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NCAA '5's Sighting-In On Tourney

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As the season enters its final month, let's take a look at how the western regional NCAA basketball tournament shapes up.

Four teams will battle at Portland March 17 and 18 with the winner going for all the marbles in the national semifinals and finals at Kansas City March 24 and 25.

California has dominated western basketball completely for the past two years and has finished first and second in the nationals.

But the Bears have slumped out of sight this season which should lead to a wide-open scramble among many other fine teams.

Two teams automatically qualify for the Portland tournament. They are the winner of the Skyline Conference and the winner of the West Coast Athletic Conference, who square off in the upper bracket at Portland.

Utah clings to a half-game lead in the Skyline battle with a 9-1 mark. The season record of the tall Utes is 17-5 and only Colorado State at 9-2 has a chance to keep Utah from heading for Portland.

The West Coast Athletic Conference is a scramble deluxe. Although USC (6-1) leads Loyola (8-2) and St. Mary's (5-2), Loyola must rate as the favorite. The Lions have only home contests against paties UOP and USC and St. Mary's has a ragged schedule including tough tests this weekend.

Friday USC hosts classy Santa Clara and St. Mary's goes calling on San Jose State. Saturday, the Gaels and Dons collide in a big one at Oakland Auditorium while the idle Lions pick their chops.

Other Openings
Three or four teams compete for the two other openings at Portland. Preliminary contests are scheduled March 13, 14, or 15 at suitable gyms.

The Border Conference champion—almost certain to be Arizona State—meets an at-large team for one spot. The Big Five winner either gets a bye or faces a second at-large team for the fourth niche at Portland. It depends on whether officials feel a second at-large team deserves a chance.

USC has a healthy lead in the Big Five with a 6-2 record. The Trojans meet Oregon State in a pair of non-league games at Corvallis this weekend. Second-place Washington still entertains dim title dreams with a 4-4 record, but the team given the best chance to stop the Trojans appears to be third-place UCLA (3-3). The Bruins have punishing Big Five tests this weekend as they invade the gyms of California and Stanford. They must win both games and then take care of Troy March 3—a tall order.

Seattle Dumps Bengals
Seattle took a giant stride toward an at-large invitation Wednesday night when it invaded Idaho State and emerged with a 64-57 victory. The win gave the Chieftains a 16-7 record, best in the Northwest, and snapped an 11-game win streak for the Bengals.

The Chieftains' one-two punch of Dave Mills and Ed Miles tallied 22 and 21 in typical performances. Last year, one at-large member was Big Five also-ran USC and the Trojan-Bruin loser might still wind up in the NCAA joust.

In other games Wednesday night, Gonzaga's Frank Burgess-top scorer in the nation—had another big night in a losing effort. Burgess hit 39 points, but his Bulldogs fell before Montana State, 97-80. Montana State hosts Seattle Friday night in a final acid test for the Chieftains.

Detroit Lion Fight Looms

DETROIT (UPI)—A fight for front-office control of the Detroit Lions reaches its climax today when shareholders cast their ballots for club directors.

The Lions represent one of the richest franchises in the National Football League but have been beset by an internal power struggle between the present management and a dissident group headed by former president D. Lyle Fife.

Fife's group has been soliciting proxies in a move aimed at gaining a majority on the 13-member board of directors for the purpose of ousting Edwin J. Anderson.

Anderson took some of the edge off the proxy battle last month by demoting himself from president to general manager of the Lions.

William Clay Ford, Anderson's hand-picked successor, was elevated to the presidency.



NEXT STOP, DISTRICT MEET—The Klamath Union Pelican varsity wrestling team has yet to lose a match during the 60-61 season but they face the most important test of the year this weekend at Grants Pass. The Pels leave tonight for Friday and Saturday bouts that determine who goes on to the State Tournament. The squad, from left (first team in front row), includes Jim Long, Gary Head, Milo Crumrine, Sherd Duncan, Pete McSwain, (Bob Mitchell not shown), Erik Petersen, Dave Gonzales, Larry Wishart, Duane Fitzsimmons, Dick Ewing, Art Mills, Gary Hancock and Dawson South. In the back, from left, are John Stilwell, Grant Humphrey, Dave Vetkos, Gary Leavitt, Dale Crumrine, Fred Stilwell, Henry Swisegood, Ron Hitchcock, Joe Cox, Rick Currin and coaches Jack Petersen and DeLance Duncan.

