

Foul Shot Reduction in 1957 Shows Sharp Scoring Decline

New York—A large reduction in the number of free throws in major college basketball during the 1957-58 season produced the sharpest scoring decline in the 66-year history of the game.

NCAA statisticians released the season's final figures today and announced the point production was five per cent less than that recorded during 1956-57. In 4,149 major college games, the 1957-58 season produced an average total of 136.9 points per con-

test compared to the 1956-57 average of 144.0. The number of foul shots per game dwindled from the fifth straight year. There was almost no change in the average number of personal fouls. Thus the decline in free throws was the result of the new rule which limited the number of free throw opportunities during the past season.

Rose to Open Action in Tennis Masters'

Jacksonville, Fla. — Top-seeded Mervyn Rose, southpaw star from Australia, was scheduled to see his first action today in the week-long Masters tennis tournament.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Maria Bueno of Brazil and second-seeded Karol Fageros of Miami, Fla., opened play in the women's singles.

A total of 33 players are entered in the five divisions of the tournament which opened Monday, including Rose and second-seeded Luis Ayala of Chile. Rose defeated the Chil-

ean star in Miami Beach Sunday for the Good Neighbor championship. At the same time Miss Bueno knocked off Janet Hopps of Seattle in the women's play.

LA Chavez Ravine Contest Claimed as 'Smoke Screen'

Los Angeles—The controversy over use of Chavez Ravine as a baseball stadium for the Dodgers is being used as a smoke screen by persons who don't want the Dodgers in Los Angeles under any conditions, according to Councilman James G. Corman.

Corman made the charge in a Town Hall debate Monday with Councilman John C. Holland, leading opponent of granting 300 acres of land to the Dodgers. Part of the land grant lies in Elysian park.

"There is abundant evidence that many of our opponents don't want the Dodgers in Chavez Ravine or in Los Angeles," Corman said. Holland denied he and his group were against the Dodgers coming to Los Angeles, but he said, "We want the Dodgers here on the same terms as the Los Angeles Rams or any other big business corporation."

Holland and Folley are ranked one-two by the NBA and Ring Magazine in the list of challengers. The undefeated sharpshooter from Redding, Calif., has been posted a 12-5 favorite over Folley who was born in Texas but now fights out of Chandler, Ariz. Both camps have predicted victories by decision.

Butte Falls Tips Cougar Diamonders

Butte Falls—Butte Falls high broke a deadlock with a run in the bottom of the seventh and final inning yesterday to nick Prospect 6 to 5 in Jackson County B league baseball game.

The Loggers, who rapped out only four hits in the fust while Prospect was getting eight, didn't need a safety to score the winning run. After an infield out by Larry Cavin, Jim Irwin drew a walk and Mike Conley got on base on an error. The runners advanced on a double steal and Irwin crossed the plate on a groundout by David Baker.

Prospect took a 4 to 2 lead in the third inning. By the fifth frame the Loggers were on top 5 to 4. The Cougars caught up in the sixth. Butte Falls didn't tabulate in that chukker. In the top of the seventh Jim Irwin struck out the side to hold down the Cougars.

Tom Davidson in throwing his four hitter, had nine strikeouts, six in the first three innings, and walked but two. Baker fanned two and walked two and Irwin had four whiffs to his credit and walked just one. Baker got two hits in four times up and Dale Hawkins and Jerry Ferguson slapped the other two hits for BF. For Prospect Dick Robinson socked two bingles, Floyd Seake two and Herb Wheeler three.

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Bowling

CLASSIC LEAGUE: Oak Knoll Golf Course 40 12; Morse Motors 30 22; E. H. Mann Co. 28 34; Lampert's Sporting Goods 26 28; Trail Creek Lumber Co. 24 28; High Real Estate 23 29; Henry's Broiler 23 29; Sam's Sporting Goods 23 30; Sewing Machine Center 23 30; Hillier Oil Co. 21 31.

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SPORTS

Lassieball Loops Being Organized

Collegeville, Pa. — When they dust off the plate and cry "Ply ball!" this year in many communities throughout the country, the old pep talk around the bases and the catcher's staccato jawing are going to be in soprano.

The girls—the 10-to-15 year-old group—are invading the diamond for the first time on a nation-wide, and potential world-wide, basis.

Junior baseball is no longer a boys' world. At least 100 girls' leagues of four major teams and four farm teams, perhaps as many as 12,000 girls, are expected to be in action this spring and summer. They will play Lassieball, a modified form of softball.

It will be the first significant year for Lassie Leaguers, Inc., which pioneered and directs the program. The pattern for Lassie Leaguers was set up in 1953 in Collegeville when a retired industrialist pointed to what was patently an unfair community situation.

"But, we have done nothing for the girls," said S. L. Gabel, former general manager at the Superior Tube company plant, a short peg from here. "S. L.," as they call him, and a physical education teacher, a college professor, a doctor, a lawyer, telephone operator, the wife of the local dentist and a secretary formed the basic organization.

Last year it was incorporated as an international franchising body, providing instruction (organization methods, details of Lassieball, the unique softball game played) and advice (where to buy uniforms, what player insurance is needed) together with the franchise to any community in the world wishing to set up a league.

A booklet entitled, All About Lassie Leaguers, Inc., will be distributed to any community or group within a community writing for information. Easy Pitches Each squad has from 13 to 16 players. Ten players constitute a team in the field.

