

Favorites Win In Handball Quarter-Finals

Steckel, Defending Champion, Beats Ronald Lubin

The favorites won in the quarter-finals of the all-university handball tournament, last night. It was the first round of the tournament that was not marked by an upset.

Dick Steckel, seeded first, and the defending champion, won over Ron Lubin, the tennis star, by a score of 21-11, 19-21, 21-4. It was a close match until Steckel got "hot" in the final game.

The sets between Al Perel, seeded number two, and Bill Voorhees were marked by a large number of "kills." Perel won in hard games 21-14 and 21-19.

NICHOLAS WINS

The hardest fought match of the tournament was the game between Fred Nicholas and Al Mahaffay. Nicholas finally won after a grueling battle which lasted two hours. The score at the end of the match stood at 21-14, 13-21, and 21-18, but the two players were unable to stand. Mahaffay is one of the hardest hitting players on the Pacific coast and Nicholas is one of the best servers, so the match was a battle for every point. Nicholas was hit in the head by one of Mahaffay's hard shots and he took a 15 minute rest period.

Bob Pofcher, the ex-Bruin handball star, defeated Al Brown 21-19 and 21-8. Brown won his way into the quarter-finals by upsetting Jack Snow, seeded second. Pofcher upset Rodriguez, seeded fifth, to gain the quarter-finals. Pofcher had a little trouble getting started but when he finally did he had things his own way.

GAME HARD FOUGHT

In the final game first Nicholas and then Mahaffay would forge into the lead. The score stood at 18 all when Nicholas spurted ahead to win. The game was marred by frequent hindrances. After the game Mahaffay weighed six pounds less than before the game.

The semi-finals will be held Thursday night when Steckel will meet Perel and Nicholas will face Pofcher. Steckel and Nicholas will be the favorites but handball is like football in that anything can happen.