.)—Light-footed Bobby Seaman of UCLA is the best bet to break W. Santee's 4:03.8 Hunter mile record in the Boston Athletic association track meet slated for the Gardep Saturday night.

Seaman, 21-year-old senior currently between semesters has twice turned in 4:01.4 clockings for the mile run and has been under the four-minute, eight-second mark five times in the past year.

The first West Coast miler in the meet since 1940, Seaman will have plenty of competition from Phil Coleman, 25-year-old Olympic steeplechaser; Burr Grimm, University of Maryland senior, and Johnny Kopil, former national scholastic mile champion from Villanova.

Local Wrestlers Top Grants Pass

Hedrick and McLoughlin ninth grades defeated Grants Pass High school freshman yesterday in a wrestling match at Hedrick. Hedrick won its match 63-12. Winners by falls were Ken Johnson, Leland Johnson, Nixon Hall, Jack Joyce, Mark James, Alan Hubbard, Mike Ferrier, Mike Reich, Roger Spaur, Carl Sieg and Dennis Jensen. Winners by decisions were Bob Criswell and Don Cranston. Bob Goodwin fought to a draw.

The McLoughlin victory was 39-12. Winners by falls were Ken Taylor, Dexter Stanforth, Elgin Cook, Bob Eckel and Jack Young. Winning by decision were Bill Williams, Gene Dalbec and Bill Foust.

HAGLER RESIGNS

Durham, N.C.—(U.P.)—Ellis P. Hagler has resigned as line coach of the Duke University football team to become manager and instructor of the university's new 18-hole golf course. He will continue as coach of the Duke golf team.

SPORTS

EUGENE GETS 79 OF 80 POINTS IN PREP RATING

Portland—(U.P.)—Eugene and Madras were the state's top-ranked prep basketball powers in class A-1 and A-2, respectively, today in the weekly Journal coaches' poll.

Elkton and Knappa tied for first in class B. Eugene got 79 out of a possible 80 points to lead the A-1 powers. Klamath Falls was second and Central Catholic third.

Reedsport followed Madras in the A-2 rankings. Others, in this order, in the top 10 included Drain, Scappoose, Dallas, Eagle Point, Cascade, Molalla, Willamette and Douglas. Following Elkton and Knappa in class B were Sisters, Willows, Jefferson, Stanfield, Helix, Brownsville, Harrisburg and Echo.

The A-1 rankings:

Team	Points
1. Eugene 79	
2. Klamath Falls 69	
3. Central Catholic 65	
4. Benson 55	
5. Medford 44	
6. Pendleton 39	
7. Astoria 23	
8. Lincoln 22	
9. South Salem 12	
10. Grant 10	

Others: Hermiston 3, Jefferson of Portland 7, Roseburg and Marshfield 3 each.

Sport Parade

Miami—(U.P.)—Ted Williams, baseball's greatest hitter, today modestly identified Mickey Mantle as "the best batter of this era" and added that the New York Yankees again would be the team to beat for the American League pennant.

Williams, lean, tanned and fit, will go to Boston on Friday to sign his sixth contract at an estimated \$100,000 for another season as the big stick of the Boston Red Sox. And the four-time batting champion left no doubt but what he expected to give Mantle a run for the crown in the coming season.

"Mantle surely was entitled to the batting championship," said Williams of the Oklahoma kid who won the American League title with a .359 mark against his .345 percentage and a lifetime average of .348.

"Mickey is certainly the best hitter of this era and should wind up as one of the all-time greats," Ted added with conviction. "But I am sure that, the way I feel, I can play at least 100 games this season."

Hopes for 25 Homers
Ted also grinned that he "thought" he could hit "at least 330 and maybe bang about 25 home runs."

"Meanwhile," he added, "I'm going to try to beat that young fellow from the Yankees out of the batting championship—and the new rule which includes bases on balls in the necessary 477 times at bat doesn't figure to hurt me too much."

As one of the perennial leaders in walks, Williams figures to benefit greatly from the new ruling. With his walks being counted, won't have to go for the bad pitches coming down the stretch to get the previously-

Wildlife Conservation Stamps Now Being Distributed by NWF

Washington, D.C.—Wildlife homes are given special attention in the 20th annual wildlife conservation stamps, the 1957 series now being distributed by the National Wildlife Federation.

Six of the thirty-six stamps, reproductions of water-color paintings by leading nature artists, show typical forms of natural wildlife homes. A barn owl, for example, is shown delivering food to fledglings in a hollow-tree nest. Beavers are shown constructing a lodge, and another stamp depicts the tiny underwater "cradle" built by the little fish known as the stickleback.

