

Holiday Tourney Opens Tonight On Illinois Valley High Court



FOR EAGLE POINT—Wouton Leeuwenburgh is scheduled to be in Eagle Point's starting lineup against Illinois Valley when the teams meet in the Holiday tournament tonight.

CAVE JUNCTION — It'll be Phoenix against St. Mary's of Medford in the opener at 7 and Eagle Point versus Illinois Valley at 8:30 p.m. as the Lions Club Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament opens here tonight.

A capacity crowd of about 1,000 is expected to jam the Illinois Valley High School gym for the event.

The winners of tonight's game will fight it out for the title in the second game Saturday night. The losers will meet for the consolation final at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The St. Mary's Crusaders drilled Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of this week in preparation for their clash with Phoenix. Both St. Mary's (3-0) and Phoenix (5-0) have untarnished records.

The Crusaders have been drilling on defense, both man to man and various types of zone, said Coach Dick Paup, in addition to condition work and rebounding.

Paup plans to start John Batzer and either Ted Scott or Mike Soran at guards, Randy Corliss and Ron Roberts at forwards and Steve Cook at center. Batzer and Corliss had had

ankles early in the week but should be ready for action, although not at full speed, Paup said.

Eagle Point Coach Dale Bates may field an all-junior lineup when his team takes the floor against the Cougars of Illinois Valley.

The starters, unless he changes his mind, would be Lonnie Mesloh, Wouton Leeuwenburgh, Russell Glasgow, Bob Corliss and Bob Colpitts.

"Glasgow and Mesloh played well for us in the tournament at Lakeview," Bates explained. He was especially pleased with Glasgow, who in his first varsity start scored eight points and was a standout on defense.

The Eagles drilled Thursday night, stressing ball handling and timing. The team has an 0-6 record so far, with losses to Crater, Brookings, Lakeview, Douglas, and Glide, but Bates says, "We think we're a lot better ball club than a lot of people realize."

Phoenix and Illinois Valley starting plans were announced in yesterday's Mail Tribune.

In one other single A-2 game tonight, Rogue River will play host to Sutherlin.



FOR ST. MARY'S—Randy Corliss will be one of the starting forwards when St. Mary's faces Phoenix tonight at Cave Junction.

Dons Fall To Santa Barbara

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The West Coast Athletic Conference tournament was supposed to be all USF's show, but the title was up for grabs today.

The four previous WCAC tournaments have always been spattered with upsets, but it's doubtful any ever matched Thursday night's 68-57 win by California of Santa Barbara over host USF.

The Gauchos outscored the suddenly cold Dons by a 26-7 margin in the final stanza to come from behind for victory. Howie Sundberg and Tom Lee led the winners with 19 and 16, while Ollie Johnson had 15 for the Dons.

In other first-round action, it was San Jose State 68 Loyola 63, Santa Clara 82 Pepperdine 69 and St. Mary's 68 University of Pacific 62.

It will be Santa Clara-St. Mary's and Santa Barbara-San Jose State in semi-final games today.

San Jose State's S. R. Saffold hit 14 against Loyola and hit the 10-foot jumper with nine minutes left to put the Spartans ahead in the see-saw struggle. Jim O'Keefe had 14 for Loyola.

Santa Clara also made a strong comeback to win. It was 27-12 Pepperdine midway in the first half but then the Broncos' hotshot Russ Vrankovich found the range and by halftime it was 36-10. The Broncos dominated the second half.

Vrankovich blistered the hoop for 28 points, best scoring burst of the first round. Ted Bridges and Roland Betts each tossed in 17 for the losers.

St. Mary's triumph was its first after seven straight losses this year. Five Gaels hit in double figures, while Bill Wilson led the Tigers with 20.

The Broncos and Gaels have never lost a first-round contest in this tourney. Pepperdine and University of Pacific had never won one.

But the big news was Santa Barbara's dumping of the Dons, picked by many experts as one of the nation's strongest quintets. They were just among the also rans here today.

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

It's cold out there, and biologists for the game commission will be the first to admit it as they head into a long winter of outdoor work determining the condition of Oregon's big game populations. It may be from a pair of snowshoes that the game men watch and count, or an airplane under milder weather conditions, but what ever the method of transportation, it is a dawn to dark show which began at the close of the elk season and will extend into late April of the following spring.

