

Bill Russell Sparks USF To ICAA Title

Dons Post 83-71 Win Over Iowa

EVANSTON, Ill. (UP) — San Francisco's unbeaten Dons had the NCAA basketball title for the second straight year today, but it's a mistake to declare that the team won it.

Instead give credit to six-foot, 16-inch Bill Russell, a defensive genius who can also score points when his team needs an edge.

That was the tab hung on the Dons' senior center, an All-American for the past two years, by both his own coach, Phil Woolpert, and Iowa's Bucky O'Connor.

Russell and the Dons extended their winning streak to 55 games (29 this season) in clipping the valiant Hawkeye for the title, 83-71.

REPLACEMENT

Woolpert declared that Gene Brown, a sophomore replacement for star guard K. C. Jones, who was ineligible for the tourney because he had played in three previous seasons, also was a key man in the win.

But none of the Iowa players, nor his San Francisco mates, could dim the luster of Russell. He scored 26 points, knocked away at least six sure Iowa baskets, and grabbed 27 of San Francisco's 60 rebounds.

Iowa, shooting 325 for the night, grabbed an 11 point lead in the first half but the Dons pecked away for a 39-33 margin at the half. Then in one scoring burst early in the second half, the Dons looped in 10 points for a 13 point margin.

Iowa never thereafter came closer than nine points.

SHOOTING

Russell, though the standout of the title game, had to share honors for the night and the tourney with Temple's flashy guard, Hal Lear, who set three tourney scoring records to spark the Owls to a 90-81 win over Southern Methodist for third place in the meet.

Lear looped 48 points to set a single game scoring mark, eclipsing the mark of 45 by Washington's Bob Houbregs in 1945. His total field goals for the tourney, 62, was another new record, compared to Houbregs' 57, and he tallied 166 points in five games for another mark.

San Francisco	G	F	P	T
Boldt, f	7	2	2	4 16
Farmer, f	0	0	0	2 0
Prescott, f	3	1	3	7 7
Russell, c	11	4	5	26 6
Nelson, c	0	0	0	0 0
Perry, g	6	2	2	14 4
Brown, g	6	4	4	16 6
Baxter, g	2	0	0	4 4
Bush, g	0	0	0	0 0
Patterson, g	0	0	0	0 0
Totals	35	13-15	13-83	
Iowa	G	F	P	T
Cain, f	7	3	4	17 17
Schoof, f	5	4	4	14 14
Seibolt, f	0	0	0	0 0
Logan, c	5	2	2	11 11
George, c	5	2	2	12 12
Schuerman, g	0	0	0	0 0
Seaberg, g	5	7	10	17 17
Martel, g	0	0	0	0 0
McConnell, g	0	0	0	0 0
Hawthorne, g	0	0	0	0 0
Totals	26	19-24	10-71	
San Francisco				38 45-83
Iowa				33 38-71

O.S.C. Tops Cougar Nine In Twin Bill

LEWISTON, Idaho (UP) — Oregon State continued its baseball invasion of the Palouse Saturday by sweeping another pre-season Washington State by identical scores of 4-3.

Friday the Beavers took twin wins over Idaho.

On pitchers went all the way Saturday in the 6-inning contests, just as they did against the Vandals.

The Beavers put together their winning margin in the opener with four hits in the sixth inning, including a double by Gene Stott. The Cougars filled the bases with one out in the last inning and Ron Foley drove in two runs before the rally died.

The second game was decided in the seventh inning when a Beaver got on base through a fielder's choice and was advanced to the plate by three singles. Jerry Exley drove in the winning run.

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WSC	001	000	2-3	7 2
Pearce and Lovejoy: B. Arlow, Freeman (6) and Rich.				

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WSC	101	100	0-3	6 2
Guidetti and Lovejoy: Aiken, Plummer (6) and Rich.				

Orioles Crush Cubs

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (UP) — The Baltimore Orioles unloaded a barrage of home runs Saturday to snow under the Chicago Cubs, 16-2, at Wrigley Field.

Bob Adams, Tito Francona, Dave Philley, Jim Dyck and pitcher Irv Palica all hit for the circle as the Orioles broke loose with five runs in the third inning and five more in the fourth.

Spahn Wins Contest

SARASOTA, Fla. (UP) — Lefty Warren Spahn, the old maestro, snapped a six-game Milwaukee losing streak Saturday by going the distance for a five-hitter to defeat the Boston Red Sox 5-1 at Payson Field.

Spahn struck out three while leading four walks.