Pel Grapplers Prep For Districts

The Klamath Union Pelican wrestling team couldn't be blamed for considering itself the number one squad in the state and some added thought of possible individual state championships is not necessarily amiss.

However, there is a small matter of a two-day district tournament at Grants Pass this weekend which stands between the Pel musclemen and state mat crowns.

The squad leaves tonight for GP. Competition opens tomorrow and continues through Saturday night.

In Grants Pass, an unbeaten 13 dual meet victory record will be of little consequence. For a shot at the state tournament, the individual Pelicans must grab a first, or at least a second in the districts.

Keeping this thought in mind the KU squad has been busy in rugged practice sessions and inter-squad elimination matches to determine who gets the assignments at Grants Pass.

Going into the districts the Pels are headed by high-pointers Bob Mitchell, 141 pounds, and Milo Crumrine, 115. Both are unbeaten; Mitchell with 55 points and Crumrine with 51. Next comes once-beaten Jim Long, 98, and Gary Head, 106, each with 50 points amassed over the season.

Gary Hancock, who will drop from the heavyweight ranks to compete in the 191-pound bracket, is next with 36 points.

A dark spot on the Pel picture is caused by the ailing right elbow of Art Mills, the KU 178-pounder. Mills has been under constant treatment for the dislocated member but he is still a very doubtful entrant in the districts. Mills is right behind Hancock with 35 points.

The remainder of the first team is composed of Sherd Duncan, 123 pounds (33 points); Pete McSwain, 130; Erik Petersen at 136; Larry Wishart at 147; Duane Fitzsimmons at 158; Dick Ewing at 168; and Dawson South in the heavyweight class.

Backing up the first unit are John Stilwell, Grant Humphrey, Dave Vetkos, Gary Leavitt, Dale Crumrine, Dave Gonzales, Fred Stilwell, Henry Swisegood, Ron Hitchcock, Joe Cox, and Rick Currin.

'Zagan, EOC Star High
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Gonzaga's week of recess from basketball did deplete Frank Burgess no harm whatever in the Northwest collegiate scoring derby, his total of 716 points keeping him far ahead of the field.

It took 367 to earn a spot in the Top Ten and no player with less than 311 made the first 20. The leaders:

G F G FT Tot
Burgess, Gonz 22 263 100 716
Applegate, EOC 24 179 120 479
Miles, SU 22 196 87 453
Mills, SU 22 142 127 411
Neel, EOC 26 154 90 390
Burwick, Naz 23 132 12 306
Moreno, C of I 21 134 115 383
D. Wortman, SePaC 22 143 96 382
Ball, WSU 21 135 101 371
Hafen, Wvth 26 131 109 371
Second Ten: Warren, Oregon, 306; Hunt, Gonzaga, 357; Carrigan, Southern Oregon, 349; Jackson, Whitworth, 328; Morley, Whitworth, 327; Gaviola, Willamette, 326; Washington, Western Washington, 319; Weatherwax, Puget Sound, 318; Hartigan, Eastern Washington, 317; Wilson, Oregon Tech, 315; Wallin, Linfield, 311.

Moore Hits 50-50 Mark
Vern Moore shot a brilliant 50-50 in the 16-yard event and then hit 48 of 50 to tie Earl Kent in the handicap at the Klamath Gun Club Sunday. In a shootout to dissolve the tie, however, Kent nabbed a second leg on the George Cunha trophy by trimming Moore 24 to 20.