PREDICTION TIME

Information gathered on the winter ranges will determine what's in store for big game hunters during next fall's hunting seasons. It is here that game biologists seek out the animals, watch them as they go through the winter, study food supplies, keep a critical eye on animal condition, record mortality, sex and age, and the number of animals observed on each range.

Cold, snow, mud, wind or rain do not stop the surveys, for game agents must travel in all kinds of weather if the status of Oregon's big game is to be determined.

HERD COMPOSITION

The first phase of this annual inventory is herd composition to determine the ratio of males, females and youngsters in each herd. This work receives top priority beginning in late fall until midwinter on all ranges. Such studies give an accurate picture of the fawn or calf production, and the number of buck deer or bull elk available for breeding and hunting purposes.

Year after year, most of the bucks killed during the hunting seasons consist of forked horns or yearling bucks. If the surveys indicate a good fawn crop hunters can expect a good buck crop next year. If the fawn crop is down on any given range, hunters can expect a like decline in the buck crop available.

Herd composition must be completed before buck deer or bull elk lose their antlers. By mid-January herd composition is no longer feasible on deer as bucks are rapidly shedding their antlers. Game biologists have a little more leeway on elk as these majestic game animals retain their antlers for a longer period of time. With some it is as late as mid-March or early April before the massive antlers are shed and new growth begins.

YEARLY CENSUS

Herd composition does not complete the winter surveys. About mid-January game agents begin the tally of big game numbers on each winter range. Observations continue until the herds disband with the spring breakup. Census of big game numbers, contrary to herd composition studies, is more or less confined to winter ranges at lower elevations. At this time of year, animals are forced downward by heavy snow and cold to the breaks and scablands near the valley floors. Animals from an entire watershed covering thousands of square miles may be pushed into a narrow belt no more than a few miles long by a mile or so wide.

WINTER CRISIS

February through mid-April is considered the critical time of year for big game. There is little to worry about when winters are mild and broken by periods of thaw and sunshine. Animals remain scattered and manage to find ample food to remain alert and healthy. But if the winter is long and severe and food rations short there will be many animals dead or dying from cold and hunger. When snow piles deep or temperatures drop to sub-zero levels, hunger

Coffey May Play After All

LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI)—

Washington fullback Junior Coffey, once consigned to a spectator's role in the Rose Bowl game because of a foot fracture, worked out in sweat clothes today and it appeared that he may be able to play against Illinois Valley Saturday.

The 210-pound ball-carrier was fitted with a specially built shoe to support the tiny fracture near the little toe on his left foot. He experienced some pain when the shoe was laced but this was expected to ease off, according to the team physician. Later Coffey said, "It feels so good, it makes me want to laugh."

No one on the Washington staff including Head Coach Jim Owens would say that Coffey would definitely play, but there was strong hope.

The team physician, who asked that his name be withheld, said, "Anybody's guess is as anybody else's. We're just sitting around here hoping. Every orthopedic man we've talked to says there's no reason why he cannot play. But we cannot definitely say he will play."

"We'll just have to wait and see what develops," Owens said.

A cast stretching from the toes to the knee on Coffey's left leg was applied last Saturday after the fullback complained of foot pains. The cast was removed Wednesday night.

"Our doctors have determined Coffey's injury is a slight stress fracture," Owens said. "They wish to see how the foot responds without a cast. They recommended limited exercise."

Air Force, UNC Ready For Gator Bowl Saturday

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (UPI)—

The Air Force Academy and the University of North Carolina went through final tune-ups today on the eve of their clash in the 19th annual Gator Bowl.

The Carolina Tar Heels, a slim two-point favorite, went to nearby St. Augustine to work on defenses aimed at stopping quarterback Terry Isaacson whose running and passing accounted for half of the Air Force's offense during a 7-3 season.

The Falcons flew into the naval air station here Thursday afternoon after a morning workout at McCord Air Force Base in Orlando, Fla., where they spent Christmas.

Vancouver Win Streak Ended By Seattle, 5-3

By United Press International

Vancouver's climb up the Western Hockey League standings was at a halt today.

The Canucks' five-game win streak was snapped Thursday night when Seattle scored a 5-3 decision over Vancouver, who have moved from sixth to fourth during their skid.

