

# San Francisco Shoots For Record Tying 39th Victory

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The all-conquering San Francisco Dons, who in little more than a year have bounced out of obscurity to become the top team in major college basketball, took for a record-equalling 39th consecutive victory tonight — Friday the 13th.

The Dons play Fresno State, and it doesn't figure to be a Black Friday for Coach Phil Woolpert's powerhouse.

Two seasons ago, San Francisco was classified as a small college, missing out in a bid for the NIAI season-end tournament. Last season, the Dons erupted, rolling to the NCAA championship against the big boys.

Now with a 12-0 season record and 38 straight over-all, the Dons are on the threshold of tying the all-time major college mark set by Long Island University in 1935-37 and matched by Seton Hall in 1939-41.

If the Dons, paced by All-American Bill Russell and Casey Jones, pack away No. 39 as expected tonight, they'll have a two-week layoff before trying for a Black Friday in their next game Jan. 23 against California.

**LOST PRESTIGE**  
While the Dons were idle last night, North Carolina State, third ranked in the nation, regained some lost prestige by beating Maryland 73-64. The Wolfpack, which dropped from second to third in the Associated Press poll when Duke snapped its winning streak at 33 games last weekend, had to get a move on to outlast a closing surge by the Terps.

Kentucky, fifth ranked, had a breeze swatting Tulane 85-63. Furman, however, had to scamper to beat Davidson 73-70 in a Southern Conference game, and Houston dumped Tulsa 69-60 in a Missouri Valley Conference contest. N.C. State led by 23 points mid-

## Rules Group Leaves Shift To Coaches

**LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)** — As far as the Football Rules Committee of the NCAA is concerned, it is up to the coaches of the country to solve the fate of the so-called "knicker shift."

The false start is a move by one team to draw another team offside and gain a 5-yard penalty. Earlier this week in Los Angeles the American Football Coaches Assn. voted to let its committee on ethics deal with the culprit.

So the governing NCAA rule-makers in session here decided Thursday to let it go at that, and chairman H. O. (Fritz) Crisler of the University of Michigan, designated the coaches are to be commended and his committee "supports them enthusiastically."

Friday the committee delved further into 66 other suggestions for rule revisions, including changing from the "knicker shift."

Also debated was a recommendation that clock time on a free kick start when the kicked ball touches the receiving team instead of at the moment of the kick.

Valuable time in the final seconds of a game can be consumed, as the rule now stands, if the kicker punts long—and out of bounds, for instance.

"The committee is also studying a situation where the official 'toes the ball,' meaning he thought the fullback had it. This happened in the middle of the line and the whistle is blown, only to discover that the quarterback faked a hand-off and passed for a sizeable gain, if not a touchdown.

E. E. Wieman, secretary of the rules body and its chief director at the University of Denver, emphasized that this could, and has, created "an inequity." But whether it can be remedied in the rule book is something else.

The committee was "impressed" Wieman went on with reports from users of the rubber football. The present rule demands mutual agreement from rival coaches if the rubber ball is used in a game.

The coaches association itself did not make a single recommendation for a rule change. This is the first time this has happened since the NCAA began functioning in 1906. The 66 suggestions, screened from Cornell of the Pacific Coast Conference, were offered from other sources.

## YMCA Church League

Three tight basketball games and a "walk-around" highlighted Thursday night's YMCA Church League basketball play at Altamont Junior High. In the one-sided affair, Peace Memorial topped the First Baptist team 40-27 as Williams and Benson tallied 12 and 11 respectively. Deering of the Baptist quintet had 13.

Immanuel Baptist topped Mt. Laki 35-22 in the other unlimited division game, with Steele collecting 15 points. In senior division games, Stewart Lennox nudged Lost River 20-18 and Church of the Brethren topped by First Christian 25-23. Kinsey scored 10 for the Stewart Lennox team, while Hill's 11 points led the Brethren victory.

