

SPORTS

Twin Pilot Doesn't Say Yes or No, But Does Feel Maybe Club Can Take NY

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Orlando, Fla. — UPI — Manager Sam Mele doesn't say yes and doesn't say no but he does say maybe to the blunt question of whether his amazing Minnesota Twins can take the world champion New York Yankees this year.

The Twins astounded everyone, including the Yankees, by finishing second last year. The natural question people are asking Mele now is whether they can beat the Yankees.

"Let's be realistic," says the Minnesota manager, "the Yankees are no pushovers for anyone. They had an off-year last season and still won."

"By the same token, I certainly am not pessimistic. We have some fine looking ball players on this club. Who knows? No one expected us to finish as high as we did last year. I'm not saying the Yankees can't be beaten. And if they can be, I think this is the club that can do it."

Bristle With Power

The Twins are bristling with power with such men as Harmon Killebrew, Bob Allison, Vic Power, Richie Rollins and Jim Lemon, who appears completely recovered from shoulder surgery.

Minnesota's pitching staff, bulwarked by 20-game winner Camilo Pascual, isn't half bad either although it tends to be predominantly left-handed. Ten of the 18 pitchers on the roster are southpaws as well as two others who are in camp for a look.

Three of the left-handers who figure to be starters along with Pascual are Jim Kaat, Jack Kralick and Dick Stigman.

Kaat had an 18-14 record last year, Kralick won 12 games and lost 11, and Stigman was the most pleasant surprise of all, winning 12 games and dropping only five.

Two other starting pitchers may come from among holdovers Lee Strange and Joe Bonikowski and rookies Gerry Arrigo, Garry Roggenburk and Fred Lasher.

Seeks Right-Handers

"Everyone says we're weighed down with left-handed pitchers," Mele declared, examining the club's roster. "I can't see where that is go-

Santa Clara Holds WCAC Hoop Lead

United Press International

Santa Clara leads the West Coast Athletic conference basketball race today, but USF gets a chance to tie things up tonight.

The Broncos made their mark 9-2 Tuesday night by bouncing hapless University of Pacific 79-82 at San Jose.

Gene Shields, an underrated performer who has sparked the Broncos' late-season surge, hit 22 points to lead Santa Clara.

Dick Davey had 20 for the losers, who have lost 11 straight WCAC games.

USF, which has an 8-2 mark, hosts San Jose state in action tonight.

Then on Saturday, Santa Clara is at USF in a showdown battle for all the marbles.

In other contests Tuesday night, Pepperdine clubbed Loyola 73-55, Diminutive Lee Tinsley had 19, Harry Dinnel 16 and Bob Warlick 15 to lead the Waves, who lost their first five WCAC games but ended with a 6-6 mark.

Pepperdine wound up with a 15-10 season mark, but still was a disappointment since the waves were defending WCAC champs and acquitted themselves well in the 1962 Western regional tourney. With almost their entire team back, Pepperdine followers had hoped for another big season.

Loyola was 3-9 in the league and 10-17 for the year.

Cal Western earned the right to represent Southern California in the NAIA small college basketball tournament by whipping Occidental 66-38 in the final game of their best of three playoff series.

Joe Treaster and Jim Jester led the Westerners with 19 and 16 while Doug Willis had 15 for Occidental.

Still Much Drama Left In College Cage Script

By MARTIN LADER
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There's still a lot of drama left in the college basketball script before the start of the NCAA championships this week.

Although the post-season tournament gets underway Saturday, six berths still remain to be filled. And in most cases the confusion is becoming more involved as the days wear on.

The situation wasn't helped any in the Ivy league or West Coast Athletic conferences Tuesday night when both Yale and Santa Clara won. However, a small ray of hope shone in the Ohio Valley conference following Middle Tennessee's victory over East Tennessee State.

Yale overcame a 12-point deficit and then hung on for an 80-76 win over arch-rival Harvard that threw the Elis into a first place tie with Princeton; Santa Clara assumed a half-game lead over San Francisco in the WCAC by beating the University of Pacific, 76-62; and East Tennessee lost a 59-57 decision to Middle Tennessee to blow its chance of creating a three-way first place tie in the Ohio Valley.

Yale Meets Princeton

The Ivy League situation won't be settled until Friday

night when Yale meets Princeton at a neutral court in New York City. The Ivy league champion does not receive an automatic bid to the NCAA, but the winner is almost certain to draw the one remaining at-large berth.

Santa Clara brought its league record to 9-2 Tuesday night, but San Francisco can draw even again with a win over San Jose State tonight. No matter the outcome of this contest, the league champion can't be decided before Saturday, when Santa Clara and San Francisco meet in a head-to-head duel. And should the Dons lose tonight but win Saturday, a first place tie will still exist.

Morehead State and Tennessee Tech are the combatants in the Ohio Valley conference and also must meet in a playoff to decide the titlist.

The other NCAA berths will go to the champions of the Big Ten (where Ohio State holds a one-game lead over Illinois), Big Eight Kansas State owns a one-game edge over Colorado, but the two teams collide Saturday and the Big Six (where Stanford leads UCLA by two games).

