

NCAA Tourney Opens

SF Dons, Iowa '5' Favorites

EVANSTON, Ill. (UP) — San Francisco's undefeated basketball team aims for its second straight NCAA championship tonight as Coach Phil Woolpert expected that rival Southern Methodist would have to fear the potent Dons.

The Dons, winners of their last 53 games, were an 8-point choice to defeat the Southwest Conference champion, winners of their last 19, in one semi-final clash. Iowa's Big Ten titleholders, with a 16-game winning streak, were rated nine points better than Temple for the other semi-final.

The Dons will miss K. C. Jones, a standout a year ago who was ineligible for this tournament because he has played in three previous seasons.

San Francisco rated as the nation's best defensive team going into the final two nights of the championship, allowing its opponents 50.7 points per game, but Woolpert said the defense this year was no better than on last year's title club.

Should the Dons win the tournament it would be the first time in history that a team has repeated. Oklahoma A & M won in 1945 and 1946, while Kentucky won in 1948 and 1949. Only one other team has ever entered the NCAA finals undefeated. Columbia won 21 without defeat in 1951 but lost to Illinois in the first round of the tournament.

San Francisco has won 27 without defeat this year.

Iowa's Coach Bucky O'Connor reported his starting forward, Bill Schoof, would be able to start against Temple even though he suffered a charley horse in the last game Saturday against Kentucky. O'Connor said his team would be stronger on defense and off the boards but not as deep as the club which won fourth place a year ago.

Temple also was handicapped by a back injury to Capt. Hal Reinfield, and Coach Harry Litwak said he was an uncertain starter.

"Iowa is a good rebounding team," Litwak said, "and this year we will be able to rebound. They've got a good ball club, but we're at our peak right now."

Hal Wood's Mid-Week Short Shots

SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Short shots:

The best college baseball team in the West may be at Fresno State College—home of the Bulldogs. If they win it will give the non-Pacific Coast Conference colleges two major titles this year: basketball (USF Dons) and baseball.

It isn't often that organizations have to advertise for \$20,000-a-year executives, but the Lake Merced Country Club of San Francisco has asked this department to help them find a golf professional. They prefer an eastern man—and report that his pay in all probability will run "in excess" of \$20,000 a year. The line forms right behind me...

For the first time in history, copies of the Pacific Coast League's record book will be made available to the public—at 50 cents per copy.

MOST POPULAR

Allie Pearson, rookie outfielder of the San Francisco Seals, has played professional baseball three years, in three different leagues, and in each city. San Jose of the California League; Albany, N.Y., of the Eastern League and Montgomery, Ala., of the South Atlantic League, he was voted the most popular player. He stands only five feet, six inches tall.

The finger already is being aimed at Stanford as the "team to beat" in the run for the Roses Pacific Coast Conference football race next fall. The Indians have two great ends in Gary Van Gilder and Carl Isaacs and a fine quarterback in John Brodie. Of course, they'll need something in between.

PRESUMABLY

All the major track and field meets of the country will be held on the West Coast this year—presumably because California is closer to Australia. The NCAA meet is set for Berkeley June 15-16, the AAU at Bakersfield June 22-23, and the Olympic final tryouts for Los Angeles June 29-30. However, the athletes won't be leaving for Australia until late October or early November.

Horse race betting of one sort or another (thoroughbreds, trotters, pacers and quarter-horses) is "up" in both the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas—despite the fact that it has been continuous in both metropolitan areas since the first of the year.

Look for Al Brightman, who recently resigned as head basketball coach at Seattle University after years of continued success, to get a top-pay coaching job with one of the major basketball schools—if he doesn't go into private business.

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wednesday's Results

WESTERN LEAGUE

New Westminster 4, Vancouver 3 (Round robin semifinals tied, 1-1)

Calgary 3, Edmonton 2 (overtime) (Calgary leads best-of-5 semifinals, 2-0)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Buffalo 3, Cleveland 2

Pittsburgh 4, Springfield 3

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati 4, Fort Wayne 2 (Cincinnati wins best-of-5 semifinal series, 3-1)

TIME OUT



"Nobody but you knows about this spot is sure right... even the fish don't know about it!"

Solons Rated Contender In Coming Year

PASADENA, Calif. (UP) — Sacramento likes a winner—or at least a contender—and it looks like the Solons will prove a worthy foe to the top teams in the Coast League this year.

