

Hopes To Certify No. 7 Credentials Against Huskies

Purdue Five Plays Two In Seattle This Weekend

SEATTLE, Wash. — Purdue's basketball contingent, 12 strong, arrived in Seattle Thursday for a pair of important tests against the University of Washington the next two nights which may demonstrate whether the Boilermakers are for real or whether they were playing over their heads last week.

Unnoticed in pre-season ratings, Purdue bounced into seventh place in the nation this week — although it hasn't won a game.

All Purdue did was to take UCLA, rated as possibly the best basketball team in all history, down to the closing two seconds before bowing 71 to 73. That performance earned Coach George King's team the quick rise in nation-

al stature.

The only question is, Was Purdue's great showing a one-shot affair?

Purdue was at home, was opening a fine, new basketball arena, and employed a bunch of sophomores which no rival ever had been able to scout. UCLA, meanwhile, was in foul trouble much of the game and the defending National champions had a poor shooting night.

King, one of sport's eternal optimists, thinks his young Boilermaker team is as good — or can be as good — as it showed last Saturday. But even King is worried about the games here Friday and Saturday nights. (Tip-off for the main affair will be 11 p.m., CDT, each night.)

Reason for King's concern is

PURDUE (0-1)		Pos.		WASHINGTON (2-0)	
Herm Gilliam (6-3)	.....F.....	George Irvine (6-5)	.....F.....	George Irvine (6-5)	.....F.....
Roger Blalock (6-6)	.....F.....	Dave Carr (6-3)	.....F.....	Dave Carr (6-3)	.....F.....
Chuck Bavis (7-0)	.....C.....	Jay Bond (6-8)	.....C.....	Jay Bond (6-8)	.....C.....
Rick Mount (6-4)	.....G.....	Dave West (6-8)	.....G.....	Dave West (6-8)	.....G.....
Bill Keller (5-10)	.....G.....	Rafael Stone (5-9)	.....G.....	Rafael Stone (5-9)	.....G.....

Tip-Off: 11 p.m. (CDT), Edmundson Pavilion
(Same time Saturday night)
Series: Purdue leads, 3-0
Broadcast: WASK, WBAA

the difference in officiating between the Midwest and the Pacific Coast.

Out here, as a rule, officials call offensive charging more often than Midwest officials; West Coast officials aren't as lenient with offensive "picks" and "blocks"; and they are more prone to call traveling out this way.

A fast-break team, such as Purdue is expected to be — despite its controlled offense against UCLA — can get into trouble on all three counts when playing on the West Coast. Many Midwestern teams have become completely frustrated while visiting Pacific Coast floors.

King has announced plans to

speed up his club here. He will use quick sophomore Tyrone Bedford more than in the opener, sending Roger Blalock to the pivot in place of towering Chuck Bavis. And King hopes to use senior speedster Bernie Conrad at guard, to spell Bill Keller and Rick Mount instead of bringing scoring star Herm Gilliam from forward to guard.

BEAT MIAMI TWICE

Purdue will start the same lineup as a week ago: Blalock and Gilliam forwards, Bavis at center, and Keller and Mount at guards. But it is conjectural as to how long this unit will remain intact.

Besides the starters and Bedford and Conrad, players making the trip here were Hank

wins, is off to its fastest start in six seasons. The Huskies would like nothing better than to upend the Big Ten foe to bolster their own confidence and maybe creep into the ratings, themselves.

Duckworth had good balance in the opening series. Behind Carr's 39 points, Irvine had 27, Bond 24, West 23 and junior letterman Gary Ostenson, a guard, 20. (All Huskies scored in the opener.)

Pro Basketball

NBA		Thursday's Result	
San Diego 118	vs.	Chicago 108	
Friday's Games			
Baltimore at Boston			
Los Angeles at Detroit			
New York at Philadelphia			
Chicago at Seattle			
San Diego vs. San Francisco at Oakland			

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