

Screwy Play Needed To Stop USF's Dons

By JIMMY BRESLIN
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NEW YORK (NEA)—Bill Russell and the San Francisco Dons provoked one of the best basketball arguments in some time with the overpowering show they put on in Chicago and New York basketball fans during the holiday tournaments.

The argument was not about how good Russell is. The point was how the job of beating the Dons could be approached.

San Francisco, you see, stifles the opposition with a tremendous five-man defensive setup. K. C. Jones, Harold Perry and company constantly picked up the ball-handler at midcourt. From there on, it was a scramble to control the ball against the Dons. Two defenders on the man with the ball, completely disrupting any smooth play-making in backcourt.

On the surface, it seemed the Dons, as a unit, comprised the finest defensive team to show in many years.

Jones acknowledged this, but offered an explanation.

"It isn't us so much—it's Russell," he said. "You see, we can afford to gamble—leave one man to chase another—because we know Russell is back there and he can pick up anybody who gets in free."

"That gives us an edge. We can really do a gang-up job on the man with the ball outside. And we know we've got a backstop if anything goes wrong."

"I don't see how a college team can beat them," Dudley Moore of Duquesne said. "Defensively they run you. Russell is too much for anybody around. It would take some screwy offense to handle them."

The screwy offense business brought the most response. Oldtimers recalled how teams of the past coped with overpowering situations.

The first of the modern big men, Mike Novak of Chicago Loyola, a 6-9 giant of the mid-30's, was stopped by a stunt pulled by Clair

Bee of Long Island University. Novak was operating when goal-tending was legal and even a high set shot was hard-pressed to get past him.

Bee had Danny Kaplowitz spend a week in the old Brooklyn Pharmacy Gymnasium practicing banked set shots from the side.

"Danny," recalls teammate Dolley King, "must have taken 100 shots a day from one part of the court. He'd send the ball against the very edge of the backboard. It had a ton of English on it. It would hit—then run right down the board into the hoop. It was impossible to block."

Kaplowitz, with this queer shot, had a hot night and LIU ruined Novak and Loyola.

You have Doc Carlson's way of handling Penn State's zone, some five years ago. The Pittsburgh coach, disdainful of the zone Penn State used in its crackbox gym, ordered his club to advance to midcourt, then simply hold the ball.

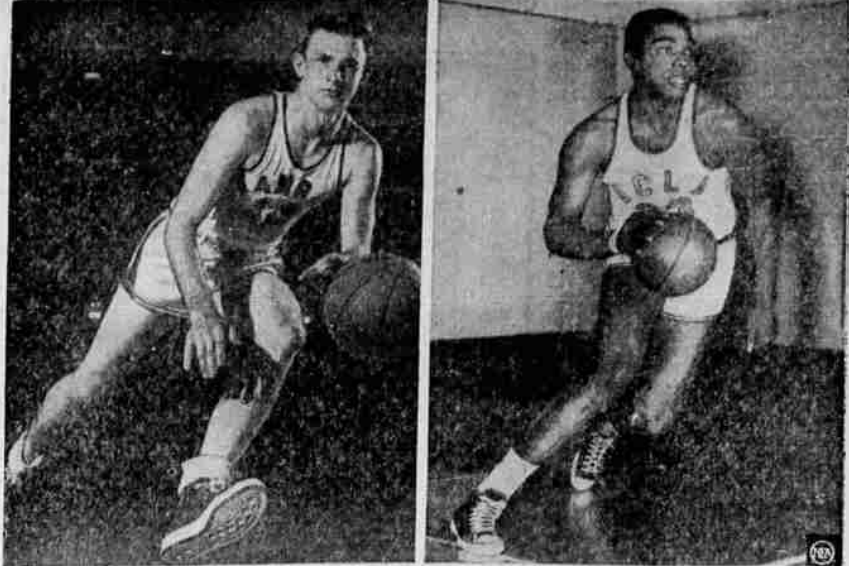
"It was 2-2 at the half," Haskell Cohen of the National Basketball Association recalls.

Tommy Tolan, the old Brooklyn St. John's captain, thought about his team's 1948 victory over a far superior City College of New York club.

"We had no chance against their speed, so Dick McGuire and I put on a 40-minute freeze at midcourt," Tolan recalls. "We shot only when the referee called a foul or we had an open hanger. Otherwise, Dick and I kept it outside and gave it to nobody. It was boring to watch and nobody scored much, but we won by three points."

"Rhode Island State's style—that's what I'd use," Johnny Bach, the Fordham coach, said. "They had no height, so when they came into New York for the first time in 1941, they left a man hanging in each corner. They'd get the ball, throw it like a football downcourt—and then everybody would start running and shooting."

"That introduced high scoring into the modern game."



