



Great In '58

Better In '59

'Oscar' Leads AP All-America

NEW YORK (AP)—Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati—"A greater player this year than last." Jerry West of West Virginia—"There's no one who can compare to him in all-around ability." Bob Boozer of Kansas State—"Hardest to stop big man in college basketball." Bailey Howell of Mississippi State—"Greatest player in the Southeastern Conference since Bob Pettit." Johnny Cox of Kentucky—"Best when the going is tough."

These five whizzes of the hardwood were named to the 1959 collegiate basketball All-America by the Associated Press today on the basis of votes from 319 sportswriters and broadcasters throughout the country.

Robertson, the "Big O" who made the All-America last year as a sophomore, again is the top major college scorer, averaging better than 33 points a game. "He is an all-around player of-

tensively and defensively," Cincinnati Coach George Smith says. "He is one of top rebounders in the nation. And with all of that he is a great team player."

West, a junior like Robertson, led West Virginia to its fifth straight Southern Conference title. "I know that without him," says West Virginia Coach Fred Schaus, "our team this year wouldn't have gone any place."

"There may be better shooters in the country. There may be better rebounders. There may be better defensive players, but there's no one that I have seen who could compare to West in his all-around ability and performance."

Boozer, a senior like Howell and Cox and at 6-8 the tallest man on the first team, led Kansas State to the Big Eight crown.

Tex Winter, K-State coach, declares: "Boozer is the hardest to stop big man in college basketball. He has all shots and moves to get open."

NC State Backers May Cheer Tar Heels

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It has been a jump-shot since a North Carolina basketball fan rooted for a North Carolina State basketball team.

But that'll be taking place in Raleigh tonight if the Tar Heels happen to beat Duke in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Arch rival N.C. State and upstart Virginia are the other survivors after first round play in the ACC showdown that picks the conference representative in the NCAA tourney. If North Carolina wins and North Carolina State wins, Frank McGuire and his Tar Heels are NCAA-bound—win, lose or draw against the Wolfpack in the final.

That's because N.C. State is on NCAA probation and ineligible for tournament play.

Only Virginia's victory, 66-65 over Maryland, was a surprise in the first round scrapping in the ACC Thursday. North Carolina overpowered Clemson 93-69, Duke spilled Wake Forest 78-71 and N.C. State edged South Carolina 75-72 in overtime.

Miami of Ohio failed again in an attempt to win the Mid-American Conference's NCAA berth, losing to Marshall 90-70. Boston U. probably clinched an at-large bid in the Eastern NCAA with a 64-48 victory over NIT-bound Providence, and two other NIT entries, Manhattan and St. John's (NY), scored victories in other Thursday features.

Oregon Food, AF Cop Wins In CL

Jim Johnson paced Oregon Food to a 74-65 win over Fleets in City League action Thursday night at Kingsley Field by tossing in 30 points. Teammate Andy Knudsen followed up Johnson's performance by hitting 24 counters, Don Dexter tallied 24 to top the losers.

In the other contest the Air Force Jets knocked off Hais, 79-53, as Al Bello counted 25 and Dale Walters 12 for the Jets while Larry Dearing headed Hais' scoring with 24.

Oregon Food (74): (43) Fleets White (8) F (24) Dexter Johnson (32) F (24) Knudsen (24) C (3) Carr Knudsen (24) C (11) Sargent Dunham (1) G (2) Khrman Trout Subs for Oregon Food: Smith 3, Peterson.

Subs for Fleets: Brooks 3, Huener 6, Samuile 2, Lench 7, Martin 2. Officials: Metz, Smith.

Hais (53): (74) Air Force Jets Dearing (24) F (8) Gordon Sayre (6) F (12) Walters Crawford (7) F (12) Bracken Hunter (8) G (14) Pedlar Dearing (8) G (25) Bello Subs for Hais: N. Dearing, Binn. Subs for Jets: Richards, Bell 8.

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WAYNE SCOTT, Sports Editor

Two-Team Dogfight Nears Grand Finale

United Press International

The two-team dogfight in the Pacific Coast Conference basketball race comes to an end this weekend, and chances are that the double defeat California handed Washington early in the season will prove the difference between the two squads when the final whistle has sounded.

