

No Panic, Webfoots Top NMS

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Though behind for most of the game, Oregon retained its basketball poise, and that, says coach Steve Belko, was the key to the NCAA playoff victory over New Mexico State.

Oregon defeated the Staters 68-60 here Wednesday night to move into the four-team finals of the NCAA Western Regional Playoff that opens Friday night in Seattle.

The pairings for the playoff: Oregon against Utah, and defending NCAA champion California against Santa Clara.

Oregon trailed New Mexico through most of the first half, and was behind 48-44 midway through the final half. Then Oregon came on with a rush, getting 11 straight points while holding the Staters scoreless. That decided it.

Said Belko of his Oregon team: "They didn't panic when they fell behind."

Belko said his sophomores stood up under the pressure extremely well, particularly blond, 6-4 Charlie Warren, whose father, John Warren, coached the last Oregon team to enter the NCAA playoffs 15 years ago.

In the 11-point spree, Warren sank three field goals, 6-5 Denny Strickland got two and sophomore Bill Simmons added a free throw.

It was in that Oregon rally that New Mexico State lost its top performer of the evening, Eight minutes when 6-7 George Knighton left the game on fouls. He had scored 22 points and commanded the backboards.

With Knighton gone, Oregon drove easily to victory, led by Warren's scoring and the rebounding of 6-7 sophomore Glenn Moore.

New Mexico coach Presley Aske said Oregon outlasted his team, and added: "Erratic play hurt us..." He said, too, that it was one of the roughest games the Staters had been in this season. Oregon committed 22 fouls, the Staters 20.

The rebounds were split 53-53, but Oregon had the superior shooting average, .391 to .313.

Belko said he was pleased by the way his team distributed its scoring. Five Oregon players were in double figures. Warren led them with 15.

The game drew a crowd of 2,109.

THE BOXSCORE:

NEW MEXICO (60)	G	F	P	T
Robison	8	3-3	3-11	
Knighton	8	6-9	5-22	
Price	3	3-7	1-11	
Brown	2	0-1	3-4	
Knight	2	4-4	4-8	
Clark	0	1-1	0-1	
Canady	0	0-0	0-0	
Logback	0	0-0	2-0	
Bushmaier	1	1-4	2-3	
Casanova	0	0-0	0-0	
TOTALS	20	20-29	26-68	
OREGON (68)	G	F	P	T
Simmons	3	1-3	4-11	
Heaton	4	2-4	4-10	
Moore	2	1-3	5-5	
Rask	4	3-7	2-13	
Strickland	4	4-5	2-12	
Warren	7	1-3	4-15	
Knecht	1	0-1	1-2	
TOTALS	27	14-28	22-68	
NEW MEXICO STATE	G	F	P	T
OREGON	27	41-68		

City Of Roses Accepts Entries

PORTLAND (AP) — Santa Clara, Gonzaga and Iona of New York have accepted bids to play in the second annual City of Roses Basketball Tournament here Dec. 16-17.

The announcement was made Wednesday by Al Negratti, University of Portland athletic director and coach. Portland is sponsor of the tournament and will be the fourth team.



THIS IS TRACK WEATHER? — Oregon Tech track coach Wally Palmberg led his Owl track squad onto the field Wednesday afternoon for a brief workout. Since trackmen, under ordinary circumstances, are noted for the brevity of their work clothes, Palmberg thought it only right that he appear in parka and shorts. A mild "spring" zephyr on the Mile High track, say about 32 degrees worth at 18 miles per hour, helped him change his mind. Before the sweat pants could be procured from the locker room he was nearly as blue as his parka. Owl track aspirants, for a while, will be known as "thick-clads."

Herald and News SPORTS

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AFL Gripe In Hands Of US Justice Dept.

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Grievances of the fledgling American Football League, which charges the old National Football League is trying to destroy it, are in the hands of the U.S. Justice Department.

Joe Foss, commissioner of the AFL, said he had filed an affidavit with the Justice Department embodying most of the charges he first leveled at the NFL the day it voted to expand and take in Dallas as a competing club with the Dallas AFL team owned by Lamar Hunt.

Foss said the NFL had tried to entice AFL members away, franchised teams in cities that had

AFL clubs and tried to impede the new league in its efforts to obtain suitable players and coaches.