This Sunday the Howard Parnell Cup will go on the block and six shooters will enter the competition owning a leg on the piece of hardware. They are John Lichtenstern, Earl Kent, George Cunha, Bill McDonald, Moore and Dave Robinson Jr. The Sunday results:

14-ys. Hoco.
Vern Moore 50 48
David Robinson 48 45
Bill Davis 49 48
Earl Kent 48 48
Al Hatten 47 44
John Lichtenstern 46 41
Paul Matthews 46 41
Larry Kahan 46 41
J. C. Koone 44 41
Marion Grant 44 41
Adrian Garstela 44 41
George Cunha 44 41
John Catalano 44 41
Arnold Colahan 44 41
Dr. Jim Hilton 44 41
Jim Wessendack 44 41
Bud Lutes 44 41
Frank Goodman 44 41
Charles Green 44 41
E. W. Calton 44 41
Dr. John Herryman 44 41
Mike Sutherland 44 41
Total 44 41

Rangers Lose Night Games
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Those New York Rangers are early risers who do all right in the afternoon, but tend to get drowsy if they're called on to play too long after dark.

By defeating the third-place Chicago Blackhawks 4-2 Wednesday, the Rangers remained unbeaten in their three daylight games. They tied the other two—2-2 against Detroit in January and 3-3 against the Montreal Canadiens Feb. 11.

Basketball Results

College Basketball
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
EAST

St. Joseph's (Pa.) 92, Bucknell 67
Canisius 83, Syracuse 78
LaSalle 104, Lafayette 86
Rutgers 60, Fordham 62
Georgetown (DC) 92, Rhode Is. 84
Duquesne 85, Quantico Marines 88 (2 of 1)
St. Lawrence 93, Vermont 84 (3 of 1)

SOUTH
DePaul 75, Louisville 67
Maryland 77, Virginia 62
Florida 75, Florida State 74
Murray (Ky.) 73, Arkansas St. 56
Stetson 76, Tampa 61
Middle Tenn 75, Tenn. Tech 68

MIDWEST
Kansas State 81, Kansas 63
Toledo 77, Kent State 59
Dayton 94, Xavier (Ohio) 71

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 96, Texas Christian 76

FAR WEST
New Mexico 69, Denver 57
Montana State 97, Gonzaga 80
Seattle 64, Idaho State 57

County '5's Open 3-Day Hoop Fest

Although where they finished on the league ladder at the conclusion of the regular season had no bearing on their entrance in the County B basketball tournament, now in progress at Oregon Tech, it could have everything to do with when four of the teams left it.

The tournament pairings were decided at the opening of the County B League season so a team realized early that the best place to be was among the top four when it was all over.

The tournament opened this afternoon with the only exception to that rule. At 1:30 the third place Merrill Huskies squared off against the sixth place Bonanza Antlers. Only the Antlers weren't fourth at the end and dropped into the sixth place slot by virtue of the toss of a coin.

The Paisley Broncos were automatically seeded in fifth place.

While the Merrill-Bonanza results were not available prior to press time, one of them is now a spectator. The same condition followed the number two game which paired second place Malin and seventh place Gilchrist at 2:30.

Tonight the teams return to the gym at 7:30 when the fourth place Sacred Heart Trojans tangle with the Paisley quint. At 8:30 league—leading Chiloquin meets the eighth place Bly Bobcats in the first-round finale.

Friday night at 7:30 the first-round winners come back for the semifinals. The winners of game No. 1 will meet the game No. 2 winners in the opener and the winners of games No. 2 and No. 4 will mix in the nightcap. The Friday winners will clash Saturday night at 8:30 for the championship following a prelim featuring the Friday losers.

Dark, who the Giants hope will make San Francisco fans forget the bitter disappointments of 1960, announced two new ideas when the Giants opened their Phoenix, Ariz., camp Wednesday: He plans to rest Willie Mays at intervals during the season and he is going to experiment with outfielder Felipe Alou as a third-baseman.

