

Who's Best in the Land? ... Ohio State, Of Course!

New York —UPI—Ohio State retained its position as the No. 1 team in the country with a total of 348 points today in the weekly major college ratings of the United Press International's Board of Coaches.

St. Bonaventure, which suffered its only loss of the season by two points to Ohio State, again ranked second followed by Bradley, Cincinnati and North Carolina. Southern California, Kansas State, Duke, Iowa and St. John's University rounded out the top 10.

Both Ohio State and St. Bonaventure scored their 19th and 20th victories of the season last week. The ratings include games played through Saturday night, Feb. 18, when both the leaders had close calls. Ohio State edged Iowa, 62-61, and St. Bonaventure rallied to beat De Paul, 78-69.

Ohio State received 33 first place votes from the 35 coaches from seven sections of the country who make up the UPI board. The two dissenting votes for first place were cast for St. Bonaventure. Points are tabulated on the basis of 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 for votes from first to 10th places.

Bradley and Cincinnati, fighting it out for the Missouri Valley Conference crown, finished in a virtual dead heat for third place in the current ratings. Bradley 19-4 won out by a single point, 170-169, despite the fact that Cincinnati's 19-3 record is slightly better.

Dodgers Have Top Player Potential

Vero Beach, Fla. —UPI—Sixty Dodgers go into their second day of rugged workouts as the sun shines brightly over Dodgertown today.

Vice President and General Manager Buzz Bavasi looked the players over during their first exercises Monday and came to the conclusion the Dodgers had "the best potential of any team we've ever taken to Vero" during 14 winter seasons there.

"We should win it, if every man does the job of which we know he is capable," Bavasi told sports writers.

Manager Walter Alton also used a big "if" in talking about his Dodgers. He made it plain that such highly-touted youngsters as Tommy Davis, Frank Howard and Willie Davis would have to deliver if the team is to regain the pennant it lost last year to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Very High Alton said: "We're all very high on our kids, and the club will have a chance to go all the way if they come through. I think this is a club that will improve as the season goes along."

Asked to name the Dodgers' chief rivals during the coming season, Alton cited the Giants, Cards, Pirates and Braves. "It's a tossup between those clubs and you can put Cincinnati on that list, too," he said.

Alton split his players into three squads under as many coaches. They will compete against each other in camp games starting next week but, as always, there will be the additional drudgery of track work and calisthenics.

The players sailed right into the business as hand-reclaiming the National League pennant from the Pittsburgh Pirates. After a tortuous session of calisthenics, Alton had the pitchers throwing and the batters batting.

Free Agent Don Newcombe, with the team as a free agent after his release from Cleveland, was the first to throw.

Big Newk, who injured his leg while pitching in a "B" game at Tampa last spring, is held to be the Dodgers' surprise package of the year by several club officials.

"Newk's arm is as sound as ever," said trainer Wayne Anderson. "It's his leg that we're worrying about."

LA Signs 4 Players

Los Angeles —UPI—The Los Angeles Angels signed four more players Monday, bringing to 25 the number of 1961 contracts the new American league club has drawn.

General Manager Fred Haney announced. Third baseman Eddie Yost, obtained from Detroit in the league's draft to stock the young team, led a parade of four to the signing table. The others were shortstop Ken Hamlin and outfielders Ken Hunt and Faye Thronberry.

All four will begin spring training with the Angels Friday at Palm Springs, Calif.

Key Man Yost, who batted .258 for the Tigers last year, was expected to be a key man for the Angels.

Hamlin batted .224 with Kansas City last year in his first full season with the majors. Ex-Yankee Hunt divided his time between the New York club and its Richmond farm team. Thronberry with the Washington Senators, now the Minnesota Twins, for whom he hit .248 but the previous year he batted .251 and hit 10 home runs.

Brookline Gets '63 U. S. National Open

New York —UPI—The U. S. Open Golf tournament will be played at the Brookline Country club Brookline, Mass., in 1963, marking the first time in the long history of the event that it will be staged at the famed club.

