

Northern Cage Clubs 'Smell Up' PCC Race

By JACK HEWINS
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SEATTLE — Nobody knows how long it may take for the Pacific Northwest to dissipate the odor of the 1956 Pacific Coast Conference basketball season.

For two reasons:
1. Things may get worse before they get better.
2. The odor is a local product.

It wasn't so noticeable when the conference was split into Northern and Southern divisions, but when

Buchan Quint Gains Finals In AAU Play

DENVER — The Buchan Bakers of Seattle, the first Pacific Northwest team ever to gain the final round of the National AAU basketball tournament, go for broke against the Phillips 66ers in the championship game Saturday night.

The Bakers called on 19-year-old Bruno Boin of the University of Washington for second half points that conquered the Milwaukee Allen-Bradleys in the semi-finals Friday night, 85-75.

The 66ers, defending champions of this tournament, whipped a team built around five seniors from this year's University of Alabama squad playing under the name of the Ada Oilers, 71-69.

Besides putting the Bakers and the 66ers in the championship game, Friday night's victories assured the two squads of a berth in the Olympic playoffs at Kansas City April 24. Phillips was the 1948 Olympic winner.

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BOWLING

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE		
Pin Cats	W	12
Pin Busters	L	13
South Street Wreckers	W	13
Strikers	L	20
Hawkeyes	W	18
Big Five	L	18
Beavers	W	32
Vile Cats	L	36
Rock and Rollers	W	8
Grubbers	L	42

Last night's results:
Pin Cats 3 Beavers 0
Rock and Rollers 3 Big Five 0
Wild Cats 3 Grubbers 0
Pin Busters 3 Hawkeyes 0
Strikers 0 Sixth Street 3

KINGLING KATZ LEAGUE		
Pin Toppers	W	46
Cherry Pickers	L	30
Bowlerettes	W	35
Scatter Pins	L	28

Last night's results:
Pin Toppers 4 Cherry Pickers 0
Scatter Pins 1 Bowlerettes 3

High team game—Wild Cats 922		
High team game—Wild Cats 1802	High individual game—Roger Ward	180
High individual game—Paul Svoboda		307

High team game—Pin Toppers 504		
High team game—Pin Toppers 1277	High individual game—Kathryn O'Brien	152
High individual game—Kathryn O'Brien		462

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NEW YORK (UP)—Gaspar Ortega of Mexico and Hardy Smallwood of Brooklyn will meet in a 10-round bout at St. Nicholas Arena, April 2, it was announced today.

MELBOURNE, Australia (UP)—Russia will spend about \$60-million this year on athletic facilities and preparations for the summer Olympics, it was announced today by Mikhail Pelyayev, chairman of Russia's Olympic committee.

STILLWATER, Okla. (UP)—The NCAA wrestling rules committee has recommended that the 1957 tournament be held at the University of Pittsburgh.

NEW YORK (UP)—An AAU track and field squad, consisting of six men and two women, planned to leave by plane today on a three-week tour of Africa. The group was headed by two world record holders, John Haines of Pennsylvania and Lou Jones, formerly of Manhattan College.

New Records Expected In Stamina Test

SEBRING, Fla. (UP)—With new speed records in prospect, 60 of the fastest sports cars made in Europe and America took the starter's flag Saturday in the 12-hour international Grand Prix of endurance.

Unless the brutal pace burns up the more powerful cars in the marathon battle around an abandoned wartime air base, the speed record book should be completely rewritten.

In the practice runs around the 5.2 mile asphalt and concrete course, Juan Fangio of Argentina, the world champion driver, was clocked unofficially at 3 minutes, 27 seconds on one of his faster laps. This was 11 seconds faster than the lap record for the race.

Fangio was driving one of the new 3½-liter Ferraris from Italy. With his co-driver, Eugenio Castellotti, the champion driver of Italy, he is a popular favorite among the thousands of fans who will witness this foremost U.S. sports car race.

Several other cars, notably the Maseratis of Italy and the D-type Jaguars of England, were clocked in record-breaking time, although the drivers insisted they were making no special effort to reach top speeds in the tuneup runs.

An accident marred Friday's workouts. Len Bastrup of Wilton, Conn., driving a Lotus Formula entry from England, skidded on a sharp turn, struck a barrier of baled hay, and flipped over. As nearby spectators fled, the aluminum-colored car broke into flames.

The Lotus landed bottom-side up, and Bastrup was pinned underneath. Onlookers ran to his aid, turned the car over and pulled him out of his shell. He suffered only minor burns.

