

Cincinnati Bearcats Remain Ranked On Top; Meet Illinois Saturday

NEW YORK (UPI) — Unbeaten Cincinnati, picked as the nation's No. 1 team for the eighth straight week in the United Press International major college basketball ratings, puts its record on the line Saturday against Illinois in the top game of the season this far.

The Bearcats, who survived a major test last week with a close win over Bradley, were the unanimous choice of the 35-man UPI rating board for the No. 1 spot for the fifth straight week. It also marked the eighth straight week that they had been picked for the top spot.

Loyola of Chicago, picked second five consecutive weeks, again failed to make any headway in its attempt to supplant the Bearcats in the No. 1 spot. However, the Ramblers have an excellent chance this week when they play comparatively weak Ohio U. and Santa Clara. The Ramblers are unbeaten through 16 games, while the Bearcats have rolled over 14

straight opponents.

Illinois, the Big Ten Conference leader with an overall record of 12-1, was picked third again this week. A victory over the Bearcats, the NCAA champions the last two seasons, would more than likely catapult the Illini into either the No. 1 or 2 positions.

There was considerable juggling among the top 10 this week with Duke, the Atlantic Coast Conference leader with a 12-2 overall record, replacing Arizona State U. (15-2) in fourth place and Stanford (12-3) advancing from 16th to ninth in the most significant changes. Arizona State U. dropped to fifth.

Georgia Tech (12-1) was sixth, Mississippi State (12-3) advanced from ninth to seventh, Wichita (12-4) slipped from seventh to eighth and West Virginia (12-3) advanced from 14th to 10th behind Stanford.

Duke and West Virginia tangled on Saturday in another game involving major powers. Neither team is in jeopardy of losing its grip in conference play. Duke tops the ACC with a 7-0 record while West Virginia leads the Southern with an 8-0 record. However, defeat Saturday could hurt in the ratings.

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| 7. Mississippi State (12-3) | 92 |
| 8. Wichita (12-4) | 89 |
| 9. Stanford (12-3) | 84 |
| 10. West Virginia (12-3) | 48 |
| Second 10—11. Colorado 45; 12. Oregon State 38; 13. Ohio State 33; 14. UCLA 15; 15. Utah State 12; 16 (tie). Auburn, Colorado State U., and DePaul 9 each; 19 (tie), Miami (Fla.) and Niagara 8 each. | |
| Others — Texas 7; North Carolina and Notre Dame 6 each; | |

Stanford Cagers Gaining

By United Press International

Stanford's double win over Washington had the experts convinced today that the Cards were the finest basketball team west of Arizona State.

The Indians, now 12-3 on the year and 3-0 in the Big Six, were rated ninth in the latest UPI poll. Oregon State was No. 11, UCLA No. 14 and Seattle among the honorable mentions.

The Arizona State quintet led all Western squads with a national fifth place ranking.

Stanford had dropped out of the top 10 by looking miserable at the Los Angeles Classic tournament the final week of last year. Since then has come an Indian split with the tough Oregon State five and the sweep against Washington.

The Cards now lead the Big Six by two full games and appear to have their best shot at winding up in the NCAA regional championships since 1942, when they went on to win the national title.

But as Howie Dallmar, star of that 1942 team who now coaches the Indians, said nervously Monday, "It's nine games and more than 700 miles to Provo, Utah (where the NCAA regional will be held this year)."

Action is light this week as semester finals again cut into the schedule. In one game Monday night, Nevada Southern made its record 13-2 with an 82-74 defeat of Westminster at Salt Lake. Silas Stepp of the winners and Gary Bias of the losers each meshed 20.

Meanwhile, latest Big Six scoring figures showed a tight race with Gordy Martin of USC in the lead. He has hit 74 points in four games for an 18.5 average.

Stanford's Tom Dose (17-6) and Don Clemenson (16-3) and Washington's Ed Corell (16-1) and Dale Easley (15-8) are not far behind.

The West Coast Athletic Conference was idle last week so smooth Steve Gray held his huge lead. The St. Mary's ace has hit 32 points in two games for a 26.0 average. Pepperrine's Bob Warlick is a distant second with 35 points in two contests for a 17.5 mark.

Methodists, Merrill Win

First Methodist and Merrill Presbyterian won games in the YMCA Church League Monday night.

First Methodist beat Suburban Christian, 27-17, with Con Borsting hitting eight and John Koehn seven for the winners. Burt Zirkle topped the losers with five markers.

Merrill downed the Latter-day Saints, 19-18, with Dwight Wintner heading the winners with six points. John Tucker hit eight for the losers.

Team	Points
1. Cincinnati (35) (14-0)	350
2. Loyola (Ill.) (16-0)	298
3. Illinois (12-1)	258
4. Duke (12-2)	213
5. Arizona State U. (15-2)	191
6. Georgia Tech (12-1)	115

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Pro Players Demand Proof Of Fix Instead Of Rumors

By MURRAY OLDERMAN
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

LOS ANGELES (NEA)—This is how Joe Schmidt, one of the most respected players in professional football, reacts to the gambling rumors that have spread through the National League.

Particularly those that have involved his team, the Detroit Lions.

"I'd sue somebody. I don't know exactly who," said Schmidt heatedly, "if the same things happened to me as happened to Alex Karras. Here's a guy who has contributed plenty to our team the last three years. And they crucify him. For what? Strictly through association."

Karras is the all-pro defensive tackle of the Lions who owns an interest in a bar that has been frequented by "undesirables."

Schmidt, the all-pro middle line-backer, has an interest in a Detroit restaurant.