He also said the NFL hadn't planned to expand until the new league was organized.

And he indicated one of his strong points would be the allegation that George Preston Marshall, owner of the NFL Washington Redskins, had admitted publicly and privately that the only reason he had ever been given by his fellow NFL club owners for expanding was to "kill off competition by the American Football League."

At Los Angeles Marshall said Foss had misconstrued his remarks. "I said that if the NFL were to expand for the purpose of killing off competition it would be in violation of the antitrust laws," Marshall declared.

Foss said he was invited by the Justice Department, along with other AFL officials, to file affidavits when it decided to investigate the charges that the NFL was attempting to crush the AFL.

At Washington, the Justice Department said Wednesday the affidavit had been received and was being studied by the antitrust division. Foss said the Justice Department should know within a few days what action it was going to take.

Syracuse Wins Semi Preview

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Eastern and Western Division semifinal playoffs in the National Basketball Assn. were on display prematurely Wednesday night.

The Syracuse Nats, who meet Philadelphia Friday night in the start of the Eastern best-of-three, splurged in the closing minutes to defeat the Warriors 137-126.

In the other games, Boston rolled over New York 148-128 and St. Louis beat Cincinnati 127-116.

Kansas, UO In Semis

March Madness In Full Sway, NIT Started

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Add Kansas and Oregon to the 16-team NCAA regional semifinals, bring in the start of the NIT along with continuing play in the NAIA and NCAA small college competition, and you have that annual alphabetical jumble that spells March Madness in college basketball.

Kansas, beating arch-rival Kansas State in a Big Eight Conference NCAA playoff 84-82 in over-

time, and Oregon, a 68-60 winner over New Mexico State in a first round game of the Western Regional, completed the lineup Wednesday night for the Friday-Saturday regional showdowns in the big school NCAA tournament.

Today, the NCAA takes a 24-hour breather while the oldest post-season scuffling, the National Invitation Tournament, gets going for the 23rd time in New York's Madison Square Garden. Eight of the 12-team field can watch from

the sidelines while Villanova (19-5) plays Detroit (20-6) and Providence (21-4) faces Memphis State (18-4) tonight in a doubleheader opening the first round.

Bradley, the nation's No. 4 team which holds the season's only victory over top-ranked Cincinnati, heads the four seeded NIT teams followed by Utah State (22-4), St. Louis (19-7) and St. John's (17-7).

Meanwhile, the NAIA small school tournament in Kansas City

is at the quarter-final stage with defending champion Tennessee State bidding for its fourth straight title, and the NCAA small college field at Evansville, Ind., is to the semifinals, including host and defending champ Evansville College among the survivors.

Tennessee State whipped West Virginia Wesleyan in a second round game Wednesday 84-79 and advanced along with Hamline, Southwest Texas State, New Mexico Highlands, Grambling, La.,

Westminster, Pa., Wofford, and William Jewell.

In the NCAA's little guy scuffling Evansville whipped American (D.C.) 101-91 despite a record 54 points by the losers' Willie Jones and reached the semis along with Cornell of Iowa, Chapman, Calif., and Kentucky Wesleyan. Tonight, Chapman plays Cornell and Kentucky Wesleyan plays Evansville with the survivors meeting for the title Friday night.

Basketball Scoreboard

College Basketball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big 8 playoff for NCAA spot

Kansas 84, Kansas St. 82 — OT

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Tournaments

NCAA

First Round

Oregon 68, New Mexico St. 60

NCAA Small College

Quarter-finals

Evansville 101, American Univ. 91

Chapman (Calif.) 73, Wheaton 67

Ky. Wesleyan 99, St. Michaels (Va.) 55

Cornell (Iowa) 83, Northeast Missouri 81

NAIA

Second Round

Tenn. A&I St. 84, West Va. Wesleyan 79

Wofford 80, Findlay 73

Wm. Jewell 73, Parsons 71

Hamline 89, Arkansas A&M 76

Southwest Texas 101, Savannah St. 88

New Mexico Highlands 77, Okla. Baptist 67

Grambling 113, Villa Madonna 97

Westminster (Pa.) 59, Whittier 50

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSN.

