

Duck Tracks

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After seeing the University of Kentucky's basketball machine again ranked first in the weekly Associated Press national poll, the thought comes to mind that possibly there is an underground passage linking that institution of knowledge and the gold-filled depts of Fort Knox, also located within the borders of Kentucky.

Year after year the Wildcats come up with a monotonous succession of contenders for the national championship, and it happens to be the unfortunate luck of the Southeastern conference to have the Blue Grass boys as a member of their league. The Wildcats have already clinched another SEC title, and with it a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Consider the Kentucky record for the past half-dozen years. In 1947 Coach Adolph Rupp's crew won 34 of 37 games, but one of the losses came at the hands of Utah in the finals of the National Invitational Tourney.

Kentucky Boys Are Good

Undaunted, the Wildcats came back to nail down the NCAA crown in both 1948 and 1949. On their way to the 1948 title, they compiled a 36-3 slate and mauled Baylor, 58-42, in the finals. The following year the Kentuckians blasted out a 32-2 ledger and wound things up by humiliating Hank Iba's Oklahoma Aggies, 46-33, in the NCAA finals in Seattle.

The Wildcats ran into a disastrous season in 1950, copping only 25 games out of 30 played. That was the year CCNY made basketball history by winning both the NIT and NCAA tournaments. However, it was the same old story again last year as Kentucky swept aside Kansas State in the finals for its third crown in four years.

This year the southerners have racked up 22 triumphs in 24 attempts, in the process blazing their way to something like an 85-points-per-game average, which, if maintained, will break the old record now held by Rhode Island State. All this, moreover, is being done without the services of Bill Spivey, Kentucky's seven-foot All-American of last year, who withdrew himself from competition earlier in the season. Even All-Americans are expendable at Kentucky.

Jai-Alai, Anyone?

While Kentucky may have one of the fastest-breaking teams in the country, the fact still remains that jai-alai is the fastest game in the world, claims of ice hockey fans to the contrary. Jai-alai is a Spanish sport which is played in Mexico, Cuba, Florida, and the Philippines, to mention a few of the game's hotspots.

It's played within an enclosure approximately a city block in length. Three sides of the court are walled, while the fourth is screened off so that the spectators can view the action. Each player is equipped with a long, basket-like affair with which to catch the elusive pelota, or ball, and then slam it against one end of the court as quickly as possible, as in handball.

While players are allowed to catch the ball on the first bounce, much of the game's thrills and excitement is provided by performers who make leaping catches of the ball on the fly and hurl it back almost before they hit the floor.

However, the object of the game is not to build sportsmanship but to provide the fans with an exciting form of gambling. Each player is numbered, and the spectators bet by choosing the number they wish. Winning tickets generally average between \$50-\$100, although one lucky bettor won 4,338 pesos in Manila a couple of months ago, which is equivalent to \$2169. Some sports really pay off.

Cash for Tennis Not Quite Cricket

On the subject of sports which pay off, the so-called amateur tennis game is one that should not be overlooked. Witness the case of Frank Sedgman, the big Australian who is acknowledged by most experts to be the top amateur in the world today. A few weeks ago some of Frankie's ardent admirers banded together to improve his financial situation.

The result was a gift which amounted to the slightly amazing sum of \$12,600 in cold cash. Sedgman, who already has a lucrative position as representative of an Australian firm, was undoubtedly as pleased to receive the award as his fans were to present it to him. Much as the tall Aussie may have deserved it, however, the action smacks too much of out and out professionalism.

It would seem that Sedgman's followers could have taken a more subtle method of expressing their appreciation. Apparently the council of the Australian Lawn Tennis association does not think so, for it has just announced that it is defending the action and that Sedgman's amateur status would not be affected. This was an expected conclusion, for the council would not deliberately jeopardize the Aussie chances to retain the Davis Cup in this year's challenge round.

Bridge, Women's Billiards Set at SU

The first women's billiard tournament of U. of O.'s history will be held at 7:30 tonight in the SU basement. It will be open to all interested women students.

The five highest scorers in the ten rounds to be played will be classed as winners. They will be eligible to compete in the April 18 intercollegiate telephonic tournament, which will select winners to participate in the national tournament in Chicago.

Men Get Privileges

The men's billiard tournament, completed last week, resulted in 15 winners being awarded special billiard privileges in the SU basement. They will be able to play at any time free of charge.

Winners in the three cushion tournament were Don Hannu, Dale Simpson, Allen Wakinekona, Ed O'Reilly and Pedro Gomez.

Best in the straight rail division were Dale Simpson, Don Smith, Frank Tilly, Pedro Gomez and Allen Wakinekona.

Pocket billiard champions were Bill Sperling, Frank Tilly, Don Hull, Frank Baer and Don Smith.

There will be no more billiard tournaments until the intercollegiate telephonic tournament in April. All eligible players will be contacted when they are to appear for this tournament.

Bridge Tourney Begins

Eliminations for the intercollegiate bridge tournament will be held tonight in the Student Union. From six couples competing tonight, four will be chosen to compete in the semi-finals Thursday night at 7. There was a tie in the tournament last Thursday which necessitated the extra play-off tonight.

Those couples competing tonight will be: Gunning Butler and John McAloon, Robert Lucas and Monroe Blackwell, Barbara Burke and Marilyn Patterson, Mary Lou Hanson and Betsy Erb, Lew Langer and Ron Clark, Rhoda Gow and Pat Ruan.

Bowling Scores

WOMEN'S BOWLING

In women's bowling action Tuesday, only one match was completed and three were postponed because of missing members on some of the teams. The results follow:

Delta Zeta 3, Gamma Phi Beta 1.

Kappa Alpha Theta-Alpha Delta Pi, postponed.

Delta Gamma-Zeta Tau Alpha, postponed.

Hendricks C - Carson 5, postponed.

MEN'S BOWLING

Theta Chi 3, Gamma hall 1.

Sigma Nu 4, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 0.

Sigma Chi 2, Nestor hall 2.

Bruce Koppe of Theta Chi had a high series of 540.

Today's IM Schedule

Only one intramural track meet is scheduled for today. Kappa Sigma will meet Tau Kappa Epsilon at 4:00 p.m. in the unfinished area.

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Psychologists do not agree as to the cause of dreams, though probably the most general explanation is that the dream is the disguised fulfillment of a repressed wish.



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