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Iowa State outshoots SMU to gain 'lucky' 80-70 win

United Press International
AMES, Iowa — Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr said his basketball team was a little lucky but extremely happy to get its first win of the young season, a 10-point decision over Southern Methodist.

Robert Estes tossed in 20 points and Paul Beene added 19 points to lead the Cyclones to the 80-70 non-conference basketball victory over the Mustangs Wednesday night.

"We got it going a little bit our way and took control of the game," Orr said. "We got a few shots off unmolested and fortunately they went in."

The Cyclones, 1-1, jumped to a 42-32 halftime lead and weathered one SMU rally in the second half.

SMU Coach Dave Bliss said the Mustangs lost to a quick, good team.

"Iowa State just wore us down," Bliss said. "They pressured us a lot out of our offense. We have young players that in situations contribute one night and have trouble the next."

John Kocak and John Addison scored 19 points each and John Briggs added 18 points off the bench for the Mustangs, who fell to 2-1.

Addison, a 6-foot, 6-inch transfer from Colorado, hit a series of jump shots from along the baseline and Briggs hit two baskets inside as SMU cut the lead to 54-50 with 13:30 to play.

However, Beene hit a 3-point play on a drive and Estes connected on two jumpers and a pair of free throws as the Cyclones worked the lead to 61-51 with 11:53 to play.

SMU, which hit 50 percent from the field for the game, could get no closer the rest of the evening.

Iowa State Center Ron Falenschek, who scored 8 points, said the Cyclones knew they had to come back after their opening loss at Eastern Montana.

"Everyone felt terrible after that one," Falenschek said. "The loss put fire in everyone. After we built the lead against SMU, we knew we could win."

Estes, a forward who passed the 1,000 career scoring mark late in the first half, had 12 of his points as the Cyclones shot 52 percent in the first half.

"We went out to win as soon as we hit the floor," Estes said. "We were thinking about last year when we lost all those games in the second half. We more relaxed tonight than in our first game."

Independence Bowl hosts run Dec. 12

The Independence Bowl Committee, the Shreveport-Bossier YMCA and the Shreveport Sports Foundation will sponsor a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) run Dec. 12 at 8 a.m. in Shreveport, La. The run will serve as a prelude to the Independence Bowl between Texas A&M and Oklahoma State University, which will be played at 7:30 that night.

The event, to begin at the south end of Clyde Fant Parkway under the Shreveport-Barksdale Highway Bridge, is open to anyone interested. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each age group.

The advance registration fee is \$5, while the late registration fee is \$8. Pre-registration deadline for mail-in entries must be post-marked by Saturday. The registration fee, along with the participant's name, age, address and phone number must be sent to: Independence Bowl Run, P.O. Box 566, Shreveport, La., 71162.

Trophies will be given to the first-, second- and third-place finishers in several age groups ranging from under 10 years to 61 and above. The first 500 to finish the run will receive T-shirts, while the first overall male and female runners will be awarded warm-up suits.

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Ring return

'Old man' Frazier starts down comeback trail

United Press International
CHICAGO — Joe Frazier isn't figuring on a drawn-out series of fights to prepare him on his way back to the heavyweight championship.

Frazier believes that tonight's scheduled 10-round battle with journeyman Jumbo Cummings ought to be enough to prove his worth, even though Frazier is 37 and hasn't fought in five years.

"I'm not looking ahead past Jumbo Cummings first of all, but I think one fight and I'll be ready to fight for the title," Frazier says. "I look at the heavyweight scene and see how they are damaging it and I think after one fight I'll be ready."

Frazier, who returns to the ring tonight at the Chicago International Amphitheater, last fought in a loss to George Foreman June 15, 1976.

The former champ, who holds a career record of 32-4, weighed in at 229½ pounds, five pounds more than when he lost to Foreman.

Cummings, 17-1, weighed in at 228½. He is seven years younger than Frazier.

"Age don't mean nothing. When you are 37 in other businesses, you aren't considered to be washed up," Frazier notes.

Frazier will earn approximately \$80,000 for his fight with Cummings, a far cry from the million dollar purses that he collected from his three fights with Muhammad Ali. Ironically, Ali will be fighting next week and Frazier has denied he is trying to upstage his longtime adversary.

"You can never earn enough money. I want to keep winning and earning money," Frazier said.

Frazier has spent most of his retirement — he prefers to call it a long rest — working with fighters in his home of Philadelphia. He has guided the career of his son, Marvis, whom he says he will not fight in his battle to win back the heavyweight title.

It is the training with the younger boxers which has Frazier convinced he is ready to defeat Cummings and go on to fight Larry Holmes for the heavyweight title.

"I'm still in shape. Training wasn't difficult for me this time," Frazier said. "I'm ready to fight."

Frazier said he is going to be a better boxer against Cummings than he was before he decided to leave the ring.

"No problem with my eyes. No problems with the legs," he said. "I'm better now than before I left the public scene. My ability is different, improved. The long preaching speed to me is moving, to keep my legs from those punches."

Cummings, who spent years at Stateville Prison in Illinois, has had an unimpressive career fighting mostly in the cago area. He claims he has by fighting a former champion.

"I respect Joe Frazier. I respect won't mean much to get in the ring," Cummings said. "I know he was a former champion. That doesn't cause problems."

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