

North Carolina Leads Rating Poll for Top Basketball Team

By FRANK LITSKY
New York—The University of North Carolina Tar Heels tarheeled the opposition today in the first weekly ratings of the 1957-58 season by the United Press Board of Basketball Coaches.

The coaches, rating the teams first week of the season which ended Saturday, gave the defending national champions 325 of a possible 350 points. North Carolina was the only team mentioned on every ballot, collecting 19 votes for first place, 10 for second, four for third and one

each for fourth and fifth. Points are awarded on the basis of 10 for a first-place vote, nine for second and so on down to one point for a 10th-place ballot.

Kansas, runnerup in the ratings with 283 points, drew 10 first place ballots. Two coaches rated San Francisco on top while Kentucky, Kansas State, Michigan State and St. Louis each drew one first place vote.

Kentucky Rated Third
Kentucky was third, in the overall ratings, with 210 points. Bradley won a close battle for

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fourth place with 177 points to 173 for fifth place San Francisco, 165 for sixth place Kansas State and 153 for seventh place Michigan with 88 points, UCLA ninth with 57 and Notre Dame 10th with 43.

Every member of the top 10 was undefeated through the first week except Temple, which dropped an 85-83 triple overtime thriller to Kentucky Saturday night.

North Carolina, the No. 1 team last year with a 32-0 record, won its 1957-58 opener Saturday with an impressive 69-58 victory over Clemson.

The coaches also rated North Carolina first and Kansas second in their pre-season ratings. They placed Bradley third, San Francisco fourth, Kentucky fifth, Michigan State sixth, Kansas State seventh, Temple eighth, Notre Dame ninth and Washington 10th.

Thus, Kentucky from fifth to third and UCLA from 13th to ninth made the most impressive gains from the pre-season ratings. Kentucky beat Duke and Ohio State, two strong clubs, before its victory over Temple. UCLA won from St. Mary's, Calif., and Oklahoma on successive nights.

The ratings with first place vote and won-lost records through games of Saturday, Dec. 7, in parentheses:

School	Points
1. North Carolina (19, 1-0)	325
2. Kansas (10, 3-0)	283
3. Kentucky (1, 3-0)	210
4. Bradley (1-0)	177
5. San Francisco (2, 2-0)	173
6. Kansas State (1, 2-0)	165
7. Michigan State (1, 2-0)	153
8. Temple (2-1)	88
9. UCLA (2-0)	57
10. Notre Dame (2-0)	43

Second 10 group—11, Rice, 42; 12, St. Louis 1, 31; 13, Seattle, 26; 14, Utah, 20; 15, Minnesota, 19; 16, West Virginia, 16; 17, Cincinnati, 12; 18, Ohio State, 10; 19, Illinois, 9; 20, Washington, 8.

Others—North Carolina State, 7; Oklahoma State, Michigan and Iowa, 6 each; Memphis State and St. Bonaventure, 4 each; Duke, Yale, Oregon State, Purdue and Auburn, 3 each; Iowa State, Pittsburgh and Mississippi, 2 each; Xavier, Ohio, California, Texas Christian and Idaho State, 1 each.

Clowns Plan Game With David Club

Those Crazy Casaba comics, the Harlem Clowns, will be in town to entertain local basketball fans—so prepare for an evening of laughs!

They play the bewhiskered House of David team at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Hedrick Junior High school gym. There will be no prelim. Local share of the proceeds goes to the Medford high athletic fund.

The clowns merry mapcaps of the hardwood are a bunch of fun-loving youngsters who play their audience for laughs from the time they romp on the floor until they leave the court spinning basketballs on fore-finger tips.

The Harlem Clowns stage all the comic routines of clown basketball plus a lot of impromptu stuff. They often concoct gags as they go along, like the night one of the Clowns borrowed a camera from a fan and took his own picture.

And there was the night that a college coach suddenly sent in men from the bench. The Clowns met this challenge by recruiting fans from the stands. The last two minutes of this game was quite a merry mix-up.

Fans get a big laugh out of the act when one of the Harlem Clowns takes over the referee's job—he never calls fouls on the opposing team—he calls them on his team-mates for such violations as "Travelling without a suitcase!" or "Funny Stuff." Then the regular referee is usually called on to take a free shot.

When the Harlem Clowns play—the fun starts as soon as they come out on the floor—a fast warmup routine, followed by a lot of trick stuff and fancy ball handling and then when the game whistle blows—you can expect gags right from the beginning, along with enough really great basketball to make it one of the most interesting evenings imaginable.

