

Buckeyes National Champions

New York—UPI—Unbeaten Ohio State today became the first team in history to be unanimously voted the national college basketball champion by the United Press International Board of Coaches.

The Buckeyes, heading for their defense of the NCAA title next week, swept over 23 opponents this season and have a two-year 28-game winning streak going into their regular season finale Saturday.

Ohio State, the pre-season No. 1 choice of the 35 coaches who comprise the board, lived up to its billing, holding down the No. 1 spot each week of the season and piling up an unprecedented 35 votes and 350 points in the final week's balloting. The Buckeyes attained another feat never before achieved, being the unanimous choice five times during the weekly ratings.

San Francisco, the 1956 champion, previously had been the closest thing to a unanimous selection since the ratings were established in

1950-51, obtaining 32 first-place votes.

Repeat '60 Finish

Cincinnati 23-3 rode an 18-game winning streak into second place, the same spot the Bearcats finished a year ago. The Bearcats' late surge unseated St. Bonaventure, second-ranked most of the season, and picked up 274 points.

St. Bonaventure 22-3 suffered a late season slump but picked up 266 points to wind up third.

Kansas State 20-4 finished fourth and Southern California 19-5 was fifth. Next came North Carolina 19-4.

Bradley 21-5, St. John's 17-5 and Wake Forest 17-10, tied for the 10th spot.

West Virginia headed the mountaineers were Utah, St. Louis, Louisville, St. Joseph's Pa., Dayton, Kentucky, Texas Tech and Memphis State.

The final ratings underwent a shakeup from last week with Cincinnati replacing St. Bonaventure in second place; Kansas State moving up from fifth to fourth; Southern California jumping from 10th to

fifth; Bradley sliding from fourth to seventh; St. John's advancing one notch from ninth to eighth; Duke dropping from seventh to ninth and Iowa, eighth a week ago, falling to 10th.

Make Biggest Jump

Wake Forest, surprise winner of the Atlantic Coast Conference playoffs, also represented the biggest change in the rankings. The Demon Deacons, who didn't get a single point last week, vaulted into 10th place with an upset victory over Duke in the ACC tournament final to climax their late season rally and finish with an unimpressive 17-10 record.

Ohio State, coached by Fred Taylor and led by All-American Jerry Lucas, will receive a permanent trophy symbolic of the championship from the UPI.

The UPI Board of Coaches is made up of 35 top coaches, five from each of the nation's geographical regions, and its ratings have become generally accepted as the most authoritative in the field.

New York—UPI—The final 1960-61 major college basketball ratings by the United Press International Board of Coaches first place votes and won-lost records in parentheses:

Team	Points
1. Ohio State 35 (23-0)	350
2. Cincinnati (23-3)	274
3. St. Bonaventure (22-3)	266
4. Kansas State (20-4)	218
5. Southern Cal. (19-5)	191
6. N. Carolina (19-4)	122
7. Bradley (21-5)	112
8. St. John's N.Y. (19-4)	102
9. Duke (22-6)	50
10. Wake Forest (17-10)	47
11. Wake Forest (17-10)	47
12. West Virginia (12-12)	33
13. Utah (12-12)	33
14. St. Louis (12-12)	33
15. Louisville (12-12)	33
16. St. Joseph's Pa. (12-12)	33
17. Dayton (12-12)	33
18. Kentucky (12-12)	33
19. Texas Tech (12-12)	33
20. Memphis State (12-12)	33
21. Others: Kansas, 9; UCLA, 7; Niagara, 7; Indiana, 6; Mississippi State and Duquesne, 2 each; Houston and William & Mary, 1 each.	



FRESHMAN CHAMPIONS—The McLoughlin Junior high ninth grade basketball team, above, won the Southern Oregon conference freshman trophy with a 9-2 record against league teams. Standing, from left, are Vern Craft, assistant coach, Jim Allen, Duane Turpin, Pete Hinman, Ernie Clark, Bill Houston, Chuck Kimball, Don Kengla, Dick Bottger, Bob Walker, Mike Barnes, Rick Larson, Jim Coover, Ron Edmonds, Joe Banks and Head Coach

Medford YMCA Swim Team 6th In AAU Meet

The Medford YMCA boys' swimming team placed sixth in the Oregon AAU Age Group Boys' championships March 4 and 5 at Sunset pool in Beaverton.

Bruce Hess led the Medford team with 12 individual points. He placed third in the 13-14 age group 100 yard butterfly, 100 yard free style and 200 yard individual medley. He anchored the 200 yard free style relay team which placed fifth. Other relay team members were Phil Taylor, Ben Taylor, Tim Brown and Kelly McHugh. The relay team placed sixth in the 200 yard medley relay.

Ted Lyons won eight points competing in 15-16 year old competition. He placed fourth in the 200 and 400 yard free styles and finished fifth in 100 yard free style competition.