BYE BEAVERS

DENVER (UP)—Colorado Game and Fish Commission has authorized the first open season on beaver in the state in 70 years. Private trappers were allowed to take 787 beaver in the season from March 15 through May 31. A similar open season is planned in the fall because of the big increase in beaver population.

Prayer, Pitching Bucs' Key

PORT MYERS, Fla. (UP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates are pinning all their hopes on pitching and a prayer to lift them out of the National League basement this year.

Bobby Bragan, brand new at the Pittsburgh helm, points to Bob Friend, Vern Law, Ronnie Kline, Dick Littlefield and Dick Hall as his starters and insists he wouldn't trade them for the Cincinnati, Chicago or St. Louis pitching staffs.

He says his Pirates' cellar-bound for the past four years, could finish as high as sixth this year, but he qualifies his statement with a big "if."

"It all depends on four men," Bragan says, "and those four are outfielders Frank Thomas and Bob Skinner, Littlefield and Danny Kravitz, a rookie catcher."

IMPROVEMENT

Thomas and Littlefield both had poor years last season but Bragan is looking for better showings from each of them.

Skinner, who had a trial with the Pirates in 1954 but spent last year with New Orleans of the Southern Association, is a converted first baseman who has been installed in left field. And Kravitz, the best looking rookie in the Pittsburgh camp, "can be another Yogi Berra some day," according to the new Buccanier skipper.

Right now, Bragan cites his pitching staff as Pittsburgh's chief strength. He calls the outfield and the catching the two big weaknesses.

As far as the outfield goes, Thomas has been shifted from center to right field; Skinner has been assigned to left—where he is having some trouble on judging balls—and Roberto Clemente, Bobby Del Greco and Lee Walls are all in the battle for center field. Jerry Lynch, a holdover from last year, also is available for outfield duty.

BOGS DOWN

Bragan is well satisfied with rangy Dale Long at first base, but if Long bogs down, he has Preston Ward ready for duty.

Speedy Curt Roberts, back with the Pirates after a year under Johnny O'Brien, is receiving consideration there, too. Duke University's gift to the majors, Dick Groat, will be the regular shortstop, and Gene Freese, "a kid with great desire," in Bragan's words, has third base pretty well clinched.

Dick Cole and Eddie O'Brien shape up as Pittsburgh's infield reserves.

Toby Atwell and Jack Shepard probably will handle most of Pittsburgh's catching, but Bragan says don't be too surprised if Kravitz is behind the plate on opening day.

O'Connor To Coach Stars

EVANSTON, Ill. (UP)—Bucky O'Connor, coach of Iowa's runners-up in the NCAA basketball championships, will coach the 14-man college Olympic basketball squad at the trials at Kansas City next month.

O'Connor accepted the appointment Friday night after Phil Woolpert of San Francisco's NCAA champions turned it down.

Arthur (Dutch) Lomborg, chairman of the college group of the Olympic Basketball Committee, appointed O'Connor after Woolpert's refusal.

The appointment was to have gone to the coach of the NCAA champions but Woolpert pulled out after his team whipped Iowa, 83-71, in the championship game.

"The Olympics will be held in November and December," Woolpert said. "This will interfere with our basketball season. I couldn't get leave, and besides I'd like to relax for a while."

O'Connor, 42, has been head basketball coach at Iowa for five years. His Hawkeyes repeated as Big Ten champions this year. Last year Iowa finished fourth in the NCAA playoffs.

Shuff-Stuff

Registration for the annual city singles and doubles shuffleboard championships will close tonight. Anyone interested in signing up for the tourney should do so sometime today.

The entry fee will be \$1.50 this year. Registration can be made by calling 2-9301 or by contacting any of the regular season team sponsors.

Dates of the singles and doubles playoffs will be announced after the close of registration. There will be trophies and cash prizes for

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NO RUNNING ROOM—Daryl Spencer, left, in battle with three others for the Giants' second base job at Phoenix. Right to right, Terwilliger, Billy Gardner and Foster Castleman.

Hal Wood's Weekend Sport Shorts

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Weekend's shorts:

The A.A.U., looking for ways to improve its public relations, got off to a shaky start the other day when one of its officials circulated a letter to the press announcing that no press photographers would be allowed at the national AAU track and field meet this year. All this did was bring threats of a boycott from some newspapermen.

One thing about those USP donors and their backers—they go first class. A banquet honoring the Dons, sponsored by various San Francisco organizations, will be held here April 5—and tickets are \$12.50 each! Proceeds, of course, to the building fund, so that the Dons will have a home of their own in which to play.

