

USF, Iowa Sweep Cage Frays Dayton, Cards Vie In NIT Final

Dons Face Hawkeyes For Crown

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — The San Francisco Dons seldom have been extended completely in rolling up their amazing winning streak, but Iowa tonight may force them to pull out all stops in order to gain a second straight NCAA basketball crown.

The dashing Dons worked so smoothly in chopping down Southern Methodist last night, 86-56, that they were almost unimpressive.

Possibly they left a feeling among the 10,500 fans at Northwestern's McGraw Hall that they were ripe for plucking, by Iowa, which knocked off Temple's 83-76.

But many of the experts figure that the Dons are well high invincible and will take the Hawkeyes in stride to end their campaign with a 55-game winning string.

The Dons, however, will have to play better than they did against SMU, and Iowa will have to come up with its supreme effort to pull an upset.

A big question, of course, is that concerning the Hawkeyes' All-Big Ten center, 6-7 Bill Logan, who will be up against two-time All-America Bill Russell.

Logan had one of his best games of the year against Temple and rammed in 36 points, high for his three-year varsity career.

The 6-10 Russell hit for 17 points. He collected 23 rebounds to Logan's 8.

Mike Farmer topped the Dons in scoring with 25 points as San Francisco hit 463 from the field.

Iowa made 414 per cent of its field goals in downing Temple, whose scoring lead was carried by a pair of sensational guards, Guy Rodgers with 28 points and Hal Lear with 32.

"We'll have to be much sharper if we hope to beat San Francisco," said Buckley O'Connor, Iowa coach.

"But if we play up to our capabilities, we can give anybody in the country a good game. We weren't as sharp against Temple as we were in defeating Illinois and Kentucky this season."

Coach Phil Woolpert of the Dons has the same feeling about it.

"Iowa is a good 'boards' team and our whole club has a lot of respect for it," he said. "We'll have to do much better than we showed against SMU to win."

Temple will meet SMU for third place in tonight's opener.

Basketball Scores

NBA PLAYOFFS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thursday's Results

St. Louis 56, Fort Wayne 83 (St. Louis leads best-of-5 semifinal series, 1-0)

Hawks Snare NBA Playoff Opener, 86-85

By UNITED PRESS

The St. Louis Hawks proved they could win on the road in the opening series of the National Basketball Assn. playoffs — and they demonstrated today that they also can win without league scoring champion Bob Pettit.

The Hawks, who advanced to the Western Division playoffs by beating the Lakers at Minneapolis in the decisive game, took a 1-0 lead in their best-of-five-game series from the Fort Wayne Pistons Thursday night with an 86-85 decision. But, even more impressive than the fact the victory was scored at Fort Wayne, was that the Hawks gained it with only a seven-point performance from Pettit.

Pettit, who tallied 41 points in the key win over Minneapolis, was held to three field goals and a free throw Thursday night but the Hawks nevertheless led most of the way. In fact, they twice blew 10-point leads and then fell behind, 78-70, early in the fourth period.

Then Medford Park and Charlie Share sparked a rally in which the Hawks outscored the Pistons, 12-2, and took an 82-81 margin. Field goals by Jack Stephens and Share upped the lead to 86-81 and the Hawks then battled off Fort Wayne's closing rally.

The Hawks will try to take a 2-0 lead in the series Saturday when they play the Pistons at St. Louis.

The Eastern Division playoff begins today, meanwhile, with the league champion Philadelphia Warriors taking on the Syracuse Nationals at Philadelphia. The Nationals defeated the Boston Celtics two games to one, in the opening round.

Little Leagues Suggest Plans

CHICAGO (AP) — Little League baseball leaders Friday renewed their discussion of plans for the growing organization.

The stress was not only on improving play and playing conditions but on improving the junior citizens.

Delegates to the first national congress of the Little League—almost 4,000 leagues where 200,000 boys aged 10 through 12 play ball—exchanged ideas on team and league operations in small group sessions.