Last season Sacramento finished in the cellar but most of their supporters believed that would have been at least sixth if it were not for a slow start. They're not making that mistake this time. Judging from the buzz of activity in training camp.

More than any one player transaction, the best winter deal the Solons made was in acquiring back Tommy Heath as manager, backing him up with fiery Ferris Pain of major league glory as playing coach.

The only PCL team without a major league affiliation, Sacramento has been using cash acquired in player sales to last year's squad to pick up the men it needs.

"We don't have to wait for a major league team to decide long after our season has opened if we'll get the help we need," Heath explains. "And if we develop a player we either keep him or get enough from his sale to buy a top replacement."

DAZZLED

After what he had to work with last season at San Francisco, Heath is dazzled by the array of talent that Dave Kelley, the Solons' personnel director, either has delivered or promised.

Sacramento sold such players to the majors as pitchers Bud Daley, Johnny Briggs, the grizzled Marino Pieretti and shortstop Richie Myers.

In addition to Pain, who despite his 34 years is expected to see much action at first base or in the outfield, the Solons have acquired outfielder Hal Rice from Los Angeles, pitcher Joe Stanka from the Cubs (who got Briggs and Myers in the deal), pitcher Mike Coen from Terre Haute, the veteran Bubba Church from Los Angeles and Clint Weaver, an outfielder from Toronto. Weaver hit .314 with four homers in 1954.

SOUTHPAWS

The mound staff is rich with age, having such vets as "Chesty" Chet Johnson, Earl Harriet, Rex Jones and reliever Milo Gandini. There is a shortage of southpaws, with Johnson being the only portside hurler.

Behind the plate, Heath has only Dan Balch from last year but he is working Harry Bright in the position along with Jim McKeegan who divided time between the Solons and Modesto last year.

The infield probably will have Ted Bell at short, George Risley at second, and Nippy Jones or Fain at first and Ray Webster, Jerry Street or ageless Tom Glaviano at second.

Heath also is high on Rufe Crawford, Al Heist and Russ Rosenberg for his outfield.

"We'll be shooting for third place," Mr. Tommy says. "And with a few breaks and a good early start it is not an impossible task."

Nellie Fox of the Chicago White Sox struck out only 15 times in 154 games in 1955.

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Good Hit, No Pitch Says Reds

TAMPA, Fla. (UP) — The Cincinnati Redlegs are long on power and short on pitching, but Manager Birdie Tebbetts thinks he can still parlay that combination into a legitimate pennant contender.

Complicating Tebbetts' plans at the moment is big Ted Kluszewski, who has been hobbled all spring by a stubborn muscle pull in the base of his back.

"Frankly, I'm worried about it and so is Ted," Tebbetts said today. "He doesn't know how he got it and none of the treatment he has taken so far seems to do any good. But we think he'll come around all right. We certainly hope so, anyway."

If Kluszewski has to remain on the sidelines for any length of time the Redlegs are bound to miss his heavy bat. He hit 47 homers, drove in 113 runs and batted .314 last year and you don't find hitters like that under every bush.

ROOKIE

But if "Big Klu" has to remain on the bench for a while, Tebbetts is determined to go with rookie Frank Robinson at first base. Robinson has tremendous power and has been exceptionally impressive this spring. His only drawback is a questionable arm, which he won't need too much at first base. He injured the arm mysteriously with Columbia of the Sally League last year and it hasn't fully come around yet.

"Robinson is a natural," Tebbetts says. "I know he'll only hit about 270 if I play him now, but I forget it's his first year up—he'll hit 30 homers easy. So if Klu comes around okay, which we think he will, I'll put Robinson in left field."

That would make Cincinnati's outfield Robinson in left, Gus Bell in center and long-ball hitting Wally Pott in right, and that outfield could be the most powerful in baseball, bar none. Other outfield available are Bob Hazle, up from Nashville of the Southern League where he hit .314; Stan Palys, and Bob Thurman.

Rounding out the Redlegs' infield will be the dependable Johnny Temple at second base; Smoothie Roy McMillan at shortstop and the hard-hitting but erratic fielding Ray Jablonski at third. Rocky Bridges is the No. 1 utility man, while Charley Harmon can play third, first or the outfield.

