

Gamble Pays Off As USC Dumps Oregon

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Portland, Ore. — Two gambles—one of which paid off and one of which didn't—told the tale of the first round western regional action in the NCAA basketball tournament today.

The gamble that failed was taken by Seattle's veteran star, Dave Mills. With the score tied 70-70 against Arizona State, he decided to try to turn one point into two with 30 seconds left to go.

Instead of taking a free throw, he hurled the ball against the backboard in hopes of recovering it. Instead, Arizona State recovered the ball and junior Gerry Hahn sank a field goal to bring the Sun Devils victory, 72-70.

USC coach Forrest Two-good took a chance in the second and equally thrilling

contest. Oregon's upstart Ducks piled up a 36-27 half-time lead, while USC's flashy John Rudometkin gathered four fouls.

But Two-good started Rudometkin in the second half anyway and the 6-foot-6 junior put in 18 points before fouling out with 2:37 to go. The Trojans hung on for an 81-79 win.

The stage was thus set for four teams with almost identical records to fight it out starting Friday for the right to represent the West at Kansas City next week in the nationals.

Loyola (10-6) and Utah (21-6) will meet in the opener and the Trojans (21-6) and the Sun Devils (21-5) play in the other contest. Observers foresee a Trojan-Ute final, but agree that any of the four

teams could well represent the West.

Two-good was the first to admit that Oregon had scared him.

"You bet your life they had me worried," he said. "On a press such as Oregon puts on, your stars don't mean anything. Mistakes will beat you," he said in tribute to the Ducks' hectic defense.

He said he thought that the Trojans played one of their worst first halves of the year and their best second halves. The Trojans' phenomenal 613 shooting percentage in the second half bore out his latter contention.

Oregon coach Steve Belko was dejected after the contest and pointed out that his team had taken finals all this week and had to continue them Friday. But he did praise the performance of John Rudomet-

kin, who ended the evening with 24 points.

Other stars in the Trojan-Duck battle were Oregon's Charlie Warren who tallied 21 and USC's Gordon Martin who came off the bench and scored 14 in the big second half.

Vince Cazzetta, coach of Seattle's Chieftains, refused to condemn Mills for his gamble, but added that in any tie game "you should go for the shot that will win."

In the laughter-filled Arizona State dressing room, Hahn recalled that "I looked up and there were four seconds to go and I just shot."

The shot still reverberated through Arizona today. Seattle was led by its perennial one-two punch of Eddie Miles and Mills, who scored 24 and 22. The well-balanced Sun Devil attack was led by

Ollie Payne with 18 and Tony Cerkvenik with 15.

But it was Hahn and stubby Larry Armstrong who led the plucky Arizonans back from a 39-28 deficit. Hahn and Armstrong had 13 and 12 respectively, and each 10 in the second half.

The Oregon-USC Box:			
USC #	G	F	T
Stanley	4	9-12	17
Abby	4	8-12	2
Rudometkin	3	6-6	24
Appel	3	2-4	3
Edwards	3	2-4	10
Sioniger	3	0-2	2
Martin	3	4-5	14
Hillman	2	0-1	0
Totals	25	23-35	81

Oregon #	G	F	T
Simmons	4	4-5	16
Warren	3	5-7	21
Moore	3	2-7	12
Hayes	3	1-1	3
Strickland	7	5-9	19
Mack	0	0-0	0
Kimpton	3	2-2	8
Jones	0	0-1	0
Totals	26	19-37	79

Half-time: Oregon 36, USC 29. Attendance: 4,709.

Tornadomen Shoot .370 From Floor

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Medford rampaged to a total of 27 field goals while its stiff defense limited the Cheesemakers to 11. The Tornado had a .370 field shooting mark and Tillamook a feeble .200. The defending titlists were not so impressive from the free toss stripe in dropping in 11 of 23 tries.

