



WELL QUALIFIED. Jess Hill, who now leads Southern California against Wisconsin in the Pasadena Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, was the Trojans' track coach when handed the football portfolio. Hill set a new ICAA broad jump record of 25 feet, 1/2 inch, played halfback for Troy and outfield for the Yankees.

Reynolds' 2.07 Best American ERA Figure

NEW YORK (AP) — Allie Reynolds, the big chief of the world champion New York Yankees pitching staff, clinched a brilliant season in 1952 by capturing American League earned run average honors, according to official statistics released Tuesday.

The durable 23-year-old right-hander, who won 20 games for the first time in his career, gave up 56 earned runs in 244 innings for

the top ERA man at 2.07.

Reynolds, in winning his first earned run championship, became the fifth New York Yankee hurler to turn the trick. The others were Bob Shawkey, Wilky Moore, Lefty Gomez and Spud Chandler.

Reynolds also paced junior circuit pitchers in strikeouts with 160 and tossed six shutouts to share the lead with Mike Garcia of Cleveland.

Little Bobby Shantz, the league's most valuable player, won the most games, 24.

The Philadelphia lefty lost only seven games and his .774 winning percentage put him on top in that department. Bobby was third in the earned run listings with 2.48, just behind runner-up Garcia who compiled a 2.37 average.

New Rule Backed By Drake

NORMAN, OKLA. (AP) — The controversial new free throw rule which has been under heavy fire in early season basketball games has found an ardent advocate in Bruce Drake, Oklahoma coach.

He urged critics Tuesday to look at the advantage of the rule which allows two chances to make a foul shot and eliminates the out-of-bounds option during the final three-minute forcing a player to take both shots.

Drake, president of the board of the National Basketball Coaches Association, said immediate results have been:

1. Lengthen games.

2. Make wholesale fouling more expensive — a major objective of the rule.

3. Benefit a clean-playing team.

4. Make it more difficult for fixers to cheat.

Acknowledging the oft-repeated criticism that games are longer — in Oklahoma's case five to six minutes — Drake said that was no argument against the rule. Actually the spectators will enjoy the game more, he contended.

As for the charge it is more difficult for a trailing team to regain the lead in the final three minutes, he said the game had gotten out of hand and needed curbing badly.



FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Edward Charles, 187, Cincinnati, stopped Frankie Buford, 202, Oakland, Calif. (7).

BROOKLYN — Billy Gilliam, 209 1/2, Orange, N. J., outpointed Bob Baker, 216, Pittsburgh (10).

CHICAGO — Al Moody, 147, Robins, Ill., stopped Jimmy Sanders, 155, Pittsburgh (10).

TORONTO — John L. Sullivan, 164 1/2, Preston, Lancashire, England, stopped Gus Rubiniel, 161 1/2, Toronto (6).

QUEBEC — Bryan Kelly, 143, Niagara Falls, Ont., outpointed Mario Terry, 144 1/2, Cuba (8).

The St. Louis Cardinals came up with four fine rookie pitchers last season in Stu Miller, Ed Yuba, Harvey Haddix and Wilmer Mizell.

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Explorers Top Poll, Huskies in 9th Spot

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK (AP) — La Salle's National Invitation Tournament champions, unbeaten in six early-season games, is the nation's No. 1 college basketball team in the opinion of sportswriters and sports-casters.

The Explorers from Philadelphia, a veteran outfit that surprised in the NIT last spring, received 26 first-place votes and piled up 692 points on the basis of 10 points for first, 9 for second, etc., in the first Associated Press poll of the 1952-3 season.

Southwest Missouri was La

Top Four Register Victories

By The Associated Press

The nation's four top-ranked teams — La Salle, Kansas State, Illinois and Seton Hall — scored easy victories Monday night as collegiate basketball began a week of vital basket bombing.

La Salle, ranked No. 1 in the first Associated Press poll of the season, won its sixth straight game by defeating Southwest Missouri State 77-70, at Springfield, Mo.

It was La Salle's second stop of a coast-to-coast swing. Norm Grek scored 18 points and Tom Gola 17 for the National Invitation champions from Philadelphia.

At Manhattan, Kas., meanwhile, Kansas State, ranked No. 2, handed San Francisco its fifth straight setback, 81-60, as Dick Knostman scored 15 points.

Third-ranked Illinois also had an easy time, whipping Michigan, 90-66, in a Big 10 game at Champaign, Ill.