The first day of the three-day convention Thursday was devoted largely to speeches.

Dr. A. A. Eslinger of the University of Oregon told the conference: "Baseball is not the end. It is a means to an end. The end is a better boy."

He advised managers of the league teams to:

1. Invite the boys to join in the team planning.

2. Be "a guide and not a driver." Never permit a boy to "fall consistently" but to help him develop whatever skill he has.

3. Refrain from drilling the boys to the extent where "you take all the fun out of play."

President Peter J. McGovern predicted that the organization may embrace 30,000 leagues in the next 10 years.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Thursday's Results

San Francisco 86, Southern Methodist 56

Iowa 83, Temple 76

NIT BASKETBALL

Thursday's Results

Dayton 89, St. Francis (Ind.) 58

Louisville 89, St. Joseph (Pa.) 79

AAU BASKETBALL

Thursday's Results

Bartlesville, Okla., Phillips 66ers 106, Chicago Rainer Comets 90

Mobile, Ala., Ada Oilers 79, Wichita, Kan., Vickers Petroleum 74

Milwaukee Allen-Bradley 79, Denver Central Bank 77 (overtime)

Seattle Buchanan Bakers 68, Pasadena, Calif., Mirror Glaze 64

Sub Sparks NY Rangers In Upset Ice Win

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gordie Bell, a substitute goalie with vast minor league experience, got an automatic \$50 raise when he stepped into the New York Rangers' net last night against the powerful Montreal Canadiens.

And he earned it. Pilling in for the injured Gump Worsley, Bell turned in a sparkling performance as the Rangers defeated the Canadiens 4-2 in one of the biggest upsets in Stanley Cup history.

The victory enabled the New Yorkers to even their best-of-seven semifinal series at 1-1.

In the other semi-final round, the Detroit Red Wings beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-1 to take a commanding 2-game lead.

Bell, called up from Three-Rivers of the Quebec League just prior to the playoffs, made his first National Hockey League appearance in 10 years. He was paid \$50 for sitting on the sidelines while Montreal slugged seven goals past Worsley in the opener Tuesday night. His salary for last night's effort was \$100.

At that price Gordie was a bargain. He turned back 32 shots in a steady and, at times, spectacular job.

With the score tied 2-2 after two periods, Bronco Horvath scored the winning goal at 42 seconds of the third session while Montreal was a man short. Dean Prentice added an insurance marker at 14:10.

The Red Wings, defending Cup Champions, came from behind to dump the Leafs. As in their opening game, won by Detroit 3-2, Toronto grabbed the lead in the first period, this time on George Armstrong's goal.

Alex Delvecchio tied it up for Detroit in the sixth minute of the second period and Ted Lindsay got the game-winner at 19:05.

Lorne Ferguson made it 3-1 at 14:39 of the final period.

Exhibition
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Thursday's Results
St. Louis (N) 7, New York (A) 5
Boston (A) 2, Pittsburgh (N) 1
Cincinnati (N) 10, Washington (A) 3

Chicago (A) 8, Milwaukee (N) 6
Brooklyn (N) 4, Detroit (A) 3
Baltimore (A) 8, Cleveland (A) 6
New York (N) 8, Chicago (N) 1
St. Louis (N) "B" 3, Chicago (A) "B" 2

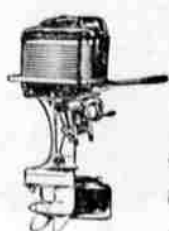
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Flyers Bounce Terriers

NEW YORK (AP) — Midnight finally tolled for St. Francis' hustling Cinderella team in the National Invitation Basketball Tournament and now it's top-seeded Dayton against second-seeded Louisville in the championship final tomorrow afternoon.

Dayton's Flyers, still looking for a title in their fourth trip to the final round in five tries, proved much too big and experienced for the Brooklyn Terriers 80-58 in the semifinals last night. St. Francis had upset 4th-seeded Niagara in the quarterfinals.