More than two to one domination in rebounding played a big role in the decisive verdict. Medfordites snared the ball from the boards 79 times, to 36 retrievals by Tillamookers. Dowson and Hoots each cleared the backboards 12 times and Ragsdale nine. The cheesemakers' top man on the boards was Sather with a mere four. Six Tornadoes equaled or did better than he.

Barry's 12 markers were second high for an individual in the scramble. Leon Thompson topped Tillamook with eight.

Opening Shock

The Tornado, after recuperating from its opening shock, drew the "ohs" and "ahs" of the crowd for its sharp-functioning fast break, its aggressive battling and its solid teamwork. Onlookers agreed that Medford's was the high-light performance, through its game in the turnkey which opened Tuesday evening.

But, Medford will run into another hustling club in the South Salem Saxons this evening. South fired at the hoop at a rip-roaring 518 clip to get by a 407 shooting Bend club. The Salemites busted the fray open with 28 points to the Bears' 13 in the third quarter. They lagged Bend 33 to 31 at the half but led them 59 to 46 at the third rest stop. South let the gap slip briefly to six points at 63 to 57 in the final minutes.

The Capitol city crew was short on height compared to the 6-5 of Bend's Rex Chambers and Chuck DeSully but the Saxons used their quickness, agility, spirit, aggressiveness and better placement to outbounce the Bears 45 to 31.

Has Memory

Medford goes into tonight's fracas with the memory of the 1960 turnkey semifinal game with the Salemites. South came close to upset in that skirmish. The Black Tornado had to overcome a 10-point deficit to win by a narrow 56 to 52.

There was rumor yesterday that Coach Dick Ballantyne may call upon his speedy Saxons to run with the Tornado. Most "experts" advise against such strategy against the Black Tornado.

BOXES:

Medford	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	PT
Dowson	11-17	2-2	12	3	27
Quinney	11-19	5-6	10	1	27
Hoots	3-8	0-0	12	1	6
Ragsdale	2-4	0-0	2	1	4
Barry	3-14	2-5	5	2	12
Eaton	3-4	0-1	4	2	6
Bray	1-3	0-0	1	0	2
Hood	0-2	1-2	1	0	1
McIntyre	0-1	0-1	1	0	0
Clearwater	1-4	0-0	1	1	2

Totals	27-73	11-23	79	12	65
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*Includes 10 team rebounds.

Tillamook	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	PT
L. Thompson	3-12	2-4	5	1	8
Hoffert	2-7	2-4	3	4	12
Sather	2-10	2-3	5	2	6
Brunes	1-6	0-0	2	1	2
Baty	0-1	0-1	1	0	0
Olson	1-3	2-2	2	1	4
Mawbitter	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Duffy	0-4	0-0	1	1	0
J. Thompson	0-0	0-0	2	3	0
Hill	0-3	2-4	4	3	2

Totals	11-55	10-14	36	13	22
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*Includes eight team rebounds. Officials—Oberg and Barger.

South Salem	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	PT
Stewart	6-18	2-4	5	4	14
Maerz	5-11	1-1	14	3	11
Nielsen	0-8	0-3	3	4	12
Brack	3-8	2-2	10	0	12
Madison	1-3	2-2	3	2	4
Gold	1-3	0-0	1	1	2
Buckley	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Allen	3-4	0-1	6	1	6

Totals	29-58	10-18	45	13	68
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*Includes three team rebounds. Officials—Burr and Buckiewicz.

Bend	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	PT
Riley	5-16	2-3	10	3	12
Chambers	0-0	2-2	4	2	2
DeSully	2-8	0-0	2	2	4
Hawes	3-12	2-5	2	2	12
Petrie	0-7	0-2	1	1	11
Donahue	2-9	0-1	0	0	4
Smith	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lantz	0-2	0-0	0	0	0

Totals	22-54	13-23	31	14	57
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*Includes three team rebounds. Officials—Burr and Buckiewicz.

