

Dons, Dayton 1, 2 in Poll

By The Associated Press

As the college basketball season turns toward the home stretch, the race finally seems to have become stabilized with the University of San Francisco, defending national collegiate champion, and tournament-bound Dayton in the first two positions.

For the ninth straight week the sports writers and broadcasters voting in The Associated Press ranking poll gave first place to the San Francisco Dons by a big margin.

Dayton, which accepted a bid to the National Invitation Tournament today, held second place by a comfortable margin and the first six teams in the rankings remained in the places they held a week ago.

The only changes in the top 10 came as a result of Temple's first loss of the season and Duke's not-too-surprising victory over North Carolina.

San Francisco, winning its 15th game this season and running its record winning streak to 42 straight at the expense of Loyola of Los Angeles, amassed a total of 1,166 points on the usual basis of 10 for each first place vote, nine for second, etc.

Perhaps the biggest surprise in the balloting was that one of the 124 experts who cast ballots failed to put the Dons in the first 10. Another rated them 10th.

The majority of the writers and broadcasters showed more confidence in the Dons, giving them 74 votes for first place and 27 for second.

Dayton, with only five first place votes, drew 856. Vanderbilt, the Southeastern Conference leader, edged out North Carolina State, which is only fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference although it has the best overall record, by the slim margin of 755 to 746.

Then came Louisville, Illinois, Kentucky, Duke, Temple and Alabama to complete the top 10.

The second 10: St. Louis, North Carolina, Holy Cross, Oklahoma City, Southern Methodist, St. Francis (Bkn), Iowa, UCLA, George Washington and Cincinnati.

Dayton 3d to Accept Bid to Play in NIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP)—Dayton University's basketball team accepted an invitation today to play in next month's National Invitation tournament in Madison Square Garden.

The Flyers, who have lost only once in 17 starts this season, have appeared in four previous NIT tournaments, reaching the final round three times.

Duquesne, the defending champion, and Seton Hall College previously accepted invitations.

Booters Boast 2 Candidates For Olympics

Penn State, the traditional home of first-rate soccer teams, boasts two candidates for Uncle Sam's 1956 Olympic entry—a distinction that has thus far been denied the Nittany Lions.

Ron Coder, now in the armed services, and Dick Packer, senior and record-breaking captain of the Lions' 1955 team, are the aspirants.

Coder, who was an outstanding goalie while an undergraduate, achieved prominence in 1951 when he won the plaudits of Iranian fans while on a good will tour promoted by the U.S. State Department. Coder played under Bill Jeffrey, the long-time mentor of soccer in the Nittany Vale.

Coder's "saves" brought Iranian fans out of the stands to toast the young American collegian.

Packer, who sparked the Lions to national championship recognition during both the 1954 and 1955 seasons, scored 24 goals in 1955 to set a new Penn State single season mark. Packer's 53-goal total for three years also represents a new career high at Penn State. Packer played the majority of his soccer at Penn State under Coach Ken Hosterman who took over for Jeffrey in 1953.

Coder and Packer are slated to play in the East-West playoff this Spring from which Uncle Sam's 1956 team will be chosen.

Still another pair of Penn State booters, both undergraduates, are listed as alternate choices for the Eastern entry in the tryout game. They are Per Torgersen, a freshman, and Thor Stelnyk, a senior halfback.

Trackmen Record Two 3ds, Two 4ths

Individual entries on the Nittany Lion indoor track squad failed to garner a first place in four invitational meets run since the end of fall semester classes Jan. 19.

Hurdler Rod Perry, competing in four meets—the Philadelphia Inquirer Games, the Washington Evening Star Meet, the Boston Athletic Association Games, and the Milrose Games—sprinter Art Pollard, high jumper Bob Findley, and hurdler Dick Winston were unable to carry the Nittany colors to victory in any of the races.

Final examinations prevented Pollard from participating in the Washington competition while

Winston was forced to remain on the sidelines in the first three meets because of a pulled muscle.

Findley competed in the Inquirer and Washington Games. Perry, winner of his preliminary heat in the Inquirer meet, was eliminated from the competition when he finished third in the hurdling semi-final race.

Pollard also was eliminated in his semi-final heat, finishing fourth in the 50-yard dash. The veteran Findley placed fifth in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 4 inches.

Moving to Washington the following night, Perry was ousted from further competition when he failed to win his preliminary race.

Findley, however, managed to capture a fourth place in his specialty, leaping 6 feet two inches.

Pollard got his second and final taste of competition in the invitational meets when he finished fourth in the semi-final race of the sprinting event.

Perry crossed the tape in the fourth slot in the finals of the hurdling competition at Boston.

