

Morehead, Hilltoppers To Meet Tonight; NCAA Berth At Stake In Windup Tilt

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Morehead (Ky.) State has an NCAA Tournament berth and a major college scoring record on the line tonight in a final showdown with Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers, who should still be puffing from last night's squeaker.

Western opened the three-way playoff for the Ohio Valley Conference crown at Louisville by eliminating Tennessee Tech 84-80 on a pair of field goals by Monty Holland and Forest Able with just 11 seconds remaining in the game.

Tech had come from 5 points back to knot it at 80-all with 21 seconds left before Holland and Able went to work.

Morehead tops the major colleges with a 95.5-point game average, improving on the record set last season by Furman at 95.3.

The winner of tonight's game will complete the 25-team NCAA field and then jump into the first round eliminations against Marshall, Mid-American Conference champ, at Fort Wayne, Ind., next Monday.

First-round play also gets under

way at New York and in Seattle the same night with the Wichita, Kan., eliminations beginning Tuesday.

Temple, one of the eight teams involved in the New York regional warmed up with a 71-66 decision over St. John's of Brooklyn last night with Hal Lear scoring 31 points. Temple, now 23-3, faces Holy Cross in Madison Square Garden Monday.

The NIT announced the draw in its 12-team scrap with Dayton (23-3), Louisville (23-3), St. Joseph's of Philadelphia (21-4) and Niagara (20-6) seeded in that order and drawing first-round byes.

St. Francis of Brooklyn (19-2) plays Lafayette (19-6) and defending champion Duquesne (16-9) meets Oklahoma A&M (18-8) in the opening afternoon double-header at Madison Square Garden Saturday, March 17.

St. Louis (18-6)-Xavier of Ohio (16-9) and Seton Hall (19-4)-Marquette (13-10) round out the first round in an evening double-header.

The final is set for March 24.

4 Teams Win Berth In Tourney

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Four more teams won state high school basketball tournament berths Wednesday night. Only two remain in doubt, and they will be filled Thursday night.

Lincoln of Portland, Milwaukie and Pendleton snatched class A-1 positions Wednesday night. Coquille grabbed an A-2 berth.

The remaining A-2 berth will go Thursday night to Molalla or Sandy. They meet in a district 4 tournament windup at Molalla.

The last A-1 berth will go either to Cottage Grove or North Salem. They clash at Willamette University in Salem.

Lincoln won the Portland league's third tournament berth by downing Washington in a playoff game, 63-58, with 6-3 Berk Holman scoring 25 points. Franklin and Jefferson earlier won the other Portland league berths. Lincoln will meet still another still undefeated Gresham, 45-44. Milwaukie will play the Cottage Grove-North Salem winner in the A-1 tourney's first game at Eugene, March 13.

It took a last-gasp shot to get Milwaukie to the tournament. Ron Bettner let the jump shot go with just three seconds remaining. It found the basket and Milwaukie defeated Gresham, 45-44. Milwaukie will play the Cottage Grove-North Salem winner in the A-1 tourney's first game at Eugene, March 13.

Pendleton joined Milton-Freewater as the district 7 entries in the A-1 tourney as Pendleton defeated Baker, 62-50. Pendleton's first-round opponent in the Eugene tournament will be Marshfield.

Coquille had to go three playoff games to win the district 6 title in A-2 play, and had to defeat Central Point on the loser's home floor, 68-58.

Coquille will meet the Molalla-Sandy winner in the first round of the A-2 tournament at Salem, March 12-14.

Patty Berg On Trail Of 7th Title Top Spot

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Flame-haired Patty Berg of St. Andrews, Ill., went after her seventh Titleholders championship Thursday

against a field including the top money winners of the Ladies' Professional Golfers Assn. tour and a host of other outstanding entries.

Miss Berg, fourth among the 1955 LPGA money winners with \$12,781.83, set two tournament records in winning the Augusta Country Club course event last year. Men's par is 72 and women's par is 75.

