

Coast Teams Test Powers NY Giants Surprise Howell

Midwest To Draw Cal, UW

United Press International

From California to Ohio, Western basketball powers will test their strength in hostile pavilions in a bulging slate of intersectionals tonight.

California and Washington, most frequently mentioned choices for the Pacific Coast crown in admittedly a wide-open year, meet Iowa and Wisconsin in a high-powered double bill at Madison, Wis.

The once-beaten Bears have been a surprise to their fans this year, while the twice-beaten Huskies have yet to show the greatness so freely predicted for them. They might blossom tonight.

In other tussles, unbeaten Southern California is at Oklahoma while Colorado, which handed Washington its two setbacks, moves in against UCLA. Indiana is at Oregon State.

BAY AREA VS. UTAH

Santa Clara and St. Mary's, two of the big guns in the West Coast Athletic Conference, try their hands against a pair of Skyline Conference toughies, Utah and Brigham Young, in the enemy's gym. Each of the four teams has lost only one game. Brigham Young upset Kansas State earlier this week.

In more localized action, USF hosts Stanford. At Arcata, Calif., the second round of the Far West Conference tourney will pit Nevada against San Francisco State, and Humboldt State against Sacramento State in the winners bracket tonight after the losers have scrambled for consolation honors in afternoon contests.

Washington State is at Montana State, Fresno State at Idaho State and Redlands at San Jose State. It was the Fresnoans who wrote the biggest headlines last night while in other action, some Western schools had varying luck in intersectional tilts.

The Bulldogs dropped PCC stalwart Idaho 55-52, and did it in the Vandals' gym. The Californians grabbed a 36-24 half-time lead and hung on.

Tom Gilcrest and 6-8 Gary Alcorn scored 12 each for the winners, with Alcorn dominating board play.

The powerful Fresnoans could conceivably sneak into the NCAA tourney in an at-large post March and then go on from there to break a few hearts.

TIGERS TRAMPLED

College of Pacific continued to get its lumps on the road as Marshall College drubbed the tired Tigers 96-71 at Huntington, W.Va. Leo Byrd of the winners had 23, while Dave Klurman was high for COP with 23.

At Arcata, the scores were Nevada 62 Southern Oregon 57, San Francisco State 72 Willamette 61, Sacramento State 58 Chico State 49, Humboldt 69 Cal Aggies 42.

Other highlights last night: Wichita downed Santa Barbara State 81-65 at the Kansas' Al Tate gunning 21 points. Gonzaga rolled over North Dakota 85-59 with Frank Burgess sinking 23 points for the winners. Portland edged Iowa, N.Y. 57-55. Sterling Forbes tallied 23 markers as Pepperdine swept past Wheaton 74-56.

ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

DETROIT (UPI) — James S. Kearns, a veteran Chicago newspaperman, has been named director of publicity for the 1959 Pan American Games to be held from Aug. 27 through Sept. 7.

Fifth Place Tigers Top AL Percentages

CHICAGO (AP) — One look at the final American League fielding averages would give no indication as to which team won the pennant.

Topping the league in fielding was Detroit with a .982 percentage. The Tigers finished fifth. The champion New York Yankees finished sixth in fielding with a .976 percentage while tailend Washington tied Baltimore for third in fielding with a .980 average.

The Chicago White Sox, league leaders in fielding in 1956 and 1957, finished second to Detroit with .981. Kansas City finished fifth with a .979 average. Boston was seventh with .976 and Cleveland last with .974.

The Yankees, however, had two individual leaders. Bill Skowron led all first basemen with a .993 average through 118 games and Yogi Berra topped the catchers. Yogi had a perfect record through 88 games as he handled 509 putouts and made 41 assists.

Detroit's Frank Bolling came

TIME OUT



"The kid hoped to have a restaurant from his ring earnings, but he hasn't quite made it!"

McMurtry, Nino Valdes Fight Tonight

NEW YORK (UPI)—Machine-gun Pat McMurtry, Irish ex-Marine sergeant, hopes to make tonight's fight with Nino Valdes, the Cuban giant, a "Dempsey-Willard affair."

"I may not get him early, but I hope to chop him down before the final bell," said the speedy heavyweight contender with the brownish crewcut from Tacoma, Wash.

However, big Nino—who claims to be uncrowned king of the heavyweights—is favored at 7-5 for their 11-rounder at Madison Square Garden, source of the national telecast and broadcast by NBC at 10 p.m. e.s.t.

