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BADGER COACH HUDDLES WITH STAR BACKS — Coach Ivy Williamson gets together with his first string offensive backfield on a practice field near the Rose Bowl where Wisconsin's gridders began the job of getting ready for their New Year's Day clash with Southern California. The players left to right are: Quarterback Jim Haluska, Right Halfback Jerry Witt, Fullback Alan Ameche and Left Halfback Harland Carl. (AP Wirephoto)

La Salle Grabs Lead In First AP Poll

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NEW YORK (AP) — Undefeated La Salle of Philadelphia held the No. 1 position in the Associated Press college basketball poll today, but pressure is mounting.

The Explorers return this weekend to Madison Square Garden, scene of their National Invitation triumph last winter, to play in the

eight-team Holiday Tournament. Against the select field they put their eight-game winning streak in jeopardy.

La Salle opens the tournament against highly regarded De Paul in one of the afternoon quarter-final games. Others in the event, ending Tuesday, are Manhattan, Cincinnati, St. John's of Brooklyn, Miami, Ohio, New York University and Utah State.

La Salle won first place in the poll for the second straight week by getting 28 of the 77 first-place votes cast by sportswriters and broadcasters. This gave them 630 points, on the basis of 10 for a first vote, 8 for second, etc.

They barely shaded Illinois, which had 577 points and 12 first-place votes.

Others in the top 10 are Seton Hall, Kansas State, North Carolina State, Washington, Louisiana State, Oklahoma A&M and Western Kentucky, in that order.

The leaders first-place votes in parenthesis:

1. La Salle (28) 630
2. Illinois (12) 577
3. Seton Hall (8) 434
4. Holy Cross (7) 326
5. St. John's (1) 321
6. North Carolina State (1) 314
7. Washington (4) 205
8. Louisiana State 184
9. Oklahoma A&M 178
10. Western Kentucky (3) 117

Mother, Four Children Perish In Burning Home

CHICOPEE, Mass. (AP) — A mother and four children perished in a fire and explosion in their home early Monday.

The bodies of the mother and three of the children were found in beds. The body of one of the children was found under a bed.

The father was seriously burned before he leaped from a second-story window.

Fire Capt. Frank Cavanaugh said the explosion was caused by a leaking gas main.

The victims were identified as Mrs. Dorothy Holt, 32; her son, Walter, 13, and three daughters, Charlene, 10; Betty Ann, 8, and Rosemary, 3.

The father, Charles Holt, 34, was described in critical condition in Providence Hospital, Holyoke.

South Adds Grigger To Shrine Team As One Player Dismissed

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The South's move to add a 26th player to its squad for the Shrine Christmas night charity football game in the Orange Bowl drew a protest Tuesday from coaches of the Yankee squad.

South Coach Andy Gustafson of Miami added Randy Broyles of

Washington and Lee to his team Monday to replace Oklahoma's Buck McPhail, who missed several practice sessions because of a cold.

"We informed Gus that anyone not in uniform as of last Saturday would be declared ineligible," said North Coach Stu Holcomb of Purdue. "However, we will allow him to use Broyles if he will bench McPhail."

Long Life Tip Given By Mack

FT. MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Connie Mack, on his 80th birthday, offered a tip on how to live a long time and predicted the 1953 Philadelphia Athletics will be the best in years.

Of course, he said Monday, the New York Yankees will be tough as usual but he likes the A's chance in the American League race. He added that he thinks it will be the best Athletic team since 1931.

The grand old man of baseball celebrated his birthday this year on Dec. 22, instead of Dec. 23 as in past years. His older brother, Michael, always insisted Mack was born on Dec. 22. Then, two years ago, the Rev. James McGillicuddy, a West Spencer, Mass., priest checked birth records and found Cornelius McGillicuddy (Connie Mack) was born about midnight Dec. 22.

Mack gave his tip for living a long time in an interview with newsmen:

"There's not a worry in the world worth worrying about. That helped me live longer than anything else I know. This worked for me, but everyone must live his own life. Another cannot tell him how to live."

Fights Last Night

MONDAY NIGHT'S FIGHTS
By The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA — Gil Turner, 149 1/2, Philadelphia, stopped Joe Miceli, 148 1/2, New York, in 53 seconds of the sixth round.
BROOKLYN — Walter Cartier, 161, New York, drew with Pierre Langlois, 159 1/2, France, 10.
CHICAGO — Nelson Levring, 139, Wichita, Kas., outpointed Norman Webb, 144, Chicago, 8.

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