UP AND AT 'EM—Billy Hunter, one of the many aspirants for the Yankee shortstop job, displays his wares before the keen glance of Manager Casey Stengel at St. Petersburg training base.

Bobby Shantz Awaits Chance For Return

By FRANK ECK
AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Bobby Shantz, the 5 foot 6 1/2 inch who won 24 games to become the American League's most valuable player in 1952, has started

said Shantz as he took batting practice prior to a pitching workout at Connie Mack Field here. "During the winter I pitched three weeks indoors at a synagogue gymnasium in Philadelphia with Robin Roberts and Curt Simmons of the Phillies. My brother Bill and Joe Astroth (both catchers) also worked out with us."

"It makes you feel pretty good to hear that ball pop in a catcher's glove indoors. But it's not the same. You can't tell until you face the hitters, not only in the exhibition games but in the league games."

"When I didn't have my sore arm it was my change-up pitch that got me in trouble. I couldn't get it where I wanted it. I don't have too much speed, never did have, but my change up was my big pitch when I had my good season."

Shantz, who could put some pitching life into Lou Boudreau's Kansas City Athletics if he showed some of his old pitching form, says he has tried everything but new pitches.

"I talked to Ed Lopat, a couple of times," says Shantz. "He could throw that screwy, but I never could get much on a screwball pitch so I'm sticking with what I've got — or had — and plan plenty of work on the change up."

Shantz at 147 pounds is heavier this spring than ever before. He says he never has been lighter than 139 pounds and figures he'll be down to 140 pounds when the campaign opens on April 17th.

To look at him, even in uniform, you would never think he could pitch," says Boudreau. "But he could. If he is only part of the Shantz I used to know, and if Arnold Portocarrero is the pitcher he was two years ago we're going to have some fun in the league this year."

Gola Skeptical Of Russell Potential As Pro Ball Player

By JIMMY BRESLIN
NEA Staff Correspondent
PHILADELPHIA (NEA) — The storied talents which have made Bill Russell the No. 1 college basketball player of the year and a national record of 53 straight victories were being examined by Tom Gola.

Gola filled Russell's spot as the big man last year, when he led La Salle to the NCAA finals, where Russell and his Dons topped them.

Now, after going through the professional mill with the champion Philadelphia Warriors, Gola has some advice for Russell.

"He better get a shot," Tom says.

"Russell will have to change an awful lot up here," Gola adds. "He can make it. But he won't be the big everything he is in college."

"He can't shoot. Everybody knows that. But he's a good rebounder so a pro club would look for him to score by getting a few of those garbage shots underneath."

ONE MAN

"But as far as the rest goes, he'll have to leave it in college. Stuff like that one-man-team defense he plays. If he tried to stand in the middle and block layups and do this goal-tending stuff he does in college, they'd run crazy on him up here."

Gola was talking about the goal-tending which has made Russell a byword in basketball this year. The 6-10 coast star stations himself in the middle of the keyhole, picks up anybody who drives through and with one leap, his huge hands spread, bats a shot attempt away.

"In this league," Gola was saying, "the loose man — Russell's man — would stand on the outside and break records. Take anybody in this league. Say a guy like Harry Gallatin of New York. Harry is big. Russell might guard him. If Russell sloughs off him to play the middle, Harry would stand outside and bomb all night."

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Case Has Picking Problems

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (NEA) — An experienced baseball man gets dizzy watching the Yankees work at wire-fenced Miller Huggins Field on St. Petersburg's north side.

There are so many of them. The American League champions cut down their farm system. The idea was to have more quality and less quantity. But New York still has numbers, class, balance and over-all speed.

Casey Stengel hasn't had it so good in eight springs. The Bombers have possessed so much talent since Joe DiMaggio first showed up 20 years ago. And this comes after winning six pennants and a five world championships and finishing second in seven outines. Yankee haters had better get used to them.

The Yankees are like one of those big Las Vegas gambling houses. If you play them long enough — say 154 games — you've got to lose. They have too many combinations.

Manager Stengel announced his starting pitchers before the regular season reported — Ford, Byrne, Turley, Larsen and McDermott. Behind them are Grim, Morgan, Stanley, Kucks, Rip Coleman, Konstanty, Sturdivant and two or three recruits who can throw the ball through a brick wall. For example, Mark Fredman, who put in three years with Birmingham of the Eastern League before entering the armed forces, has only to set a piece of the plate to make it.