McMurtry, at least two inches shorter than his 6-foot-3 opponent and about 25 pounds lighter than Nino's usual 214, recalled that Jack Dempsey was out-weighted about 60 pounds by towering Jess Willard in 1919 when the Manassas Mauler wrecked Big Jess for the heavyweight title.

"I'm no Dempsey," Pat admitted with a grin, "but I think I've got the speed and punch to bring him down."

Actually, Pat looked more like ex-Marine Gene Tunney on Oct. 17, when he gave slugger George Chuvalo, champion of Canada, a lop-sided beating at the Garden. That was McMurtry's latest fight and only New York appearance. He was very impressive with his repeated left jab and rapid-fire combinations that had the 9-5 favorite bloody and groggy in the late going.

Whether 34-year-old Valdes could take such a battering from 26-year-old Pat is questionable. Chuvalo was only 21.

Barnes Selected New Bruin Coach

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Bill Barnes, a disciple of the late Henry (Red) Sanders, today officially took over as head football coach at UCLA after a season as acting coach.

Following Sanders' death last August, his first assistant, George Dickerson, was appointed head coach. But Dickerson fell victim to nervous exhaustion and Barnes stepped in to run the team.

UCLA ended the season with a record of three wins, six losses and one tie. But under Barnes the Bruins lost to conference champion California by only two points, defeated 1957 champion Oregon, and tied Southern California.

Bolling had a .984 mark to the .9648 record by Chicago's Nellie Fox. Billy Gardner of Baltimore was third with .9845.

Joe DeMaestri of Kansas City led the shortstops for the second straight season with the identical mark of .980 which made him first in 1957.

Eddie Yost, recently traded to Detroit by Washington, was the No. 1 third baseman with a .964 average.

Baltimore's Jim Busby, traded to Boston this week, made only one error to lead all regular outfielders with a .995 percentage. Al Kaline of Detroit was second with .994 and Washington slugger Roy Sievers was third with a .991.

Ned Garver of Kansas City topped the pitchers with two errors in 77 chances for a .974 average. Thirty-seven pitchers went through the season without a miscue with Billy O'Dell of Baltimore topping the perfectionists with 44 chances.

The Yankees again led the league in double plays with 182, one less than their 1957 total.

Playoff Said Not Expected

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Lee Howell looks you straight in the eye when he tells you that nobody—but nobody—is more surprised than he over the New York Giants' amazing climb into a first-place Eastern Conference deadlock with the Cleveland Browns.

The tall Giant coach watched his squad perspire through its next-to-last stiff workout for the big playoff game Sunday against the Browns for the right to meet Baltimore in the NFL title game.

"This is not a real good team," he said earnestly. "It's the most determined, fighting group I've ever coached, but it still makes mistakes and is still learning. I honestly thought we'd never get as far as we have."

"When the season started I didn't think we'd win more than four games. And if I had known about all those injuries I'd have said we'd be lucky to win more than two games."

To what did he attribute the Giants' 9-3 record?

"A great defense, a good bench, Spirit, hustle, will to win, increasing confidence with each victory. Harmony and unity," he said.

"It's a real team in every sense of the word. Every player is a coach. They help each other, cheer each other, point out each other's mistakes. They make it easy for the coaches."

Howell proudly pointed to team statistics which showed the Giants first in the league in defense against rushing and against passing.

"I showed those figures to the boys just a few minutes ago," said Howell. "I also pointed out that our Jim Patton was No. 1 in pass interceptions. They were mighty proud of that. They jokingly referred to themselves as the triple crown champions."

So. Oregon, WU Beaten

ARCATA, Calif. (AP) — It's strictly the consolation bracket today for Oregon's two entries in the Far West Invitational Basketball tournament here.

Southern Oregon Thursday bowed to Nevada 62-57, while Willamette went down 72-61 to San Francisco State.

SOC and Willamette met at 1:30 p.m. in a consolation game that opened today's tournament action.

Southern Oregon twice held the lead late in its game before Nevada finally went ahead and iced the victory with a stall.

With five minutes left, SOC led 56-55. Nevada's Stan Summers tied it with a free throw. Then Dave D'Olivio pushed SOC ahead again with a field goal—but Nevada came up with its game-winning rally. D'Olivio led SOC with 12 points.

A first-half fast break was the key to San Francisco State's victory. Willamette trailed 43-31 at halftime, and never threatened. Ed Grossenbacher led Willamette with 12 points.

Herron Paces Duck Scorers

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—Dale Herron, the hustling junior forward from Hoquiam, continued to lead the "minkmaster" offense in scoring after four games with a 19.5 point average as the Oregon Ducks took a week off for final examinations and readied themselves for the two game series with Montana next Monday and Tuesday.