Detroit 117, Minneapolis 116

Syracuse 137, Philadelphia 126

Boston 148, New York 128

St. Louis 123, Cincinnati 116

NEWELL HONORED AGAIN

NEW YORK (UPI) — Pete Newell of California, United Press International's coach of the year, has been accorded a similar honor by the New York Metropolitan Basketball Writers Assn.

Newell, who steps up to the post of athletic director after the Golden Bears complete their NCAA tournament competition, guided California to a 24-1 record during the regular season.

Brain Hemorrhage Claims Life Of Athletics' Club President

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Arnold Johnson, hard-driving business tycoon who moved the Athletics baseball club from Philadelphia to Kansas City and made it a financial success, died today.

The 53-year-old club president suffered a cerebral hemorrhage while driving Wednesday after watching an intra-squad game at the Athletics' spring training camp.

His wife, Carman, was with him when he died at 1:45 a.m. at Good Samaritan Hospital. She was placed under sedation.

A brother, Earl Johnson, who flew down from Chicago, said practice at the Athletics' camp would be called off today. Funeral plans are indefinite, although the body will be returned to Chicago, his home, for burial.

Johnson, who had no previous baseball experience before buying the financially ailing Philadelphia Athletics from Connie Mack and his associates five years ago, was active in the management of the club.

His many player trades, particularly with the New York Yankees, made him a controversial figure in the American League.

To such criticism, Johnson replied: "We started with a second division baseball club and little in the way of a farm system to develop our players. We can't stand still. We have to try to improve our baseball club and sometimes we may make mistakes. But no one can say we haven't tried."

Johnson had numerous business interests. He was president of Arnold Johnson Corp., chairman of the board of five companies and a member of the board of directors of 15 or 20 others.

Despite his great business interests, he spent much of the time during the season with his club in Kansas City, on the road, and during spring training.

Apparently he was in good health before collapsing Wednesday. His associates said he appeared in good spirits.

A blaring horn attracted a traffic patrolman to his car a few

minutes after he left Connie Mack Stadium for his Palm Beach winter home. The officer found Johnson slumped over the steering wheel, semi-conscious.

Johnson got into major league baseball when he found himself owning a ball park he couldn't sell. In 1954, he acquired the Blues' stadium in Kansas City, a minor part of a deal under which he had acquired the Yankee Stadium in New York in a 6½ million dollar purchase.

He tried to sell the Blues' stadium but there were no takers. Ernie Mehl, sports editor of the Kansas City Star, reminded him the Braves had moved from Boston to Milwaukee to record-breaking attendance and receipts and the Orioles were doing well after their switch from St. Louis to Baltimore.

Mehl asked: "Why don't you buy a major league franchise and bring it to Kansas City?"

Johnson said, "I think I will." Surviving besides the widow and brother are a daughter, Wendy Alexis Johnson, and a son, Jeffrey Johnson of Chicago.

NEW STARS ADDED

NEW YORK (UPI) — Mike Graney, captain of Notre Dame, has been added to the West squad and Bob McNeill of St. Joseph's to the East team for the 13th annual charity All-Star basketball game at Madison Square Garden, March 26.

Villanovans, Detroit Set

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Invitation Basketball Tournament opens in Madison Square Garden tonight with Villanova meeting Detroit in the opener of a doubleheader and Providence facing Memphis State in the second game.

Defending titleholder St. John's (N.Y.), former champs Bradley, St. Louis, Holy Cross and Temple plus Utah State, Dayton and St. Bonaventure round out the 12-team field.

Providence coach Joe Mullaney hopes his team gets past Memphis State, so that it can settle a few scores later in the tournament.

"We lost only four games all season," he said today, "and each one was on the road and all were to teams in this NIT. We were beaten by Bradley (57-53), St. Louis (63-61), St. John's (67-64 in overtime) and St. Bonaventure (90-89 in triple overtime)."

Mullaney, who played college ball for Holy Cross, expects Jim Hadnot, a 6-10 sophomore, to have a good night against Memphis State.

"Jim has improved a lot," said Mullaney. "He's a good rebounder and has been averaging about 15 points a game. We have an exceptional defensive ballplayer in Lenny Wilkens and if Johnny Egan plays well we'll do all right."

Jockey Willie Shoemaker won 27 stake races at 11 race tracks in 1959.

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