

Three Contenders In Small NCAA

Evansville, Ind.—(U.P.)—Wheaton College and Mount St. Mary's, the favorites, and Kentucky Wesleyan, the dark horse, remained in the running with overlooked Los Angeles State today for the NCAA small college national championship.

Wheaton, despite its top rating and record of 26 wins and only one loss, had the hardest route of the quartet into the semi-finals, with a full court press to overcome a 12-point half-time lead by a rugged South Dakota team for a 90-80 quarter-final win Wednesday night.

Top MAA Teams Hold to Form

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—The two top-seeded teams of the 19th annual National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament, Pacific Lutheran and Youngstown, Ohio, were holding true to form today, but it appeared a couple of unheralded fives might upset the form chart in tonight's quarter-finals.

Coming up with unexpected power were Eastern Illinois, which walloped Villa Madonna, Ky., 110-78 in the second round, and Southeastern Oklahoma, a club red-hot at the free throw line, which ousted Southwest Texas, 98-78.

Quintets Prepare For NCAA Action

Corvallis, Ore.—(U.P.)—San Francisco, California, Brigham Young and Idaho State basketball teams work out in Gill Coliseum tonight for the opening round of the regional playoffs here Friday and Saturday.

Business Manager Jim Barratt said attendance apparently would be down this season. He estimated some 5,000 would attend Friday night's games and about 8,500 Saturday night.

San Francisco meets Idaho State and California plays Brigham Young in opening games tomorrow.

YALE FAVORED
Chapel Hill, N.C.—(U.P.)—The powerful Yale University swimming team, one of the best in the nation, is favored to win the 34th annual NCAA championships at the University of North Carolina March 28-30. About 50 teams, including more than 300 of the nation's top swimming stars, are expected to compete for national honors.

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SPORTS

Pittsburgh Discovers "Fabulous Rookie"

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Fort Myers, Fla.—(U.P.)—By far the most fabulous rookie of the spring is Dick (Shotgun) Stuart, a Paul Bunyan in Pittsburgh flannels who clouted 66 homers last season, hit one ball 610 feet and makes Dizzy Dean sound like a sphinx by comparison.

So refreshingly cocky and articulate is the big, 200-pound outfielder about his accomplishments with Lincoln of the Western league last season and about what he can do in the big league that Pirate Manager Bobby Bragan had to advise him to ease up.

He Won't Stop

Here's a sampling of some of Stuart's comments:
"How much does Ted Williams make? A hundred thousand! Heck, I'm not gonna stop there."
"I don't see any reason why I shouldn't make this ball club. I drove in 158 runs last year which is about the same total all three Pittsburgh outfielders knocked in."
"Yeah, I hit a ball 610 feet in Pueblo last year. I got into the ball pretty good. That 610

feet is accurate. They measured it."

In a recent exhibition game against the Phillies, the right-handed hitting Stuart blasted a homer off Granny Hamner. Prior to the game, someone in the stands offered \$5 to any Pirate player who hit a homer.

Where's The Five?

First thing Stuart did when Bragan substituted another player for him was to come into the stands, still in his uniform, and inquire:

"Where's the guy who offered the five bucks?"

Stuart demonstrated his power again Tuesday when he blasted a two-run homer more than 400 feet over the center field fence off veteran Art Fowler to give the Pirates their winning runs in a 6-4 victory over Cincinnati.

At 24, Stuart has put in four seasons in pro ball and there is considerable doubt in the minds of the Pirates whether he is ready for the majors yet.

Chances are he'll be sent down again, but a lot of people will be rooting for him to come back. He's one kid who not only talks a good game, but also has backed it up so far, too.

Women Linksters Ready at Augusta

Augusta, Ga.—(U.P.)—Fifty top women golfers tee off today in one of the golfing circuit's stiffest tests, the Women's Titleholders tournament at the Augusta Country Club course.

The field of pro and amateur experts, largest in the 18 years of the annual event, was led by defending champion Louise Suggs of Sea Island, Ga., and Patty Berg of St. Andrews, Ill.

Among their strong challengers were Betsy Rawls, Spartanburg, S.C., and Mickey Wright, San Diego, Calif., both already two-time winners of the winter this season.

SUGAR RAY TRAINING

Greenwood Lake, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Former middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson, began training Wednesday for a title bout with champion Gene Fullmer on May 1 in Chicago. Robinson, a little heavy at 170 pounds, ran