BEST ON BOARDS—Kansas basketball hopes go with the backcourt work of Dallas Bobbs, left. UCLA got a boost when Willie Nauls, right, its top shotmaker, returned to lineup after an injury.

Eastern Team Wins Third Pro Bowl Football Game

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The sixth annual Pro Bowl football game goes into the books as a thrilling 31-30 victory for the East. But arguments continued to rage Monday in the wake of an official's decision which may have cost the West two winning points.

The dispute centered on field judge Joe Gonzales and the call he made in the final seconds of this sixth annual postseason all-star duel between top talent from the National Football League.

The situation:

The West, trailing 31-30, tried a 50-yard field goal by Bert Rechichar of the Baltimore Colts.

It was obviously short of its goal and Joe (Scooter) Scudero of the Washington Redskins took the catch.

Enter the controversy.

Did Scudero catch the ball on the two-yard mark, as most observers believe, and then almost casually take a step or two back and ground the ball in the end zone?

Or did he catch it on the goal line, or perhaps be forced back into the end zone by the momentum of the ball?

Whatever the case, the field judge ruled it an automatic touchback and the ball was placed on

the East 25 a moment before the game ended.

Coach Sid Gillman of the West, as did some of his players right on the spot, argued that the East should have been charged with an automatic safety—and the West given two points.

Mike Wilson, superintendent of officials of the National League, issued this brief announcement: "On the last play, field judge says the ball went through the plane (goal line) of the end zone."

The ruling meant that Scudero caught the ball in the end zone.

Gillman added that movies of the game would show otherwise.

So on the score stands, and Ollie Matson, the fantastic ball carrier of the East, was the outstanding player of the game.

The 210-pound p-erhouse of the Chicago Cardinals returned the second half kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown, he ran 15 yards over most of the rest team, and his 50-yard gallop on a punt return set the stage for a third touchdown.

Other highlights of a rousing affair were:

A 103-yard touchdown run on the opening kickoff by Christian-son of the Detroit Lions.

A 73-yard touchdown pass from Ed Brown of the Chicago Bear to Billy Howton of the Green Bay Packers for the West.

Ram rookie Ron Waller, who one touchdown and 90 yards rushing, was the leading runner in the West.

UCLA draws a bye next weekend while Washington idle Friday and Saturday, returns to action as host to Washington State, Oregon State entertains Stanford and Oregon visits Idaho.

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Tippy Dye Picks UCLA As Top PCC Team

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The University of California at Los Angeles in the opinion of Washington Coach Tippy Dye, is the pick of Pacific Coast Conference basketball teams and may wind up as the national champion.

After watching the Bruins beat Washington State twice over the weekend, Dye, whose Huskies have been tagged as top PCC pennant contenders, predicted the Uclans will win the conference crown and beat San Francisco, the defending NCAA champion, in the spring playoffs.

"They've got a wonderful team," Dye said. "Willie Nauls and Morris Taft are terrific players. I believe Taft is the best offensive guard I've ever seen."

Taft bucketed 22 points and

UCLA's sweep at Pullman made it four straight in conference play for the Bruins and left them at the top of the standings.

Stanford took two from Idaho, winning 77-60 Friday and 74-62 Saturday, and settled in a second place tie with Southern California, both with 3-1 records. The Trojans beat Oregon State twice, 58-47 and 84-53. California and Oregon divided a pair, the Ducks winning 63-62 Friday and losing 67-65 Saturday.

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US Hockey Star Still In Game

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Lorne Gump Worsley, New York's hurried goalie, staved off a forced "rest" by Coach Phil Watson today because of a fine effort Sunday night against the Chicago Black Hawks, the Rangers' "jinx" team in the National Hockey League.

Watson, fearing Worsley was "getting a little shell shocked," had planned to bring up Johnny Bower from the Providence Reds of the American League in order to give Worsley a "rest."

Worsley, who has been one of the shining stars in New York's rejuvenated season, hung up his fourth shutout, 2-0, against the Hawks and more than 11 k e y earned a reprieve. Pete Conacher and Dave Creighton scored the goals as New York broke a three-game losing streak with Chicago.

Earl (Dutch) Reibel scored two third-period goals to enable the red-hot Detroit Red Wings to down the league-leading Montreal Canadiens, 2-0. The win moved Detroit to within 10 points of the Canadiens, whose lead over the Rangers stands at seven points.

The Toronto Maple Leafs regained full possession of fourth place by defeating the last-place Boston Bruins, 4-1, in Sunday's other game. Rudy Migay, Dick Duff, Tod Sloan and Ron Stewart scored for the Leafs, while Don MacKenney scored Boston's lone goal.

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B. Crosby Holds '56 Golf Tiff

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (UP)—Dr. Cary Middlecoff used a "floating put" in shooting the best round of golf "in my life" in winning the Bing Crosby \$15,000 clam bake for the second consecutive year.