The tenth girl plays shortfield, or takes up some other position in the outfield according to team strategy. Lassieball is played with a softball 12 inches in circumference. The pitcher must throw easy underhand pitches with no spin or speed. Her main job is to encourage the batter to hit.

No strikes or balls are called by the umpire. A ball missed by the batter or a foul ball constitute a strike. Three strikes or combinations of three strikes and fouls, regardless of what order the strikes or fouls occur, retire the batter.

No bunting is allowed. A base runner is out if she leaves the base before the ball has been hit by the batter.

Daytona Beach, Fla.—The San Diego Padres meet the Phoenix Giants today in an exhibition game and then fly to the Arizona city for their opener against the Giants on April 15.

The Padres, who have two more exhibition games scheduled on April 12 and 13, nosed out Rochester of the International league Monday, 4-3. Dave Pope homered in the first inning, and rookie Dick Stigman struck out six men in going five frames.

Sanford, Fla.—Dusty Rhodes and Sal Taormina, recently sent down by the San Francisco Giants showed the Phoenix Giants of the Pacific Coast League Monday that they're fighting to get back.

Yankee Comeback Attempt Stalled by Wrist Injury

By JOHN GRIFFIN, United Press Sports Writer. All spring long Casey Stengel has been complaining that his New York Yankees "ain't doin' enough hitting," but now that they have staged springtime's biggest slugfest, is Casey happy?

No, he isn't. Because the fractured wrist suffered by Harry Suitcase Simpson took a lot of joy out of the 20 to 1 walling the Yankees handed the Philadelphia Phillies Monday at Greenville, S.C. It was the highest score run up by any team this year and included six homers.

Semi-Finals Play Slated in Handicap

Glen Fabricik is scheduled to meet Dr. Ted Sickels in one semi-final match this week in the men's spring golf handicap tournament at the R. C. Broyles Valley Country club. A. C. Broyles will take on the winner of the Dr. William Miller-Harry Barker match in the other semi.

Simpson's right wrist was fractured in the fourth inning when he was struck by a pitch thrown by Phils southpaw Curt Simmons. The wrist was placed in a cast and he will be out of action about four weeks. He was due in New York today for further examination.

Miller and Barker were unable to complete their quarter-final tilt last week because of injuries suffered by Barker.

In other quarter-finals Fabricik defeated Dick Travis 2 up, Sickels was victor over E. W. Peterson 4 and 3 and Broyles nipped Tom Teutsch 1 up.

Quarter-Final Results: First flight—Lloyd Pope def. Harold Holmes 2 up; Stan Stark def. Bill Blackledge 2 and 1; Lee Flimk def. Jack Greager 1 up; Bob Little def. Jim Dunlevy 2 and 1.

Second flight—Lew Bates def. Carl Schmidt; John Moffat def. Duane Lubbers; Everett McGraw def. Paul Haviland; Bill Catey def. Jerry Cottingham 5 and 3.

Third flight—Jerry Olson def. Jack Walker 4 and 3; Ray Wilson def. Dick Henselman 1 up; Jerry Wells def. Fred Sears 1 up; Bob Lockwood def. Ed Radzweit 1 up.

Semi-Final Pairings: First flight—Pope vs. Stark; Flint vs. Little. Second flight—Bates vs. Moffat; McGraw vs. Catey. Third flight—Olson vs. Wilson; Wells vs. Lockwood.

Solons Break Camp for Game With Mounties

El Centro, Calif.—The Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast league broke camp here today and traveled to Bakersfield, where they were scheduled to play the Vancouver Mounties in an exhibition game.

The Solons' final practice session was washed out by a heavy downpour Monday, but Bud Watkins kept his arm in shape in preparation for today's game.

Lions Sign Zatkoff. Detroit — The Detroit Lions announced Monday that Roger Zatkoff, a tackle and linebacker, had signed for the 1958 National Football League season.

Portland — Lou Brissie, former left-handed pitcher for Philadelphia and Cleveland in the American league, visited Portland Monday on behalf of American Legion Junior baseball.

OSC Raps Pioneers

Portland—A seven-run outburst in the third inning carried Oregon State to a 13-7 baseball victory over Lewis and Clark here Monday.

Lowell Pearce went the route on the mound for Oregon State, although giving up 12 hits. He kept them well spaced until the ninth when the losers got three runs.

Canadiens Bank On Power for Bruin Victory

Montreal—The Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League are banking heavily on their awesome power play in a bid for their third straight Stanley Cup tonight when they meet the Boston Bruins. The game is the opener of a best-of-seven final playoff series.

The Canadiens were overwhelming 5-1 favorite to win the 10th Stanley Cup in the club's history and 14-5 favorites to take the opener against the Bruins.

SF Giants Set Indians Today

Corpus Christi, Tex.—The San Francisco Giants will send Al Worthington to the mound against the Cleveland Indians today in an effort to continue their exhibition mastery over the American League club.

Padis Schedule Giants Today

Daytona Beach, Fla.—The San Diego Padres meet the Phoenix Giants today in an exhibition game and then fly to the Arizona city for their opener against the Giants on April 15.

ROBERTSON HEADS FOES

Cincinnati, Ohio—Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati was acclaimed today as the outstanding basketball player to face Xavier's National Invitation Tournament champions during the past season.

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