

Merrill Falls To Cascade Locks In Final 11 Seconds, 48-47

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Cincinnati Launches Title Bid For Third Straight Cage Crown

By United Press International

The NCAA major college basketball playoffs resume on four fronts tonight with mighty Cincinnati launching its bid for an unprecedented third straight championship and Mississippi State meeting Loyola of Chicago in one of the most controversial pairings in sports history.

Cincinnati, which finished its regular season with a 23-1 record and drew a bye in the tournament's opening round, plays Texas at Lawrence, Kan. Colorado plays Oklahoma City University on the same program.

The meeting between Mississippi State and Loyola takes place at Lansing, Mich., but until late Thursday it was feared that the Southeastern Conference champions would be denied entry in the tournament.

Justice Stays Injunction
However, a Mississippi State Supreme Court justice stayed an injunction brought by segregationists who objected to the Bulldogs playing against non-whites. (Loyola has four Negroes on its starting five).

Because of segregationist feelings, Mississippi State was unable to participate in this tournament in three of the past four years. The university's sports information director, Bob Hartley, blamed the latest action on "a few fanatics who have been stirring up all the trouble."

"Most of the people in Mississippi were pulling for us to make the tourney," Hartley said.

Said Mississippi State coach Babe McCarthy: "The boys are thrilled to play in the NCAA. We just want to give a good showing...and not stir up any trouble."

Loyola Ranked Fourth
Loyola finished its regular season with a 24-2 record and fourth place in the UPI ratings. The Bulldogs, ranked seventh in the nation, won 21 of 26 games during the regular campaign.

The other playoff game at Lansing pits Illinois, co-champion of

the Big Ten Conference, against Bowling Green, the Mid-American Conference titlist.

Second-ranked Duke, which is

favorable to meet Cincinnati in the tournament final, swings into action against New York University at College Park, Md. The second

game there pits West Virginia against St. Joseph's (Pa.).

In the Far West regionals at Provo, Utah, UCLA meets Arizona State and Oregon State plays San Francisco.

The winners of the four regional playoffs will gather at Louisville, Ky., next weekend for the national semifinals.

NIT Opens

In the National Invitation Tournament opens Thursday night at New York, Villanova romped to a 63-51 victory over DePaul and Memphis State turned back Fordham, 70-49.

Wally Jones and Eric Erickson totaled 46 points between them in leading Villanova into a quarter-final berth against top-seeded Wichita. The Wildcats' five starters played the entire game without substitution, committed only eight personal fouls and hit on 40.4 per cent of their field goal attempts.

Memphis State, like Villanova, used a zone defense in eliminating Fordham. The Tigers, who led by only two points at half-time, pulled away to a 46-33 advantage after only seven minutes of the second half behind the shooting of George Kirk and Hunter Beckman. Memphis State meets third-seeded Canisius in the quarterfinals.

Wittenberg and South Dakota State won their games in the semi-finals of the NCAA small college tournament at Evansville, Ind., and will meet in the championship game tonight. Al Thrasher and Bob Cherry teamed to score 10 points in overtime as Wittenberg outlasted Oglesboro 46-37, and South Dakota State defeated Southern Illinois, 80-76.

Herb Stange tossed in 30 points in leading Fort Hays State to a 95-76 triumph over Rockhurst. Grambling knocked off Carson Newman, 79-70, Pan-American College eliminated Northern Michigan, 99-73, and Western Carolina beat Lewis and Clark, 77-57, in the quarterfinals of the NAIA tournament.



NOTHING BUT ARMS — Everybody seems to want the ball in this action shot taken of the Merrill-Cascade Locks game in Bend Thursday night. The Merrill player (in dark uniform) is unidentified and is fighting a losing cause against three Pirates. Jesse Stewart is 42 and Ron Jensen 24. Don Bonta (30) looks on. Cascade Locks won the game, 48-47.

Bolt Leads Petersburg Golf Meet

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UPI) — Tommy Bolt, with a chance to surpass his total winnings of last year with a victory here, carried a one-stroke lead over Billy Maxwell into the second round of play today in the \$25,000 St. Petersburg Open.

Bolt led 41 pros who broke par 72 in the first round Thursday when he fired a blazing seven-under-par 65. He was one of the early finishers, along with Maxwell at 66, and sat back and watched the rest of the field scramble in fruitless efforts to overtake him.

In addition to those breaking par, another 21 pros tied par over the 6,250-yard Lakewood Country Club course.