Middlecoff walked off with first prize of \$25,000 and set a new course record Sunday with his three-round score of 202 as he used an old-fashioned hickory shaft putter in "floating" long putts across the rain flooded greens.

Going into the last round in a first place deadlock with crewcut Bob Rosburg of San Francisco, Middlecoff started slow over the water-logged course and made the turn in only one under par.

But then he began to hit his stride. On the 10th he dropped a 15-footer for a bird and followed it with a 12-footer for another bird on the 11th and a 14-footer for a third bird on the 14th.

Middlecoff's total — made up of rounds of 66-63-66—beated the old record of 204 set by Lloyd Mangrum in 1933.

While Middlecoff was winning the medal play as he pleased, "Big" (Sheephead) Blomquist, Mendocino, Calif., and his amateur partner George Gallos, of Monterey, Calif., took the Pro-Am championship with a record best 188 in the other half of the double-ponied Crosby tourney. The victory meant \$15,000 for Blomquist.

A full breakdown of the money winners was held up until today because four pros — possible small money winners — must finish final rounds halted by darkness Sunday.

Experts Say Villanova Top Track Team

BOSTON (AP)—Olympic committee and college track coaches take note: The team to remember is Villanova.

The Wildcats from suburban Philadelphia awed the onlookers Saturday at the invitational Knights of Columbus Games which lunched the indoor banked board season. They won five events and gained the tie for first in the sixth event in which its members competed.

Phil Reavis, a 5-9 sophomore from Somerville, Mass., commanded attention as an Olympic prospect for this year by clearing 6 feet, 9 1/2 inches in the high jump—only an inch short of the world indoor record.

Ron Delaney, a Villanova sophomore from Dublin, Ireland, jogged confidently to victory in a comparatively slow mile in 4:11.2.

Charlie Jenkins, the piston-striding Olympic hope from nearby Cambridge and another of the Villanova crew, purred to a winning 1:11.4 effort in the 600, then anchored his team's winning mile relay unit which defeated Manhattan's crack foursome. The time was 3:20.6.

George Snyder, still another Villanova sophomore, won the 50-yard dash in 5.4 seconds.

And Don Bragg of Villanova tied with the Rev. Bob Richards, Don Laz and Jerry Woulborn at 14 feet, 6 inches in the pole vault.

In other places of the meet, Harrierson Dillard won his 18th medal locally in the 45-yard high hurdles (5.7). Horace Ashenfelter won as advertised in the two-mile (9:02.6) and Pvt. Tom Courtney, ex-Fordham, captured the 1,000 (2:14.6).

Pittsburgh's two-mile relay team got the only meet record with a 7:39.6 clocking. Previous best was Syracuse's 7:41.9 of a year ago.

Trotters Win Over Assembled Seattle Team

SEATTLE (AP)—Seattle University's famous basketball twins, Johnny and Eddie O'Brien, proved Sunday they still know how to find the basket. But their performance was the only bright note of an unhappy meeting with the fabulous Harlem Globetrotters.

Playing with a hastily assembled group of all stars, the O'Briens tossed in 48 points — 32 by former All America Johnny — in a 97-74 loss to the trotters.

It was the O'Briens' second meeting with the trotters. Four years ago, while both were undergraduates at Seattle U., Johnny scored 43 points in an upset win over the barnstorming troupe.

In Sunday's game, the Globetrotters left their bag of tricks on the sideline until they had accumulated a safe lead—but that was early in the game. They were ahead, 56-28, at the half.

Nat'l Football League Meets

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The National Football League opened its first West Coast business meeting Monday, with the top order of activity — the draft of college players for 1956—probably starting Tuesday evening.

Commissioner Bert Bell said a definite time for the draft is still unsettled, but he thinks it will be started late Tuesday and possibly may not wind up until Wednesday morning.

The agenda otherwise is routine, Bell said.

Tulalake Swamps Merrill Team

The Tulalake High School A team were the victors over Merrill High School A team 68 to 55 in a Saturday night game played at Tulalake.

The first quarter scoring was Tulalake 16, Merrill 8; second quarter Tulalake 17, Merrill 8; third quarter Tulalake 20, Merrill 8; and fourth quarter Tulalake 15, Merrill 11.

High scorers for Tulalake were: Adams 29; Moore, 7; Duckett, 10; Smith, 8; Carroll, 8; Dahle, 8; Creswell, 4; Clark, 2 and Stump, 2.

High scorers for Merrill were: Berry, 6; Schlicht, 5; Reed, 4; Sherrill, 9; Hodess, 2; O'Neil, 6.

The Tulalake B team won over the Merrill B team 52 to 41. High scorers were Roath, Tulalake with 15 points and Haskins, Merrill, 15 points.