Phil Taylor earned eight points in 11-12 age group events. He finished fourth in the 50 yard free style, third in the 50 yard backstroke and sixth in the 100 yard individual medley. Taylor, Kirby Lusk, Riley McHugh and Dennis Carson placed fourth in the 11-12 age free style relay.

Multnomah Athletic club won the meet. Seven meet and five state records were broken during competition. New national marks were registered in two events.

Pittsburgh May Be Tougher Than Ever

By FRED DOWN

United Press International

The Pittsburgh Pirates will be tougher than ever this year if they hit with the power they're showing in spring drills.

The world champions led the National league in batting last season but their 120 home runs placed them sixth in that department and a general lack of explosive batting punch is viewed by their rivals as a possible fatal weakness in 1961.

But a visitor to Fort Myers, Fla., Monday would have been excused for thinking Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig & Co. had come back to life the way the Bucs were "bustin" the ball. Bill Mazeroski, the 1960 World Series hero, Dick Stuart and Roberto Clemente provided most of the power as they clouted no less than 21 balls out of the park.

Nine Homers

Stuart hit nine "homers," Clemente had seven and Mazeroski hit five to pace the drill which had manager Danny Murtagh beaming. Murtagh has been insisting since the start of spring training that the Pirates' rivals are

underestimating the strength of the club.

Murtagh also announced that he will start 20-game winner Vern Law, 18-game winner Bob Friend and relief star Elroy Face next Friday in the Pirates' exhibition opener with the Cincinnati Reds.

Frank Bolling, who is slated to play second-base regularly, made his competitive debut with the Milwaukee Braves and hit a two-run homer off Don McMahon. Lew Burdette pitched three hitless innings in the game and Joe Adcock hit two "homers" in pre-game practice in other highlights of the Milwaukee workout.

The Chicago Cubs, intra-squad game turned into a comedy of errors, with 13 miscues being committed. There also were 12 walks, two hit batsmen and a balk to keep the Cubs' eight coaches awake nights.

Other Camp Notes: Joe Koppe hit a homer and a double in the Philadelphia Phillies' intra-squad game. Shortstop Leo Cardenas, Wally Post and Joe Gaines homered during the Reds' game. Rookie Chuck Hinton's homer was the big news of the Washington Senator's game.

Clogston High Gun In Shoot

Frank Clogston, Medford, was high overall Sunday with 234 out of a possible 250 and took Class A 16-yard and Class I doubles in the early spring registered trapshoot at Medford Gun club.

Lewis Fisher, Eureka, Calif., was second overall with 227 and was high gun with 97 in 16-yard firing.

Bill Bryant, Astland, broke 95 birds for best in handicap and Clogston was runnerup with 94.

Clogston won Class A 16-yard prize with a 94. Ted Rice, Myrtle Creek, fired 91 for second in A 16-yard. Fisher took Class B and Art Liebescher, Medford, was next with 94. Class C honors went to Paul Culbertson, Medford, with a 91 and Ted Sodin, Roseburg, followed with 89. Tom Mehl, Glendale, took Class D with 92 and Bert Peck, Central Point, was next with 86.

Mansfield High Junior

Bill Mansfield, Medford, fired a 93 for high junior and Chuck Skeeters, Medford, had 82 for sub-junior prize. Donna Wooley, Drain, was top lady with 88.

In doubles Don Petersen, Medford, had a 42 score to follow Clogston's 46 in Class 1. Ken Gilkeson, Roseburg, copped Class 2 with a 45 and Bryant broke 42 for second.

There were 40 shooters in the Pacific International Trapshooting association registered event.

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NIT and NCAA Feuding

New York—UPI—The feud still rages after 23 years between those two giant, multi-initiated basketball tournaments known as the NCAA and the NIT.

The NIT started big at Madison Square Garden in 1938 and the NCAA rose from humbled beginnings a year later to become the top post-season tournament.

This still bugs the boys from the NIT or, to give it the full treatment, the National Invitation Tournament. They have been charging for years the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has been trying to run 'em out of business.

The big rub is that most college conferences automatically send their champion to the NCAA playoffs and refuse to allow the second place team to compete in the NIT. You qualify for the NCAA or your season is over.

"We'd be perfectly happy to invite some of those good runners-up," said one NIT figure. "But what's the use? We know they wouldn't accept."

Some Okay It

A few conferences do okay NIT participation. Bradley, second in the Missouri Valley

to Cincinnati last year, came down to the big town and won the NIT. The Skyline will be represented in both the NCAA and NIT this year.

But the Atlantic Coast, Ivy, Big Ten, Big Eight and Big Five are among those that go only NCAA and that takes a big bite out of the potential prize list for the Garden.

"There is no set NCAA rule," according to Homer Cooke of the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau, "except that we allow no conference runners-up in the NCAA championship no matter how good a team it might be."

"The feeling always has been that if a team isn't good enough to win in its own conference it doesn't rate a chance to become a national champion."

Most conferences feel their big race is their own backyard league campaign. An NCAA bid is merely a bonus. But a runner-up, they figure, doesn't rate a bonus.

