

# Kentucky Stuns LaSalle 63-54; Loyola Upsets Top-Ranked Illini

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Coach Adolph Rupp said today he still doesn't think his Kentucky Wildcats are the best college basketball team in the nation, but a lot of folks disagreed with him in the wake of a stunning 63-54 victory over defending NCAA champion LaSalle.

The Wildcats' triumph Wednesday night in the final round of their own holiday tournament at Lexington, Ky., came on the same night that Illinois, ranked No. 1 nationally, was upset, 72-66, by Loyola of the South.

It was the second straight year Kentucky had won its own tournament, the Wildcats' 30th straight win, and their 128th straight home court win. And it came rather easily after the Wildcats took a 15-point lead midway in the first half.

But the wily Rupp insisted, "No, I don't think you could call us the best team in the nation although we certainly have progressed much faster than I had anticipated. I repeat what I said before the season started—we will be a much better ball club by the middle of January when we have a few more games under our belt."

To Much For LaSalle

The Wildcats' scoring punch was just too much for LaSalle. The Explorers rallied gamely after trailing by 15 midway in the first half and trailed by only six, 34-28, at halftime. But, when Bill Evans and Bob Burrow boosted the Kentucky margin to 10 points, LaSalle never threatened again. Evans and All-America Tom Gola of LaSalle tied for scoring honors at 20 points each.

Illinois ran afoul of a Loyola team stirred up by the death in an auto accident Wednesday of Bobby Hanburg, star Loyola

player for four years and an assistant tennis coach. Coach Jim McCafferty explained, "We played the game for Bobby and we had to win."

Loyola sank exactly 50 per cent of its shots, 26 for 52, and made this accuracy pay off by slowing down the game. Leading the way was Eddie Galvin, 6 foot, 6-inch center from Chicago, with 22 points. The Wolfpack broke the game's 12th tie, 54-54, with seven minutes left and led the rest of the way. Paul Judson paced Illinois with 19 points.

**Frisco Takes All-College**

San Francisco bid for national honors by winning the All-College tournament at Oklahoma City in impressive style, trounc-

ing George Washington, 73-57, in the final round. The Dons, who crushed Wichita and Oklahoma City in early-round games, led almost all the way as Bill Russell set the pace with 23 points. Top scorer for George Washington, the reigning Southern Conference champion was Corky Devlin with only 12 points.

California whipped Ohio State, ranked seventh nationally, for the second time in two nights, 54-50. The lead changed hands 20 times in the wild battle. Robin Freeman, the nation's leading scorer, tallied 34 for Ohio State, but five points in the last two minutes by Mike Diaz gave California the nod.

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## SPORTS

### Mack Celebrates 92nd Birthday

Fort Myers, Fla. — (U.P.) — Connie Mack celebrated a "quiet" 92nd birthday today unable for the first time in 20 years to "look forward to just one more pennant."

Baseball's "grand old man," now merely the honorary chairman of the Kansas City club's board of directors, instead looks forward to celebrating a 100th birthday. Connie is reported to be back in good health after a recent illness but still saddened by the loss of the Athletics' Philadelphia franchise.

"I like to take life easy," Mack said. "People these days are living too fast."

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### Baylor Bears Pack Punch On Offense

By ED FITE  
Waco, Tex. — (U.P.) — Win, lose or draw, Baylor should give Gator Bowl fans a crisp display of scoring wallop and fierce defense when it meets Auburn in the Dec. 31 classic at Jacksonville, Fla.

For, the team Coach George Sauer has been guiding along a winning path in its Southwest conference balliwick packs an explosive offensive punch that can hit you with precision passing, speed and deception to the outside and breakaway power up the middle.

Selection of Baylor as an opponent for Auburn's Plainsmen virtually assured Gator bowl spectators of a colorful, high-geared battle with yardage expected to be a cheap commodity. The choice was greeted with much enthusiasm on the Baylor campus and dispelled the disappointment which arose over the team's failure to bring Baylor its first championship in three decades.

The Bears lost three games—the same as Auburn—but two of them came in conference play to Cotton bowl bound Arkansas by a single point and to Rice in the season finale by a touchdown.

Making much use of the flanker version of the T-formation, Sauer's Baylor teams have scored in 50 straight games and averaged three touchdowns per game while doing so. The team is blessed with depth and versatility in the backfield and was equally as well equipped up front until Sauer dismissed two starting linemen, guard Dan Miller and center Jimmy Taylor, last week in a disciplinary blow.

Billy Hooper, the sweet slinger from Sweetwater, Tex., home of another slinger named Sammy Baugh, led the conference in passing and on one of his "hot" days might be the difference between winning and losing.