TRIPLE TEAM

Professor Stengel once more will double and triple team the enemy. He has the best left-hand hitting catcher in the league in Yogi Berra, the most formidable right-hand hitting catcher in Elston Howard. Backing them are Charley Silvers and Darrell Johnson, a Denver receiver who batted .306 for Stenlyer Johnny Blanchard will go out only because he is too bright a prospect to be in the dugout. He batted .34 home runs and drove in 111 runs for Birmingham.

Because he is the most dependable hitter in the group, Stengel hopes Gil McDougald can play shortstop, but the Yankees are not going to be hurt there, regardless. George Weiss has been trying to find a replacement for Phil Rizzuto for eight years, but little Scooter opened and closed last season and stuck out in the World Series.

Billy Hunter is still favoring the break above the right ankle. Jerry Lumpe, up from Birmingham, was the best shortstop in the chain. Woody Held manufactured 18 home runs and drove in 87 for Denver. Tony Kubek, only 20, moved from Quincy of the Three-Eye to Denver last season, because he can hit, throw and run. Tom Carroll, the bonus beauty, has to be lugged along.

ANYWHERE

Billy Martin will keep the fire lit under the club at second base. There are the customary three first basemen — Joe Collins, Bill Skowron and Eddie Robinson. Collins also plays right field. Skowron can double at third base, when Andy Carey starts. McDougald, of course, can play anywhere in the infield. So can Jerry Coleman and Bobby Richardson.

The Yankees were beaten in the World Series because their entire outfield was out of whack. Mickey Mantle for the first time is starting as sound as he possibly can be. Hank Bauer is his robust old self and Irv Noren appears to be back on two good knees after operations on them. Elston Howard will be available for outfielding when not catching. Bob Cerv can bust the ball.

Four new outfielding faces are attracting attention — Norm Siebern out of the Army; Lou Skizas and Whitey Herzog, from Denver; and Bob Martyn, graduated from Birmingham.

"That there Siebern could push someone out of a job," says Stengel.

The principal concern is about this big St. Louis 22-year-old's arm. He hurt his shoulder in a fall in the Mexican League, where he went after two years in the armed forces. Previously, he had two and a half years in the minors. He is a punch-and-thrower of tremendous power.

"It's quicker here. You don't see the ball as much. It goes around bang-bang and then somebody sticks it in. Back in college, we'd work a weak and do something off it. You always knew where the ball was. On defense, you had time. Up here, you turn your head and your guy gets two points."

"Russell will find it the same way. He'll guard one man. And he won't be blocking all his shots. Take the hook shot Neil Johnson has on this club. Russell is going to block that shot? Never."

When you talk of big men in basketball today, the inevitable is to compare Russell with a seven-foot freshman at Kansas University — a kid who hasn't played a college game yet, but whose talents are known to all.

"Chamberlain," Gola snorted. "He'd kill Russell."

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By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (UP) — Fearless Fraley's Facts and Figures:

The Big 10 is one of the leading quarterbacks and psalm singers whenever the CAA takes action against straying members of other conferences which makes it difficult to understand how come Ohio State has readmitted Hubert Bobo. Bobo is the young man who was given the boot last year for various reasons such as low marks and involvement in a paternity suit. But the word from the Midwest is that Bobo is back — and the fact that he may be the nation's best fullback unquestionably has everything to do with it.

Willie Hartack, the nation's leading rider last year, is in the same spot which faced Eddie Arcaro back in 1942 and cost him a Kentucky Derby winner.

PICKED LOSER

That year, Arcaro had his choice between Greenlee's Shut Out and Devil Diver. He picked the Diver and Wayne Wright, left with Shut Out, won the race run on the colt Arcaro snubbed. Now Hartack has given Calumet first call on his services and will have to choose among a bundle of derby probabilities including such hopefuls as Fabius, Eastgate and Liberty Sun.

SOME READ

The Durham Bulls of the Carolina League asked for help recently to locate Pitcher Marvin Menon. They had no luck but Curt Perry writes: "We have to assume that he can't read, in which event he would be useless to use anyway." You mean, Curt, that some athletes can read?

Maybe the licking we took at Corning had something to do with it, but the Middle Atlantic Skating Assn. will add the "pee-wee championships" when the U.S. indoor speed-skating titles are decided at Flushing, N.Y., April 7-8.

They will be open to speedsters of seven years of age, or over. Previously, the smallest class was for the eight and nine year old "midgets."

FIRST START

Early in the exhibition season Conley was positive the shoulder was strong. But Grimm shouldered his first start until after the rest of the Braves mound crew had a chance to make a showing.

When Conley's turn did come it was against the Dodgers and he put them down in three innings without a hit and then retired. The Braves felt fine.