Another group of six stamps shows wildlife homes of the kind that can be provided by man in conservation projects. Separate subjects depict a nestling box for wood ducks; a multiflora rose hedge providing cover for quail and other small game; a brush pile for cottontails; marsh management for waterfowl; and a farm pond, which can provide haven for many forms of wildlife.

The subjects showing homes of wild creatures tie in with the "make-a-place-for-wildlife" theme of National Wildlife Week, to be observed by conservation groups throughout the country March 17 to 23.

Twenty-four of the stamps follow tradition by presenting portraits of beautiful and interesting species of wild birds, mammals, fishes and wild flowers.

The Federation's art staff is headed by Roger Tory Peterson, best known for his illustrated "Field Guide to the Birds." Peterson as usual contributed the bird and wild flower portraits. Other artists represented in the 1957 series are Roger Preuss, Minneapolis; Maynard Reece, Des Moines; and

needed 400 at-bats necessary to be eligible for the batting championship.

Williams, always a forthright talker, asserted that the American League pennant race was "between the Yankees and seven contenders."

"I hope I'm not misunderstood, again," he laughed. "I think our Red Sox have a terrific potential and you can bet we'll give it a run all the way. But who's going to deny that the Yankees are the team to beat?"

Respects Larsen's Pitching
Ted admitted, too, that he has for a long time had a terrific regard for Don Larsen, the Yankees' no-hit World Series hero.

"Way back when he was with the St. Louis Browns I said he was the most deceptive pitcher I had seen in a long time," Ted explained. "Well, I think the Dodgers will agree with me, anyhow."

Williams, who still carries a 10-inch pin in his shoulder as result of a shoulder separation operation several years back, said that it bothered him now only during cold weather.

"I feel great and I'm looking forward to this season—and several more," he reiterated. "I'd like to win that batting championship again—and maybe again."

Which, considering his admiration of Mantle, may be something of an enigma. But then, you have to remember that the immortal Ty Cobb named Williams as the greatest hitter of this era—and from the looks of tall Ted, his era, isn't anywhere near ended.

Rhode Island entered the Union as a state in 1790.

March of Dimes Wrestling Card Set for Ashland

Ashland—A professional wrestling program will be presented at the Ashland Junior High school gym here Saturday night, with net receipts going to the March of Dimes.

Members of the Ashland March of Dimes committee, sponsors of the event, said three matches will be presented, starting at 8:30 p.m.

Yogi Hussane, well known in the valley through his appearances in Medford about a year ago, will meet Felix von Luchner, of Germany, in the main event, set for one hour or two out of three falls. The semi-windup will send Ken Jones against Wild Bill Desandro, over the same distance.

A tag team match, featuring the same four grapplers over the one-hour route, opens the card. Jerry Hunter, world lady's wrestling champion, will referee the tag match.

PARRY O'BRIEN RETURNS
Singapore—(U.P.)—Track star Parry O'Brien of Los Angeles, hampered by intestinal trouble, today cut short his exhibition tour of the Far East to return to the United States for further treatment. The world shot put champion became ill while in the Philippines and was still "in poor spirits" here Monday.

Oliva Top Raider Scorer; McAbee, D'Olivo Eligible

Ashland—Freshman center Norman Oliva leads Southern Oregon college basketball scorers through 18 games. Oliva has scored 259 points for a 14.4 game average.

Bill Hollingsworth, junior forward who missed the first eight games of the season is back in the scoring parade and has the best game average with 18.6. He has dunked 186 points since joining the team and has been a key figure in the Red Raider offense as SOC gained a 4-4 won-loss record in Oregon collegiate conference competition through the first half of the schedule.

Two new faces will be in the Red Raider line-up when the Red and Black goes into action again this week-end at La Grande against Eastern Oregon college. A pair of sophomore transfers, Dave D'Olivo and Jim McAbee will give the Raiders of Coach Ted Schopf much needed strength. D'Olivo, 6-4, ex-Klamath Falls High forward and McAbee, 5-11, ex-Talent guard, are eligible after sitting out an 18-week period because of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics transfer ruling. The two attended University of Oregon last year.

Seeks Balanced Crew
With the 10-day layoff from the OCC hoop schedule, there's an opportunity for Coach Ted Schopf to get together a balanced Raider unit which can remain intact for the remainder of the season. Southern Oregon this season has had a variety of faces in the varsity lineups.