Goals by Bill McFarland and Jim Powers of Seattle broke a 3-3 tie after 48 minutes of play. Don Ward scored another Seattle goal and added two assists, and league scoring leader Guyfle Fielder also had a goal and an assist for the winners. Gerry Leonard had the fifth Seattle goal.

Bob McCusker, Danny Belisle and Buddy Boone tallied for Vancouver.

It was the evening's only WHL action. Tonight it's San Francisco at Vancouver and Los Angeles at Denver.

SOC Travels To Arcata

ARCATA, Calif. —

Southern Oregon College of Ashland opens a two-game series with Humboldt State here tonight. The second game is set for Saturday night.

The two teams played a two-game set at Ashland recently, both games of which were won by the Red Raiders of SOC.

SPORTS

Crater To Face Douglas High Trojans Saturday

CENTRAL POINT — The only A-1 bracket Rogue valley basketball team to see action this weekend will be Crater High of Central Point.

The Comets will entertain the Douglas High Trojans Saturday night here.

It will be the final game for the Comets prior to the start of league play. Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland have already completed their pre-league schedules.

Douglas, reported to be a small but quick team, will meet Crater in a varsity encounter at 8:15 p.m. Saturday. A JV game between the same schools will precede at 6:15 p.m.

Both Crater and Douglas have played, and defeated, Eagle Point, Crater by a 71-44 count and Douglas by 56-41. Eagle Point took on Crater and Douglas at home, however.

The Comets may have to go without the services of Mike Turner, who was sent home sick from practice Thursday morning. If he is unable to play, either Dave Twedell or Larry Glawe is likely to start in his place, said Coach Lloyd Hoffine.

Otherwise, the regular starters will get the nod again: Larry Pepper, Bob Stroh, Darryl Summerfield and Bob Turner.

Crater has a 3-2 mark for the young season. In addition to its



STARTER—Bob Turner, 6-foot, 160-pound guard with the Crater High basketball team, will again be one of the starters when the Comets entertain Douglas High Saturday night. Turner is a senior.

Navy Coach Says Defense Will Have To Get Better

EDITORS NOTE: The following is the sixth of 10 dispatches sizing up the college football bowl teams.

By JOHN T. KADY

United Press International ANNAPOLIS, Md. (UPI)—Coach Wayne Hardin says Navy's defense must improve if the Middles "are even going to be able to get the football" in their Cotton Bowl clash with Texas on New Year's Day.

"Our defense is really going to have to be a lot better than it has been," Hardin says with an eye to the Longhorns' ball control tactics that have allowed an average of only one touchdown a game.

The classic in Dallas next Wednesday should provide the best show of the New Year's Day games with Texas, the top ranked team in the nation, going against the explosive Midshipmen, ranked second. Texas is a one-point favorite.

Can Do Everything

Hardin admits that Texas can do whatever it has to do to win a ball game, and that includes passing which is not supposed to be Texas' cup of tea.

The Longhorns tossed 28 passes in coming from behind to win 15-13 over Texas A&M on Thanksgiving Day. This is the most number of passes thrown since Darrell Royal was named head coach seven seasons ago.

Navy got a taste of what can happen when you can't control a ball control team in the Army game. The clock ran out with Army on Navy's two-yard line, preventing the biggest upset of the season.

The Midshipmen can expect the same type of game from Texas — hold the ball and tear off that yardage in small chunks. That's why Hardin feels the defense must improve for the all-important clash.

Navy Wide Open

If Texas likes the ball control style of play, Navy is just the opposite — an explosive team that can score at any time from any given place on the field.

In Roger Staubach, the Midshipmen have the finest collegiate football player in the nation and one of the most exciting. Because of his scrambling ability to elude tacklers, Staubach managed to complete 107 passes for 1,474 yards and seven touchdowns this season.

When defenses key on the elusive junior signal caller, the other half of the Midshipmen's "throw or go" backfield takes over — fullback Pat Donnelly and halfback Johnny Sat.

