

Bruins, Trojans Tough in Basketball



RON TAYLOR
Played Best Game

UCLA's basketball team has won 37 consecutive games, but coach John Wooden would prefer that sports writers ignore it.

Asked Monday if preserving the winning streak will eventually bother his team, Wooden replied: "Yes, especially if sports writers keep making an issue of it."

"I've seen stories about 60 in a row," said Wooden. "I know that's the record and I'm sure my players do, too. But I'm not going to think about it."

"The only record we're worried about right now is the one against Bradley in our next game on Dec. 22. We have enough problems without worrying about records, too."

Assessing the Bruins' victories of 120-88 over Wichita State and 121-80 over Iowa State, Wooden said: "We definitely played better than in our opener at Purdue. I think there were two reasons—we were playing at Pauley Pavilion and the teams we played were not as strong as Purdue."

Wooden said freshman Curtis Rowe, who broke Lew Al-

cindor's freshman scoring record with 51 points against El Camino College last Friday, will be "a tremendous asset when he becomes eligible for varsity ball."

The Bruin coach called the 6-foot-6 Rowe "our best overall rebounder. Alcindor doesn't pursue or maneuver as well as Curtis."

USC coach Bob Boyd said he hopes to learn by today whether guard Steve Jennings will be able to take a cast off his right foot. Boyd hinted last week that he might hold Jennings out of competition this year if the guard doesn't return to action soon.

The Trojan coach said his

team turned in its best overall performance in beating Villanova last Friday.

"We didn't play as well against St. John's on Saturday night," said Boyd. "We were a little flat and that probably cost us the game."

Boyd noted steady improvement in 7-foot-1 center Ron Taylor of Torrance.

"He has cut down on his fouling and is getting more aggressive on the boards," said Boyd. "He played his best game for USC against Villanova."

The Trojans and Loyola are

co-hosts to Oklahoma and Colorado State this week-end. USC and Oklahoma clash at 7 p.m. Friday and Colorado State and Loyola meet at 9 p.m. Saturday night.

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Fishing Hearing Scheduled

"The ocean sport fishing industry in California has undergone a tremendous growth in just the past ten years, and it is time to determine just what effects it is having on the state's economy," Assemblyman Pauline L. Davis told newsmen.

Her assembly committee on conservation and wildlife will hold a one-day hearing in Los Angeles next Tuesday to hear testimony from all facets of the ocean sport fishing industry.

"We expect to take the collective viewpoints of our numerous witnesses, and from them determine the criteria for setting up a comprehensive study of the problem," said Mrs. Davis.

Chairman Davis told newsmen that the hearing, open to the public, will be convened at 9 a.m. in the State Office Building, 107 South Broadway, Los Angeles.

An attempt to develop criteria for fixing the magnitude of the study of this complex problem area will be aired.

"We want to go into this study with the purposes well defined in order to serve all interested parties," Mrs. Davis said, "and avoid diluting any efforts by failure to grasp the essential issues."

The study and the hearing are a development of House Resolution 302 as introduced by Assemblyman Ken MacDonal during this year's general session of the legislature.

New Format Planned For Game

Format of the second Annual Catholic Big Brother All-Star Football Game next July has been revised to feature a Catholic School vs. Los Angeles City Schools rivalry, it has been announced.

In the first annual game played last summer at Long Beach Veterans Memorial Stadium, the South won an upset of the North, 13-7, in an all parochial game.

Each of the all-star teams will consist of 30 players, all of whom must be graduated seniors who have not yet enrolled in college or junior college. The Catholic Big Brothers general game committee has appointed a special selection committee to screen and recommend the finest available coaches and players for invitation to participate in the 1968 game.

The Los Angeles City team will be drawn from eight leagues — Eastern, Marine, Northern, Southern, Western, East Valley, Mid Valley, and West Valley.

The parochial schools are chiefly in the Angelus, Camino Real, Catholic, and Santa Fe Leagues of the CIF, Southern Section, with additional schools in the Frontier and Olympic Leagues.

City Plans Leagues For Boys

Three basketball leagues are forming through the Torrance Recreation Department for boys in fifth grade through high school.

Any high school student who has not lettered in varsity basketball or who is not currently playing on an interscholastic team is eligible to play in the Big Ten League.

The Rocky Mountain League is for boys in seventh and eighth grades. Fifth and sixth graders will play in the Skyline League.

Registration for all leagues will be held at each of the four high schools where games are played. All high schools will hold a sign-up period in the school gymnasium from 1-4 p.m. on Dec. 18, 19 and 20.

Registration will also be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday for the Skyline and Rocky Mountain divisions.

The Skyline and Rocky Mountain Leagues will play all games on Saturdays beginning Jan. 6. Big Ten games will start the week of Jan. 2-6. League play will end the week of March 11-16, with city playoffs being held the week of March 18-23.

Schools which host these leagues are North High, 3620 W. 182nd; South High, 4801 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance High, 2200 Carson and West High, 20401 Victor St.

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