

Russell Leads Vote...

AP Announces All-America

NEW YORK (AP) — Dominated by big Bill Russell and little Robin Freeman, five seniors from San Francisco, Ohio State, Duquesne, Furman and Holy Cross were named Thursday to the 1956 Associated Press collegiate All-America basketball team.

Selected with Russell and Freeman by a vote of 329 sportswriters as baseball's spring training season officially gets under way in 16 major league camps.

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ROBIN FREEMAN
... 1st team choice



DARRELL FLOYD
... repeat selection

Green was third in the voting with 861 points on 153 firsts and 48 seconds followed by Floyd with 813 on 125-04 and Heinsohn with 624 on 98-82.

Ronnie Schavlik, North Carolina State star who fractured his wrist last Saturday; E. C. Jones, Russell's teammate at San Francisco; Rod (Hot Rod) Hundley of West Virginia; Len Rosenbluth of North Carolina and 7 ft. Bill Uhl of Dayton were picked as a second team.

George Washington's 6-8 star, Joe Holupp; Julius McCoy of Michigan State; little 5-9 Bill Ridley of Illinois; Bob Burrow of Kentucky and Willie Nauls of UCLA make up a third team.

Charley Tyra of Louisville; Paul Judson of Illinois; Hal Lear of Temple; Morris Taft of UCLA and Vic Molodet of North Carolina State head an honorable mention list of 21. The 15 on the first three teams will receive certificates from The Associated Press.

Others receiving honorable mention included Art Bunte, Utah; George Sellick, Stanford; Terry Gibbs, Brigham Young; and Joe Capus, Wyoming.

Olympic Manager Wants Aid

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Roxane Andersen, manager of the U. S. Olympic Games women's track and field team, warned today that she faces humiliation again from other athletes unless our feminine stars get some professional coaching.

Mrs. Andersen is battling to win approval of a summer camp for women at which the top American coaches would teach the American girls.

"In the 1952 Olympics, the only gold medal won by our girls was in the 400 meter relay," she says. "And we were in second place in that until the Australians dropped a baton. Then, of course, we went on to win in world record time."

The energetic leader of the American feminine forces wants to point out that establishment of a three-month summer camp for the girls would not be a novelty.

"More than 10 years ago we had this type of camp in Canada for both boys and girls," she says. "Russia later adopted the method. And it works out real well. I used to coach a relay team for Canada that beat the U. S. girls."

In the 1952 Olympics, Australia won three firsts; Russia two; Czechoslovakia, New Zealand and South Africa and U. S. one each. But the Russians scored an overwhelming number of points. The U. S. team got a total of eleven (11) points—10 from the first place in the relay event, one from a sixth place finish in the high jump.

"We have better prospects than that this year," she says. "We have the relay team to beat, as usual; and we have the high jumper to beat, in the person of Mildred McDaniel—who may top six feet, which would be the first time in history for that mark for a woman."

But just about the only good athletes developed in U. S. have top-flight professional coaching. Mrs. Andersen points out.

Such professional coaches as Ed Temple at Tennessee State provided our top sprinters, Marjorie Jackson, a woman coach, came up with Miss McDaniel at Tuskegee; Bob Morcom at Penn. helped develop Karen Anderson, the 17-year-old javelin thrower, etc.

"But we need about 20 or more athletes on our Olympic team who have had top-flight professional coaching in each event," says Roxane. "And it looks like the only way we can get that is with the summer camp."

"There we would have at least six track and field coaches who would put the finishing polish on our prospects—and then we would be in a position to give the other countries some opposition."

The AAU and the Olympic committee now has the summer camp proposal under consideration.

Herald and News Sports

CLAYTON HANNON
SPORTS EDITOR

Hack Hopes Martin's Pep Will Rub On Cubs

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK (AP)—Stan Hack wanted to put some life in the Cubs, so the manager sent for the guy who has done nothing but stir it up in baseball since he broke into the organized game as a kid 32 years ago.

It is exciting even to know that Johnny Leonard Martin will coach the Chicago Nationals. The Wringleys will be very exciting if any part of Pepper Martin's tremendous enthusiasm rubs off on them. And Martin, now 52, will regale baseball writers with matchless stories while retelling the Bruins with dash and fire. Like Jimmy Durante, the Old Wild Hoss of the Chicago Cubs, he has a way with him. He not only lends himself to good yarns, but doesn't hesitate to make them up.

As ringleader of the swashbuckling St. Louis Gashouse Gang from 1931 to '40, Martin entertained their nation-wide following from the time he arrived at the Bradenton, Fla., training camp until the last shot was fired.

Pepper drove from Oklahoma in a station wagon loaded with guns, fishing tackle and new instruments for his Mississippi Mudcats, a bizarre band which featured such accomplished musicians as Piddler Bill McGee, Lon Warneke, Rip Collins, Frenchy Bordagaray and Bob Weiland.