In the final invitational meet—the Milrose Games held last weekend—Perry was victorious in his preliminary run, but was eliminated as he finished third in the semi-final heat.

Winston—still displaying the effect of his lack of activity—managed to cop a third place in his preliminary trial.

Indoor track mentor Chick Werner said that he may possibly place an entry in the New York Athletic Club Meet Saturday night in preparation for the IC4A competition at Madison Square Garden two weeks from then.

Cub Cagers --

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"is the most improved ballplayer on the team," tallied 16 points and grabbed 19 rebounds.

Eleven of the 12 men who saw action dented the scoring column with reserve Frank Barkowski also hitting in the double figures with 10 markers.

Hancock Cuffs Altoona

Tom Hancock, usually high in the scoring parade registered only five points but his defensive and rebounding efforts played a great part in the low Altoona score.

But it was a different story at Annapolis where the Frosh Dribblers dropped a 77-55 verdict. Not only was the field goal percentage off, but the foul shooting accuracy was even worse. Penn State made only seven of 23 charity tosses, while the Navy frosh connected on 27 of 36.

Palmiero Paces Attack

Again it was Palmiero who led the Nittany scorers. His 20 points were also high for the game, but that was only because the Middies distributed their points equally among the first five.

Little Dick Schwendeman, a consistent scorer among the Nittany Frosh, tallied 13 in a losing cause.

One game before the Navy attraction, Bucknell's freshman squad was handed a 63-59 defeat by Swegan's team. It was the first loss for the Bison's in 28 contests. The last time Bucknell had been beaten was in 1954-55 season when it dropped a '75-62 decision to the Frosh Cagers at Rec Hall.

Court Press Helps

The Lion Cubs trailed by one point, 56-55, with five minutes left to play but a full court press soon brought the Frosh into the lead which they maintained until the final buzzer.

Tom Hancock's 21 points gave him top scoring honors. Schwendeman with 11 and Palmiero with 10 also helped the winners' cause.

Jack Flanagan, 19, Ellis Harley, 14, and Harry Danzig, 13, paced the losing efforts of Bucknell.

Gridders Play 4 at Home

Penn State will play its traditional four home games on the gridiron in 1956. Opponents in their order, will be Holy Cross, West Virginia, Boston University and North Carolina State.

Nittany Cagers Win Eighth

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and two hooks. Sophomore Steve Baidy hit on four of four foul tosses and hit on one jump shot and Joe Finkle collected three charity tosses and a set.

Marisa and the Engineer's Seigel shared the night's scoring honors as they each had 19. Lehigh's Tom Healy was next in line with 15, while Hall and Rainey collected 14 and 12 respectively.

State was way out in front in the shooting department as the Lions connected on 32 of 86 field goal attempts for an average of 37.6 per cent. Lehigh hit on 18 of 75 attempts for a 24 per cent effort.

The Lions also outshout the Engineers on the backboards as they grabbed 79 rebounds to the losers 52. Hall was high man in this action as he garnered 16 to lead the Nittanians. Healy and Seigel each had six to lead Lehigh. Egli said he was pleased with the performance of Rainey and the overall performance of the Blue and White cagers. He said he planned a light workout for the Lions tomorrow but wanted the team well rested for Wednesday's engagement with West Virginia.

The Lions won their second consecutive game last Saturday evening with a 42 point second-half to defeat Boston University 67-64. The Blue and White cagers trailed the fast-moving Terriers until four minutes remained in the contest when they took a 57-56 lead which they kept.

The men from Boston gave early indication of what was to come as they capitalized on Penn State's inability to cut the cords and quickly jumped to a 12-0 start. Forward Rudy Marisa started the Lions moving with two free throws with 4:50 gone. The Statemen drew closer until at the 11:30 mark the game was tied at 19-19. Their momentum was not enough, however, as the Terriers recovered to pull to a 32-25 half-time lead.

The lack of hustle and inability to capture rebounds off of either board seemed to be the Lion's major maladjustment in the opening half. Boston's 6'7" center Kevin Thomas took charge in the rebound department and also led his teammates in the scoring section as he poured through a total of 27 points for the game.

Whatever ailed the Nittanians was ironed out by Coach Egli during the intermission as the cagers pulled to the lead off the first

time in the game 39-38, with 5:30 minutes gone in the second half. Bob Hoffman led the drive with three fielders and Marisa helped out with four free throws.