SPORTS

By OSCAR FRALEY
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Sport Parade

MIAMI—The public was victimized by a "fast count" just as much as Ingemar Johansson in his controversial knockout at the hands of Floyd Patterson, veteran Jack Doc Kearns asserted today.

"People pay to see a fight and they should get it," said Kearns, shrugging off evidence presented in New York Wednesday by Teleprompter which indicated Johansson was on the floor 11-12th seconds. "In the early days, the referee would tell you to 'get up and fight' but today they're too quick to count 'em out'."

The mandatory eight count, used in Monday night's fracas, certainly deserved no place in a heavyweight bout, either, Kearns insisted.

All in all, Kearns felt that the bout was completely unsatisfactory and that while Johansson "proved to be a better fighter than most people thought," the victorious Patterson "isn't the champion a lot of people thought he was."

Huffs And Puffs

"I don't think Patterson was in the proper condition," Kearns explained. "He was too heavy and he was puffing and blowing from the start. Certainly he looked sloppy and leggy. Floyd wanted to fight, yet while he set a fast pace, he couldn't hold it. In the sixth they both were wallowing when Patterson happened to nail him."

It's the reason behind the fact that a half century ago all the eastern champions were beaten when they went west. "In the West, they had a bunch of fast four-round kids who fought at a whirlwind pace," Kearns recalled. "Those who came in from the East could stand the pace for one round but after that they had it."

Patterson, if the competition was around, wouldn't last long as champion because of the suspicious crystal quality of his jaw, the still agile 79-year-old Kearns analyzed.

Up And Down

"From the way he's up and down in almost every fight he has," Doc said. "It's pretty obvious that his chin isn't as strong as his heart. He reminds me of Fred Fulton, who was game and could box and punch. But hit him on the chin and he had to go."

"It is," he continued, "the same way in any racket. Look at baseball. Some of the slickest fielders in the game can't hit a lick. Yet some of the hardest hitters can't field. The real star is the guy who does everything and that's the way it is in boxing, too."

The man Patterson has to box now, to prove himself a true champion, is Sonny Liston.

"And Liston would have to be the choice to beat him if they fought now," Kearns speculated. "He's big and strong and rough and he can take a punch as well as dish it out real good. I think he'd win the title and Patterson can't continue to dodge him no matter what the reason."

Reason Obvious

The reason is obvious to those inside boxing. Liston is managed by the wrong people, and don't let anybody tell you that Frankie Carbo still doesn't have a thumb in a number of boxing pies. You can't blame Patterson for not wanting anything to do with ring game that might rub off one way or another. Liston's out is a completely new managerial setup.

Kearns currently is pointing Archie Moore toward a couple of fist engagements in Europe. But from the manner in which the old ballyhoo artist praised Johansson for "fighting and standing up better than anybody thought he would," it seems probable thatingo and ancient Archie sooner or later will tangle in Sweden for another big payday.

Johansson Count Long, Not Short

New York — Floyd Patterson can take a lot more pride in his world heavyweight boxing crown today following proof that the "short count" was actually the "long count."

Many observers of the championship fight between Patterson and Sweden's Ingemar Johansson at Miami Beach, Fla., Monday night were of the opinion that referee Billy Regan counted Johansson out a split second too soon in the sixth round.

However, films taken by Teleprompter corporation showed Wednesday that Johansson was down for 11-12th seconds, or 1-12th more than the required 10.

Big Five Lead By Rudometkin

San Francisco — (UPI)—John Rudometkin of Southern California missed his two final games, but still easily captured the Big Five scoring race, according to final league figures released today.

The big center hit 248 points in 10 games for a 24.8 average. Bill Hanson of Washington was second with 196 points in 12 games for a 16.3 average. Hanson was 1959 champion.

Rounding out the Big Five were Chris Appel of SC, John Berberich of UCLA and Bill McClintock of California.

Madras Wins Crown By Tripping Coquille

Coos Bay — (UPI)—Madras' White Buffalos broke loose in the third period and romped to a 63-51 victory over Coquille Wednesday night for the Oregon high school class A-2 basketball championship.