Her 72-hole total of 291 and her 68 for one round of the four-day event could be bettered by any number of players participating in this year's \$5,000 medal play tournament.

Veteran Polly Riley of Fort Worth, Tex., and Barbara Romack of Sacramento, Calif., head an imposing field of amateurs. Anne Quast, 18-year-old Marysville, Wash., entry, and Jane Nelson of Indianapolis are two youngsters with the strokes to challenge the veterans.

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John Herman Named Prexy Of Chemult Rod, Gun Club

CHEMULT — The Chemult Rod and Gun Club held its annual business meeting and election of officers March 5 in the Chemult Community Hall. Ray Darnell, vice president presided over the business session.

The following officers were elected for the 1956 season and will hold office until next March: John

Herman, president; Ray Darnell, vice president; Cecil Palmer, secretary-treasurer; Bill Taylor and Dick Jessup as field captains.

The first of the Oregon Journal Trap Shoots had to be shot either at Bend or Klamath Falls due to the heavy snow on the Chemult Trap grounds. Sometime during the coming week the local grounds will be cleared of snow so that the balance of the Journal shoots may be held on the home grounds.

It was decided that the club would offer a high gun trophy in conjunction with the telegraph shoot and that local merchants would offer a runner-up and an added-bird trophy. The last six of the Journal shoots will count toward the trophies. These prizes will be open to members only.

Three new members were welcomed into the club: Brenner Norcross, George Perry and Jack Moebius.

Refreshments were served by the lady members of the club and a social hour was much enjoyed by the group.

WEDNESDAY'S FIGHTS
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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — John L. Sullivan, 160½, Great Britain, outpointed Jackie LaBua, 150, East Meadow, N.Y., 10.

Detroit To Quit Confab

DETROIT (AP) — The University of Detroit, in a surprise move, Wednesday night abolished the post of athletic director and announced plans to drop out of the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Rev. Celestin J. Steiner, S.J., president of the university, also announced abolishment of the 14-man board of athletics, which has served as a faculty, student and alumni advisory group on athletics.

He also said he intended to press for formation of a new conference of schools.

"The Missouri Valley Conference is a fine, sound and developing league in which the teams are evenly matched," Father Steiner told a meeting of the athletic board.

"However," he added, "the University of Detroit is not in the valley. I definitely prefer to be out of the conference. The teams in the league are not attractive to fans in this area, and the cost of travel for out-of-town games is prohibitive."

Contracts with other MV schools have been completed for the 1956 and 1957 seasons. Father Steiner said, and Detroit will remain in the conference through those seasons. However, he said, "If by mutual agreement some of the schools release us from those agreements, then we may terminate them."

Other schools in the conference are Houston, Oklahoma A&M, Tulsa, Wichita and St. Louis.

Jake Williams To Meet King

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Jake Williams, one of Boys Town's athletic greats, meets Howard King of Reno, Nev., tomorrow night in a regionally televised 10-round bout at Winterland.

King is making his first start since Feb. 20 when he lost a unanimous decision to World Light Heavyweight Champion Archie Moore and was knocked down three times in the process.

Williams, who once held the Army's Far Eastern light heavyweight title, is the third man to be named to face King tonight.

Indian Kenny Yates originally was to meet the Reno boxer but co-promoter Lou Thomas said he was dropped because of a "mediocre record." Ben Wise, an Oakland heavyweight, was named to substitute for Yates, but also fell out because of an injured left eye sustained here last week while drawing with Charley Que.

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Wednesday's Results
Philadelphia 108, New York 87
Boston 111, Syracuse 98
Minneapolis 98, Fort Wayne 95
St. Louis 96, Rochester 88

Karl Olson Allows As How Boston's Left Wall Was "Just Plain Old Poison"

ORLANDO, Fla. (UP) — The friendly left field wall at Boston's Fenway Park has been credited with "making" many a slugger but to outfielder Karl Olson "it was a poison that almost ruined me."

For that reason, the 25-year-old 203-pounder believes the deal that sent him from the Red Sox to the Washington Senators during the winter "was the best break I ever got."