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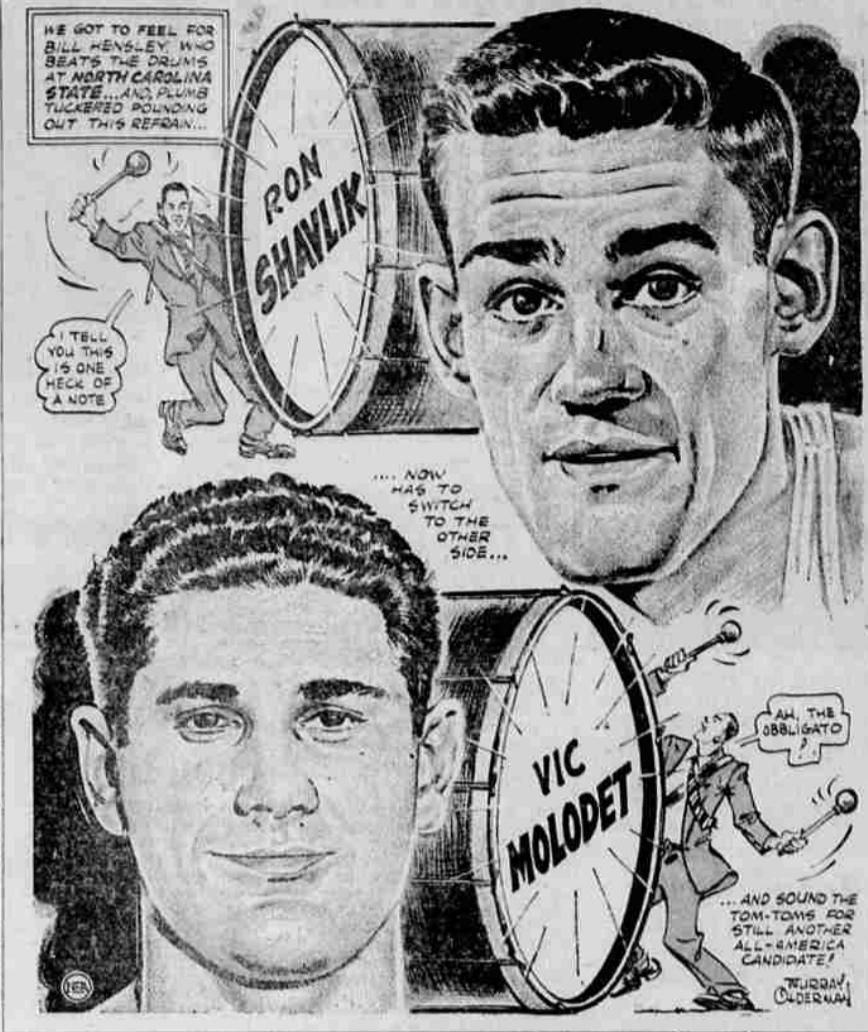
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The 33-year-old veteran of two United States Olympic teams and countless world championships never has been sharper than he is today—less than two weeks before the start of the winter games in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

His coach, Olav Ulland, thinks he has the best chance of the Americans to win the grand jumping title—something no Yankee ever has won in the face of the tough Scandinavians.

Devlin, for his part, acknowledges that this is the strongest group of jumpers the United States ever has put together. But about his chances, he merely shrugs. He knows he's "on" now, but only hopes he can keep the fine edge.

"I won't say how we are going to do," said Devlin, who laid aside his running feud with the U.S. Ski Assn. to concentrate on the Olympics. "But I do know that this team is good. We have balance and that's important."

"In past years, we've sent teams to the Olympics with one or two aggressive jumpers. This team has six of them. Every guy thinks he can win."

With Norway's Tourbjorn Flakanger injured and out of competition, Devlin said the Finns would be the toughest.

The other members of the U.S. team are Ragnar Ulland, the coach's nephew from Seattle; national champion Rudy Maki of Ishpeming, Mich.; Roy Sherwood of Salisbury, Conn.; Billy Olson of Eau Claire, Wis.; and Dietrich Rahnol of Iron Mountain, Mich.

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Rhode Island 81, New Hampshire 63  
Allegheny 81, Thiel 56  
Bethany (W.Va.) 79, Wash-Jeff 71  
St. Peter's (N.J.) 93, Fairleigh-Dickinson 74

**SOUTH**  
Kentucky 85, Tulane 63  
N.C. State 73, Maryland 64  
Western Kentucky 66, Midwestern (Iowa) 62  
Furman 72, Davidson 70

**MIDWEST**  
Houston 69, Tulsa 60  
Marshall 72, Ohio Univ 63  
Creighton 77, Omaha 60  
Rio Grande (Ohio) 115, Cincinnati 115

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