The Red Raiders were handicapped in the early part of the season when Hollingsworth and Ron Owings were ineligible. As soon as they could play, Don Reese, Don Jacobson and Bruce Penny were then place on the

ineligible list because of scholastic deficiencies.

At Christensen, a guard from Bend, dropped out of school recently to further handicap the Red Raiders in their aim for the OCC crown.

However, as the Red Raiders set down to serious business for the rest of this week, coach Schopf is still wearing a broad grin. He still possesses one of the finest basketball prospects to ever come out of a B school in Oliva, an 18-year-old freshman from Malin. During Oliva's junior and senior years he led the Malin high Mustangs to the state B basketball finals. He was named unanimously to the all-state first team both years.

Breaks Rebound Record
Oliva in addition to leading his team in scoring, heads the Red Raiders in field goal accuracy from 88 goals out of 182 attempts. He has broken the school record of 294 rebounds with 349 through 18 games.

Another bright spot on the Red Raider varsity is Charlie Crandall, a 20-year-old junior from Coos Bay. Crandall is third in the scoring parade with 148 points. He leads the team in free throw average at a .772 clip for 44 dunks out of 57 attempts. Crandall is second to Oliva in field goal accuracy with a 46.8.

This Friday and Saturday nights' games with Eastern Oregon have boiled down to a make-or-break affair for SOC. SOC needs to win both if they are to remain in OCC contention.

Coach Schopf's lineup will probably feature Norm Oliva and Dave D'Olivo at forwards, Hollingsworth at center, and Chuck Crandall and Dale Bates, lone senior on the club, at guards.

Red Raider scoring for 18 games:

	G	FG	FT	Ave.	FT	Ave.	PF	TP	APG
Bill Hollingsworth	10	77	141	404	72	130	577	37	186
Norman Oliva	18	88	182	484	83	126	859	53	259
Chuck Crandall	18	52	111	468	44	57	772	21	148
Dale Bates	18	41	100	410	34	74	730	43	138
Ted Tenney	14	20	36	357	10	26	384	21	50
Ron Owings	9	13	56	232	17	30	567	30	43
Don Lawrence	15	10	38	483	12	18	866	21	32
John Foust	7	11	29	379	9	12	750	11	31
Steve Gansong	9	3	20	150	8	14	429	14	12
Chuck Welser	3	0	4	000	3	5	600	2	3
Total For Others	10	112	267	419	53	106	500	82	277
SOC Totals	18	407	1004	405	363	598	607	335	1177
Opponents' Totals	18	395	1181	334	340	528	644	356	1130

Sandy Amoros is Bum Holdout; NY Signs 2

By MILTON RICHMAN
United Press Sports Writer
Don't look now but Sandy Amoros, the Dodgers' perpetual problem child, is plaguing 'em again.

Sandy, who gets into all kinds of hot water with bobbles, boners and what-nots in Brooklyn's stretch run last September, only to emerge as a hero in the

subsequent battle for the pennant, probably will come out all right again but right now he wants more money.

Amoros, who batted .260 in 114 games, is one of the three remaining unsigned Dodger players. The other two are infielder Chico Fernandez and pitcher Bob Darnell.

Came Through in Clutch
Playing in the Cuba winter league, now Sandy undoubtedly remembers how some of his Dodger teammates took him over the coals for costing them a crucial game against the Phillies in the last month of the 1956 campaign. Shortly afterward, however, he came through with a couple of key hits.

At any rate, Sandy is having his troubles getting base hits in Cuba at the moment (he's batting less than .250) and he's in no particular hurry to sign his contract and shoot it back to the Brooklyn front office.

Brooklyn had better luck with four of its other players today, however, with the receipt of signed contracts from catcher Al (Rube) Walker and outfielders Gino Cimoli, Bert Hamric and Bob Wilson.

Giants Sign Two
Outfielder Dusty Rhodes and catcher Bill Sarni agreed to terms with the Giants, making a total of 25 who have signed with the club so far.

Ray Crone and Taylor Phillips, two pitchers who figure prominently in Milwaukee's plans, signed their contracts with the Braves. Phillips had a 6-5 record with the Braves after joining them in mid-season from Wichita and Crone, used chiefly in relief, won 11 games and lost 10.

Relief pitcher Joe Dahlike and utility outfielder John "Bubba" Phillips signed with the White Sox, bringing their total to 17, and the Orioles made it 20 men in tow with the signing of catcher Joe Ginsberg and rookie outfielder Angelo Dagres.

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