Originally, the NCAA started as an eight-team tournament, one from each of the eight NCAA districts. It ran that way through 1950 when the format was changed to bring in conference champions

and at-large members so the field totalled roughly 24.

NIT Protests

The NIT promptly charged the NCAA was stealing all the top teams.

"Actually," said Cooke, "we were only trying to get enough brackets to make it a true national championship. We wanted to be sure all the leading candidates had an opportunity to play."

The expansion, however, coincided with the basketball bribe scandals that broke around teams that had been more or less regulars at the Garden. Among those clobbered by the law was City College of New York which, in 1950, became the only team ever to make it a grand slam by winning both the NCAA and NIT titles the same year.

There was a rush out of the Garden and back to the campus by many a school and/or its conference fathers.

So the NCAA championship has become a sprawling road show that only rarely uses the Garden for a night or two. But when you've got the big ones—including Ohio State, Cincinnati and St. Bonaventure—you don't need the Garden to draw a crowd.

Blunt's Score High in Meet

Larry Blunt rolled a 696 for high score in the crippled children's benefit tournament at Medford Bowling lanes.

Zeffie Graves had high women's score with 640.

The tourney was sponsored by Delta Omega chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and \$190 was raised for the hospital at Eugene.

Other men's high counts were Ernie Flakus and Roy Pruitt, each 692. Jack Cummings 681 and Dick Spain 676. Ladies' bests include Virginia Flakus 635, Maxine McCall 622, Ellen Lamb 619 and Ethel Goode 616.

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SPORTS

GRANT RANKED NO. 1 IN FINAL HOOP POLL; MEDFORD HIGH FIFTH

Portland — UPI — Grant of Portland replaced Klamath Falls as Oregon's top-ranked A-1 high school basketball team today in the final Journal coaches' poll of the season.

Klamath Falls had led every poll until today. The Pelicans moved down to third place with Roseburg taking over second. Wilson of Portland was fourth and Medford fifth.

In class A-2, Madras ranked first followed in order by Coquille, Seaside, Reedsport, Pleasant Hill and Mt. Angel tied for 5th, Mac-Hi, Henley, Sherwood and Myrtle Point.

TEAM	POINTS
1. Grant	75
2. Roseburg	70
3. Klamath Falls	69
4. Wilson	55
5. Medford	45
6. Central Catholic	35
7. Bend	34
8. South Eugene	17
9. David Douglas	13
10. Tillamook	10
Others: Marshfield and Scappoose 7, Corvallis, South Salem and St. Helens 1.	

Linfield and EOC Meet for NAIA Berth

Portland — UPI — Northwest Conference champion Linfield and Eastern Oregon, a runner-up in the Oregon Collegiate conference, collide here tonight with a berth in the NAIA tournament in Kansas City at stake.

The game is scheduled for the Memorial Coliseum at 8:30 p.m. Linfield edged Portland State 50-49 to get its berth in the finals while EOC was downing Lewis and Clark 82-77.

PROSPECT IN CLASS B TOURNAMENT OPENER

Bend — UPI — Eight of the state's classiest small school basketball teams open play here Thursday for the 1961 class B title with three squads making their first appearance.

The newcomers are Prospect, Portland Christian and Huntington. Others include Powers, Lone, Wheeler, Lowell and Perrydale. Perrydale and Portland Christian are undefeated this year. Lone defeated Weston 52-50 in double overtime in the District 7 finals. Weston had won 25 straight.

Opening games Thursday afternoon match Powers

against Prospect at 2:30 p.m. and Huntington against Lone at 3:45 p.m. That night Portland Christian meets Wheeler at 7:30 p.m. and Lowell plays Perrydale at 8:45 p.m.

ALL-WEATHER STADIUM

Houston, Tex. — UPI — The Houston Sports association was all smiles again today after the green light was given to start construction of the dome-shaped all-weather sports stadium which will house Houston's baseball entry in the National league.

BASKETBALL

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Louisville 75, Marquette 56.
Morehead St. 55, Eastern Ky. 54.
Missouri 97, Nebraska 76.
Kansas 85, Iowa St. 73.
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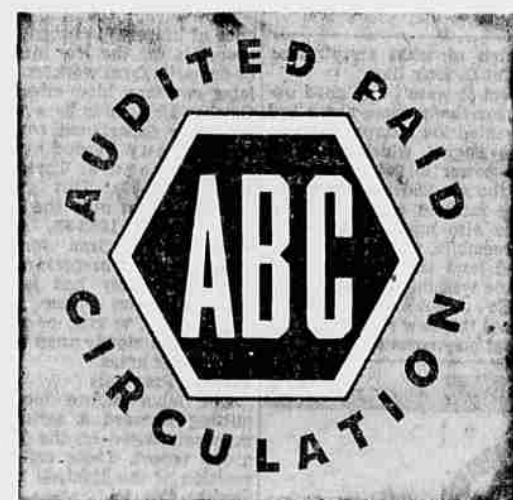
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