Conley got his second chance last Monday. The New York Yankees mauled him for 10 hits and seven runs in five innings.

After the game, Del Crandall, Braves catcher and captain, said: "Control is farthest from Conley's mind. Every time he hears back to fire there must be the thought, 'but I feel it back in the shoulder.' But he did come through with the big one. . . some Conley had no comment."

Klamath Rifle Club To Meet

The regular weekly shoot of the Klamath Rifle and Pistol Club will be held this Wednesday evening in the Moose Hall at 7:30. Anyone interested in joining in the evening's practice session is welcome.

The club members are preparing for their April shoot with the Phoenix rifle team. There will be other competitive club action to follow this season for the local gunners.

Last Wednesday's practice shoot found John Dorisotto and J. D. Prime coping top honors in the four-position shooting event with scores of 390. The total possible score for the four positions was 400. Ed Ward was close behind with a 387.

The club is planning to start work on their new club house and firing range on Adams Street off East Main sometime in March. The plans call for 10 firing points, and will give Klamath Falls rifle and pistol marksmen a fine indoor range.

Anyone wishing to join the Klamath Rifle and Pistol Club should call John Dorisotto at 6836, or W. A. Hall at 3292.

Pirates Win, 12-11

FT. MYERS, Fla. (UP) — Outfielder Frank Thomas cracked a long single in the ninth inning with the bases loaded as the Pittsburgh Pirates Saturday nipped the Philadelphia Phillies 12-11 in a wild exhibition game.

It was Thomas' fifth safety of the game. On his previous trip to the plate, Thomas smashed a homer with two aboard that featured a seven-run Pirate uprising in the eighth.

Pins and Strikes

By SAMMY SORETHUMB

With the winter season nearing an end plans are in the making for the summer league schedule. A wide variety of interesting two, three and four man play is expected to take shape. The always popular mixed doubles leagues will be back plus a mixed foursome, men and women's trios, men's doubles and afternoon housewives and junior leagues.

Here in Klamath Falls last Sunday the C.P. & W.W. Ward team took a match from a Medford quintet while other Klamath Falls teams were in Medford to do battle. Marion Linville topped the efforts of the Winema hotel group as they lost one series and tied one with Jorgensen's Dairy. LaRayne Harris led her Fumbling Five to a split with Hawkinston's Tire. Klamath Basin Pine Mills won both of its series with the Medford Bowling Lanes while Lucky Lanes was trimming Tabu Dinner House. Outstanding scores were the order of the day as Don Ferguson rolled 634, Bob Cox 624, Charlie Booth 616, LaRayne Harris 564, and Clara Beard 504.

In doubles play with Medford the Klamath Falls teams had the best of it as they won the 20 game series from their opponents. Glen Rosterella and Dave Robb scored 860-1012-1872 against Andy Anderson and Charlie Sullivan's 941-937-1878 in the first five game series.

There were two oddities in scoring last week. First there was a triplicate 146 by Dick Kowalik, second was the unusual series totals of the Henley Herefords which went as follows: Bray 576, Ross 575, Haley 478, Schweigert 574 and Bold 573.

Another honor came to LaRayne Harris last week as she received a trophy for first place in the annual Oregon State 600 Club championships. To determine the winner the scores for the doubles and singles events at the State tournament are added together. LaRayne's scores were 649-577-1146.

Entry blanks are now being circulated for the annual Moose tournaments. The women's tourney is slated for April 8 and the men's on April 15.

Bill Russell, K. C. Jones Eye Olympic Competition

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — The San Francisco Dons, enjoying the glory of spearing their second straight NCAA cage crown, had only one wish left Saturday — that their brilliant Bill Russell does as well for the United States in the Olympics.

Of course, also goes for stellar K.C. Jones, who had to watch from the sidelines as his Dons team-mates capped their NCAA championship surge with Friday night's 83-71 title conquest of Iowa.

Jones missed San Francisco's tourney triumph because he was ineligible under NCAA rules.

But Russell is the man who appears the best collegiate bet to make the Olympic squad in the college — military — AAU "shake-down" tourney at Kansas City April 2-3-4.

The 6-10 Russell, who roamed the press box of McGraw Memorial Hall with Coach Phil Woolpert and other Dons after their championship triumph, took a pretty sage view of the Olympic Games at Melbourne late this year.

"Too much has been said about the rivalry between the United States and Russia," commented the Dons' big defensive "umbrella" man.

"That isn't the idea of the Olympic Games. Competition for the Temple's Hal (King) Lear.

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