Before the season began, PCC coaches predicted a tightly-packed race in which a 10-6 or 11-5 record would prevail. But the Bears and Huskies have dispelled that prediction with healthy win streaks which are still going strong.

Now, Washington faces its toughest test since the Cal series. The Huskies 11-3 journey to Los Angeles to meet rugged UCLA (9-6) tonight and Southern California (17-8) Saturday.

Washington's only hope to defeat California is to win both of these games while California drops its final contest, a Saturday night tussle with Oregon State (7-7). This would leave the two teams tied for first and force a playoff game.

In other coast action, the Beavers face Stanford (9-6) tonight. Third place will be decided by the results of this contest and UCLA's game with Washington.

A couple of battles between Northwest also-rans round out the PCC schedule. Oregon (13-10) is at Idaho (4-10) tonight and Washington State (2-13) Saturday.

The West Coast Athletic Conference race has also about run its course with St. Mary's (11-1) having long ago clinched the title. Santa Clara (8-3) grabbed a sure grip on second when it hung the lone defeat on the Gaels last Wednesday.

The Broncos meet USP (3-8) tonight in a clash that means nothing, but represents a WCAC rivalry that has been in effect ever since the days Bill Russell and Kenny Sears used to battle in the stratosphere for rebounds. USP showed good strength in upsetting COP in its last outing and may have jelled at last.

Gonzaga is at Seattle U. in a meeting of top independents. The two teams clash again Sunday in the coast's last scheduled game. Meanwhile, four teams begin battles in Los Angeles tonight for the right to represent the West Coast in the NCAA small college tournament. The finals of this joint will find eight regional winners gathered in Evansville, Ind. Competition there starts next Wednesday.

Los Angeles State meets Sacramento State and Chapman faces Willamette in the games to pick a Western team to send to Evansville. Tonight's winners will have games Saturday.

All teams were idle last night.

A-1 Preps Prepare For Close

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Six state playoff positions and one league title may be determined this weekend in Oregon class A-1 high school basketball action.

Some 14 teams have chances to win spots in the March 17-21 class A-1 tournament at Eugene. The rundown by districts:

Portland Interscholastic League (District 1): Jefferson in tournament. Grant, Franklin and Cleveland vying for second berth. Grant meets Madison, Franklin plays Wilson and Cleveland meets Washington Friday night.

Willamette League (District 2): Sandy in tournament. Scappoose and Wy'East vying for second berth. Scappoose vs. Sandy and Wy'East vs. Molalla Friday night.

Metrol League (District 3): Astoria in tournament. Beaverton, David Douglas, Portland and Milwaukie have chance for other berth. Milwaukie vs. David Douglas and Beaverton vs. Clackamas Friday night.

Tualatin-Yamhill Valley League (District 4): St. Helens and McMinnville in tournament.

Midwestern League (District 5): Marshfield in tournament. North Bend and South Eugene play Friday night for other playoff spot.

Southern Oregon Conference (District 6): Klamath Falls in tournament. Medford expected to win berth with victories over Crater of Central Point Friday night and Ashland Saturday night.

Blue Mountain Conference (District 7): Pendleton and Baker have clinched tourney trips but play Friday and Saturday nights for conference championship.

Valley League (District 8): North Salem in tournament. Corvallis vs. Bend in two-of-three series for second playoff position. Playoffs are scheduled to determine four berths in the A-2 tournament and seven in class B.

The A-2 tournament is scheduled for March 16-18 at Coos Bay. The B playoff will be March 12-14 at Bend.

DeMolay Blue and the Thunderbirds picked up wins in the Victory League Thursday night at Mills School. The Blues won by forfeit over R & R while the T-Birds topped Lost River DeMolay, 44-24 as Smiley Herrera tossed in 22 and Gary Burt 11 for the winners while John Gohler led Lost River with seven.

SUSPEND VALENZUELA

ARCADIA, Calif. (UPI)—Jockey Angel Valenzuela has been suspended for five days, effective Monday, by Santa Anita's Board of Stewards. Valenzuela, who will ride Bug Brush in Saturday's \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby, was charged with a riding infraction in Wednesday's second race.