The U. S. Golf association, in announcing that the '63 tourney will be played June 20-21-22, noted that Francis Ouimet, who once was a caddy at Brookline, won the U. S. Open in 1913, thus making the '63 tournament the 50th anniversary of that victory.

The 1961 Open will be played at the Oakland Hills Country club, Birmingham, Mich., June 15-16-17 and the 1962 Open will be played at the Oakmont Country club, Oakmont, Pa., June 14-15-16.

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OCC MAT CHAMPIONS — Individual champions in the Oregon Collegiate conference wrestling tourney, held at Southern Oregon college last Saturday, are pictured here. From left they are Ed Anderson, Oregon Tech, heavyweight; Dwight Reinwald, Oregon college, 177; Francis Tresler, OCE, 167; Hank Williams, OTI, 157; Terry Cutsforth, OCE, 147; Keven Morse, OCE, 137 (defending Pacific coast champ); Dave Kubesh, OTI, 130, and John Weaver, OTI, 123, Oregon college was team champion and Oregon Tech runnerup.

SPORTS

SOC Closes Season at Oregone Tech Tonight

Asland — Southern Oregon's hot and cold Red Raiders left today for Klamath Falls where they close out the 1960-61 basketball season against Oregone Tech in an Oregon Collegiate conference game tonight beginning at 8 o'clock.

After dividing a series with Portland State over the week end, SOC now has a 6-8 record in league action while winning nine of 23 games on the overall season. The Raiders have lost three straight to the Techmen, and the chances for a victory tonight look slim with the Owls holding the home court advantage.

Coach Ted Schopf altered the Raider offense for the PSC series and the team responded with a decisive 57-46 victory Friday night as the SOC squad fired at a blistering 538 pace from the field. Saturday it was a different story as the Raiders turned ice-cold in the second half and hit only six of 32 shots from the field to drop a 45-40 decision.

One Mistake Sends Crowd Home Early

San Francisco —UPI—A possible rematch was in the works today between Kirk Barrow and Floyd Joyner, with the latter apparently anxious to take a chance on getting clobbered again.

Barrow, a Spokane heavyweight who is being built up into a San Francisco drawing card, sent the crowd home early Monday night when he flattened his Phoenix opponent in 2:08 of the second round.

Pilots Notch Overtime Win

St. Louis —UPI—Gary Gray got hot in the second overtime period to spark the University of Portland Pilots to a 70-62 basketball victory over Washington University of St. Louis.

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Eads, Mann Honored by Association

Two men who are still active participants in the ten pin sport were honored last week for 30 years of continuous service in the Medford Bowling Association.

The two outstanding members are E. H. Mann, 73, and George Eads, 79. Awards in recognition of their service were presented at the association meeting by Paul Dimick, MBA secretary.

Eads bowls in the Tempo league on Thursdays and carries league average of 151. Highlight of his career was a near perfect game several years ago. He rolled a 299.

Mann is a member of the team he sponsors in the Classic circuit, which rolls on Monday. He has an average of 166 in the loop. Mann stated, on accepting the award, that he has been sponsoring a team as long as he has been bowling. He added that he and Eads have been bowling together many years and that there was a time when they would have challenged any bowler in the area to a match.

Gene Steps Up Drill For Fight

Las Vegas, Nev. —UPI—Gene Fullmer began a steady diet of track work and sparring bouts Monday in preparation for his middleweight championship match with Sugar Ray Robinson March 4.

The middleweight champion arrived here Sunday from West Jordan, Utah. Robinson is continuing his training in San Jacinto, Calif. He will set up a training camp here Feb. 27.

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Methodists and Baptists Tied For Loop Lead

First Methodist scored a 39-28 win over First Presbyterian in YMCA High school Church league basketball last night. The Methodists are tied with First Baptist for first place. A playoff game will be scheduled.

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Phil Humphreys and Dan Sieg led the winners with 12 points each. John McKinley was the game's high scorer with 16 for the Presbyterians.