The White Buffalos, trailing by 34-28 at halftime, outscored Coquille 18 to 5 in the third period and were never again headed.

Joe Piedmont, a 6-4 center, led the third period onslaught with 12 points. Coquille could get only two field goals and a free throw in the quarter.

Piedmont led the winners' offense with 21 points and Gary Moe added 15. Ron Stein of Coquille topped all scorers with 22.

Mt. Angel captured third place by bouncing Sherwood 63-44 and Seaside won consolation honors with a 60-59 victory over Henley.

Davis-Erickson Star

Mt. Angel also rallied in the third quarter for its win and Dave Davis and Steve Erickson combined for 37 points to lead Seaside to its narrow victory.

Velvet, owned and handled by Dr. Charles N. Versteeg, Cave Junction, was the winner Sunday in the open all-event of the Rogue Valley Retriever club's picnic trial in the Rogue game management area.

Jocko, owned by Earl Warren, Medford, took the qualifying stake, Rayo, owned by Ernest Black, Medford, the derby and Drip, owned by Mrs. Leonard Lilya, Trail, the puppy stake.

The Sunday rivalry served as last warmup event of the club for its annual American Kennel club-licensed field trial. This licensed competition, bringing here some of the finest retrievers in the United States, is set for March 24, 25 and 26.

Forty-four dogs were entered in the picnic trial.

Hope Second

Hope, entry of William Bryant, Ashland, was second in the open. Third went to Sam, entered by James Weaver, Klamath Falls. Fourth place was NikNak, owned by Kenneth Denman, Medford. Bryant's Flint took the reserve certificate of merit and regular CMs went to Debonaire, owned and handled by R. C. McInnis, Klamath Falls, and another Klamath entrant, James Stillwell's Rowdy.

Leonard Lilya's Imp was runnerup in the qualifying stakes and NikNak ran third. Cookie, owned by Thomas Rickard, Medford, was third. A Medford dog, Everett McGraw's Judy was awarded the Reserve CM.

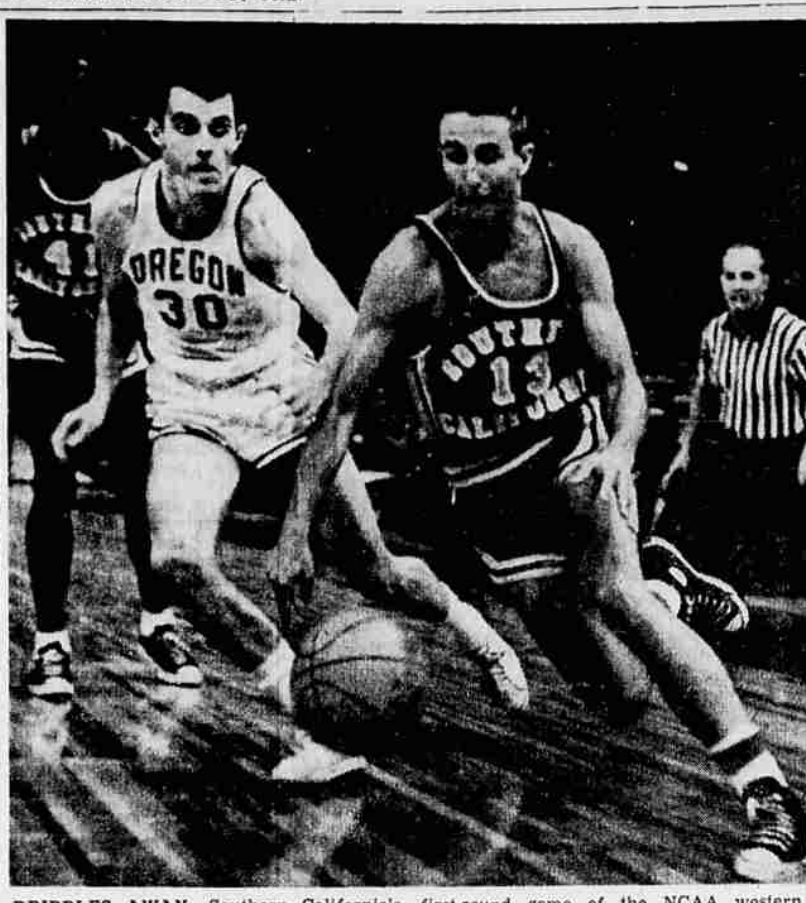
Derby second was claimed by Hunter, owned by Leonard Nelson, Medford. Mike Hemingway, Phoenix, entered Boy, who took third. Punky gained fourth. The dog, owned by Mrs. C. Weldon Kline, Medford, was handled by Bryant, Blackie, owned by Dale Brown, Cave Junction, topped the reserve CM. Certificates went to Jay, owned by Harley Nelson, Medford, and Buttons, owned by McGraw.