Olson was one of five players traded to the Senators in exchange for first baseman Mickey Vernon, outfielder Tom Umphlett and pitchers Bob Porterfield and Johnny Schmitz.

"All my troubles started when I came out of the Army and tried to take advantage of that wall in Boston," Olson recalled. "Maybe it helped some other players but it was poison to me."

San Diego State In NAIA Playoffs

EUREKA (UP) — San Diego State's basketball team won a berth in the NAIA tournament starting in Kansas City Monday by defeating Humboldt State 91-63 last night.

The southern champs were held close through the first half, with the score tied six times. They led 40-36 at halftime. But in the second half the northern champions folded and the southerners had it all their own way.

Forwards Tony Pinkins and Danny Newport led the winners with 24 and 22 points, respectively. Center Joe Myers was tops for Humboldt with 16 points.

"I used to stand with my feet on an even line, spread apart naturally," he continued. "But when I opened my stance to try to take advantage of that wall, I couldn't touch pitches on the outside corner and it just about ruined me. I kept trying to hit pop flies over that left field wall but all my pop flies were coming down in the shortstop's glove."

Manager Charley Dressen, who is letting Olson gradually readjust his stance in order to spray line drives into the broad outfield of Washington's Griffith Stadium this year, disregards the fact that the big fellow hit only 250 last season and has a lifetime mark of only 231.

"He's a big powerful fellow with natural coordination," Dressen explained. "I know he used to be a good hitter so there's no reason why he couldn't be again. He can run and he can throw. He has a good batting stroke, too, but the trouble has been with his stance."

"I told him to go back to his old stance," Dressen went on. "I want him to feel comfortable. You can't tinker with a man's batting style."

Dressen added that being with the Senators "has made Karl much more serene. He figures he's got a future as a regular."

"There's no mystery in that," Olson explained, "who laugh. 'With the Red Sox I had to resign myself to sitting on the bench because they had an outfield of Ted Williams, Jim Piersall and Jackie Jensen. Last year, I got into 26 games. You can't hit well while you're sitting on the bench.'"

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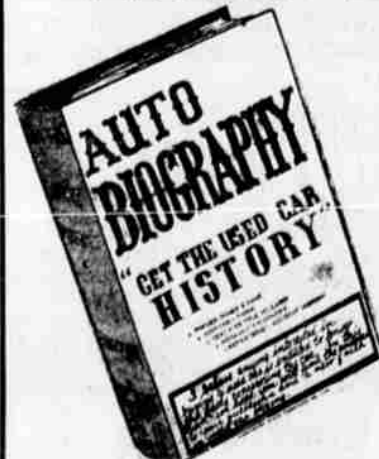
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US Boxers Held Okay To Meet Test In Olympics

NEW YORK (AP) — A veteran Olympic coach and judge said Thursday if the Eastern Golden Gloves championships provide a fair example, the United States will not have to worry much about its boxing forces in the Melbourne Olympics.

"A lot of good boys showed here at Madison Square Garden and

Mad, Mad Melee Grows Out Of Hard Hit Puck

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (AP) — The scorer's sheet of Wednesday night's Seattle-New Westminster hockey game read like the report of a committee on juvenile delinquency when the game was over.

New Westminster copped the vital statistics, winning the Western Hockey League fray, 6-2. The following statistics were additional:

Thirty penalties, broken down into 16 minors (for rule infractions); five 5-minute penalties for fighting and nine 10-minute misconduct assessments.

Sixteen of the penalties came in the final period; 13 of the 16 all at one time. It might have been coincidence that the time was 13:31.

It all started when Bev Bentley, goalie for the New Westminster Royals, whipped a puck so hard it struck Seattle's Pete Durham in the face. Seconds later, Guyfle Fielder of Seattle coasted into the Bentley hailstorm and collided heavily with the goalie.

Sticks went up for a bit of unauthorized jousting and within seconds all the players on the ice and some from the benches skated out to join. Soon the ice was littered with gloves, sticks and recumbent players.

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