



FOR PIRATES — Dan Beeson will be seeing considerable action for Phoenix in the holiday tournament at Cave Junction this weekend.

Unbeaten Pirates, Crusaders To Vie in Tournament Opener

CAVE JUNCTION — Phoenix and St. Mary's both have untarnished records as they prepare to enter the Lions Club Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament here this week end.

But it's just about a sure thing one of them won't any longer after the opening game of the event. The two teams play each other.

The tourney opens Friday night on the Illinois Valley High School court. After Phoenix and St. Mary's have fought it out in the opener, Eagle Point will take on Illinois Valley. Then on Saturday night, the losers of the Friday games will tussle, followed by the championship scrap between the winners of the Friday night encounters.

Capacity Crowd
The first game each night will start at 7 o'clock, with the second to get under way around 8:30 p. m. A capacity crowd of about 1,000 is expected.

Phoenix has the best mark of the four teams, 5-0. The Pirates have beaten Sutherlin and Glendale each twice and Myrtle Creek once. St. Mary's is 3-0, having defeated Riddle once and St. Francis twice.

Illinois Valley sports a 2-1 mark for the young season. The Cougars have split with Del Norte and defeated Glendale.

Eagle Point is still looking for its first win of the year. The Eagles' six losses have been to Crater, Brookings twice, Lakeview, Douglas and Glendale.

The holiday tourney will be eyed with interest by all Rogue League fans, for it will give something of an inkling of what is to come in the loop this year. Tourney entries represent half of the league's membership.

Although Illinois Valley is not undefeated, the Cougars are respected by their opponents. Coach Eldon Durham of Phoenix regards IV as "still the team to beat in the tournament and the Rogue League."

"They've got the experience," he noted. "Their loss was to Del Norte, a pretty good school."

Phoenix has always faced a tough opening round in the tournament. In four tourney appearances, the Buccaneers have had to face an undefeated team on three occasions and a tough one-time loser on the other. They have yet to get by the opening round. "We hope to change that this year," Durham concluded.

Phoenix Starters
The Pirates will take the floor with a starting lineup chosen from these seven men: Dan Beeson, John Barker, Jon Granby, Ron Williams, Ken Hawkins Dale Saueh and Jim Construk Eugene Hill and Lex Hamilton will also see action.

The Phoenix team practiced Monday and planned more practice today. They've been concentrating on defense, Durham said, noting that St. Mary's has been scoring 70 points or better per game.

Coach Andy Anderson of Illinois Valley plans to start Darryl Gellert, 6 feet, John Baumgardner, 5-10, Roger Martin, 6-4, Ron Thornhill, 5-11, and Wes Nicholson, 6-1.

Starting plans of Eagle Point and St. Mary's will be announced in tomorrow's Mail Tribune.

SPORTS

Bowl Bound Ducks Pin Hopes on Berry

The following is the fifth of 10 dispatches sizing up the college football bowl teams.

By HOWARD APPELGATE
United Press International
EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) — Oregon's Sun Bowl bound football team, pinning its victory hopes on brilliant quarterback Ebb Berry, reassembles today for a flight to El Paso, Tex., where they meet Southern Methodist Dec. 31 in the Sun Bowl's new 30,000 seat stadium.

Berry, a junior, ranked sixth nationally in total offense with 1,733 yards, threw six touchdown passes in leading Oregon to a 7-3 season. He completed 59 per cent of his passes.

Oregon head man Len Casanova, who has been round a long time, calls Berry the "greatest competitor" he has ever coached.

As Oregon wound up three days of tough, two-day drills just before Christmas, there was no complacency about Southern Methodist, despite the latter's 4-6 record.

"We're in for a battle," Casanova said, pointing to the Mustangs' victories over second-ranked Navy and Gator Bowl bound Air Force.

Oregon will be without its great halfback, Mel Renfro, who signed a contract with the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League after a wrist injury had sidelined him for the Sun Bowl game.

But Oregon clobbered Oregon State 31-14 without Renfro behind Berry's aerial blitz and sharp play calling.

Two of the top Webfoot line-backers, Tim Casey and Don Causey, also are absent because of injuries. But big tackle Milt Kahahe, who missed much of the season, is back and Oregon figures to be its strongest since mid-year.

Oregon has played Southern Methodist once before, in the 1949 Cotton Bowl game, when the Mustangs won 21-13. Oregon had Norm Van Brocklin as its quarterback then.

Casanova, who ordered game pictures of four SMU contests, including the Navy game, said the Mustangs would be as aggressive a defensive team as Oregon has faced this season.

"They seem to have excellent success against a passing team," he said.

Berry has a flock of targets at which to throw, including big ends Dick Inwalle and Rich Schwab. Inwalle was rated by Oregon coaches as one of the most underrated players on the Pacific Coast this season, and between them the two ends hauled down 35 passes for 856 yards and eight touchdowns.

Up front, Casanova has one of the best guards on the coast in 230-pound Dave Wilcox, who was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers as a likely defensive end.

In total offense for the season, Oregon had 3,615 yards to 2,474 for its opponents. Renfro was the leading rusher with 452 yards, but Casanova figures his replacement, sophomore Dennis Keller, and veteran Larry Hill, can keep the Mustang defense honest.

Oregon plans workouts in El Paso Dec. 27-29 with a light drill on the 30th.

The game will be televised over a regional network.



MAD DOG VACHON
Bockwinkle's Foe

Four Bouts Slated for Mat Tonight

One of the most outstanding programs of the current wrestling season is on tap tonight at the Medford armory when Matchmaker Elton Owen presents four instead of the usual three matches. The first one is scheduled to get under way at 8:30 p. m. and the armory box office will open at 7 o'clock.

