

LaSalle Favored To Beat USF For Cage Title

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Special to The Tribune

KANSAS CITY, March 19.—Jerry Mullen, the injured University of San Francisco captain and star forward, will start tonight's showdown game with LaSalle for the NCAA basketball championship, Phil Woolpert, the Dons' coach, announced here today. Although Mullen, who injured an ankle in the Oregon State game a week ago, played only 13 minutes and three seconds of last night's 62-50 semifinal round win over Colorado, Woolpert figures he is OK to go the full route in tonight's title clash, scheduled to start at 7 p.m. (PST).

Duquesne Favored in NIT Finale

NEW YORK, March 19.—Top seeded Duquesne, which believes possession is nine points of the law—particularly on a basketball court—is a three-point choice to win the National Invitation Tournament tonight by defeating towering Dayton.

But coach Dudley Moore's Duke's team will have to make a 15-year jinx to take the title back to Pittsburgh. They have played in seven previous national invitation tournaments at Madison Square Garden since 1940 and never won the crown.

Both Duquesne and coach Tom Blackburn's Dayton team reached the finals twice before only to be beaten.

St. Francis and Cincinnati will play the consolation game for third place. Ordinarily, the consolation holds little interest, but this one will give fans, pro and amateur, a chance to watch Maurice Stokes of St. Francis.

Stokes put on one of the outstanding performances in NIT history Thursday night when he scored 43 points against Dayton. Although he will not play in the final, he might win the tournament's most valuable player award.

Ward Falts in Palm Springs Golf

PALM SPRINGS, March 19.—The second round of the 64-hole Palm Springs invitational golf tournament gets under way today with Johnny Dawson, of Palm Springs, and Dick Campbell, of Montebello, tied for the lead with 65.

Tied one stroke back was Harvie Ward, of San Francisco, who faltered on the seventh hole yesterday and took a double bogie; Dr. Bud Taylor, Phoenix; Bob McAllister, San Gabriel; and Fletcher Jones, of Los Angeles.

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COP Wins Losses

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Sequoia entered the fifth inning 7-0, then suddenly it went to a hitting spree, sending 17 men to the plate in the fifth and sixth to score 13 runs. Dave Laack and Ruben Gutierrez honored for COP.

Rookies Star As Oaks Rack Up 13-1 Win



Oakland's Bill Russell, All-American center of the University of San Francisco, tumbles over the prostrate form of Colorado forward Mel Coffman (21) in some violent rebound action as the Hilltoppers beat the Buffaloes, 62-50 last night in semi-finals of NCAA play at Kansas City. Other USFers: Stan Buchmann (15), E. C. Jones (4).

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Pinky Higgins, in his first season as manager of the Boston Red Sox, faces a pitching problem—but it's a pleasant one, at that.

Higgins' case parallels the nursery rhyme tale of the old woman who lived in a shoe and had so many children she didn't know what to do.

The new Sox skipper, who managed Boston's Louisville farm club in the American Association last season, has so many pitching hopefuls on hand in the team's baseball training camp at Sarasota, Fla., that he

is faced with a choice of whom to use. "Nobody in our organization is more familiar with the kid players in our system than Higgins," Cronin declares. "He had them all. He knows how to instill confidence in the youngsters."

Based on what has been heard during the spring workouts and exhibition games, Higgins thinks that the Red Sox have the makings of one of the best pitching staffs in the American League.

"Pitching may be our strongest department," Higgins says. "That's where we're fortunate. If you have good pitching, you're always in the game."

Three of the youngsters—Tom Delock, Leo Kieley and Joe Trimble—limited Cincinnati to

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Fremont Beats 'Jackets, 7-5

By BEN GIULIANO
Bob Wasgatt's Fremont High Tigers, who finished fifth in last year's Oakland Athletic League race, continue to ride high in Eastbay prep baseball circles.

The Tigers racked up their third straight victory in as many starts yesterday afternoon as they topped the visiting Berkeley Yellowjackets, 7-5, at Greenman Field. Fremont entered the game boasting shut-out wins over San Lorenzo and Encinal.

McClaymonds and Tech, also of the OAL, didn't fare as well yesterday. McClaymonds dropped a 6-2 decision to hosting Sacred Heart of San Francisco, while Tech, defending city champion, bowed to entertaining El Cerrito, 5-4.

In other practice contests Encinal of Alameda tripped St. Mary's of Berkeley, 5-4, at Alameda's Washington Park; San Lorenzo edged invading St. Joseph's of Alameda, 1-0; Vallejo won over Albany, 6-4, at Albany; and hosting Clarkburg trounced Armijo of Fairfield, 16-5.

Fremont batters connected for 13 hits against Berkeley pitching. Meanwhile, the Yellowjackets got to starter Bob Blakelee for two hits in four innings and to reliever Sam Mastie for five hits in three frames.

Wilson Hill, Gary Brenzel, Del Bain and Blakelee all singled twice for the Tigers, with Marv Andrade coming through for a double and single and Bob Garcia and Ron Melio for triples.

All six runs in the Sacred Heart-Mack game were unearned.

The San Franciscans picked up six runs of their own in the first inning on a single and double and four Mack bobbles. Mack pitcher Cluster Litsey held the winners hitless after the first inning.

The Warriors got only one hit during the seven innings, a sixth-inning single by Percy Harris.

Curtis Flood's two singles and home run sparked Tech's showing against El Cerrito.

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Hockey Star Asks Fans to Stop Rioting

MONTREAL, March 19.—The mayor, city councilors, police and just about everyone else in this hockey-mad city joined the argument over Thursday's riot at the Montreal Forum while police drew up plans to prevent another outburst tonight.

Merchants along busy St. Catherine Street were still repairing broken windows today and counting the damage caused by thousands of frenzied Montreal followers who went on a rampage of destruction and looting to protest the suspension of their idol—Maurice (Rocket) Richard.

In an attempt to avert a similar demonstration when the New York Rangers play here tonight, Mayor Jean Drapeau and Richard himself spoke to radio and television audiences, asking them to stop any protest demonstrations.

Richard ended reports that he planned to retire this year. "I will take my punishment and come back next year to help the club and the younger players win the cup," he said in his brief radio and television address in both French and English.

"So that no further harm will be done, I would like to ask everyone to get behind me tonight and help the boys win from the Rangers and Detroit," Richard said.

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JOEY LOPES UPSET BY CARMELO COSTA IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Plenty of rest gave young Joey Lopes a big advantage in the terrific speed that enabled him to upset California's Carmelo Costa last night and will make him the favorite over Mexico's Rafon Macias in his non-title fight at Madison Square Garden in late May or June.

Like a jet plane zooming around a bomber, featherweight contender Costa was "in and out" last night as he won a unanimous 10-round decision over bantamweight contender Lopes of Sacramento, Calif. before 2,800 in the Garden.

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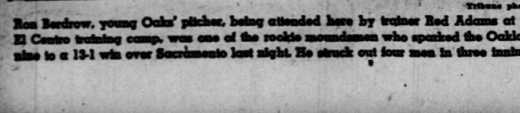
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