Herron, starting his second season as a regular, also has put together the best record from the free throw line as he has missed only five of 31 attempts and put together one string of 16 straight perfect tosses.

Stu Robertson, one of Herron's running mates in the "absent center" attack used by coach Steve Belko, boosted his scoring average to 15.3 points per game against Wichita and also took over the lead in the field goal accuracy department when he hit nine of 15 against the Shockers to shave his average from the floor to .483 for the season. He also is the top rebounder with 36 for four games.

Gov. LeRoy Collins' book it's Clemson over Louisiana State in the Sugar Bowl New Year's Day.

Collins, an avid sports fan, said he had a hunch Clemson would upset the national football champs at New Orleans.

Governor Picks Clemson To Win

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. LeRoy Collins' book it's Clemson over Louisiana State in the Sugar Bowl New Year's Day.

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College Holiday Festivals Open Play Friday Evening

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The merry whirl of holiday basketball tournaments starts spinning in full swing tonight. Four college festivals in the South launch this frantic period that will stretch next New Year's Day.

The University of Kentucky Invitational will take place at Lexington. Blue Grass Festival begins at Louisville. The Birmingham Classic gets under way at Birmingham, Ala., and the Citadel Invitational at Charleston, S. C. First-round games in all four tournaments will be played tonight. The finals will be decided Saturday night.

Second-ranked Kentucky (6-0), host in its own sixth annual invitational, meets Ohio State (1-2) after seventh-ranked West Virginia (6-1), the tournament's defending

titled has played Oklahoma State (2-2).

Tenth-ranked North Carolina (3-0) faces Notre Dame (1-3) in the first game of the third annual Blue Grass Festival. Northwestern (2-0), listed sixth nationally, goes against host Louisville (4-2) in the afterpiece.

Pairings for the sixth annual Birmingham Classic are 13th-ranked Auburn (3-0) vs. Wyoming (2-3) and Alabama (3-2) vs. Texas A&M (4-0).

The Citadel (3-1) is the host in its first invitational and meets Georgia (3-1) in the second game. Miami, Fla., (4-2) clashes with Florida State (3-3) in the opener.

The fifth annual Quantico Marines Christmas Invitational Tourney ended Thursday night with host Quantico capturing the championship for the fourth time. The Marines defeated American University of Washington, D. C., 69-63.

The semifinals of the annual NAIA South-Central Tipoff Tourney will take place at Nashville, Tenn., tonight with Villa Madonna (Ky.) meeting Kentucky State and host Tennessee A&I opposing Panhandle (Okla.).

In Thursday's opening round Kentucky State ousted Anderson (Ind.) 63-56, Villa Madonna eliminated Peru (Neb.) State 73-72, Panhandle beat Fisk (Tenn.) 54-53 and top-seeded Tennessee State A&I, the winner of last season's NAIA tourney, trounced Berea (Ky.) 106-54.

Tennessee, No. 5, was the only member of the nation's top 10 teams in action Thursday night. The undefeated Vols overcame a five-point halftime deficit to whip Davidson 67-52 for their fifth straight victory.

Bradley (No. 11) posted its fifth triumph in a row by walling Nebraska 85-48 while 18th-ranked Pitt bowed to Westminster (Pa.) 78-63 for the Panthers' second setback in five starts.

Panthers Fall To Merrill

By JOHN NOLEN

Herald and News Sports Writer MERRILL — A last second rally by the scrappy Chiloquin Panthers nearly cost the Merrill Huskies their first loss of the season but time ran out on the Panthers as they fell before the league leaders, 41-29, Thursday night at Merrill.

Panther guard John Ochoa kept his team on the heels of the Merrill squad as he led both teams in the scoring column, racking up 16 points. Most of his tallies came on long one-handed set shots from outside the key. Bud Maupin of Merrill followed Ochoa with 15 counters and teammate Bruce Brickner, the 6-4 sophomore, racked up 14.

Merrill led at the end of the first quarter, 11-9, as Maupin and Ochoa staged a long shot duel, each countering six tallies.

At the half it was 21-16, Merrill, as Maupin again scored six points, all on long jump shots.

In the third period the scoring pace picked up as both teams hit the net with consistency, Merrill still holding its lead, 31-27.

The final period was a hectic eight minutes for both teams. The Huskies worked up a 16-point lead, 40-24, with 1:40 remaining in the tilt, as Brickner hit a pair of vital jump shots and Maupin raced the length of the floor for a layin.

