



WHEN THE SEVEN-YEAR-OLD O'CONNELL twins (Pat and Mike, l to r) turn to basketball, they naturally take their first lessons from the Old Master (Skeet O'Connell, of course) who happens to be their father and a Northern Division cage star with Oregon State in the early '30s. The Oregon Tech coach starts his cage lessons by explaining "this is a basketball, kids". — Photo by Don Kettler

Duquesne Wins 20th; Hoosiers Bounce Back

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
It's a record year for college basketball no matter how you look at it.

Furman's Frank Selvy is slated to round out a grand slam of individual scoring records Tuesday night against Little Wofford. Bevo Francis of Rio Grande is a record all by himself and the other collegians apparently are out to set any kind of record you care to name.

Monday night, for instance, records of one sort or another were set in games involving each of the four top teams in this week's Associated Press poll.

Duquesne's 87-56 wallowing of Wayne gave the Dukes, ranked at the top of the list for the first time this season, 20 victories in succession, the longest string ever for the Pittsburgh school.

SHOVED DOWN
Kentucky, shoved down to the No. 2 spot by Duquesne, nevertheless ran up its 19th win in a row, an 81-49 conquest of Mississippi State. That was no record, but a tremendous field goal by Linville Puckett ending the (blue) quarter was measured at 53 1/2 feet, and that's a new mark for Kentucky's Big Coliseum.

Third-ranked Indiana was concentrating on first place in the Big Ten race instead of records, but wound up getting both. Upset by Northwestern Saturday night, the Hoosiers ran up a 25-7 lead after one quarter against Purdue and went on for an 86-59 victory. It was the 12th in a row over Purdue, the longest win streak by

Klamath Creamery whipped Southern Pacific 69-39, and Eldorado nipped Hilltop Cafe, 59-53, in City League basketball games last night at Altamont.

Eldorado had trouble getting over Hilltop in a game that was close all the way. The biggest spread of the game before the final count was 55-51 lead the Lumbermen held with 1:29 minutes to go.

It was 14-all at the quarter, Eldorado managed a 21-20 lead at the half and Hilltop forged into the lead, 37-35, at the end of three quarters.

Dick Young and Bob Erlanson scored 19 and 17 for the Creamery in the breeze over Southern Pacific.

Games Wednesday night pair the Creamery against Hilltop in the 8:15 show-closer; Southern Pacific and National Guard mix in the 7 o'clock opener.

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Dukes Go To Top In Poll

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
NEW YORK (AP)—Duquesne's unbeaten Dukes, profiting at the expense of Indiana and the Oklahoma Aggies, ousted the other unbeaten major college team, Kentucky, from the top place in the national basketball rankings today.

After occupying a threatening position for several weeks, the Dukes moved into the lead in the weekly Associated Press poll of sports writers and sportscasters. The margin was 814 points to 761, on the usual basis of 10 points for a first-place vote, nine for second, etc.

Duquesne and Kentucky each polled 24 first-place votes out of 104 ballots, but, just like last week, the Dukes scored heavily on those ballots where they were placed third or lower.

SWITCH
Nothing in the performances of these two teams accounted for the switch in sentiment, but indications were that the backers of Indiana and Oklahoma A&M, swung toward Duquesne after their favorites were beaten. The Hoosiers and the Aggies both were beaten for the second time this season during the past week and their point totals fell off.

Indiana retained third place with 650 points, in spite of a loss to low-ranking Northwestern. But the Aggies, beaten by their bitter neighborhood rival Oklahoma, dropped to fifth behind Western.

SURPRISE
Iowa, which tied Indiana Saturday for the Big Ten conference lead, made a surprise appearance in 10th place, edging out Maryland by a single point. The votes were tabulated before last night, when Ohio State upset Iowa 77-69 while Indiana swamped Purdue 86-50.

The La Salle Explorers, whose 11-game winning streak was ended by Temple, lost their place in the top 10, skidding clear down to 12th while Seattle and George Washington, a pair of onetime losers, improved their ratings.

After the first five came Notre Dame, Seattle, George Washington, Holy Cross and Iowa in that order. George Washington registered the big gain, bouncing from 10th place to eighth.