The Bostonians didn't quit as they recaptured the front spot to gain a 47-41 margin, with seven minutes elapsed. Their glory was

The summaries:

PENN STATE			BOSTON U.						
Fg	Ft	Tl	Fg	Ft	Tl				
Marisa	6	6	7	18	Sottile	1	0	1	2
Leisher	1	2	2	4	Fiorino	2	4	5	8
Hall	1	0	1	2	Koppil	1	0	0	2
Rainey	1	2	2	4	Thomas	9	12	27	27
Ramsey	1	0	0	2	Armstrong	5	2	4	12
Jordy	0	1	2	1	Vand'rstr'1	1	2	4	4
Hoffman	9	4	6	22	Kelly	3	0	0	6
Fields	4	6	7	14	Hubbard	0	3	4	8
Totals	23	21	27	67	Totals	22	20	30	64
Penn State	25	42	67		Boston U.	32	32	64	

PENN STATE			NAVY					
Fg	Ft	Tl	Fg	Ft	Tl			
Fields	5	4	7	14	Dulik	1	6	10
Hoffman	5	4	6	14	Smalley	3	4	10
Ramsey	4	8	13	16	Bouvet	0	6	7
Leisher	2	3	6	7	Petinos	9	4	11
Marisa	5	1	4	11	Swanson	5	1	4
Hall	2	0	1	4	Albertson	3	0	2
Rainey	2	0	1	4	Sender	0	2	2
Totals	25	20	39	70	Totals	21	23	40
Penn State	31	39	70		Navy	20	45	65

PENN STATE			BUCKNELL					
Fg	Ft	Tl	Fg	Ft	Tl			
Hoffman	4	0	1	8	Ta'nebaum	3	5	6
Fields	6	5	7	17	Voorhees	7	4	13
Marisa	6	0	0	12	Beatty	5	11	13
Hall	3	8	10	14	Kenzie	0	0	0
Jordy	0	1	2	1	Wieder	8	1	5
Ramsey	4	5	6	13	Strizzi	4	2	4
Leisher	3	1	1	7	Baccelli	2	0	0
Baidy	0	2	4	2				
Totals	26	22	31	74	Totals	29	23	38
Penn State	36	38	74		Bucknell	42	39	81

PENN STATE			LEHIGH					
Fg	Ft	Tl	Fg	Ft	Tl			
Hoffman	4	0	0	8	Healy	4	7	9
Hartnett	2	2	3	6	Le Clare	2	0	0
Leisher	2	2	3	6	Walker	2	2	3
Baidy	1	4	4	6	Wagner	1	4	6
Ramsey	2	1	3	5	Jones	1	3	7
Hall	7	0	2	14	Nolan	1	2	4
Marisa	6	7	8	19	Seigel	6	7	12
Jordy	2	1	3	5	Newkirk	0	0	2
Rainey	5	2	3	12	Nestuk	1	1	2
Lysek	0	1	2	1	Heiser	0	1	2
Finkle	1	3	4	5	Muller	0	0	0
					Georgaris	0	1	2
Totals	32	23	35	88	Totals	18	28	50
Penn State	44	44	88		Lehigh	26	38	64

again short-lived as the Lions, with Hofman, Marisa and Earl Fields doing all the scoring, sped to a 60-58 lead with three minutes left.

The remainder of the Lion scoring came from the foul line as Bob Leisher, Fields, and Jim Jordy were bumped when the Lions attempted to freeze the action. A futile last minute spurge by the Terriers was broken up by the cagers as they held their slim three-point margin.

Hoffman was the high man for the Blue and White as he canned

nine-field goals and four foul shots for 22 points. Marisa was close behind with 18 markers on six fielders and the same number of free throws.

The Nittany cagers broke a four game losing skein by upsetting the Middies of Annapolis 70-65 last Tuesday. The contest developed into a see-saw affair until only two minutes remained with the score knotted at 64 all. Bob Ramsey and Fields moved the Lions into a four-point lead with a pair of free throws each, and Marisa iced the game in the final seconds with a fielder, after a Navy free throw made the count read 68-65.

Ramsey with 16 and Fields and Hoffman with 14 each led the Nittanians in the scoring department, while Middle Frank Pettinos was the game's high man with 22.

In a game at Bucknell during finals, the Statemen dropped their eighth encounter in a surprise upset to the Bisons, 81-74. Fields, Marisa, Hall and Ramsey hit double figures while Hoffman, a consistent high scorer for the Lions, was held to four field goals.

'Little Mo' Connolly Turns Professional

CHICAGO, Feb. 6 (AP)—Wearing a big orchid and flashing a wide smile, Maureen, (Little Mo) Connolly—one of the all-time greats in tennis—turned professional today by joining the advisory staff of a sporting goods company.

In addition to representing the company (Wilson Sporting Goods Co.) Little Mo said at a news conference that one of her main objectives will be "to promote tennis among the youth of America."

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