In a three-way tie at 67 were Raymond Floyd, Julius Boros and Dave Marr.

Defending champion Bobby Nichols was tied at 68 with Charlie Sifford, Doug Sanders, Jack McGowan, Bob Harrison and Jimmy Clark.

Former winners Bob Goalby, Mike Fetchick and George Bayer were tied at 69, along with Dale Douglass.

Last year, Bolt's total earnings on the Professional Golfers Association tour amounted to \$8,489.75. Coming into the St. Petersburg Open, he has won \$5,667 this year.

The field of 149 pros and 10 amateurs will be cut at the end of today's round to the low 60 scores and ties.

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Mustice Pizza Gains Second

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — The Mustice Pizza of Elmira, N.Y., lost its chance for first place but gained the second position in the team division of the American Bowling Congress tournament Thursday night.

Leadoff man Roland Emmick could have placed his team in first place with a strike or spare in the tenth frame of the third game. The 45-year-old payroll accountant compiled 231 in his last game but was the only team member who failed to get a mark in the tenth frame. The team wound up with a 3107, four pins short of leading Pagnotti Coal Co. of Old Forge, Pa.

In other division action, Fuchs Machinery of Omaha, Neb., moved to fourth place with 3944. The team was led by 16-year-old John Chapman who fired a 664 series.

In the Classic Division, Stark Hickey Ford of Detroit rolled 365 in its first three game block. Ed Lubanski paced the team with 640.

No changes were registered in either division in the minor events Thursday.

The cowboy practice of carrying objects secretly in the top of a wide-mouthed boot gave us the term "bootleg."

Tacoma Giants Begin Drills

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. (UPI) — Twenty-five of an expected 43 players were on hand today as the Tacoma Giants drilled under the hot Arizona sun.

Manager Andy Gilbert called the weather the best he had seen for training in 25 years in baseball.

Gilbert sent his players through a two-hour batting drill with a dozen hurlers on the mound.

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Rebound Battle — Merrill's Dave Hill (40) fights against a pair of Pirates from Cascade Locks for a rebound in the first round game of the State Class B Basketball Tournament in Bend Thursday night. The Pirates won the game in the final 11 seconds, 48-47, on a pair of gift shots by Jensen.

Swedish, Canada In Hockey Tilt

STOCKHOLM (UPI) — Canada and Sweden met tonight in a "grudge" match which could settle the World Ice Hockey championship and has the usually phlegmatic Swedes in a frenzy.

"The Czechs ran away from the Canadians but our boys won't," Swedish manager Pelle Bergstrom told reporters. "We are going to skate them into the ice, not like the Czechs who were frightened to strike at the Canadian goal."

All seats at the better-than 16,000 seat stadium have been sold out for weeks. Authorities refused to confirm reports that police reinforcements have been drafted should there be trouble between the Canadians and the fans.

The Canadians trail Sweden by one point after five games—nine to ten. Russia has eight and the Czechs seven. Each team has two games left.

The United States finally got its first victory of the championships Thursday when it beat West Germany, 6-4. Both German goalies were sidelined and the United States players took advantage of the inexperience of West German defenseman Hans Nagel, who tended goal.

Huskies Lose First Round State Game Despite Rally

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BEND — The fighting Merrill Huskies made a gutsy comeback here Thursday in the first round of the State Class B Tournament only to see that effort fade into defeat when Cascade Locks' Ron Jensen hit on a pair of charity tosses with 11 seconds left to give the Pirates a 48-47 win over the Huskies.

It was a heartbreaking loss for the Huskies who had fought back so valiantly from a first half deficit of nine points and had taken the lead. But starting guard Bob Moore fouled out and was replaced by sophomore Marlin Barnes. Barnes was the victim of a blind screen and he fouled Jensen coming down court at the mid-court line. Jensen, who had twice only minutes earlier missed on one-and-one-shot situations, made good on both this time for the victory.

The game was far from being one of Merrill's better games of the season. They apparently had tournament jitters or just one of those cold nights that come along. The Huskies just couldn't find the range and hit a poor 27.4 from the field on 16 of 62 shots.

However, they had more baskets than the Pirates but lost the game at the gift line. Cascade Locks hit only 14 of 43 field shots, but connected on 29 of 38 tosses from the line for the win. Merrill hit only 15 of 23 gifters for .336 per cent.