Louisville, like Dayton, looked its best in whacking third-seeded St. Joseph's of Philadelphia 89-79 in the other half of the semifinal doubleheader that drew 16,125 to Madison Square Garden.

The title game will be televised nationally (CBS-3 p.m. EST).

It will be the third meeting between Dayton and Louisville this season. Each has a 25-3 record, but it was the Cardinals who made off with two of Dayton's setbacks (66-64 in overtime, and 59-15).

St. Joseph's and St. Francis meet to decide third place.

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Boxers Admit To Fight Fix

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two more boxers have given Gov. Goodwin Knight's special investigating committee testimony that they participated in "fixed" fights ordered by Babe McCoy, now a matchmaker at Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium.

Soldier Eddie Stanley, a former fighter and manager, told chief investigator James Cox Thursday that he once took a heavyweight, Ira (Pinky) Hughes, to Portland, Ore., to box Joe Kahut.

"McCoy sent him up there and I was sent along," said Stanley. McCoy told me: "Take him up there and get him out in a hurry. I didn't tell Hughes until about 30 minutes before the bout. He was a little rambunctious but he finally cooled down. He took one in the eye in the fourth and the fight was over."

"Who gave you your instructions for this fight?" asked Cox.

"I was instructed by McCoy," Stanley replied.

George Hanford testified McCoy sent him to a friend in the East, Chickie Bogard.

"McCoy told me to take my orders from Bogard," said the former fighter. "McCoy and Bogard were to split the manager's share of my purse."

Hanford told the committee that in a fight against Albie Stolz in Newark he received instructions from Bogard to look sharp and go the distance but not hurt or beat Stolz, who then was in line for a big money bout.

Hanford said that when he fought Enrique Bolanos in 1945 in San Antonio, "McCoy told me to make it look good for about four rounds and then get out." The witness said Bolanos "knew my hands were tied and he tried to cut me up, so the fight lasted two rounds."

Bolanos' next fight was for the lightweight championship against Ike Williams and Williams won it.

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Briefs From The PCL Camps

By UNITED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (UP) —

The San Francisco Seals blanketed Rochester of the International League, 4-0, yesterday behind the combined five-hit performances of southpaws Ted Bowsfield and Bob Smith.

Veteran Bob DiPietro paced the San Francisco attack with a double and three singles as the Seals scored their eighth win in 11 exhibition contests.

Pumpsie Green, winner of the California State League's most valuable player of the year award last season, led a parade of 11 San Francisco rookies who were named to the Boston Red Sox' lower minor league farms at Ocala, Fla.

PASADENA, Calif. (UP) — The Sacramento Solons have made option deals involving three players.

The Solons obtained an option from the Philadelphia Phillies left-handed pitcher Donald Mrozowski as part of the sale price for hurler Marino Pieretti. Sacramento also optioned catcher Cuno Barrigan and first baseman Jack Steinagel to Amarillo of the Western League.

The McKeegans beat the McNamarras, 1-0, in a Solon intra-squad game yesterday.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (UP) — The Seattle Rainiers host the San Diego Padres today in an exhibition game.

Seattle edged Hollywood, 1-0, here yesterday in a game featured by seven double plays, four by Hollywood. The Rainiers got the only run of the game in the second inning off Ben Wade when Vern Stephens walked, moved to third on catcher Bob Duretto's single and scored on a double play.

The game took only one hour, 40 minutes to play.

GLENDALE, Calif. (UP) — Portland goes after its fifth straight exhibition victory here today when it takes on the Hollywood Stars.

The unbeaten Beavers defeated Vancouver, 11-3, at Fullerton yesterday. Portland hammered out 16 hits, including infielder Jack Little's six-run homer in the eighth inning. Outfielder Lloyd Merriman and third baseman Jim Baxes each got three hits for the Beavers.