

Huskies May Have N.D. Key

(Editors note: This is the third in a series on the prospects of Northern Division basketball teams.)

By JACK HEWINS

SEATTLE (AP) — Tippy Dye is grooming a gang of Go boys for the Northern Division basketball campaign and if they can run like they run his Washington Huskies should chase Oregon State right down to the wire.

This business of tabling him as a title contender may be going a bit strong for a team that squeaked home in fourth place last season and has not changed its personnel.

But Dye made his bid then with sophomores, losing 14 out of 15 before he got them rolling. Once they got the idea his youngsters picked off seven triumphs in the final 11 outings and had the look of a basketball team.

Only two seniors are on the squad and Tippy rates one of these — 6-foot-8 Dean Parsons — as the circuit's best center. The burly Deaneer contributed a steady 16 points per game to the Husky totals a year ago and should raise that average this season. In addition, he's a reliable rebounder padded with 230 hard-to-unbalance pounds.

The other is Jerry Johnson, whose speed and experience give him an edge in a tough battle for the starting call at one guard position. Skinny Doyle Perkins has a slight edge in the scrap for the other guard berth. This pair measures six feet each and their chief competition has come from Ron Patino, 5-11, and sophomore Don Sunitsch, 5-6.

Mike Monroe, currently shelved by a hand injury, is a 6-1 guard who is strongly in the scramble for a starting job. And to add more height in the back court Dye has switched leggy Bob Bryan, 6-3, to guard from forward.

Altitude is not lacking in the forward slots, where 6-6 Jim Coshow and 6-4 Karl Voegtlin are the starters. The two back up Parsons admirably on the boards and are good marksmen. Coshow features a picture hook which became more effective this fall when he speeded its delivery.

Behind this pair and pushing them are Ron Olson, whose shooting ability makes it hard to keep him on the bench, and Bobby Morris, who is only 6-1 but holds his own with bigger men under the boards.

Seven-foot Gary Nelson, the animated paragon, has been ill during much of the practice season and may see little action, although Dye hopes the elongated elf from Elma may yet help the club. Nelson has improved greatly since he was an all-star in high school two years ago.

The sophomore jitters that afflicted the team at the start of the 1953-54 season are gone, but illnesses and injury have slowed the arrival at peak form. Tests of five against Kansas State and St. Louis and in the division tourney here Dec. 28-29 should bring the Huskies into the conference scramble ready for a title bid.

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Basketball SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Wednesday's Results
FAR WEST

Olympic J.C. 69, Linfield 63
Eastern Washington 84, California Poly 75

Wyoming 50, Oklahoma A&M 43
Whittier 55, Pomona-Claremont 52
San Diego NTC 85, New Mexico A&M 68

EAST
Seton Hall 72, Scranton 55
Penn State 110, Colgate 73
Rhode Island 51, Brown 48

Columbia 72, Yale 59
Duquesne 74, College of Pacific 52
Holy Cross 96, St. Anselm 58
Colby 64, Bates 57

Mass 14, Boston Univ 80
Springfield 71, Northeastern 60
LaSalle 76, Lafayette 60
St. Joseph (Pa) 92, Penn Military 47

NYU 82, American Univ 59
Georgetown (DC) 76, Mt. St. Marys 74

Gibbs 120, The Citadel 65
Marquette 83, Michigan 78
St. Louis 82, Mississippi 68

Missouri 77, Arkansas 58
Illinois 97, Miami (Ohio) 72
Purdue 78, Notre Dame 58
Dayton 71, Louisville 67 (overtime)

Western Michigan 80, Toledo 52
Regis 32, Creighton 84
Valparaiso 63, DePaul 53
Rio Grande 87, Blinn 51

Peoria 'Cats 110, Baldwin-Wallace 78
Illinois Wesleyan 96, Elmhurst 67

SOUTHWEST
Midwestern 82, Abilene Christian 78

PRO BASKETBALL
Wednesday's Results
New York 84, Syracuse 81
Boston 117, Milwaukee 106
Rochester 99, Minneapolis 97 (Overtime)

Philadelphia 99, Fort Wayne 90
OREGON PREP BASKETBALL
Mt. Angel 47 Serra (Salem) 25
Jefferson 43 Garby 32

Weiser Buried At Beatty

The last chapter in the Ralph Weiser story was written late yesterday afternoon at Beatty as the Beatty Bomber was laid to rest in the Platte Cemetery following funeral services at the Beatty Methodist Church.

Rev. Harley Zeller officiated at the morning and afternoon services of the deceased fighter, who died following a fight in the Klamath Falls Armory last Friday night.

The old frame building church, which shook when the bell pealed at the beginning of the services yesterday morning, was packed with people standing inside and on the porch for the morning service.

Following the two services at the Beatty church, the procession moved to the ancient Indian burial grounds, where many of the deceased's relatives are buried, for the conclusion of the funeral service.

Weiser died of a cerebral hemorrhage following a knockout in his boxing match with Teddy Hall of Vancouver, B.C. in the ninth round of a scheduled 10 rounder.

New Year Will Bring New Coach

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Oregon State will name a new football coach some time after the first of the year, Athletic Director Spec Keene said Wednesday.