STANDINGS

By United Press International

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Eastern Division						
	W	L	Pct.			
Boston	24	4	.857			
Cincinnati	22	13	.629			
Philadelphia	14	17	.452			
New York	10	27	.270			
Western Division						
	W	L	Pct.			
Los Angeles	21	16	.568			
St. Louis	16	13	.556			
San Francisco	11	21	.344			
Baltimore	7	21	.250			
Thursday's Results						
Boston	126	Los Angeles	110			
Philadelphia	118	San Francisco	112			
Baltimore	110	Detroit	108			
New York	111	St. Louis	107			
Friday's Games						
Detroit	vs. Philadelphia	at Hershey				
Boston	at Cincinnati					
Only games scheduled						
WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE						
	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Denver	21	9	2	54	124	79
San Angelo	16	12	3	35	93	106
Seattle	15	13	4	34	113	100
Vancouver	13	17	3	29	109	114
San Fran	13	18	2	28	94	128
Portland	11	19	4	26	96	116
Thursday's Results						
Seattle	vs. Vancouver	3				
Friday's Schedule						
San Francisco	at Vancouver					
Los Angeles	at Denver					

Favorites All Survive First Rounds Of Holiday Tourneys

By GEORGE C. LANGFORD UPI Sports Writer

Favorites in the college basketball holiday hysteria were grabbing for milk bottles Thursday to soothe their stormy stomachs, but it really wasn't necessary because the tournament choices all survived the first rounds.

Upsets were unheard of as the ranking set — Michigan (No. 2), UCLA (No. 5), Oregon State (No. 7), Villanova (No. 11), Minnesota (No. 15) and Kansas State (No. 17) — won with relative ease and most members of the undefeated class, including Utah and DePaul, followed suit.

Sophomore sensation Cazzie Russell scored 26 points as unbeaten Michigan lapped 10th-ranked New York University, 83-74, after UCLA put on a power display in routing Yale 95-65 in the Los Angeles Classic.

However, either Michigan or UCLA will see its perfect record ruined today when they collide in a second-round match which should be the fillet mignon of the holiday menu.

Pitt Comes Back

Illinois, considered one of the contenders for the Big 10 title along with the Wolverines, scored 17 straight points mid-way in the second half to overtake West Virginia, 92-78, and Pittsburgh came from 19 points behind to defeat Southern California, 82-72 to complete the first round of the Los Angeles affair.

Oregon State had little trouble in disposing of Louisiana State, 87-57, in the nightcap of the Far West Classic in Portland, Ore.

Gail Goodrich characterized the speed and ball-hawking ability of UCLA, contributing 25 points to the Uclans' seventh consecutive victory.

Villanova, an outfit with a flare for "globetrotting", apparently was headed for defeat in the Holiday Festival feature at Madison Square Garden in New York until Dayton's 6-11 center Hank Finkel fouled out with 31 points and seven minutes remaining in the game.

Soph Gets Chance

Then little Bill Melchioni, a sophomore substitute, finished a 23-point performance by bringing Villanova from seven points behind to a 77-73 victory, the first over Dayton this season.

Utah held off stubborn St. John's with the 24-point effort and floor play of guard Doug Moon to win their ninth straight, 73-66, although coach Jack Gardner ran out of milk for his stomach ulcer long before the contest was over and literally suffered through his team's victory.

Minnesota romped to an 89-77 win over Cornell with Terry Rozell, Joe Faust, ex-USC, UCLA; Ron Morris, Striders; John Rose, Arizona State; Don Meyers, Colorado; John Cramer, Washington.

Broad Jump — Boston: Darrell Harris, USAF; Phil Shinnick, Washington; Rainer Stenutz, Finland.

Shot out — Perry O'Brien, Pasadena A. A.; Mike Baggett, California; Jay Silvester, former Utah State.

Big Names Of Track In 1st Test

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—

The big names of track and field get their initial test of the winter indoor season tonight when they toe the mark in the Examiner Holiday Invitational Meet at the San Francisco Cow Palace.

At least 30 of the competitors are expected to make the U.S. Olympic team next summer for the games in Japan.

The top entries include:

440 Yards — Willie Williams, Arizona State; Adolph Plummer, New Mexico.

800 — Jim Dupree, Southern Illinois; Jim McGrath, Wisconsin; Sig Lichtenau, Emerald Empire Athletic Association; Willie Atterberry, unaffiliated.