It was at this point the Panthers staged their rally as Ochoa stole the ball and scored with 30 seconds left and Paul Harris hit a long set shot from the side with four seconds remaining but time ran out on the determined bid.

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Today's necessarily rapid transition from one sport to another oftentimes finds a number of very deserving people going entirely without recognition or even thanks for a job well done.

These same people would be the last to gripe about the situation. And the next season finds them right back at the same old stand, ready and anxious to repeat the whole thing.

While basketball is getting all the raves around KUHS and Klamath Falls right now, KU football coach Andy Knudsen jumped at the opportunity Wednesday night at the Grid Awards banquet to thank and compliment these "behind the scenes" performers.

In addition to introducing his players, the seniors individually, Knudsen was high in his praise for Francis (Scap) Scapple, the equipment manager for the entire football program. Scap, a teacher of mechanical drawing at KU, is responsible for the care, repair, etc., of every bit of football gear from shoulder pad laces to band-aids to the whirlpool bath, clean jerseys to dirty socks, kickoff tees to maybe even the goal posts.

Said Knudsen, "Having Scap on the scene sure takes a lot of pressure off the coaches—whether he knows it or not, he is appreciated."

In addition to his football job, Scap is also responsible for baseball and track equipment.

Another group that Knudsen brought to the attention of the crowd was the team of student managers who as Andy put it, "Really take a beating—the day before a game when all the players may be getting a shade edgy and hard to please, and me too, for that matter, they really are a busy bunch of boys. We could never get along without them."

The managers this year were headed by Gary Zumwalt and include Jim Scapple, Danny Hamilton and Denny Baker.

It has been said that you can't teach an old dog new tricks... at least for a time.

Slats Gill, who is entering his 31st year as head of the OSC Beavers' basketball fortunes, has been a strict devotee of the two-handed, underhanded school of thought on the matter of free throws... for 30 years.

Things have changed... slightly... now, two players, Ron Critchfield and Jim Woodland, shoot their gitties with one hand... for now that is. Until they "learn how to shoot with both hands."

To this writer's way of thinking the choices of Nick Insley and Larry Bunsard to serve as captains of the 1959 KU grid squad reflects sound judgment on the parts of the players voting them in and also reflects a lot of credit to the pair for tremendous changes in attitude. The Pelicans are gaining ground.

Henley High boasts a rooting (Continued on Page 2-B)

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Oregon Preppers Face Cage Duty

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oregon Prep Basketball Roosevelt (Portland) 59, Gresham 35 (two overtimes)

More than 80 Oregon high school basketball games are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights as most of the teams wind up action until after the Christmas holidays.

Portland league teams will be in seven games Friday. None will play again until the league season opens Jan. 6.

Three of them—Grant, state championship runnerup last season, Franklin and Cleveland—have perfect three-game records. Grant will meet Douglas of the Portland Metropolitan League.

Cleveland goes against another Metropolitan team, Central Catholic. Franklin will travel to play Camas, Wash.

There will be lots of attention on the games between Astoria and Springfield and between Beaverton and Corvallis.

Holiday Bowl Set Saturday

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A pair of unbeaten teams with high-powered offenses battle for the national small college football championship Saturday before a Holiday Bowl crowd of some 10,000 persons and national television audiences.

Both Arizona State of Flagstaff and Northern Arizona State are expected to put on a wide-open show that could rival the excitement of last year's Holiday Bowl clash in which Pittsburgh (Kan.) State tipped Hillsdale (Mich.) State 27-26.

Each team has averaged better than four touchdowns a game this season in rolling over all opposition. In winning 11 games and stretching their unbeaten streak to 14, the Arizona Lumberjacks have outscored their opponents an average of 28-7. The Redmen from Oklahoma have nearly identical record, outscoring 10 foes an average of 29-8.

The two teams won Dec. 6 playoff games to qualify for the Holiday Bowl, which the National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics bills as its championship game.

The Redmen, ranked No. 1 in the NAIA ratings, stopped St. Benedict's of Kansas 19-14, and the Arizonians, No. 2, blasted Gustavus Adolphus of Minnesota 41-12. CBS will telecast at 2 p.m., EST.

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WSC Waiting For Frosh Team MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Just wait until next year could be the slogan of Washington State College's new basketball Coach Marv Harshman. The ex-Pacific Lutheran mentor beat the bushes for tall timber and apparently his efforts are beginning to pay off.

The WSC freshmen raced to their fourth straight basketball win Thursday night with a 75-59 thumping of the Idaho yearlings.

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