There never was a dull moment on or off the field. No one ever had a more spectacular World Series than did Martin breaking in as a Red Bird regular in 1931, when he practically beat the vaunted Athletics single-handed, battling five bases on his own. The earth-fornace inspired lyrics, Martin was a center fielder in his biggest series. When he got into another one in 1934, he was a third baseman fielding the ball with his chest.

There never was a more down-to-earth ballplayer than Martin. An immaculate uniform was covered by dirt five minutes after he put it on.

NO DOUBT

Pepper no doubt is the reason why ground crews now drag the infield after the seventh inning. Rounding first base and then putting on the brakes when he saw he couldn't go for two, Pepper dug big holes on the basepaths. His famous belly slides left ditches.

No outfielder collided with Martin in attempting to catch a fly. Outfielders could feel the earth shake when he was coming. Once one of his shoes flew off and hit Rip Collins, playing right field that afternoon, on the head.

Martin kept in the headlines while managing in the minors. In Sacramento, his bedroom was a sleeping bag in the grandstand. While managing Miami of the Florida International League, he choked an umpire and poked an abusive bleacher fan on the nose.

Martin perhaps was happiest of all while in charge of a mass sliding pit at the Brooklyn training camp hard by Vero Beach where the Dodgers were supplying the Miami Sun Sox with talent.

The leathery - faced Martin beamed as 700 young players hit and churned the sawdust.

Pepper Martin would have stayed there all night.

Floyd Holds To National Scoring Lead

NEW YORK (AP) — Robin Freeman's chances of beating Furman's Darrell Floyd out of the scoring championship are slim but the Ohio State All-America could well become the third highest point maker in history.

NCAA Service Bureau statistics, released Thursday and including games through Feb. 27, show Floyd in first place with an average of 33.5 points per game on 87 in 26 games. Freeman has a 32.4 average with 647 markers in 20 contests.

Floyd has finished his regular season but has the possibility of playing from one to three more games in the Southern Conference tournament starting Thursday.

Freeman winds up his career against Michigan State on Saturday and Minnesota on Monday.

Bill Von Weyhe of Rhode Island retained his free throw lead, when he made 10 of 10 last week to boost his percentage to .872.

Joe Holupp of George Washington continued his supremacy in field goal accuracy (.648) and rebound recovery with .358 percent of all the rebounds available in his team's games.

Bill Russell Mulls Over Trotter Bid

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Big Bill Russell, 6 feet 10 All-America basketball center for San Francisco's undefeated Dons, Thursday was mulling over reports of a \$50,000 offer from the Harlem Globetrotters to turn pro after the 1956 Olympics.

The dunk-shot artist gaped.

"I'm shocked that would increase my yearly earnings by roughly \$50,000. I'm interested, but I'm not committing myself."

First, Russell hopes to compete in the Olympics—almost certainly on the U. S. basketball team, and perhaps as a 400-meter hurdler.

At Tosiado, sports editor of The Humboldt Times in Eureka, Calif., said he learned of the proposed offer from Larry Neal West Coast representative of the Globetrotters.

Russell made it plain he would accept no pro offer until after the Olympics at Melbourne.

He could be the first player to make both the basketball and track squads in the Olympics. Of the hurdles he says:

"Other guys have to jump over those things; I can walk over 'em."

He once walked to a high jump standard and cleared 6 feet in his street clothes.

Calvin Coolidge Ermer, getting ready for his fifth season as manager of Chatsinoga's Lookouts, is dean of the Southern Assn. pilots.

Skeets Hits New League Scoring High

Skeets Tavern established a new City League basketball record Wednesday night at Altamont Junior High as they stuffed through 113 points to scuttle the Klamath Jets 113-47 in one of the two games played.

In the second game, the National Guard "Golds" turned back Coca Cola 67-63.

Dan Stonehill paced the Skeets assault with 26 points. Other leading point getters for the high-scoring lancers included "Moose" Schellhorn with 25, Gary Dorn 25, Ed Whitney 22 and Dan Derrah 15. High for the Jets was Bob Mosser with 16. Skeets held a 61-21 half-time lead.

Ken Young scored 20 and Glenn Ring 14 to lead the "Golds" to their league triumph over the Cokes. High for the losers were Wayne Neuberger with 17 and Dick Young with 14. The Guardians headed the Cokes at halftime, 30-25.

Yakima Indian Tourney Opens

WHITE SWAN, Wash. (AP) — Eight teams from three Pacific Northwest states are entered in the Yakima Indian tribe's National Invitational All-Indian basketball tournament slated to get under way here Thursday.

Winner of the three-day double-elimination tournament will carry home the Chief Kamiakin trophy.

The opening day pairings matched the Tacoma Tomahawks against Pendleton, Ore., and the Toppenish, Wash., Papooses against the Lapwai, Idaho, Warriors.

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Dayton Upended By Dukes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Si Green, named today to the Associated Press basketball All-America, is a jumping jack-of-all trades for Duquesne, shooting, rebounding, passing and defending.

