

# Oklahoma Aggies Garner Top Spot In National Play

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(United Press Sports Writer)

New York, Jan. 21 (AP)—For setting the game of basketball back 15 years, the Oklahoma Aggies were rewarded today with a leading position in the battle for the national championship.

Sports fans from coast to coast found the 29 to 27 overtime score by which the Aggies upset unbeaten St. Louis last night "incredible," for nothing like it has been seen on a court in years. It was a pinacle for Coach Hank Iba who annually produces great defensive Aggie machines.

The Billikens, leading claimants to the national title, went into the game with an 11-0 record and a burning desire to avenge two losses to the Aggies last year.

Ramed for tricky, speedy plays and smooth ball handling, the Bils went out to prove they could run wild against the best defensive club in the nation. Instead, they were stalled completely and then thrown into reverse.

St. Louis shot off to a six-point lead during the first half but had that margin chopped to 14-12 at the intermission. The regulation time ended with a 27-27 tie. Famed "Easy" Ed McAuley of St. Louis was high scorer with 13 points while Vernon Yates led the Aggies with, no foolin', 7 points.

The victory left the Aggies in front of the Missouri valley conference and with an overall record of 10 wins and two defeats.

St. Louis will be back in action tonight against Tulsa and there was no predicting what kind of a mood the Billikens would be in for that tussle. Their upset left just four teams on the list of major schools still unbeaten—Western Kentucky, Hamline, Minnesota, and Villanova.

Western Kentucky faces Miami of Florida tonight while Hamline plays St. John's of Minnesota. Other leading games are Denver—Valparaiso, Baylor—Texas Aggies, Rice—Arkansas, Wyoming—Utah, Utah State—Brigham Young, Loyola of Los Angeles—Santa Clara, San Francisco—Stanford and Oregon—Washington.

Football Parley Expected to Show New Money Plan

Chicago, Jan. 21 (AP)—The All-America football conference was expected to reveal today its master plan for turning the red ink it has used for the last three years into blue ink for the 1949 season. Conference owners apparently were getting more and more determined to operate independently for another season despite the terrific financial battering they have taken from booming players' salaries and gate competition in their not-so-cold "war" with the National Football league.

The conference held a late session last night from which the announcement of its plans was to come, but the meeting opened so late that spokesmen said they would make no release until later. That apparently meant today, for each day the league has said a statement would be made.

National league owners, whose winter meeting opened yesterday, paid no attention to the action of the AAC, apparently generally convinced that no peace was possible. They handled league business speedily, giving Commissioner Bert Bell and Treasurer Dennis Shea new 10-year contracts, increasing the guarantee to visiting teams from \$15,000 to \$20,000, approving rules changes, permitting each team to establish its own policy on television, and cutting the authorized squad size from 35 to 32 players for the entire season.

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# Bend Sportsmen Make Plans For Social Meeting Feb. 4

Plans for a gala evening of entertainment and refreshments on February 4 were made last night by board members of the Deschutes County Sportsmen's association. The affair will be held in the CIO hall on Bond street, and will feature motion pictures, "quiz" games and a dutch lunch. Every man and woman interested in the future of Oregon's hunting and fishing is invited.

The party is being staged in connection with the launching of the association's 1949 membership campaign, in which the goal of 1,500 members is hoped to be reached.

Strong Membership Importance of a strong membership in this year of reorganization of the game department is stressed by John Smith, membership drive chairman, who points to the accomplishments of the club in the past two or three years as gains which could not have been made without the support of large numbers of interested sportsmen.

Presenting legislation in the present session which will largely re-entrench the game code and the working of the game department systems, Smith points out, from an action originating in the local club seeking the appointment of the now widely publicized interim committee.

Important Work Among other important works

Guessing Out, Sanders Said UCLA Coach Los Angeles, Jan. 21—Six weeks of guessing games on UCLA's new coach were over today with the announcement that Henry R. (Red) Sanders of Van derbilt has taken the job.

Athletic director Wilbur Johns revealed the identity of the new UCLA coach after considering 43 men for the job. Some of them had applied for it and others were asked. Sanders belonged to the second group, Johns said.

But Johns wouldn't say for how long a term Sanders was signed or how much he will receive. The guessing was he must have at least a three-year contract paying him \$12,500 a year or more.

Sanders' selection was announced last night a few hours after Johns went before the U.C.L.A. board of control for final approval of the new coach.

"The board of control felt Sanders was the best and most logical choice for us," Johns said. "In picking Sanders we feel we have obtained a man of outstanding ability, character and personality."

Sanders succeeds Bert Labruerie, UCLA's first graduate coach, who resigned Dec. 31 along with his assistants, W. P. (Dutch) Fehring, Shelby Calhoun, and Ned Mathews.

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Dixon said he separated the twins by surgery shortly after they were born prematurely at Good Samaritan hospital. The babies, whose combined weight was four pounds, seven ounces, were joined at the navel. One of them died yesterday morning.

The names of the parents were not revealed by the hospital.

Mayor Convinces Town He's Really an Artist Montgomery, Pa. (AP)—The way Oliver J. House, reasons, it's better late than never, even in oil painting.

House, mayor of Montgomery, is 72 years old. He didn't start to paint until recently.

A friendly intra-family challenge started House painting. He was teasing his art student daughter about her work, one day, remarking that even he could do as well if not better. She invited him to try.

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# Proposed Bill to Give New Flood Program to Northwest

Washington, Jan. 21—The administration is drafting a bill that would set up a TVA-type project in the Pacific northwest, government officials said today.

"These sources believe President Truman is ready to back a move to take reclamation and flood control development of the vast Columbia river basin out of the hands of the interior department and army engineers, and put it under an independent Columbia river authority."

In his state of the union message, Mr. Truman said "the principles of the Tennessee valley authority should be applied" to other great river basins.

There was some doubt at that time whether he meant merely basin-wide development or actual setting up of independent regional authorities.

Since then, government sources say, there have been indications that he meant independent authorities and that the idea is backed by interior secretary J. A. Krug. They cite Krug's sympathy toward such agencies, an attitude which stems from his years as power director of TVA.

They also point out that assistant secretary of interior C. Girard Davidson has long been an advocate of river authorities.

They also believe that Krug favors the idea of an independent authority for the Missouri river basin and the central val-

# Raft, Light Seen In Ocean Lane

Miami, Fla., Jan. 21 (AP)—An air force B-17 sighted a light and what appeared to be a life raft before dawn Thursday in the area southwest of Bermuda where a British airliner vanished Monday with 20 persons aboard, coast guard headquarters here reported.

The destroyer Samuel Roberts out of the U. S. navy base at Guantanamo, Cuba, and a large flight of navy coast guard and air force rescue planes from Caribbean bases converged on the scene 300 miles southwest of Bermuda.

DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY Chesterfield, Mass. (AP)—Death is taking a holiday here. No one has died in this Berkshire county community of 375 inhabitants since Oct. 1, 1917.

They say joint management by the corps of engineers and the reclamation bureau tends to hamper progress and result in conflicts over jurisdiction, money matters and plans.

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