Unlike the other leaders, Seton Hall, No. 4, had a bit of difficulty before downing Louisville, 71-66, at South Orange, N. J.

After holding a 60-43 bulge going into the final quarter, Seton Hall saw its lead dwindle to eight points as Louisville closed with a rush behind the fine shooting of Charlie Noble, who wound up with 23 points.

But Seton Hall had 6-11 Wally Duke on its side — and that, usually, is more than enough. The skinny Negro center scored 49 points to provide enough cushion for the Pirates' sixth straight win.

Dukes, incidentally, set a school standard by dropping in 16 free tosses. He has scored 178 points this season for an average of 29.7 a game.

Keriazakos Called Back

SEATTLE (AP) — The young guy with the soft voice said on the telephone "that's wonderful, that's really wonderful. I'll pay the White Sox back some way, some day for not giving up on me."

The speaker was rangy Gus Keriazakos, only 21, who got \$67,500 for signing with the Chicago White Sox in 1949 as a phenomenal kid pitcher just out of high school at Montclair, N. J.

Reading of an Associated Press story to him late Monday night was the first word he'd had that the White Sox, who sold him last year, had decided he'd earned another chance.

Gus had just returned from the University of Washington where he'd finished a trigonometry examination for his night extension course.

Greenlee Stable's Straight Face is aptly named. His mare was Ekpression, the daughter of Never Change.

CAGE SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

By The Associated Press

FAIR WEST

Colorado 76, Washington State 46

San Diego Naval Training Center 83, Arizona State (Tempe) 56

Pacific Caterpillars 76, Gonzaga 49

Pacific Lutheran 57, Central Washington 50

Southern Oregon Education 74, Westmont College 71

Humboldt State 72, Oregon Tech 55

Whitman 69, Eastern Oregon 56

Loyola (Los Angeles) 55, Arizona State (Flagstaff) 62

EAST

Seton Hall 77, Louisville 66

Muhlenberg 76, Lehigh 69

Niagara 67, Springfield (Mass.) 53

Adelphi 69, Brooklyn Poly 62

Fort Belvoir 92, Fort Lee 76

SOUTH

Miami (Fla.) 75, Florida 73

Virginia 69, VMI 62

Wake Forest 74, McCrary Eagles 65

Mississippi 111, Florence (Ala.) Tchrs 92

MIDWEST

Wisconsin 75, Iowa 76

Illinois 96, Michigan 66

Kansas City 81, San Francisco 60

LaSalle 77, Southwest Missouri State 70

Creighton 68, Portland 67

Southwestern (Kas.) 47, McPherson (Kas.) 42

St. Leonard Wood (Mo.) 84, Camp Atterbury (Ind.) 75

South Dakota 58, Regis (Denver) 56

SOUTHWEST

Texas 63, Colorado A&M 45

Texas A&M 66, Eastern New Mexico 48

Arkansas Tchrs 75, Nebraska Tchrs (Kearney) 63

Oregon Prep Basketball

By The Associated Press

Yamhill 41, Gaston 37

Rainier 6 Toledo (Wash.) 37

Frost Named Top Netman

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack Frost of Monterey, Calif., has been named the top-ranking American junior tennis player for 1952 by the United States Lawn Tennis Association's ranking committee.

Frost, who reached his 18th birthday last October, will not be eligible to compete in 1953.

The promising newcomer advanced to top rating when Ted Rogers and Bob Perry, the first and second juniors last year, passed the age limit.

Texans Work On Offense

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Hard-to-please Ed Price put his University of Texas Longhorns through more strenuous work Tuesday in an effort to make his Cotton Bowl entrants even more potent on the attack.

Couch Price said Monday he expected Gen. Bob Neyland's potent Tennessee Vols to put up the strongest defense the Longhorns have encountered all season.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The National Conference will lead off with a backfield made up of Norman Van Brocklin, Dan Towler, Bob Hoernschmeyer and Joe Perry when they play the American Division in the annual Pro Bowl football game here Jan. 10.

The quartet was picked by the division coaches as the No. 1 offensive backfield, and standing by for action will be such other stars as Bobby Layne, Hugh McElhenny, Pat Harder and George Taliaferro.

The American Conference, announced its personnel Monday. It includes Otto Graham and Dub Jones, Cleveland; Ray Mathews, Pittsburgh; and Eddie Price, New York Giants, with Mac Speedie of the Browns and Edlie Nickel, Pittsburgh, at the ends.

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