UNCERTAIN

Snokey Burgess, who batted .309 last season, is ticketed for regular duty behind the plate with Ed Bailey the No. 2 man and Matt Batts behind him.

The pitching staff, however, is Tebbetts' chief problem and currently he is still trying to find a fourth starter to go along with Roy Nuxhall, who won 17 and lost 12 last year; Art Fowler, who had an 11-10 record; and skinny Johnny Klippstein, who posted a 9-10 record.

Among those in competition for the fourth starting role are ex-Cardinal Brooks Lawrence, who had a 5-1 record with Oakland of the Pacific Coast League last year; Rudy Minarcin, who was 5-9 with the Redlegs; southpaw Don Gross, 8-2 at Nashville, and the best looking rookie pitcher of the lot, right-hander Jack Taylor, who won 17 games and lost 11 with the High Point — Thomasville club in the Cincinnati chain last year.

That leaves such men as veteran Joe Black, Hal Jeffcoat, Herald Freeman, Bud Podbielniak and left-hander Bill Kennedy for relief.

Cincinnati has power to burn but whether the Redlegs will rocket into first division or fizzle out in second division depends entirely on their pitching staff.

OSC Meets Idaho '9

LEWISTON, Idaho (P) — Ready for the forthcoming Northern Division baseball season, Oregon State, the defending champion, and Idaho tangle here Friday.

Two other practice games are on tap for the weekend.

OSC will play Washington State here Saturday while Idaho moves to Walla Walla to play Whitman.

Herald and News Sports

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Dates Announced For KFJ Golf Tournament

Some good news was handed to Klamath Basin golfers this week when radio station KFJ announced it was planning to again sponsor the All-Klamath County Golf Tournament at Reames Golf and Country Club April 28-29 and May 5-6.

KFJ's sports director Warren Bunyan made the announcement, and welcomed all interested golfers, whether or not they are members of Reames to take part in the double weekend tournament.

The event will consist of 72-hole play, both handicap and medal. Bunyan said that the entry fees would be \$1.50, which also includes the 36-hole qualifying round. This fee will be used for defraying the cost of the tournament, such as trophies and special prizes.

Dr. Jim Noel is tournament chairman this year. He will be assisted by Clark Good, pro at Reames, Bunyan and Alan Abner, manager of station KFJ.

Entrants can register starting this weekend at the station, or with Good at the pro shop at Reames. There will be merchandise awards for special contest winners during the tournament's play. Individual trophies will be given to first and second place winners in match and medal play.

The qualifying rounds will be played at the option of the individual entrants, with the scores being turned into the Good at the completion of the 18 holes.

Bunyan said in announcing the tournament dates, "this is to promote the golfing interests through the entire Basin. We are urging anyone who is interested in the fairway game to turn out and enjoy two weekends of fun and enjoyment at Reames. I want to stress that this tournament is open to everyone, not only club members at Reames," the KFJ sports director added.

Pairings for the first weekend's play will be announced through the Herald and News and radio stations KFJ and KFLW when the qualifying rounds have been completed.

Bakers Win; Mirror Glaze Upsets Peoria

DENVER (P) — Two talented collections of collegians from the deep south and the Far West challenge veteran AAU clubs in Thursday night's quarterfinals of the 49th annual National AAU Basketball Tournament.

The Pasadena, Calif., Mirror Glaze five, featuring Pasadena Nazarene College players, advanced Wednesday with the meet's biggest upset — an 83-75 conquest of the Peoria, Ill., Cats, 1954 champions and seeded No. 2 in the current meet.

Thursday night Pasadena plays the Seattle Buchanan Bakers, the Pacific Northwest AAU champions, who moved into the quarterfinals with a 71-57 win over Denver Central Insurance.

Almost matching the Pasadena college performance, seniors from the University of Alabama South-eastern Conference champions moved ahead with an 83-77 triumph over seeded Akron, Ohio, Goodyears.

The Alabamians, flying the colors of Ada Ollers of Mobile, clash with Wichita, Kan., Vickers Oilers in the quarterfinal games.

Other quarterfinal games send defending champion Phillips 66 of Bartlesville, Okla., against the all-Negro sinner Comets of Chicago and the Denver Central Bankers against the Milwaukee Allen-Bradleys.