New York — (U.P.) — A total of 28,559,267 persons jammed through the turnstiles at the nation's race tracks in 1954 and bet \$2,034,914,728 a United Press survey revealed today.

### Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

The other day a rangy, athletic looking member came to the office to register as a voter. When Ray Williams, registrar, came to the question: "What is your occupation?" the reply was, "professional baseball player."

The man is Ira Townsend, who played professional baseball throughout the country for 11 years, starting in 1920. He was a rookie pitcher for the Boston National League team for two seasons and then went to Toronto of the International League. They call him "Tex" because he pitched most of his games with teams in Texas leagues.

Townsend finished his career in baseball with the Piedmont league. He is proudest of one achievement, when he pitched his last game for a semi-pro team in Texas to win 4 to 2 at the age of 55.

"I like it here at Camp White and I guess I'll stick around," he says. "Of course, I'd like to get a job somewhere but they are not taking us older men any more."

Ira knew Satchel Paige, the hardy perennial of baseball, and when asked about his longevity in the game, he remarked: "The guy has a rubber arm."

Another event in his career which he is proud to recall is the time he pitched for his team in the service in France with Presidents Wilson and Poincaré as spectators.

Sgt. Frank White is a man who really knows baseball at Camp White. And he should because he played and was identified with such teams as the Cleveland Indians, the Chicago White Sox, and Kansas City, Portland and San Antonio in the minors.

And there is another reason. He comes from a baseball family, with a brother who was a real notable—the famous "Doc" White, pitcher of the old White Sox. "Doc" White was really a doctor of dentistry, having graduated from Georgetown university, in Washington, D.C. He is now retired and living at San Jose, Calif., his brother says.

White is able to keep the "hot stove" league going with his familiarity with players, plays and incidents of the game both past and present. He thinks the trouble with baseball today is the lack of inducements to young players to follow the game professionally.

"When they stop encouraging the young blood they may as

### Billies Clip Washington

By UNITED PRESS  
The St. Louis Billikens were homeward bound today with an even split in their two-game basketball series against the University of Washington Huskies.

The Billikens flashed a precision attack and a solid defense last night to down the Huskies 73-64. Washington had won the first game of the intersectional series Tuesday night 72-70.

Dick Boushka of St. Louis led all scorers with 26 points. Center Dean Parsons was high for Washington with 16.

At Pullman, Washington State college made some sharp shooting from the foul line count in the final minutes to defeat Montana State University 72-63.

The Cougars scored only one more field goal than did MSU but they tossed in seven more free throws, six of them in the last five minutes of play, for the victory.

Bill Rehder paced Washington State with 25 points.

well quit baseball," he notes. Aside from pitching and playing in the outfield White was a scout for Cleveland for several years.

Here is his all time team of greats, which he believes could beat any of the modern teams: Outfield, Jackson, Speaker and Cobb; infield, Sisler, 1st, Ger-ringer, 2nd, Wagner, ss, and Traynor 3rd; Alexander, Walter Johnson, Rube Waddell and Lefty Grove, pitchers, and Cochran catcher, with Eddie Collins, utility infield.

Other professionals from the baseball world have spent some time at Camp White. Leo San-terre is the player most frequently remembered. From his wheel chair he conducted the fruit and popcorn stand in the hallway and both passed from the scene at the same time. Leo was with Portland, Seattle and Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast League.

In addition there are a number of collegiate baseball stars around, including Assistant Manager R. H. Denning, who played with the University of Nebraska team, and Frank Glon-ing, special services chief, who played with his college team in Minnesota and pitched on semi-pro teams during the summer.

J. C. Barry, a member, played at the University of Oregon and with several Portland city teams. At one time he was considering baseball as a career. He chose banking instead.

Alexander Cowie, another member, was president of the old New England League and then went in business. Domiciliary Officer Ruffin, Postmaster Scarseth and other members of the personnel spent considerable time at the game in their young-er days.

### Duck Quintet 86-74 Loser To Detroit

Detroit — (U.P.) — The University of Oregon's basketball team headed home for Christmas today, with three defeats and a lot of valuable experience behind it after an all-losing tour of the Midwest.

Oregon dropped one-sided decisions to Louisville and Dayton and lost last night to Detroit, 86-74.

The Webfoots looked sharper last night in the first half and were ahead 36-35 at the mid-point. But in the second half Detroit Forward Guy Sparrow got hot and the host team went ahead decisively.

Jim Loscutt was the only Oregon player able to hit the hoop constantly. He came through with 27 points on 10 field goals and seven free throws, but lost high point honors to Sparrow who hit 30.

Phil McHugh hit nine, Ed Bingham eight, and Dick James, Ray Bell, Max Anderson and Bill Moore contributed six each for the Ducks.