But the spring-legged 6-2 kid from Brooklyn practically has made a trade-mark of cutting Dayton down to size.

A year ago in the title game of the National Invitation Tournament, it was Si who canned 33 points and paired with All America Dick Ricketts to score all of Duquesne's points in the first 27½ minutes while belting the Flyers 70-56.

With Ricketts graduated, it finally looked as if Dayton was too much for Green, beating the Dukes 65-52 last month despite Si's 30 points.

But last night Si was back at the old stand, peppering home 49 points—including the clinching basket on an easy layup with 10 seconds left—as the Dukes rallied to upset the Flyers, ranked No. 3 in the AP poll, 87-66. It was only the third defeat in 25 games for Dayton this season while upping Duquesne's so-so record to 14-9. Both again are headed for the NIT.

The upset doesn't change the NIT picture much. Dayton and Louisville still rate the favorites with the Dukes a bit too thin, perhaps, for a tough tourney grind.

Louisville wrapped up its best regular season ever with a 23-3 record last night, avenging an earlier 40-point thumping by belting NIT-bound Xavier of Ohio 83-70.

Phil Rollins and Jim Morgan hit 7 of 8 jump shots in the first 10 minutes of the second half as Louisville spurred to a 68-51 lead.

St. Joseph's of Philadelphia came a step closer to gaining the Mid-Atlantic berth in the NCAA Tournament by outlasting Muhlenberg 74-63 for a 19-4 record.

Texas Tech made it to the NCAA by clinching an undisputed Border Conference championship in its final league game, 87-66, over New Mexico A&M.

Cincinnati, an NCAA at-large entry, defeated Syracuse 76-73 by sinking 42 of 52 from the foul line.

Niagara, headed for the NIT, breezed past Siena 78-44, but Marquette, another NIT entry, was dumped by Notre Dame for the second time in nine days 87-69.

Seattle U. IS Meet For Berth

SEATTLE (AP) — It's all set now. Seattle University and Idaho State will battle it out on the University of Washington court Monday, March 12, to see which enters the western regional NCAA basketball tournament.

The place was settled Wednesday in a three-way telephonic hook-up with Reeves Peters, NCAA tournament director in Kansas City, Steve Belko, ISC coach, and Al Brightman, of Seattle University.

The time agreed upon was Tuesday, March 13, but it was learned later the pavilion would not be available that date. So the participants agreed Wednesday night to move it up one day.

Fights

WEDNESDAY'S FIGHTS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI, Fla. — John Holman, 203½, Chicago, outpointed Joe Rowan, 182½, Philadelphia, 10.

Arthur Swanson Jr., bonus pitcher signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates last August, won 15 letters in high school while participating in five sports.

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Sullivan To Test New Stay

NEW YORK (AP) — Matchmaker Tex Sullivan and his London Sporting Club put their newly won stay of execution to the test today, applying for approval by the New York State Athletic Commission for a proposed boxing match March 12 at St. Nick's Arena.

Just 24 hours earlier, Sullivan and the London S.C. appeared to be out of business, effective next Tuesday, under a commission ruling stripping them of their licenses.

But the State Supreme Court, at Sullivan's petition, intervened yesterday, granting a stay of enforcement against the commission order pending a hearing March 13.

Sullivan's petition argued he had been denied "due process" in the commission decision, which also levied a \$5,000 fine against the club and Willie Gilzenberg, its treasurer, who also lost his boxing license.

The commission, headed by Julius Helfand, probably will approve Sullivan's request to stage the March 12 bout between lightweights Carlos Ortiz and Paolo Rossi, unless one of its three members believes it to be a poor match.

At least three possibilities lay ahead at the March 13 hearing:

1. The case may be sent to the Appellate Court for a review of the evidence.
2. The case may be reviewed on the ground the commission's edict was arbitrary and capricious.
3. The case may be dismissed, in effect upholding the commission order.

Sullivan and the London S.C., of which he is president, were unfrocked by the commission on eight charges of violating assorted commission rules. One of the primary charges was that Sullivan had attempted to thwart the commission's ban of the New York Boxing Guild.

Romack, Emerson Eye Golf Honors

ORMOND BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Barbara Romack and Fran Emerson, best of friends off the golf course, waged a head-to-head battle Thursday in the second round of the South Atlantic Women's Tournament.

Mrs. Emerson, from Dayton, Ohio, pulled the first surprise of the tournament Wednesday when she ousted medalist Marge Burns of Greensboro, N.C., 2 and 1.

Miss Romack, former National Amateur champion from Sacramento, Calif., and a two-time winner here, breezed past Mary McCutchen of Jasper, Ala., 9 and 7.

Other second round matches included Anne Quast of Marysville, Wash., against Nadyne Granick of Milwaukee.

Miss Quast, sophomore at Seattle University, won the first five holes in her match with Mrs. H. S. Semple of Sewickley, Pa., and coasted to a 6 and 5 victory.

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