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Merrill Huskies Grab Series Opener 59-49

By JOHN NOLEN

Herald and News Sports Writer

Klamath County's B champions, Merrill, out fought a scrappy St. Mary's quintet Thursday night at Kingsley Field.

Pelicans Appear Forgetful

An understandable tendency on the part of the District 6 A-1 Klamath Union Pelicans to look a little past their Saturday night league finale with the Central Point Crater Comets has an unsettling effect on coach Dean White.

The Pels, who clinched their state tournament berth three games ago and knocked off the district title last Saturday against Medford, are paying little or no attention to the fact that one game remains on the conference slate and are ignoring the possibilities of a reputation-damaging upset.

"So far as I am concerned we are still playing them one at a time, and Crater, not the tournament, comes first. Gene Strehlow, (White's assistant) is the only one that is concerned with tournament problems now, and he is scouting them in the break under way."

Hout, St. Mary's driving guard, picked up eight points in the third stanza to pace his team although Brickner, fighting off a collapsing zone defense, continued his rebounding chores to help keep the Huskies in front by eight points by the end of the third quarter, 43-37.

Coach Bill McKibben's Crusaders pulled within five points with 4:56 remaining on Al Yates' three free losses and Gary Mikesche's rebound shot, however, Huskies Brickner, Maupin and Haskins collaborated for the final 12 Merrill counters to pull out the victory.

The visitors' short but win-hungry squad outrebounded the home team in the final half, the result being the late Crusader rally when they brought the score to 47-42 with four minutes left. But the Merrill height prevailed in the waning moments of the contest with Crusader Bob Evans garnering the final points of the night on a long jump shot with one second left on the clock.

Each team lost one player via the foul route, Yates leaving for St. Mary's with 1:28 left and Merrill's Brian Fields checking out with 1:15 remaining.

The boxscore:

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Fields 2 1-1 3 5
Brickner 4 5-5 1 13
Maupin 9 5-6 4 23
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R. Daley 0 0-0 2 8

The Pelicans will leave for Central Point mid-afternoon Saturday.

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Oregon Tech as the Huskies gained the upper hand in the first of a three game playoff tournament by dropping the Crusaders, 59-49.

Husky Bud Maupin topped all scorers with 23 points, followed by teammates John Haskins and Bruce Brickner who added 14 and 13 counters respectively. Three Crusaders tied for high honors for their squad, Roger Hout, Bob and Dick Evans, each netting 11 tallies.

Coach Al Keck's Huskies threatened to run away with the ball game after the first period of play was over. At that point the Merrill squad held a commanding 18-9 lead with Maupin leading the way with nine points. However, the Evans brothers, Bob and Dick, went to work and combined for 11 counters to pull the Crusaders back within eight points at halftime, 30-22. Maupin hit for six more counters in the quarter to bring his halftime total to 15, while John Haskins and Bruce Brickner cleared the boards of rebounds to get the ever-present Merrill last break under way.

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Halftime score: Merrill 30, St. Mary's 22.
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Bob Pettit Smashes Record

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A rival coach calls him just great. An opposing player says there isn't a better basketball player around today.

But the fellow to whom they're referring says of himself he still retains a bit of his high school awkwardness and has a lot to learn to improve his game.

He's Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks who Thursday night set a National Basketball Assn. single season scoring record.

Pettit, in his fifth year in the NBA, dumped in 24 points to run his season's total to 2,000, although the Hawks lost to Philadelphia 106-101.

The 26-year-old Baton Rouge, La., native surpassed the previous mark of 2,001 set last year by George Yardley, then with Detroit. He's now with Syracuse. The two are the only NBA players to surpass 2,000 points in one season.

Even the Warriors' victory didn't get them into the Eastern division playoffs. Syracuse laid into the Boston Celtics, 142-118 to clinch the third and last playoff in the Eastern division.

The victory kept Boston from setting an all-time record for season victories. The Celtics now have 51. The Nets set a club record for total points as Dolph Schayes scored 25 points, John Kerr 22 and Bob Hopkins 20. Bill Sharman led Boston with 23.

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