The all-star slate is headed by The Destroyer, a hooded, rough and tough mystery man, who faces colorful Luther Lindsey in the main event. Lindsey stands to win \$1,000 offered to anyone who can break The Destroyer's figure four leg lock when it is properly applied.

Other matches will see popular Nick Bockwinkle in what promises to be one of his toughest local matches when he goes against Maurice "Mad Dog" Vachon in the semi-windup.

Irish Paddy Barrett clashes with Tough Tony Borne in the special event and newcomer Frenchy Tillet will display his ability against Bing Ki Lee in the inaugural match.

SMU Concentrates on Defense Against Ducks

DALLAS, Tex. (UPI) — Southern Methodist's Mustangs resumed workouts today for their Dec. 31 Sun Bowl meeting with Oregon with coach Hayden Fry expected to concentrate on defense against the Ducks' 300.7-yard per game offense.

Fry said today's drills would be in sweat suits, but that pads will probably be the order of the day for the two remaining drills here Friday afternoon and Saturday morning before the team flies to El Paso Saturday.

PORTLAND STATE GAME
PORTLAND (UPI) — Portland State meets Puget Sound in a nonconference basketball game here tonight. The teams clash again Friday night.

Today Is Nominee Deadline

Deadline for nominations for the 16th annual Hayward Banquet of Champions is today, Johnny Carpenter, president of the sponsoring Oregon Sports-writers and Sportsmasters Association, reminded in an announcement this week.

The banquet will be held Monday, Feb. 3, at the University of Portland Commons. Y. A. Tittle, New York Giants quarterback who was voted the National Football League's "Player of the Year" for 1963, will be the feature speaker for the event.

Nominations are being accepted for (1) Athlete of the year, (2) Man of the year, (3) Merit, (4) George Beriz Memorial Golf, and (5) Rollie Truitt Amateur Baseball awards. These nominations should be sent to banquet chairman Bill Mullfur, sports department, The Oregon Journal, 1320 S. W. Broadway, Portland, Ore.

U.S. Splits Cup Round

ADELAIDE, Australia (UPI) — The United States, looking for its first Davis Cup tennis triumph since 1938, was forced to settle for a 1-1 split of the opening challenge round singles matches against Australia today when Aussie Roy Emerson upset Chuck McKinley, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Cocky, often temperamental Dennis Ralston of Bakersfield, Calif., gave the Yanks the early lead when he blew a two-set lead and then rallied to best 19-year-old John Newcombe of Australia, 6-4, 6-1, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5.

But then Emerson, trailing 4-1 in the third set as Wimbledon champion McKinley of San Antonio, Texas, seemed about to put the Yanks in the driver's seat, staged a stunning comeback to win their battle in two hours and five minutes.

Seals Nip Bucks, 4-3

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — San Francisco pushed Portland into the Western Hockey League cellar Wednesday night with a come-from-behind 4-3 decision before 7,175 fans at the Glass Palace.

It was the only Western Hockey League game of the night. Seattle is at Vancouver tonight.

Portland led 3-2 Wednesday night late in the second stanza, but Nick Mickoski hit the evener and Ed Panagabko netted the decider with about four minutes to go in the contest.

Panagabko, a former Portland player, came around from behind the net and put the puck between rookie goalie Dave Kelly's legs. It was the only tally in a tight final stanza.

Kansas City Ball Club Moves Into Bank Building

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — The Kansas City Athletics today abandoned the Municipal Stadium, their home for the past nine years, and took refuge in a bank building in the wake of their owner's stormy battle with the city over a new stadium lease.

Acting on orders from owner Charles O. Finley, the stadium crews and members of the Athletics' office staff packed up equipment and records and moved to new offices in the Civic Plaza National Bank Building in downtown Kansas City.

Finley said the team's offices will remain in the bank building and the Athletics will play on sandlot fields next year before he will yield further in his demands on terms of a new lease.

Pat Friday, the team's general manager, directed the moving operation today. He said it would be completed by next

Vern Burke Wins Pop Warner Award

PALO ALTO, Calif. (UPI) — Vern Burke, Oregon State's All-America end, today was named as the 15th winner of the Glenn (Pop) Warner memorial award as the most valuable senior college football player on the Pacific Coast this year.

Burke won the award as the result of a poll of 400 sports-writers, television and radio announcers and coaches.

"This is the finest thing that has happened to me in sports," Burke said. "This award is especially close to my heart since my good friend and for-

mer teammate, Terry Baker, won it last season."

Burke will receive a trophy and watch from ex-Standard great Ernie Nevers at a banquet sponsored here Jan. 21.

Burke, who will play in Saturday's East-West shrine game in San Francisco, was a red-shirt draft choice by the San Francisco Forty Niners last year and has signed with the club for next year.

He stands 6 feet 5 inches and weighs 200 pounds. He started his collegiate career at Bakersfield Junior College and transferred to Oregon State for his junior season.

Raiders' Coach Davis Named Best Of Year

NEW YORK (UPI) — Al Davis, the energetic young man from Brooklyn who made the Oakland Raiders the most improved team in pro football in 1963, today was voted United Press International coach-of-the-year in the American Football League.

Davis was by a landslide in the poll of 24 regular AFL writers who voted for UPI all-star honors. The group, made up of three writers from each league city, cast 20 votes for Davis and two each for Sid Gillman of the San Diego Chargers and Mike Holovak of the Boston Patriots.

Under the handsome, 34-year-old Davis, a football sales- man, the Raiders accomplished an astonishing turn-

about this season.

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