House of David basketball originated in the 1920's at Benton Harbor, Michigan, the home of the famed House of David religious cult.

George Anderson, a resident of Benton Harbor, has been manager of David basketball and basketball teams since the early 1930's.

The Davids are playing a series of games against both the Harlem Clowns and the world famous Harlem Globetrotters this season. They end their series with the Clowns in early January.

The House of David was founded in 1904 at Benton Harbor, Michigan, by Benjamin and Mary Purnell.

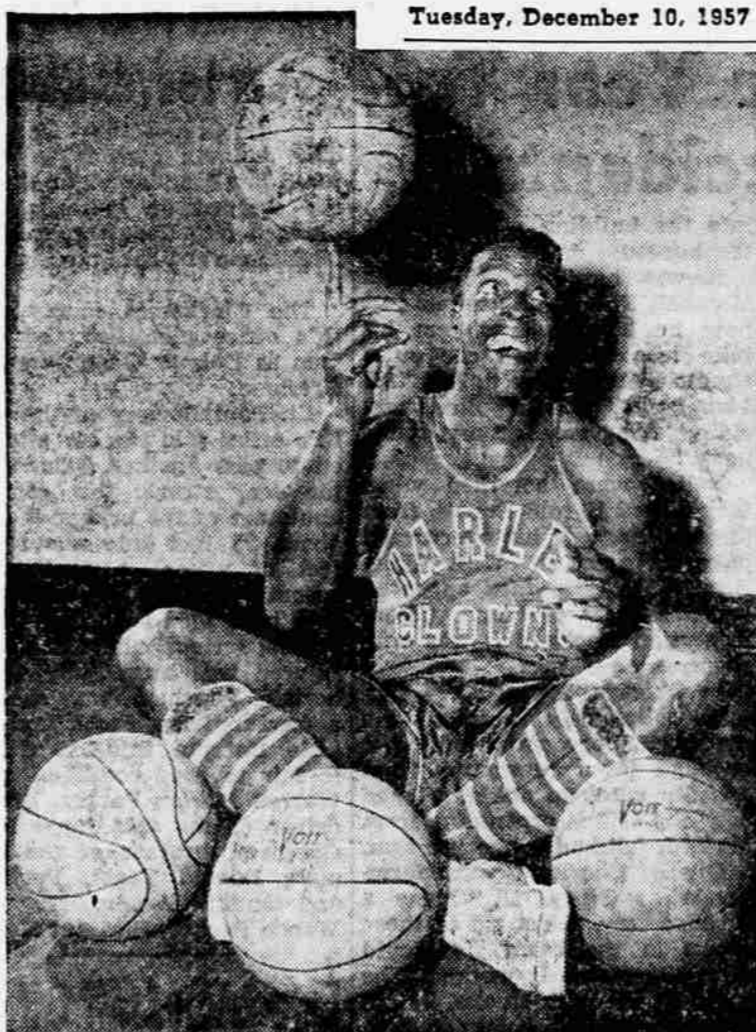
Today the colony operates several farms and a tourist camp where several hundred vacationers come every summer. A large amusement park can be found at the colony.

The House of David is a religious organization and beliefs are taken from both the Old and New Testaments. Members of the colony are vegetarians and none of the male members cut their hair. Quotation—"Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard." (Lev. 19-27).

SPORTSWRITER ADAMS DIES
Manhasset, N.Y.—Caswell (Cas) Adams, a sports writer for the New York Herald-Tribune and New York Journal-American, died here Monday. Adams started his sports writing career with the Herald-Tribune in 1927 and moved over to the Journal-American in 1953. He was 50.

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BALLS ARE PLENTIFUL—"Man, look at all those basketballs!" So says big Bob Woods, comedy star of the Harlem Clowns, who play before local fans on Thursday evening at Hedrick gym. The Clowns meet the House of David. Woods is regarded as one of the greatest court comics in the history of traveling basketball.

Spahn Wins Master Title, Loser Battle For Statistics Lead

By FRED DOWN
New York—Warren Spahn was the grand "old master" of National League pitchers this year but the circuit's real strength lies in its young stars—aged 18 to 28.

The release of official statistics by the Elias Baseball Bureau showed that the 36-year-old Spahn's 21 victories for the Milwaukee Braves made him the league's only 20-game winner. It marked the eighth time Spahn entered the 20-win circle—extending his own league record for a left-hander.

At the same time, the figures actually were dominated by younger pitchers.

Podres ERA Leader
Johnny Podres, 25-year-old Brooklyn Dodger left-hander, was tops in the earned run average with 2.66 and also led with six shutouts. Spahn and 21-year-old Don Drysdale of the Dodgers tied for second at 2.69 in the ERA department.