The leading teams on a 10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis (first-place votes in parentheses):

1. Duquesne (24) 814
2. Kentucky (24) 761
3. Indiana (7) 650
4. Western Kentucky (5) 650
5. Oklahoma A&M (5) 458
6. Notre Dame (2) 308
7. Seattle (6) 290
8. George Washington (11) 272
9. Holy Cross (6) 255
10. Iowa (1) 205
11. Maryland (9) 204
12. La Salle 179
13. Louisiana State 124
14. Duke (1) 79
15. Wichita (1) 71
16. Oklahoma City 62
17. Dayton 53
18. Minnesota 53
19. Colorado A&M (2) 31
20. Navy 28

PROTECTION
Maryland, No. 11, protected its first place margin in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 74-53 shellacking of Wake Forest.

Minnesota, No. 18, bounced back from a Saturday loss to Iowa to whale Wisconsin 78-68.

In other games, Seton Hall came from behind in the second half to turn back Loyola of Chicago 72-60. Richmond handed VPI its 19th loss in 21 starts in a Southern Conference game 83-61, and St. Louis took over third place in the Missouri Valley Conference by ousting Tulsa, the incumbent, 70-59.

Louisville celebrated its selection as the fourth team in the National Invitation Tournament by edging Bradley 86-80.

Georgia Tech came close, but lost again—for the 19th time this year and 25th time in succession

—as Bobby Delpit of Tulane threw in a field goal in the last five seconds to give the Greenies a 59-57 victory.

Idaho Opens With Oregon
MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—The University of Idaho will open its 1954 football season against Oregon at Moscow Sept. 18 and play its final game with Brigham Young at Boise Nov. 20.

The nine-game schedule released Monday also includes games with Oregon State, San Jose State, College of the Pacific, Arizona, Washington State, Utah and North Dakota.

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Santee Tours Second Fastest Indoor Mile

By ROBERT E. VOGES

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Wes Santee, the self-confident Kansas cowboy, has corralled the second fastest competitive indoor mile in history, but he still isn't satisfied.

He loped around the eight-lap Michigan State College dirt track in 4:04.9 last night as the feature of a triangular meet among Kansas, Illinois and Michigan State.

The cocky Kansan said afterwards he's sure he can go a faster mile on a board track. He expressed confidence that some day he will crack the four-minute barrier.

His time will stand as the world indoor record for a dirt track. Only Glenn Cunningham's sensational 4:04.4 of 1938—on a board track—exceeds Santee's performance in indoor competition.

So now there are three separate indoor mile records:

1. Cunningham, 4:04.4, 6 1/2-lap board track.
2. Santee, 4:04.9, eight-lap dirt track.
3. Gil Dodds, 4:05.3, 11-lap board track.

Dodds set his record at Madison Square Garden in 1948. Cunningham set his at Dartmouth College in a handicap race. Both were on board tracks, but the number of laps varied.

Differences in the conditions of all three are relevant. "We have to list them separately because some places don't have board tracks and others don't have dirt tracks," explained Dan Peris, secretary-treasurer of the National Amateur Athletic Union, in New York.

"We couldn't have one standard with the two kinds of tracks," Santee's brilliant performance stole the show from Illinois, the meet winner with seven of the dozen first places and 48 1/2 points. Michigan State was second with

42 points and Kansas third with 39 1/2.

"I didn't feel just right," Santee apologized after his spectacular race. "A couple of little things bothered me. But when everything fits together just right, I think I can get down to that four-minute mile."

Harry Stein, basketball coach at Brandeis University, and Fuzzy Lavane, coach of the Milwaukee Hawks in the N.B.A., were high school classmates in Brooklyn.

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Vejar Hurt In Plane Accident

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP)—Boxer Chico Vejar, now an Army private at nearby Ft. Benning, was injured in a forced landing of his private plane Monday.

Vejar, formerly ranked fifth among the world's welterweight boxers, suffered a fractured lower jaw, loss of six teeth and multiple lacerations. The post hospital reported his condition as good.

Vejar said the fuel system in his PT19 failed when he tried to switch gas tanks at a low altitude.

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