

State Ends Up Second

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
The Associated Press

FOR the second straight year, the University of San Francisco will go into the national collegiate basketball tournament as the nation's No. 1 team on the basis of regular season play.

San Francisco's Dons, the winningest team in major college history, today received the No. 1 designation from 132 sports writers and broadcasters participating in the season's final Associated Press ranking poll.

The Dons wound up the 1954-55 season in the capture of national title in the NCAA tournament and swept through all their 25 games in the just-ended 1955-56 campaign without a loss. They now have won 51 games in a row since suffering an early-season defeat in 1954-55. They were the experts' pick to repeat in the preseason AP poll and they have been on top of the voting every week through the season.

In the final balloting, 66 voted San Francisco first and 39 others put them second. In terms of the usual 10-9-8, etc., point scoring from first to tenth places, San Francisco polled 1,181 points. North Carolina State, champion of the powerful Atlantic Coast Conference, finished in second place, but with only 809 points. They came Dayton, Iowa, Alabama, Louisville, Southern Methodist, UCLA, Kentucky and Illinois.

There were only two major changes from the previous week. Iowa, which had to go right to the finish to take the Big Ten championship, moved up to fourth place ahead of Alabama's Southeastern Conference champions. Illinois, which held its final game after being a Big Ten contender all season, dropped from seventh to tenth, allowing Southern Methodist and UCLA to advance.

The leaders, with first-place votes in parentheses: 1. San Francisco (66) (25-0) — 1101
2. North Carolina State (9) (24-2) — 809
3. Dayton (21) (22-0) — 736
4. Iowa (18) (21-2) — 730
5. Alabama (22) (21-2) — 720
6. Louisville (21) (21-2) — 713
7. Southern Methodist (9) (22-1) — 692
8. UCLA (11) (21-2) — 687
9. Kentucky (21) (18-5) — 682
10. Illinois (18-4) — 625

SECONDED TEAM: 11. Oklahoma City (6) (18-4) — 486
12. Vanderbilt (18-4) — 484
13. North Carolina (18-4) — 483
14. Holy Cross (11) (25-4) — 471
15. Temple (22-3) — 465
16. Wake Forest (18-5) — 457
17. Duke (18-5) — 456
18. Oklahoma A. & M. (1) (18-8) — 452
19. East Virginia (11) (21-4) — 445
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HE BAGGED HIMSELF A MESS OF WINS
At a testimonial dinner held last night, General Al McClellan was honored by backers of his Belmont Abbey Crusaders. The basketball coach was presented a gift of luggage during the evening and with him is seen Athletic Director Humpy Wheeler (left) and Booster Tom Grady. McClellan's club won 18 of 25 games, was given consideration for the NIT in New York. (Tom Walters Photo)

Spring Bringing No Respite From Hart For GCAA Teams

(First of a series on local prep basketball prospects.)
By RONALD GREEN
Regardless of the season, George Hart is a hard man to stop. If it's autumn, he harassed members of the Greater Charlotte AA must contend with his thumping legs at allback legs that carried him last season to a city rushing yardage a champion and a spot on the All-Mecklenburg team.
If it's winter, they must fret about his rebounding courts, good enough to earn him a second-team berth on the All-Mecklenburg 11stings a few weeks ago.
Spring brings no respite. George Hart is the hardest hitting baseball player in the GCAA and handles first base with excellence achieved through two seasons of experience.
Just as he was a central figure in Harding High's ratings as top football team and one of the top basketball teams in the league, so is he a key man in the Rams' pre-season ranking as a baseball team to beat.
Unless a drastic change takes place, Hart will hit frequently and for distance. He's a strong threat for the city batting crown.
With Hart as a heart, Coach Floyd Bumgarner, who never has a bad team at Harding, appears ready to field one of his better clubs this season.
Leftfielder Carl Ford, another man out for this third year, and Rightfielder Robert (Tree) Ledwell have also proved they can hit in the high figures and can supply the long ball occasionally.
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Nine Men Listed For Draft Call

At the other positions, Alfred Wingate, second-stringer last year, is leading the race at catcher but is being chased by Ralph Holshouser, a veteran utility outfielder, and newcomer Phil Swearingin.
Leonard Ward, a first base sub last year and a Legion regular, is trying for the centerfield job. So is Bill Godfrey, who has impressed Bumgarner by poling a couple over the fence in batting practice.
Andy Hodges and Bobby Bradburn, lefties who were second-line pitchers last year, are back. Weldon Ford and Jerry Hooper are new pitching hopefuls.
The Rams open at Richard Field next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 against Hickory.

