

By LINES from the SIDELINES

by CLAYTON HANNON

Jay Dearing, a Klamath Falls product, sparked the University of Oregon wrestling team in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament last weekend at San Luis Obispo by winning the 134-pound coast championship. Oregon placed second as a team, losing to a surprisingly tough Cal Poly entry.

Dearing, the older of the two Dearing wrestling brothers who won state prize titles under Dutch Simons at Klamath Union High School, has been one of coach Bill Hammer's mainstays on the varsity squad this year. Hammer expects more fine wrestling from Jay who is a junior at Oregon.

Jay is the third Klamath Falls wrestler to win a Pacific Coast wrestling championship and the first at the University of Oregon. Two others, John Witte and Louie Taucher, picked up PCI titles while wrestling for Oregon State.

Witte won the coast heavyweight title his freshman year and went on to place second in the nationals, losing to Frank McPhee, the Princeton all-American football end. Taucher won his coast crown in 1957 and finished fourth in the Greco-Roman class in the nationals held in Pennsylvania.

Dearing is now entitled to enter the NCAA nationals to be held in the near future.

When Rocky Marciano turned down the million dollar-plus offer to meet Floyd Patterson early this week, it was the smartest move ever made by the ex-king of the heavyweights.

Rocky learned what many boxing greats failed to pick up until it was too late. He is set financially and holds a great deal of prestige. Can you imagine how much the Massachusetts Mauler would fall in the eyes of fight fans if he had returned and been beaten? Which would have probably been the case.

Think back to the last days of the great Joe Louis, who, if he hadn't come back after retiring as undefeated world champion, would have lived a lot longer in the minds of sports fans. Prestige is one thing that is lost almost as fast as money in the sports world.

Speaking of the heavyweight ranks reminds us of a prediction made by Bylines in 1956, one that could be called as close "guess," but just off enough to be wrong.

After watching young Eddie Machen of Redding dispose of Joey Rowan in a Portland television fight, we ventured out on the limb of fate with words to the effect that Machen would challenge a fighter by the name of Floyd Patterson for the world's heavyweight championship in June of 1958.

At the time of this writing, Patterson was still a contender and Machen was a western youngster who was trying to break the eastern hold on big time boxing. Although there is still time left to bring about such a fight, it seems doubtful that Patterson and Machen will meet this June. But it was close.

It's amusing how Jim Norris and his IBC counterparts are screaming about Patterson's manager Gus D'Amato being hard to work with. If you will recall, D'Amato had to fight tooth and toenail to get his fighter a match with a "name" heavyweight in his early years in the flat profession.

The shoe is on the other foot now, and it's pinching Norris' toe.

OTI Rodeo Team Members Victors

Oregon Tech rodeo team members walked off with two championships and other top places in their first collegiate meet of the season over the weekend at Fresno, California. The Owls placed second in team scoring to Cal Poly in a field of eight entries.

Gary Gregg won the saddle bronc championship and placed third in the bull riding. Vern Mobley won the calf roping championship. Bill Duffy was third in calf roping and Jerry Miller was second in bareback riding and fourth in saddle bronc competition.

The next meet will be March 29-30 when the OTI team visits Arizona State at Tempe.

DeMolay Golds Nab Victory Win

In Victory League play at Mills School Tuesday night the DeMolay Golds dumped Coca Cola 52-47 while the National Guard cagers won the nod over the DeMolay Blues by virtue of a forfeit.

Leading the Golds to their win was Gerry Robertson who collected 16 points and high scoring honors for the night.

Wednesday night a game is scheduled between the Gun Store and Farmer's Sand and Gravel.

Gambie On UP's 2nd Team

NEW YORK (UP)—Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain of Kansas, Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati and Elgin Baylor of Seattle were overwhelming choices today for the 1958 United Press All-America basketball team.

Guy Rodgers of Temple and little Don Hannon of Pittsburgh won the two other positions on the United Press team selected by the votes of 257 sports writers and radio and television broadcasters throughout the nation.

This year's team was unique in at least four respects:

1. Chamberlain, the seven-foot Kansas center who was chosen for the second year in a row, appeared on 96.9 per cent of the ballots cast. This represents an all-time high since the United Press All-America was inaugurated in 1949. Chamberlain attracted 225 first-team votes and 24 for the second team. The previous high percentage was 95.5 received by Bill Russell of San Francisco in 1956.

2. Never before had three players dominated the balloting as Chamberlain, Robertson and Baylor did this year. Robertson, who actually polled five more first-place votes than Chamberlain, was mentioned on 95 per cent of the ballots, while Baylor's popularity was 94.6 per cent.

3. This is the youngest academic team ever to make the United Press All-America. Rodgers is the only senior. Robertson is only the third sophomore ever to win United Press All-America honors. Chamberlain, Baylor and Hannon are juniors.

4. Four of the five players are Negroes — all except Hannon. This year's team, if ever sent into actual competition, would make a superbly coordinated unit. Chamberlain is a pivot man with a multitude of shots.