Boxing

CHICAGO (AP)—The National Boxing Assn's executive committee voted full support of New York's ban against the Boxing Guild of New York.

SWIMMING—Lorraine Crapp, Australia's Olympic swimming hope, set world freehold records for 880 yards and 800 meters.

RACING—ARCADIA, Calif. — Beau Busher (\$41.50) won the \$28,550 San Fernando Stakes at Santa Anita.

Preparation

HANOVER, Germany (UP)—West and East German track and field associations have agreed to conduct pre-Olympic preparations separately although they will send an all-German athletic team to the Olympic Games in Melbourne.

Olympic team candidates from East and West Germany will compete in a first pre-Olympic elimination in an East German Stadium, Aug. 20.

Fights

WEEKEND FIGHTS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
HOLLYWOOD — Irish Tommy Ryan, 126 1/2, Syracuse, N.Y., stopped Joey Trujillo, 126, Los Angeles, 2.

PATERSON, N.J. — Jay Anderson, 155, Philadelphia, stopped Bob Provizzi, 156, St. Albans, N.Y., 8.

Basketball Scores

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Syracuse 99, Rochester 88
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Philadelphia 108, St. Louis 93
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Boston 104, Philadelphia 102
St. Louis 104, New York 101 (double overtime)
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Spokane Indians Plan Conference

SPOKANE (AP)—Beset by financial worries, directors of the Spokane Indians will meet here Monday night to decide whether to enter the biggest division lead in the National Basketball Assn.

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Herald and News Sports

Stan Musial Battles Time For Bat Record

By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (UP)—There are indications today that the clock is ticking a requiem for Stan Musial's hopes of matching Honus Wagner's record eight national league batting championships.

"The man" still should rank in 1956 as one of the really great hitters. Even though he will be playing his 15th season in Cardinal livery, and it has been 19 years since he broke into organized baseball, Musial still is the league's top salaried star.

But the signs are that the six-time batting champion may not even match Roger Hornsby's seven titles.

Not that, at 36, Stan is through or even shows signs of being washed up. The odds are that with his eyes and reflexes he'll be able to bust .300 when he's pressing 45. Yet, as in football, it's those last 20 points like the final 20 yards which are the toughest.

And there is another factor.

In 1955, Stan was struck by more pitched balls than any other National League hitter. In the years before, it was a rarity when he was hit because they tried to keep it outside and away from him.

The obvious deduction is that now, while they still have a vast respect for his hitting, they are taking advantage of a slipping something to brush him back and work on him.

This is a man whose lifetime batting average is a phenomenal .342. He won batting titles with some lavish marks, including a .376 season. But in the past three seasons his marks have dropped from .337 to .330 to .318.

Sure, most any other hitter in the league aside from the two who bested him last season — namely Richie Ashburn and Willie Mays — would be glad to do so good. Yet for a telling three-year span the old lights have eluded him and last year's average was his lowest since a near-burning appendix cut him to .312 in 1947.

Six years ago, Stan began looking downhill toward the end of the time when he predicted "I've got four or five good seasons left."

It showed on his mind in 1953 when he whistled at the graveyard by asserting that "age is not as important as condition." And last spring he figured that "I should have three more good years."

That, as of now, leaves two coming up in which, he asserted, "I'm

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Bobcats Trample Gilchrist Quintet

Bly's Bobcats ripped through the Gilchrist High basketball team 67-41 Friday night in a County B league game on the Bly High gym.

Larry Robin paced the Cats with 16 counters, and Pete Herrera and Stan Tecumseh added 15 points each through the hoop to give Coach Al Samples' crew their first league win of the season.

High pointers for the night was Bud Larson with 24 points for the losing Grizzlies.

In a preliminary contest the Bly freshmen rolled over the Gilchrist frosh, 50-35.

Pos. By: Gilchrist (41) Warren (16) Lee (13) Nucevay (2) P. Herrera (15) Carter (13) Robin (16) Devine (4) G. Tecumseh (15) DeVine (4) Jones (16) Larson (24) Subs for Bly: Chandler (2)

Idaho University Wins Ski Events

SPOUT SPRINGS, Ore. (AP)—The University of Idaho swept Sunday's jumping events to carry off top honors in the Whitman Intercollegiate ski tournament.

The Vandals accumulated 378.4 points in the two-day tourney. Washington was second with 373.3 points, followed by Washington State, 326.4 and Whitman, 324.9.

Idaho won the cross-country Saturday.

KF Shuffleboard Games Planned

The Klamath Falls shuffleboard leagues will begin games tonight. There will be two leagues this year — the American and National.

The following teams of the National League will meet at the places indicated. The Eagles Lodge vs. the Meras at the Eagles Lodge Hall; Pat's vs. Wocus Tavern at Wocus; and Suburban Tavern vs. Tiny's at Tiny's.

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