The Braves' Bob Buhl, 29, ranked fourth with a 2.74 ERA. Jack Sanford, 28-year-old

Mulloy Replaces Flam In Davis Cup Contests

Brisbane, Australia—Billy Talbert, non-playing captain of the United States Davis Cup team, today admitted "we might play Gardner Mulloy in the singles matches against Belgium" in the inter-zone final starting Thursday.

"I know it would be a surprise decision to make, but we are far from happy about Herbie Flam's form," Talbert added. "Herbie's not sleeping well. He appears physically okay but there's something not quite right."

Flam of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Vic Seixas of Philadelphia each won two singles matches against the Philippines squad in the inter-zone semifinals last week at Adelaide, while Seixas and Mulloy whipped the Filipinos in doubles.

Now 44 years old, Mulloy was being counted on only for the doubles assignment against Belgium, too, but with Flam suffering from the jitters, the old war horse from Denver, Colo., may also wind up playing in the singles.

Howard Grade Quints Victors

Howard defeated Gold Hill, 36 to 18, Friday in a grade school varsity basketball game. Scott Eaton of Howard was top scorer with 21 counters.

In the javette contest Gary Rosenberg paced a 30 to 7 Howard win with 16 tallies.

The Howard school had its annual chili feed on Friday. There was a basketball game for the physical education classes, a series of father-son activities and a volleyball game in which the faculty defeated the eighth grade girls' team.

FIGHTS

By UNITED PRESS
New York — Frankie Ruff, 139½, New York, outpointed Frank Ippolito, 193½, New York (10).

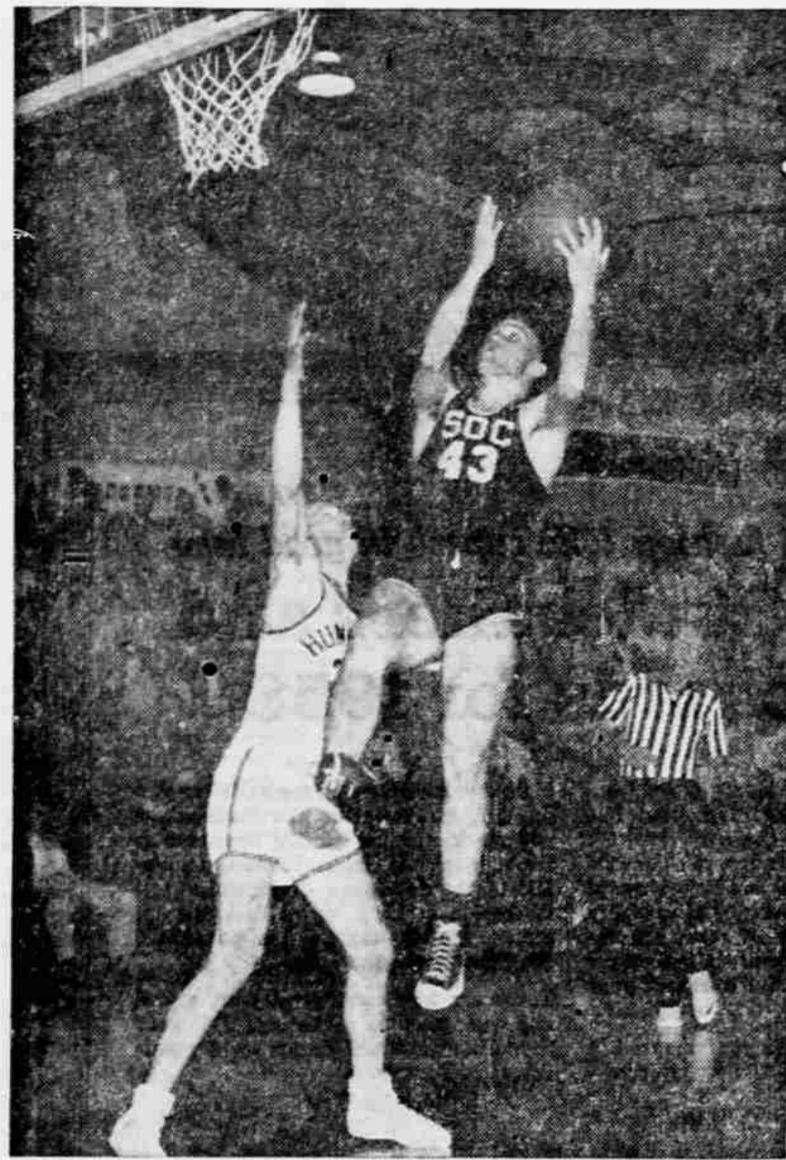
Nottingham, Eng. — Percy Lewis, 124½, Oxford, stopped Charlie Hill, 125, Scotland (10) won British Empire featherweight championship.