### BASKETBALL

#### WEDNESDAY COLLEGE SCORES

East  
Fordham 61, St. Joseph's (Pa.) 52

South  
Loyola (La.) 72, Illinois 66

(Kentucky Invitational)  
Championship  
Kentucky 63, LaSalle 54

(Consolation)  
Southern California 54, Utah 52

(Quintec Tourney)  
Consolation  
Belmont 70, Earl-Dickenson 68

Wabash 77, Buffalo 61

Springfield 74, American U. 72

Midwest  
Bradley 82, Southern Methodist 73

Butler 83, Northwestern 62

DePaul 76, Michigan State 75

Detroit 86, Oregon 74

Loyola (Ill.) 81, S. Dak. State 73

Southwest  
Texas Christian 97, Austin Col. 63

(All College Tourney)  
Championship  
San Francisco 73, Geo. Wash. 87

Consolation  
Houston 57, Oklahoma A & M 48

Wichita 82, Wyoming 74

Oklahoma City 73, Tulsa 68

West  
Brigham Young 70, Michigan 69

UCLA 106, New Mexico 41

St. Louis 73, Wash. (Seattle) 64

Washington State 72, Montana 63

California 54, Ohio State 50

Central Wash. 68, Western Wash. 61

Olympia JC 71, Washington JV's 49

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# Tornado Entertains Indians On Hoop Court This Evening

Medford high's Black Tornado will put a well-balanced score-making crew on the court tonight when it engages the Roseburg Indians here tonight in the sixth combat of the pre-conference basketball season.

Figures for the first five games show all of the regular starters making a good contribution to Medford point totals. Jerry Kalapus, lengthy non-letterman on the quint, so far is scoring leader with 68 tallies. Larry Cople is right on his heels with 63. Frank Rector has 47, tall Glenn Peterson 43 and Everett Kastner 33.

Cople is the only Tornado to have scored in two figures in every game. Kalapus has done it in four and Rector in three.

Other point-making for the Black Tornado this season is John Foust 12, Bill Cochran 11, Lloyd Cearley 6, Ed McCullough 4, Bob Tisdell and Ed Reinking each 3 and Warren Deakins 1.

Medford will rule the favorite over the Indians here tonight on the basis of previous contests. The Tornado goes into the tussle with a record of four wins in its first five encounters while the Indians have counted only one victory in five games. However, this could be the night the Indians hit their stride and the Tornado is not looking for any push-over.

**Taking Time**  
Medford holds a 59 to 56 decision over North Bend which posted the Roseburg quint 66 to 31. North Bend also bounced

Cottage Grove which the Indians nicked 42 to 41.

Roseburg counts three varsity returnees in Nub Beamer, Howard Backen and Dick Roberts. Under new head coach Bill Harper, the Indians are expected to require time to adjust to new plays, yet good progress through the season is anticipated. The club has average height of 5 feet 11 inches and has medium balance. Outlook for the full season is not overly bright because of the lack of real height and of experience.

Likely Indian starting five is

### Duke Snider Inks Pact for \$30,000

Brooklyn, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Duke Snider finished third to Willie Mays in the National league batting race but the Brooklyn Dodgers' center fielder topped the New York Giants' star today in the "Lary League."

For while Mays signed for an estimated \$25,000, Snider agreed to a new pact with the Dodgers calling for \$30,000. He is the fourth Brooklyn player to come to terms.

Snider hit .341 last season.

In Cincinnati, meanwhile, Gabe Paul signed a new four-year-contract as general manager of the Redlegs. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

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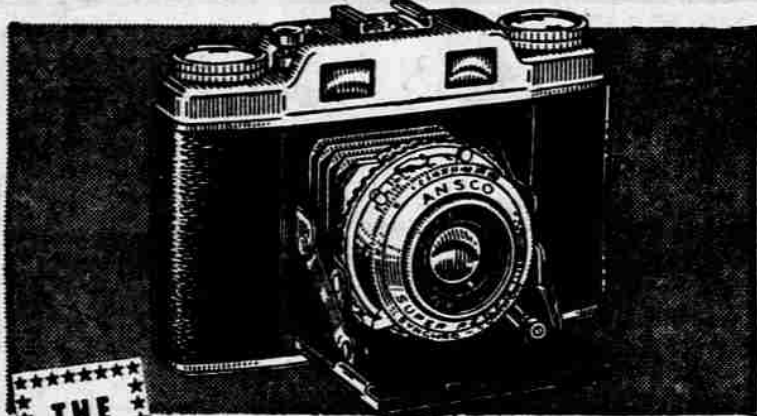
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