Keene, back from a Coast Conference meeting in California, reported more than 60 persons have applied for the post left vacant by the resignation last month of Rip Taylor.

He said no attempt will be made to fill the vacancy until after the NCAA meeting in New York in January.

Fordham Drops Football

NEW YORK (AP) — For the fifth time in its 71-year history—speckled with great teams and brilliant players—Fordham University has decided to drop football, this time perhaps for good.

On the four other occasions it discontinued the sport various reasons were at hand. This time it's the "continued financial loss" the university has suffered through recent years, with no hope of improvement in the future.

The Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, president of the university, nailed the cause in a letter to alumni which was released with the announcement of the end of football at Fordham yesterday.

"Friends and alumni," he wrote, "like to read about (our football) in the Sunday papers. The trouble simply is that so few want to watch it on Saturday—and the tickets are sold for Saturday."

The end of Fordham football, announced by Jack Coffey, graduate manager of athletics, came after a horrible 1954 season for the Rams. They won only one game and tied one while losing seven.

They also lost Coach Ed Danowski, an all-time Fordham great and head coach since 1946, who resigned after the past season.

The decision to drop football was judged essential to the university's best interests. In his letter to alumni, McGinley wrote:

"No part of Fordham is conducted for profit. Fordham has a great task to do in preparing its 100,000 students of today intellectually and spiritually to be citizens of tomorrow. Among intellectual sports, football has a special place in American tradition as a means of heightening student spirit and increasing alumni solidarity. . . . The unfortunate fact remains that, four years of cooperative endeavors, we have run out of money for football and must balance our books."

Fordham dropped football before in 1894-95, 1910-11, 1919 and the war years of 1943-45. It is the 85th school to give up football since the end of the 1946 season.

Laws Denies Naming Of Les O'Connor

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Clarence (Brick) Laws, member of a committee screening candidates for the presidency of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, emphatically denies that the job was offered to the league's attorney, Leslie O'Connor.

Laws, president of the PCL's Oakland, Acorn, took exception Wednesday to two reports from Los Angeles:

1. That O'Connor had been offered the job.

2. That Leo Miller, former general manager of the Syracuse, Buffalo and Seattle clubs, might get it if O'Connor refused.

Both reports were incorrect, Laws said, adding:

"I am one of a two-man screening committee with Bill Starr of San Diego. The reports about O'Connor are incorrect in every way. Leo Miller has made application but he has not been considered at all. We are earnestly trying to screen candidates but it probably will be another two weeks before we are ready to recommend anyone to the league directors. We have no authority to make anything public."

The PCL's longtime recent president, Clarence (Pants) Rowland, leaves for Chicago this week to take over as executive vice president of the Chicago Cubs. He resigned from the PCL recently.

WEDNESDAY'S FIGHTS

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County Quintets Open League Play

Six of the seven county league basketball teams move into the chapter of league play this week-end as the Malin Mustangs are the lone cage team to refrain from entering the first "play for pay" action.

Chiloquin opens official play against Merrill on the Panthers home floor in one test, while Bly travels to Gilchrist to meet the Grizzlies. Other action places Sacred Heart at Bonanza.

For coach Frank DiUlio and his Chiloquin cagers, this Friday night battle with Merrill will give them a head start on the Malin quintet, last year's defending champion and a slight favorite to repeat, this season should they pick up a victory from the Husky five.

DiUlio's maple floor squad has plenty of scoring possibilities with the Joe brothers, Vernon and Ivan, capable of countering with accurate shooting as is Dick Siemsen and JoJo George. All are veterans of county league play.

For Merrill, Ray Rader has Herb Schlect and Terry Sherrill, both of whom have looked good in pre-season games, while two other lettermen, Leroy Johnson and Dale McCullough could mean trouble for the Panthers.

At Gilchrist in another Friday night tilt, Bernard Smirch's Bly Bobcats also look for their first official win of the season, after picking up five straight in pre-season battles.

Led by Glenn Moore and Sherman Seastrom, Bly is a heavy favorite over the undermanned Gilchrist team, which has only one

returning letterman from last year's squad. The lone returnee is Tommy Larson.

Bonanza, fresh from an upset win over the Henley Hornets, hosts the Sacred Heart Trojans in the first league action for both clubs, and in what could develop into a free scoring toss-up battle before the evening is over.

Cornelius Janssen, a three year letterman, and Don Tuning, a transfer, gives Coach Bob Johnson a pair of good forwards, while the Andler ball handling problems are taken care of by "Little Joe" Hotter. For the Trojans and coach Jim Souza, Dick Wickliffe and John Deputy will probably carry the offensive lead for the SHA five, with added help expected from Dino Regimato and Dean Michaelis.

Malin meets Henley in a non-league battle Saturday night at Henley in a rematch of their stellar battle in the opening season jamboree on the Hornets maple court. Chiloquin meets Dorris, Gilchrist plays Lapine and Merrill hosts Tulelake in other Saturday games.

Other weekend cage battles around the Basin sends Oregon Tech into Washington for games with Olympic on Friday and Saturday, while the Owls meet St. Martin's and Clark Junior College on Monday and Tuesday evening.

The Klamath Union High School Pelicans open their 1954-55 home schedule this Friday and Saturday night as they host the Redding High Wolves in a two game series at Pelican Court.

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