Toronto — Arthur King, 150, Toronto, outpointed Yama Bahama, 152½, Bimini (10).

Sydney, Australia — Sapo Ortega, 134½, Mexico, outpointed Bobby Sinn, 134, Australia (12).

Paris — Germain Ballarin, 162½, France, outpointed Italo Scorticini, 162, Italy (10).

San Francisco — Kenney Lane, 138, Muskegon, Mich., TKO'd Luke Easter, 157, San Francisco, (6).



MAURER SCORES FOR RAIDERS—Ron Maurer goes high in the air to dump in a goal for Southern Oregon college in its Saturday night basketball game with Humboldt State. Bob Lawson was the unsuccessful Humboldt defender on the play. Referee is Virgil Swanson. Southern Oregon won 61 to 52.

Baylor Cans 34 Counters In SU Win

Seattle — All-America candidate Elgin Baylor scored 34 points Monday night as Seattle university opened its collegiate basketball season with a 104-54 victory over Portland State.

Baylor, who averaged nearly 30 points per game last season, connected on 12 of 17 shots from the field and on 10 of 12 from the free throw line.

As a team, Seattle hit on 43 of 72 field goal attempts for a 59.7 shooting percentage. Portland State scored on 20 of 58 shots for a 34.4 percentage.

Lane Tops Easter, Looks for Better Bouts in Future

San Francisco — Flashy Lightweight Kenny Lane is ready for a crack at Champion Joe Brown — or even Middleweight Champ Carmine Basilio — according to Jack (Doc) Kearns, Lane's co-manager.

Kearns was full of enthusiasm Monday night at Lane scored his 50th victory in 55 bouts by stopping Luke Easter in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder at Civic Auditorium. He charged that Brown was giving his boy the runaround.

"If we can't get Brown, we'd like to get Basilio," Kearns said. "Kenny can beat Basilio. There are a lot of middleweights around Kenny can beat."

Lane, the top-ranked lightweight contender from Muskegon, Mich., came in at 138 pounds Monday night, to 137 for Easter.

The San Francisco fighter scored well in the first round, but Lane took over in the second and kept control. Easter, who has not been off his feet in his 17 pro bouts, slipped twice to the canvas after rough flourishes.

Referee Vern Bybee stopped the contest at 1:51 of the eighth after Easter became a punching bag for everything Lane served up.

Baker, Turner To Post Wins Say Oddsmakers

London — A pair of ring-wise American heavyweight—Bob Baker of Pittsburgh and Howie Turner of Brooklyn—are 7-5 favorites to whip British opponents tonight in co-featured 10-round bouts at Harringay Arena.

Baker, who has been fighting professionally since 1949, tangles with young Dick Richardson of Wales while Turner, a pro for six years, meets Brian London of Blackpool, England.

Shanley Awarded Hoffman Watch

Eugene — Halfback Jim Shanley won the 16th annual Hoffman award at the Oregon Club banquet Monday night honoring the Rose Bowl-bound Webfoots at the Eugene hotel.

The award, a gold watch, was presented to Shanley by Vernon Hoffman, Eugene businessman, who established the award in 1939.

More than 500 people attended the banquet. Coach Len Casanova received a standing ovation when he was introduced.

WINS FEATHER CROWN

Nottingham, England — Percy Lewis won the vacant British Empire featherweight championship Monday night by scoring a technical knockout over Charlie Hill of Scotland in the 10th round of a scheduled 15-round bout. Hill, who weighed 126 pounds to Lewis' 124½, was knocked down seven times before the fight was stopped.

Ryff Lifts Face, Wins TV Fight

New York — Lightweight Frankie Ryff, who had his "brow-balconies" removed by plastic surgery, was confident today he can become a ranking contender again because he suffered no face cuts while outpointing Frank Ippolito for the second time Monday night.

His return 10-round TV bout at St. Nicholas Arena was Ryff's first fight in eight months and his first since he had the bones of his brows pared down during a four-hour operation in June.

San Jose, Ducks To Meet Tonight

Eugene — Oregon's basketball team, winner of two straight over Utah State, meets San Jose State here tonight and Wednesday night in a pair of non-conference games.

San Jose dropped a 70-62 decision to California in its last outing and is expected to provide a stiff test for Coach Steve Belko's crew.

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