Peoria, three-time champion of the meet and Olympic representative in 1952, held 8-point leads late in the first half and early in the second half. The Cats were in front by 5 points with eight minutes left when Clyde Cook, who hit 18 points in the second half, touched off a Pasadena surge that caught Peoria at 67-all. With four minutes left, Cook and John Davis, who bagged 25, pulled Pasadena in front to stay.

Pasadena used speed and clever ball handling to outmaneuver the Cats, led by such former college greats as Don Schlund of Indiana, B. H. Born and Dean Kelley of Kansas and Russ Lawler of Stanford.

Shuff-Stuff

CITY TOURNAMENT

All persons interested in entering the city singles and doubles shuffle board elimination tournament are urged to register before Sunday night according to tournament officials. Anyone wishing to enter should call 2-9301 or contact any regular season league entry before Sunday evening.

The dates will be set after the registration has been completed. The registration fee will be \$1.50. All tournament action will take place on the Wocus boards.

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Champs Meet For Ring Title

Two champions in lightweight boxing ranks will go after another ring crown this Saturday night at the Klamath Falls Armory as promoter Mack Lillard unveils his first pugilistic card since December, and one of the main event principals is Klamath's "golden boy" Jimmy Grow of Boise, Idaho.

Grow, who has always been a big favorite among the local boxing fans, and Denver's hard-hitting Ronnie Sanchez will meet in the 10-round main event of the evening's card, and for one big prize — the Northwest Lightweight Championship.

This will be the first championship bout staged by Lillard before boxing fans, and what a battle it is shaping to be. Although Klamath sports fans know nothing of Sanchez, the Denver block-buster, he comes to Lillard very highly regarded.

Sanchez captured the U.S. Air Force's lightweight title while at Lowery Field in 1954 and since that time has been fighting a brilliant pro schedule. In his 14 outings as a pay-for-punch fighter, Sanchez has recorded 10 wins against only two losses and two draws. But the prime factor that is expected to serve as a real test to Sanchez' opponent over the 10-round distance is that the Colorado dandy has never been knocked out in his professional career.

On the other hand, Grow, the Idaho lightweight champ, is regarded as one of the most feared lightweights in the Pacific Coast fight circles because of high lightning speed and power-packed blows. This was Grow's billing before he was forced to take an eight-months layoff because of a partially detached retina. Now he is out to prove he has not lost any of the touch and power that brought him such recognition in the past seven years as a pro.

In his first start of his comeback attempt, Grow kayoed Twin Falls' Sam Dolton in the fourth round of a featured semi-windup bout. This showing was sufficient to Grow's manager, Jack "Mac" Smith that his fighter's pride was "as ready as ever."

Besides the big main attraction, Lillard has a pair of six round battles and two four rounders that are expected to sum up a rock-solid boxing menu for Basin fight enthusiasts.

In the top six round test, or the semi-windup, will be Stanley Davis of Reno and Eddie Schmoor of Boise in an over-the-limit lightweight tussle. In the other six round bout, Lillard has lined up Klamath's Dick Jones to face talented Billy Plummer, the Bly puncher.

George Bray of Bonanza returns to the fight circles as he meets Pummie Wright the fast rising pugilist from Chiloquin in the evening's top four rounder. The program will be opened by two fast-swinging and tough loggers, Curt Stanton of Bly and Bernie Pollard of Willow Ranch.

A total of 2030 fans paid a gross gate of \$4025 to see Akins pound out his fifth consecutive victory over the British West Indian, 11th ranking welterweight, Akins at 148½ outweighed Constance by three pounds.

The decisions of the officials, Judges Fred Connell and Howard Hess and Referee Benny Kessler were identical, 51-49 in favor of the local puncher.

Floor Team Holds Lead

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (P) — The Meade Floor Covering team of Syracuse, N.Y., continued to lead the team division Thursday as the American Bowling Congress moved into the 20th of its 70-day schedule.

The Syracuse bowlers came out of nowhere Tuesday night with a 2,997 to dethrone Stroh's Beer of Detroit and survived an assault by 37 regular division and 41 bowlers teams Wednesday night.

In the only change in the standings recorded Wednesday, Otto Heizman of Syracuse, rolled a 673 to take over seventh place in the singles division. He scored games of 216, 229 and 237.

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