Speaking of USP, there is a night class taught there entitled: "How to watch a football game." Teacher is a fellow named Bob McKenzie, who actually is a political science professor. But he knows football, too. Does a bit of scouting for the Cleveland Browns.

If Gov. Goodwin Knight really is interested in cleaning up the boxine mess, he could follow in the footsteps of the Pennsylvania commission and put a clamp on all men with police records in connection with the sport.

Average number of favorites who win at a race track is about 32 percent. But at Tanforan the percentage right now is only 19, which makes it tough on the "sure thing" bettors.

ATTENDANCE

A research firm, hired by radio station KYA of Oakland, comes up with an announcement that a test of 5000 fans in the Bay Area reveals this: 440,000 fans will attend San Francisco Seals baseball games this year; the Seals, with their new Boston Red Sox tie-up, will win the pennant; average attendance on Sundays will be 12,000; 26-29 points up the fact again that there isn't a stand-out professional golfer now touring the country. Gone are the days when a Walter Hagen, Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson, Sam Snead or Gene Sarazen could blanket the field. Out of about 30 PGA-sponsored events this year, there have been 22 different winners.

Philadelphia Bounces Nats

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—The classy Philadelphia Warriors, Eastern Division champions of the National Basketball Association, journeyed to Syracuse today for a Palm Sunday meeting with the Nats in the hope of notching their second straight playoff victory.

The Warriors steamrolled over the Syracuse five, 169-87, Friday night in Convention Hall, breaking a club record in a playoff game but more important gaining a 1-0 edge in the best of five series against the defending NBA champion.

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Daryl Spencer Ready For Return To Giants

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

PHOENIX, Ariz.—(NEA)—The Giants recall 1953 as the year of the great collapse, but to Daryl Spencer it was the year of confusion.

Leo Durocher had more than a dozen of the Polo Grounds mixed up. It's Bill Rigney's job to straighten them out here in the Valley of the Sun.

Spencer reported at the Phoenix ball park three years ago the most highly regarded of minor league players—a six-foot, two-inch, 190-pound shortstop who swatted the long ball.

Now, after two years in the Army, the handsome Kansan is back for another bid at 26, a strong candidate to give New York badly needed right-hand batting punch at either third or second base.

"I didn't know whether I was coming or going in 1953," the personable Spencer, an airplane draftsman by trade, recalls.

"Leo (Durocher) told me I was the regular shortstop, then I found myself playing third and second base. I felt terrible, for I had never played anything but shortstop, and any baseball man knows shortstops are hard to find."

"Leo moved Alvin (Dark) all over the infield at first. I felt funny seeing an established star like Dark switching his position for a green kid like me. I knew Leo had confidence in me, but I never could figure him out."

"He'd tell the writers one thing about me and tell me something entirely different. I don't blame Leo for my play in 1953. What I do say is that he seemed to want to keep pressure on me."

"He batted me fourth one day. I went 6-for-4 and the next afternoon I batted seventh. Leo came to me and said I wasn't a power hitter. He wanted me to learn to hit to right field. If he thought I wasn't a power hitter why did he have me hitting clean-up in the first place?"

Spencer never did get going in '53, yet he whacked 20 home runs in a generally unsatisfying campaign and more than half of his 85 hits were for extra bases.

In addition to being slightly fuddled in '53, young Spencer had to overcome another obstacle. He was struck on the cheek six days before the season opened by a fast ball thrown by Mike Garcia of the Indians at Nashville. Teeth were loosened.

"Did the beating have anything to do with his .208 batting average? The answer is negative."

"I was back at third base in the Sunday exhibition game at the Polo Grounds before the season opened," he recalls. "The pitch that hit me didn't bother me, but one that missed me did."

That seems like a confusing statement, but Spencer explains: "We were at Ebbets Field in late July or early August, when Billy Lee knocked me down. I was really shaken. The boys in the dugout said I turned pale. When I got up, I began thinking of the Garcia pitch that hit me. I said to myself, 'Kid, you could have been killed.' I had 17 homers before Lee dented me. If I hit only three more the rest of the way, I didn't dig in the rest of the year."

Spencer insists that he isn't plate shy now. "It was just something that I had on my mind in 1953," he said.

Respectable, ministerial - appearing Rigney, who has a way with ballplayers, has taken a lot off Spencer's mind. The boy seems more relaxed here this year. And he isn't the only one.

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