1 Mile — Keith Forman, Oregon; Ernie Cultre, USAF.

2 Mile — Stephen Chase — George Young, formerly of Arizona; Jeff Fashbach, Santa Clara Valley Youth Village; Hybe van der Wal, Canada; Chris Miller, Lewis & Clark.

Two mile — Bruce Kidd, Canada; Charley Clark, Southern California Striders.

60-yard hurdles — Blaine Lindgren, formerly of Utah; Hayes Jones, Detroit; Ralph Boston, Tennessee.

High Jump — John Thomas Boston, Joe Faust, ex-USC; UCLA; Ron Morris, Striders; John Rose, Arizona State; Don Meyers, Colorado; John Cramer, Washington.

Broad jump — Boston: Darrell Harris, USAF; Phil Shinnick, Washington; Rainer Stenutz, Finland.

Shot put — Perry O'Brien, Pasadena A. A.; Mike Baggett, California; Jay Silvester, former Utah State.

Sports On Radio, TV

KMED radio will broadcast

the Holiday Basketball tournament games at Cave Junction both tonight and Saturday night, starting at 7 p.m. each night. On Saturday afternoon at 1:30, the East-West Shrine game will be broadcast and Sunday morning at 9:45 the NFL football championship game will be aired.

KMED-TV will televise the American Football League eastern division playoff Saturday at 10 a.m. Saturday afternoon the East-West game will be seen on channel 10 and the NFL championship game will also be televised Sunday morning, at the same hours as on radio.

Sun Valley Ski Report

Sun Valley Ski Report, (re-

ported as of Thursday): "Very good packed powder on all runs. Possibility of snow flurries later today. Snow depth top of Baldy 27 inches, Roundhouse 19 inches, Valley Floor 11 inches. Maximum temperature 22, minimum 11. Forecast: increasing cloudiness."

FIGHTS

MILAN, Italy (UPI) — Carlos

Duran, 157 lbs, Argentine, outpointed Ed Joe Bell, 157 lbs, Kingston, Jamaica (110).

Basketball fans know this time of year as the Holiday Tournament time. The Far West Classic gets played this weekend with OSU the favorite to repeat as champs. The Beavers have won the classic every year since it began (1956). The Phoenix Pirates and St. Mary's Crusaders both are undefeated thus far this year. Both will play in the Cave Junction Lions Club holiday tournament. This tourney opens tonight on the Illinois Valley High School Court. And, this is the football fans' finest hour as all the bowl games are played this weekend and next week. The U of O Ducks will meet SMU Tuesday in the Sun Bowl. This should be a great weekend for sports fans and we hope you all enjoy it and the New Year as fully as possible.

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U.S. Close To Victory In Davis Cup

ADELAIDE, Australia (UPI)—

Chuck McKinley and Dennis Ralston out-dueled Australia's Roy Emerson and Neale Fraser, 6-3, 4-6, 11-9, 11-9, in the 100-degree temperature of Memorial Drive Stadium today to bring the United States to within one victory of its first Davis Cup tennis triumph since 1938.

Rising to the peak of their games before a capacity crowd of 7,000, the aggressive young Yanks concentrated on the competitive staleness of Fraser to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five challenge round.

The United States will win the Davis Cup which Australia has possessed for the last four years and for 11 of the last 13 years by winning either of Saturday's singles matches. Ralston is slated to meet Emerson in one match while McKinley will play 19-year old John Newcombe in the other match.

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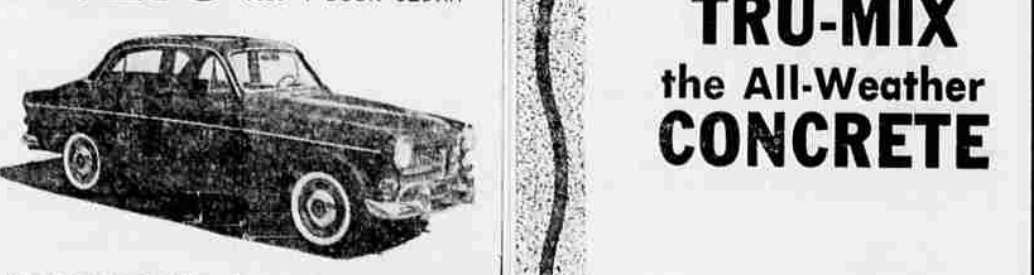
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