Runnerup in the puppy stake was Bunny, owned by Dr. E. L. Harlow, Medford.

Harlow and Rickard were trial chairmen. Judges were Leonard Nelson, Charles Stelle and student Robert Morris. Jr., owner; Bryant, Otto Lilya and student Jean Cordona, qualifying; Versteeg, Earl Warren and student Lilya, derby, and Denman and McGraw, puppy.

CAPTAINS WOLVERINES

Ann Arbor, Mich. — (UPI)—Jon Hall of Havana, Ill., has been elected captain of the 1961-62 University of Michigan basketball team, succeeding John Tidwell who graduates in June.



DRIBBLES AWAY—Southern California's first-round game of the NCAA western Chris Appel (13) is shown dribbling away from Oregon's Denny Strickland during a 81-79. (UPI Telephoto)

Bucks Route Spokane 5-1

By United Press International

Portland's Buckaroos, with Art Jones and Gordon Fashoway providing the offensive spark routed Spokane 5-1 Wednesday night at Spokane in the Western Hockey league.

League-leading Calgary retained its two-point lead over the second-place Buckaroos with a 6-5 overtime victory against Edmonton, Vancouver whipped Winnipeg 6-1.

Jones and Fashoway each scored twice for the Portlanders. Portland's rookie goalie, Don Head, turned in 30 saves, 25 in the final two periods.

RIDES FOUR WINNERS

Lincoln, R.I. — (UPI)—Bill Skuse, Canadian-born jockey, booted home four winners at Lincoln Downs Wednesday, including Leo's Baker in the featured seventh race.

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Rated Teams Face Hurdles In NAIA Play

Kansas City, Mo. — (UPI)—Top-seeded Westminster (Pa.) and defending champion Southwest Texas State face imposing hurdles tonight in the quarter-final round of the 23rd annual NAIA basketball tournament.

Westminster, which had to scramble Wednesday night to turn back Newberry (S.C.) 85-73, takes on Winston-Salem (N.C.) at 7 p.m., CST. Southwest Texas State, a narrow 61-59 victor over East Texas Baptist in the second round, meets second-seeded Northern Michigan at 8:30 p.m.

Other quarterfinal games tonight match Anderson (Ind.) and Grambling (La.) at 5:30 p.m. and Central (Okla.) State and Georgetown (Ky.) at 10 p.m.

Winston-Salem became the "Cinderella" team of the tournament ever before it started by defeating three-time NAIA champion Tennessee A&I in the district playoffs, defeated West Virginia State, 86-76, Wednesday.

Grambling, the tallest team in the tournament, had little trouble eliminating Peru (Neb.) State, 80-60, to gain its berth tonight against Anderson.

PICK TRAINING SITE

San Diego, Calif. — (UPI)—The San Diego Chargers of the American Football league, recently shifted from Los Angeles, will start their pre-season training July 17 at San Diego State college.

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