Teams Advance To Finals in Church League

Latter Day Saints and First Presbyterian will play on Tuesday night, March 12, for the Medford senior high church league basketball championship.

LDS beat Jacksonville Presbyterian 22 to 16 and First Presbyterian edged Zion Lutheran 45 to 43 in playoff games last night.

The championship game will be at 7 p.m. at McLoughlin gym with the tussle between Jacksonville Presbyterian and Zion Lutheran for third place to follow at 8:30 p.m.

Franklin Grabs PIL 2nd Place

By United Press International

Franklin won Portland's second spot in the class A-1 high school basketball tournament Tuesday night while Astoria and Milwaukie got the jump on Beaverton in the Metro league race.

Franklin bombed Cleveland 71-43 while third place Jefferson was dumped by Benson 67-61. Marshall, the state's second ranked team which already had won a berth, took Roosevelt in stride 63-48.

Beaverton was stunned by seventh-place Clackamas 50-45. Milwaukie took over second place by a full game with a 53-27 win over Hillsboro. Astoria, half a game in front of Milwaukie, was idle but must play Milwaukie Friday night.

Sandy Wins

Sandy won the Wilco title with a 40-38 win over second place Molalla. Both already

are "in" for the A-1 tourney. South Salem showed its Valley league superiority with an 81-61 win over tourney-hopeful Lebanon. North Salem dumped Albany 62-56 and Corvallis blasted Sweet Home 73-58 in other games.

The second spot from the TLV league remained wide open as Forest Grove, Oregon City and Tillamook all posted wins. They are tied with 13-4 records with one game to play. Oregon City dumped champion Tigard 67-59. Tillamook beat Lake Oswego 83-47 and Forest Grove defeated West Linn 63-46 Tuesday night.

In a big A-2 game Pleasant Hill defeated Elmira 66-55 in the first of a three-game series for a tourney berth.

Prep Basketball

TUESDAY GAMES

By United Press International

Marshall 61, Roosevelt 48
Madison 60, Wilson 39
Franklin 71, Cleveland 43
Benson 67, Jefferson 61
Lincoln 53, Grant 42
Clackamas 50, Beaverton 45
Sunset 69, Centennial 27
Milwaukie 53, Hillsboro 27
Central Catholic 64, Gresham 49
Tillamook 83, Lake Oswego 47
Forest Grove 63, West Linn 46
McMinnville 61, Dallas 39
Oregon City 67, Tigard 59
Newberg 45, St. Helens 44
Parkrose 52, Scappoose 47
Reynolds 64, Silverton 43
Sandy 40, Molalla 38
North Salem 62, Albany 56
South Salem 81, Lebanon 61
Corvallis 73, Sweet Home 58
North Catholic 56, Serra Catholic 53
Mt. Angel 67, Santiam 53
Pleasant Hill 66, Elmira 35
North Powder 55, Wallawa 42

Basketball

TUESDAY COLLEGE RESULTS

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Syracuse 100, Colgate 78
Providence 85, Fairfield 65
Yale 80, Harvard 76 (o.t.)
SMU 86, Texas Tech 87
Rhode Island 86, Brown 72
Oklahoma 70, Oklahoma St. 65
Arkansas 104, Texas Christian 94
Baylor 55, Texas 48
Rice 73, Texas A & M 70
Abil Christian 97, H-Simmons 95
Santa Clara 79, Pacific (Cal.) U. 62
Pepperdine 73, Loyola 55
Cal Western 66, Occidental 38

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POINT

Mele isn't worried about shortstop with Zoilo Versalles on hand or about first base with Vic Power there.

And with slugging Killebrew, Allison and Lenny Green in the outfield, plus Lemon, he's quite satisfied with that department also. He also has one of the best catchers in the business in Earl Battey.

"Just say I'm quietly confident," says Mele. It's easy to see why.

HOCKEY

United Press International

Southern Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
San Fran.	37	20	1	75	244	183
Portland	35	20	5	73	230	165
Los Ang.	30	23	3	63	197	185
Spokane	27	27	2	56	181	178

Northern Division

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Vancouver	28	27	3	59	201	191
Seattle	28	29	1	57	193	206
Calgary	20	38	1	41	193	242
Edmonton	19	39	2	40	180	273

WESTERN LEAGUE
Today's Results
Calgary 6, Spokane 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Chicago	30	17	15	79	178	153
Toronto	31	21	9	71	197	184
Montreal	25	17	10	69	168	166
Detroit	26	23	13	65	168	171
New York	18	33	11	47	183	210
Boston	14	33	15	43	187	230

Tuesday's Results
Detroit 111, San Francisco 102
Syracuse 131, New York 121
Chicago 116, St. Louis 93

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

W	L	Pct.	
X-Boston	53	21	.716
Syracuse	45	29	.608
Cincinnati	38	36	.514
New York	20	53	.274

X-Clinched divisional title.

Western Division

W	L	Pct.	
Los Angeles	40	23	.635
St. Louis	32	30	.583
Detroit	31	44	.413
San Francisco	29	44	.397
Chicago	23	51	.311

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