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KF Pelicans Retain Top Poll Spot

Portland —UPI—Klamath Falls held on to first place today in the weekly Journal Coaches' poll among the state's A-1 prep basketball team, getting all eight first place votes.

Grant of Portland, winner of 18 straight, was second and Roseburg, 15-2, was third. Klamath Falls has a 17-1 record.

Madras, winner of 20 in a row, leads the A-2 poll followed in order by MacHi, Myrtle Point, Coquille, Woodburn, Seaside, Reedsport, Nestucca, Mt. Angel and Pleasant Hill.

The A-1 rankings: TEAM POINTS 1. Klamath Falls 80 2. Grant 81 3. Roseburg 84 4. Wilson 81 5. Central Catholic 48 6. Bend 35 7. Medford 35 8. Corvallis 19 9. Beaverton 7 1/2 10. Tillamook 10

Others: Marshfield South Eugene and Scappoose 5; David Douglas 3 1/2; St. Helens 2.

Hawks Clinch NBA Western Loop Crown

By United Press International It's all over in the Western division of the National Basketball Association and it won't be long before it's over in the East too.

For the fifth straight year the St. Louis Hawks have won the Western title and the "magic number" is down to six to make the Boston Celtics the champs of the East.

The Hawks clinched the Western title Monday night when the Syracuse Nationals eliminated the Los Angeles Lakers with a 126-121 victory. Dolph Schayes scored eight points in the last 2 1/2 minutes and 29 in all for the Nats who overcame a 45 point performance by Elgin Baylor.

The second-place Lakers would finish with only 41 victories if they won all their remaining games whereas the Hawks already have won 42 games.

In the East, the Celtics hold an 8 1/2 game lead and have 13 games to play compared to 14 for the second-place Philadelphia Warriors.

BASKETBALL

MONDAY COLLEGE SCORES EAST Boston Coll. 78, Northeastern 54 Mt. St. Mary 83, Western Md. 58 Brockport Tch. 120, Buffalo St. 102

Gettysburg 77, Delaware 70 Long Island U. 77, Adelphi 70 Niagara 66, Siena 44 Syracuse 74, Massachusetts 66 Geneva 81, Slippery Rock 78 Hofstra 80, Wilkes 61 Queens 91, Hunter 88 Brandeis 80, Ithaca 88 Williams 78, Middlebury 50

SOUTH Austin Peay 81, Ky. Wesleyan 78 Hampa 86, Rollins 65 Tennessee St. 91, Lincoln 88 Savannah St. 130, Albany St. 78 Mid. Tenn. 83, East Tenn. St. 73 Florida St. 80, Furman 57 Mississippi St. 69, Georgia 77 Auburn 83, Tulane 44 Newberry 88, Pfeiffer 61 Florida 81, Mississippi 77 Alabama 68, Louisiana St. 60 Arkansas Coll. 63, Henderson 34 Duke 77, Virginia 66 St. Ga. Southern 88, Springfield 94 Huntington 84, Florida Southern 81

Morgan St. 82, Virginia St. 67 Miami (Fla.) 96, Jacksonville 69 OHIO STATE 86, Eastern Ky. 81 Hamline 59, Stout 81, 75 Wisconsin 83, Minnesota 75 Syracuse 84, Delaware 75 Mansfield 83, Millersville 56 St. Louis 74, Notre Dame 60 Iowa 50, Michigan 46 Michigan St. 90, Illinois 80 Ohio St. 73, Indiana 69 Nebraska 63, Oklahoma 61

Middlewest 75, Dallas 68 Lamar Tech 80, S.F. Austin 72 S. Houston St. 66, E. Tex. St. 39 Tarleton St. 106, Delmar 75 Colorado 63, Oklahoma St. 51 Grambling 90, Texas College 40 Ark. St. (Tempe) 89, Tex. Western 86

Dunedin, Fla. —UPI—Paul Runyan of La Jolla, Calif., won the 22nd PGA Senior golf championship Sunday with a new tournament record of 278.

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