The 6-foot-6 Baylor and 6-foot-5 Robertson are ideal forecourt men. Rodgers, at six feet, is a remarkable playmaker and feeder. He is the "take-charge-guy" on the court.

Hannon, a "mighty mite" at 5-foot-9, is primarily a shooter, but a great one. Hannon won the fifth place on the team by a sizable margin over Kansas State's Bob Boozer, who headed the second team. Following Boozer in the voting was Archie Dees of Indiana, Dave Gambie of Oregon State, Mike Farmer of San Francisco and Tom Hawkins of Notre Dame.

Lloyd Sharrar and Jerry West, two members of West Virginia's national champions, was picked on the third team. Other choices were Bailey Howell of Mississippi State, Pete Brennan of North Carolina and Johnny Green of Michigan State.

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Take It From Martin, Yanks Can Be Beaten

LAKELAND, Fla., (UP)—The Yankees unbeatable? Don't make Billy Martin laugh.

"Listen," said the new Detroit shortstop, "the Yankees are a great bunch of guys and I still have a lotta friends on that club, but they can be beaten just like anyone else."

"This club right here," Martin said, pointing around at some of his Tiger teammates, "has proven it can beat the Yankees during the season. In their minds they know they can beat the Yankees, and I think Detroit will beat 'em out for the pennant this year."

Martin, a Yankee mainstay for seven years before he was traded away last year, cited his reasons for believing the defending American League champions can be taken.

"They'll be in deep soup defensively if anything should happen to (Frank) Baum or (Mickey) Mantle in the outfield," he declared. "Who are they gonna play out there? Slaughter or Simpson?"

"The three key men on their club are Yogi (Berra), (Gil) McDougald and Mantle. If one of those three get hurt, they're in trouble. And if something should happen to two of those guys, bye-bye baby."

Martin insisted that Detroit doesn't necessarily have to beat the Yankees this year to win the pennant.

"You don't win the pennant by beating the Yankees," he said. "You win it by beating clubs like Kansas City and Washington. Last year, Detroit beat the Yanks 10 times and lost 12 but had an 8-14 record against Kansas City. The Pelican Booster Club was host Tuesday night at the Willard Hotel to more than 60 members and fans who gathered in a pre-tournament rally and banquet at which the 11 man traveling squad of the conference champion Pelicans guests.

Club president Harry Molatore introduced Pel coach Don Megale who in turn introduced the players and asked them to express their views on the upcoming state tournament to be held in Eugene.

The team members echoed a sentiment presented by Megale. "We realize that there are 15 other clubs who feel that they will be the next state champions. We will have to go all out to beat them and we are positive that we will."

Klamath Union Principal Charley Carlson made note of the fact that an additional \$310 was needed to make sure that the KUHS pep band would be able to make the trip as moral support for the Pelicans. He stated that the individual members of the band had already pledged \$10 per person toward defraying the expenses.

Various members of the group present expressed a willingness to help contribute the balance.

Cal, SU In NCAA Regionals

BERKELEY, Calif., (UP)—Four Western basketball teams — three of them conference champions — play Wednesday night for the right to compete in the NCAA Western Regional this weekend.

The playoff matches Idaho State College, champ of the Rocky Mountain Conference, against Border King Arizona State of Tempe, and independent Seattle versus Wyoming, the Skyline champion.

The two winners plus California and the University of San Francisco meet Friday and Saturday nights in San Francisco's Cow Palace to decide which goes to Louisville for the final NCAA tourney.

USF, champ of the West Coast Athletic Conference, has won the Western Regional three years running and took the national title in 1955 and 1956. Last year the Dons finished third to North Carolina and Kansas. This year they are ranked fourth nationally.

The Bengals from Pocatello, Idaho, despite the loss of Lloyd Harris, their top scorer, rate a slight edge over Arizona State. Harris is ineligible for NCAA play because he played basketball his freshman year.

Seattle, led by All America Elgin Baylor, is the choice to stop Wyoming. Seattle is 19-5 for the year; Wyoming 13-13.

Baylor, a 6-6 junior, averaged nearly 33 points this season.

Seattle lost to USF 60-51 early in the season. The Dons ended their season with a 24-1 record, the only loss a one-point job to Stanford.

Winnemucca Sets Sportscar Rally

Local sportscar owners who wish to test the maneuverability of their foreign imports, and their own skill as drivers, may compete in the rally to be held in Winnemucca, Nevada, Sunday, April 20.

This announcement was made today by Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Manager R. Frank Tucker, who said he has a letter from secretary-manager of the Nevada group.

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KANSAS CITY (UP)—Western Illinois College's Leathernecks were still on hand for the second round of the National Intercollegiate (NAIA) Basketball Tournament Wednesday but apparently were as spent as the school's torchbearers who ran the 319 miles from Macomb to Kansas City.

Western Illinois (24-0) and five other seeded teams survived the first round.

In the last game Wednesday night, Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Wash., will face Georgetown, Ky., 8 p.m. PST.

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