"You own a place," continued Schmidt, "you have to let anybody come in. You don't always know at first what business these people are in. They want to talk football, so you talk it with them. There's so much interest in the game it's almost impossible to avoid."

Schmidt and Karras had just finished competing in the Pro Bowl, with the finest players in the game, and despite a veneer of kidding about the investigations into gambling activities, they were perturbed.

"What's come out so far is ridiculous," said Schmidt. "It's all hearsay. Since it first started, every news release is the same as all the others. They haven't pinpointed a thing. I'd like to have them come out with something specific or forget it."

Schmidt was incensed by the thought of subjecting players to lie detectors because he felt it automatically implied guilt.

"I'll take a lie detector test," he specified, "only if everybody else will—that means every player on the team, plus all the coaches and the general manager."

"I don't want my reputation tarnished. I've spent several years establishing myself and I take pride in it. I have a family and obligations. I don't want them hurt and I don't want my reputation destroyed by careless accusations."

"Professional football has become so big, there are so many close finishes and so many upsets that people are anxious to throw mud."

He admitted it's conceivable some players may have bet on themselves to win.

"But," he added, "I don't see how they can fix a game or shave points. And I have no indication that it's ever been done. Frankly, I don't know how one individual can control it. If he continues to get beat, no matter what position he plays, they're going to pull him out of there."

Schmidt pointed to the scores of Lion games this year as a meter of the difficulty in controlling results: 12-3, 9-7, 5-0, 17-13.

He said, "You're never thinking about the point spread. You may read about it in the newspapers during the week. But most of the time I hardly know what the spread is. You can't think, 'We're favored by 18.' You just go out to win."

Joe Schmidt felt that the gambling investigations will blow over without sensational revelations.

But that doesn't assuage him.

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Maury Wills Named Athlete Of Year

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (UPI)—Maury Wills, all decked out in a new \$10,000 diamond-studded belt, said today he might try to break his all-time record of 104 stolen bases this year.

"It depends on a number of things," Wills said. "I'll have to play it by ear."

The 23-year-old Los Angeles Dodgers' shortstop, presented with the Hickok belt Monday night after being voted the "Professional Athlete of the Year" for 1962 by the nation's sportswriters and broadcasters, drew a tremendous ovation at the Rochester Radio-Press Club dinner.

Glossing over his 104 stolen bases last year—a total that eclipsed the previous modern one-season record of 96 set by Ty Cobb—Wills, who battled .290, said he would have been prouder

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Oregon Tech To Battle Southern Oregon Tonight

The league-leading Oregon Tech Owls, undefeated in Oregon Collegiate Conference play with a 5-0 record, will attempt to maintain that undefeated streak in Ashland tonight when they play the Southern Oregon Red Raiders in an 8 o'clock contest.

This will be the second meeting of these two units. The last one played last Wednesday night in the Owl gym produced a record between the two clubs when the Owls walked away with an easy 96-92 victory in a high-scoring contest. The Owls were leading by 14 points with two minutes left when Owl substitutes almost lost the game.

This is a big game for the Owls. A victory will keep them atop the heap in the league but a loss would drop them into a tie should second place Oregon College of Education whip Portland State in Portland. The OCE crew is 4-1 in league competition.

The "iron-man five" from Oregon Tech will be favored in the game despite its being on the Red Raiders' home court. The Raiders, undoubtedly, will attempt to slow the game down because the Owls all but ran off and left them last week behind the antics of "Sweet" Sammie Smith and Willie Anderson, who accounted for 57 points between them. Smith hit for 32 and Anderson for 25. Two of the other three also hit in double figures and the fifth, guard Hewlett Nash, would have had a bad night with fouls.

The Owls have a nine-game

winning streak going over the Red Raiders. The Raiders haven't beaten the Owls since the 1959-60 season.

The Owls had the boards almost to themselves last week when they picked off 55 rebounds to 27 for the Red Raiders. Anderson and Smith out-rebounded the Raiders between them with 19 and 23 rebounds respectively.

Coach Jim Partlow's starting five appeared to toy with the Raiders in the last game and gave the SOC quintet a great many gift baskets with a slack defense. This accounted greatly for the high scoring in the game.

There could be a much tougher battle at Ashland tonight. The Owls won't have as easy a time as they had here on their home court where the crowd was with the Owls. The more hostile confines of Ashland could make a lot of difference.

There could also be another race going on. Smith, Anderson and SOC's Dave Hughes are right among the scoring leaders and within a few points of each other.

Coach Partlow will go with his usual lineup of Smith, Nash, Anderson, Norm Johns and Van Zitek. Johns and Zitek hit 11 and 15 points respectively last week to add to the Owls' punch while Nash, the second leading scorer on the team, could manage only eight before leaving the game on five fouls.

Others who could see action if fouls force the starters out or if the Owls get far enough ahead to send them in will be 6-10 Ron

Wilkinson, Wayne Dennis, Jim Keller, Jim Slinkard and Chuck Hawkins.

The Owls have the height advantage over the reasonably short Raiders. The Raiders will probably open with Hughes, Larry Hink, Jerry Shults, Ed Hill and Brad Flanary. Hughes hit for 24 points and Shults for 23 in the last contest. Hill is the tallest starter at 6-4. Flanary is the shortest at 5-8.

Others who could see action are Bill Franks, Royce Kiser, Roger Lehner and Bob Lewellyn.

New York's Boxing Fate Up To Public

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI)—The fate of prize fighting in New York state may rest in the hands of the public.

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