Thirty-Seven Teams Register

Thirty-seven teams registered for play at the first softball meeting of the season last night at the Y. More teams are expected to enter at the second meeting, which will be held next Monday night at 7:30.
The season will open Apr. 15. An increase in pay was voted for umpires at the meeting.

'Y' Handballers Enter Tourney

Central YMCA's handball team will compete in the Interstate tournament at Columbia, S. C., Friday and Saturday.
Representing the local Y will be Otis Skipper, George Dial, Bob Kingery, Bill Calhoun, Frank Leonard, George McCaheen, Morris Gamble and John Nebelst.
Milt Bolick and George Bryant defeated Walter Hook and Boyce Brown, 21-15, 21-12, for the novice handball championship.
Quarterfinals and semifinals games will be played Friday in the YMCA volleyball tournament.
A new body-building class will open at the YMCA next Monday. Classes will be held at 7 p. m. and will last one hour. There are still openings will be accommodated in the new school cafeteria.

Little League Fish Fry Set

The Matthews Little League Baseball Committee will sponsor a fish fry Saturday from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Matthews Junior High School Cafeteria.
Proceeds go toward purchasing new suits and equipment needed by the team. Horace Ratterree is chairman of the committee on arrangements and W. W. Burton is vice chairman. About 1,000 people will be accommodated in the new school cafeteria.

Bob Quincy

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\$10,000 in earnings, has three more productive years. It is only a small chapter in the Mickey Walsh story.
"I don't know who to put it," exclaims Charley Sitzer, a Southern Pines hotel owner who helps champion the Stoneybrook Hunt. "But Michael is uncanny in seeing qualities in horses that no one else can find."
This weekend, "Repose" and "Erin's Cottage," both Walsh-owned products, will be the horses to watch in the Sandhill's Cup, which is about two-and-one-quarter miles over a timber course. "Cottage" took the event last year, while "Repose," stronger on distance, took the Carolina Cup at Camden.
There will be other horses, too. But play it safe and don't bet against Trainer Walsh.

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He's Not Satisfied

Will Al McClellan Be Using His New Luggage This Year?

When General Al McClellan, Belmont Abbey coach, was given a set of luggage at a testimonial dinner, he quipped, "Looks like I'm in for some traveling. Does he mean it?"
There is no use hiding the fact, McClellan is disappointed that his Abbey club has not been accepted with more enthusiasm. He wonders if they will be.
"I have had a winner for each of my three years at Abbey," he explains, "but we aren't pulling the crowds I hoped we would. I have had a following in a slow process, but this is slower than I anticipated."

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stars, kept on winning. Greatest single accomplishment in McClellan's reign came this year at the Charlotte Coliseum when the Crusaders upset a highly regarded Richmond Club. The Spiders later played in the South-eastern Conference finals.
Abbey also was the first club to break the century at the Coliseum something pro units such as the Gibbetters, St. Louis Hawks, Fort Wayne Pistons and Boston Celtics couldn't do.
"Our problems are immense," McClellan admits. "We can't offer the big scholarships some schools can. We don't have a training table. Our athletes eat in the dining hall with the other students."

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McClellan, although he knew his chances were slim, was set back when the school lost a possible National Invitational Tournament bid. The Crusaders had been one of ten teams in the running for four berths.
"I wanted to get back to Madison Square Garden and show off," McClellan says.
"Only time will tell if he remains an Abbey another season."

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