Dark said he will not hesitate to let Mays rest a few days on the bench if his hitting slumps during the season, and apparently he is throwing Alou into head-to-head competition with Jim Davenport of the third-base job. Rigney, Dark's predecessor, let Mays "play his way out of his batting slumps" and regarded Davenport as an "untouchable" in his infield setup.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, who are never without a spring hero, came up with a 1961 edition in Dick Nen, a 20-year-old rookie from Wilmington, Calif., who hit several 450-foot drives during Wednesday's workout. Manager Walt Alton announced the Dodgers will play their first intra-squad game on Sunday.

The Baltimore Orioles staged an intra-squad game at Miami, Fla., and found the offerings of "Iron Mike" very much to their liking as Mill Pappas and Dave Nicholson each hit two homers and Jerry Walker, Art Quirk and Billy Hoelt also connected for round-trippers. The other big news in the Orioles' camp was that third-baseman Brooks Robinson checked in after being delayed several days by the airline strike.

Pitching coach Ed Lopat supervised the Minnesota Twins' workout in the absence of transportation-plugged manager Cookie Lavagetto, and said that the 17 pitchers in the Orlando, Fla., camp seemed in satisfactory condition for this stage of the spring.

The Twins' chief worry at the moment involves signing pitcher Camilo Pascual and slugger Harmon Killebrew and Jim Lemon.

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K State Wildcats Earn Playoff Berth

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Count Tex Winter's Kansas State Wildcats in for their third crack in the last four years at the NCAA basketball championship.

The Wildcats, bidding for their fifth Big Eight title in Winter's eight seasons as head coach, just about put away the NCAA berth Wednesday night when they shrugged off a slow start and whipped arch-rival Kansas, 81-63 at Manhattan, Kan.

The Cats and the Jayhawks, who beat 'em out for the tournament spot in a playoff last year, are tied for the conference lead now with 8-2 records with Iowa State and Colorado, both at 5-5, the closest challengers. But Kansas is out of tournament consideration this year and next because of probationary action by the NCAA. And with a three game lead with only four left, including home matches with Missouri, Nebraska and Colorado, it doesn't seem possible for the Wildcats to miss.

St. Joseph's (Pa.) moved within one game of nailing the Middle Atlantic Conference's NCAA berth and NIT entries Dayton and DePaul won major tests in other features of the Wednesday program.

St. Joseph's pulled away in the late going for a 92-67 rout of Bucknell.

Dayton, pushing its winning streak to six for a 17-6 record, routed Xavier of Ohio, 94-71 as Gary Roggenbuck scored 24. DePaul, trailing at halftime, fired in 12 straight points soon after the intermission and downed NCAA-bound Louisville 75-67.

LaSalle and Seattle, a couple of tournament possibilities, won again—the LaSalle Explorers (14-3) thumping Lafayette 104-86 and Seattle (13-7) snapped Idaho State's 11-game winning streak, 64-57.

Clyde Rhoden took 11 shots, hit 10 as Arkansas won a Southwest Conference game from TCU 96-76. Maryland won a 77-62 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over Virginia.

Two of the nation's top ten scorers had big nights. East Tennessee's Tom Chilton, who ranks No. 2 with a 31.5 average, scored 35 points and plucked 21 rebounds in an 82-79 triumph over Wofford. Gettysburg's Ron Warner set a school career record of 1,155 points although he's only a junior—netting 30 in an 87-60 rout of Elizabethtown (Pa.).

Florida, challenging for the Southeastern Conference's NCAA berth, nipped non-leader Florida State, 75-74, and soph Bill O'Connor's 34 points led Canisius' 83-78 whipping of Syracuse.

Seattle U Dumps ISC

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP)—The Chiefs of Seattle University pulled ahead in the last four minutes Wednesday night to win a 64-57 basketball game from Idaho State College.

Idaho took an early 15-7 lead, but at the half, Seattle was ahead 37-32. Then, with four minutes to go, Seattle took a 54-53 lead and pulled away.

Dave Mills scored 22 points and Eddie Miles 21 to account for most of Seattle's scoring. They also grabbed 54 rebounds, compared with 42 for Idaho. Frank Swopes led Idaho scoring with 22 points.

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