Ken Smith, Dave Hill and Bob Moore led the Huskies. Smith made seven of the 16 Merrill baskets for 15 points. Hill also tallied 15 markers, but he got 11 of his from the charity line where he had 15 attempts. Moore netted 10 points before leaving the game on five fouls.

Fouls hurt the Huskies from the beginning. Larry Conner, the fine sophomore forward, had four fouls in the first half as did Hill. Hill managed to remain in the game but Conner finally fouled out. The Huskies were whistled down 25 times and Cascade Locks 22.

Conch Jerry Groeneveld's team was extremely cold in the first period. The Huskies didn't make a basket until there were 2:33 left in the quarter when Smith popped one from the top of the key. The Pirates had jumped to a 9-2 lead when Smith connected. He and Hill combined to pull the Huskies to within one at the period, 9-8.

Merrill opened up the second period with two quick points when Moore took the tip off and was all alone. But this was the period which hurt the Huskies. The Pirates began to hit from all

around and at the charity line and took a 27-18 half-time lead.

The Huskies could seem to do nothing but foul in that period. They walked off the court for the intermission rest a dejected group of lads. But they came out with fangs bared in the second half and began to work more like they were capable of working.

Smith began hitting from outside while Hill began to draw the fouls and got hot from the free throw line as he hit nine of 11 in the second half.

Hill hit one free throw to tie the game for the first time at 31-31 and his second shot gave the Huskies their first lead at 32-31 with two minutes gone in the fourth period. They had cut the margin to 31-30 by the end of the third frame.

Smith then hit on a fielder for a 34-31 lead but the Pirates fought back. But Merrill's press, which the Huskies had begun midway through the third period, was bothering the Pirates. The Pirates then began to set up the blind screens and came back to tie the game at 38-38 on two free throws by Don Bonta with 4:40 left in the game. Jim Stewart gave the Pirates a 41-38 lead on another two charities. But Kurtz sliced the margin to one point on a swisher from the top of the key.

Sid Nolan put the Pirates into another three-point lead on a jump shot with 2:45 left. But Moore dropped in a long jump shot with 2:36 left and was fouled after the shot. He had two shots but hit only the first one to tie the game at 43-43.

Smith and Moore were doing a beautiful defensive job out front by slapping the ball away from the Pirates guards and stealing it. Smith did this again and laid it in with 2:26 left for a 45-43 Merrill lead. After Jim Stewart had missed a one-and-one situation Nolan hit a jumper for the tie at 45-45.

Smith hit another clutch jumper for Merrill's final points with 51 seconds remaining in the game and a 47-45 lead. Things began to look good for the Huskies when Cascade Locks threw a bad pass and it was stolen by Moore with 30 seconds left. The Huskies called time out.

They decided to stall, but the Pirates began pressing. Moore got the ball in bounds from Smith but lost it to Bonta and fouled Nolan trying to get the ball back. Nolan made the first shot for a 47-46 Merrill lead and missed the second, got the rebound, shot, missed and Barnes rebounded for the Huskies and things still looked good.

Barnes was fouled with 16 seconds left and had a one and one. But he missed the first one, Cascade rebounded and then the blind screen foul on the pressing Barnes finished the Huskies.

Merrill was to play McEwen today at 3:45 in a consolation game. If they win that, they play for consolation Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The box score:
Merrill (47) Pts-Fg Flt-Ft Reb Pts To Barnes 0-0 0-1 1 2 0 Hill 2-7 11-15 3 4 15 Reed 1-9 1-2 4 3 4 Kurtz 2-8 0-2 4 3 4 Moore 4-16 2-8 7 5 10 Smith 7-19 1-2 1 4 15 Conner 0-1 0-0 4 0 0 Totals 14-42 19-38 28 25 47

Cascade (48) Pts-Fg Flt-Ft Reb Pts To J. Stewart 1-10 3-5 9 5 5 D. Jensen 3-7 2-2 8 3 8 J. Stewart 4-8 3-6 4 2 11 Bonta 3-8 4-5 3 1 10 R. Jensen 0-1 2-3 1 2 2 Nolan 2-5 1-3 4 5 9 Carlson 1-4 1-4 2 2 3 Totals 14-42 19-38 28 25 47

Score by quarters:
Merrill Cascade Locks 8 10 17 47 9 18 4 17-48

AAU Wrestling Meet Slated

CORVALLIS (UPI) — Some 300 wrestlers are expected to compete in the Oregon AAU meet at the Coliseum here Saturday.

Top high school wrestlers will compete for places on a team which will go to Japan this summer.

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