

SPORTS

NSC Opposes Gophers In Dixie Tiff; UCLA, LaSalle Vie in Garden

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The pride of the South was in North Carolina State's hands today as the nation's second-ranked college quintet set out to meet ponderous Minnesota's challenge and prevent a northern team from making off with the Dixie Classic title for the first time in the history of the tournament.

North Carolina State's towering sharpshooters reached the title round by solving North Carolina's "slow down" game with an all-court press which produced a 47-44 triumph Tuesday while dark-horse Minnesota pulled away in the final minute to defeat Duke, 79-73. The title game is scheduled for tonight following the consolation game between North Carolina and Duke.

Thus, Minnesota, ranked only 20th in the country, won the opportunity to end the South's five-year domination of its own tournament. North Carolina State won the classic the first four years and Duke won its last year.

Semifinals at Garden

New York's Holiday Festival tournament at Madison Square Garden, meanwhile, advances into its semifinals tonight with La Salle a five-point favorite over UCLA and Duquesne a two-point choice over Dayton. LaSalle is ranked third nationally, Dayton fifth and Duquesne eighth.

LaSalle crushed Syracuse, 103-54, in its opener with the aid of a 34-point performance by Tom Gola which inspired Explorer Coach Ken Loeffler to say that his All-American center is "the greatest basketball player in history." LaSalle has won seven of nine games, losing only to Utah and Kentucky.

An 11-point underdog and trailing by 18 points in the second half, UCLA staged one of the greatest rallies in Garden history to spring an 88-86 upset on Niagara in an opener.

St. Bonaventure reached the title round of the Queen City tournament at Buffalo, N.Y., Tuesday night with a 66-59 triumph over Georgetown. The Bonnies meet the winner of the

Canisius-Georgia Tech game for the title.

Tourney Titles

In tournament finals Tuesday night, little Spring Hill College of Mobile, Ala., defeated Florida, 66-60, to win the Gator Bowl title and Detroit won the Motor City championship with an 82-57 triumph over Wayne. Happy Mahrouz scored 25 points to lead Spring Hill to its surprising win while Detroit established a new team scoring record in its victory over Wayne.

Iowa State eliminated defending champion Kansas, 82-81, Kansas State downed California 88-75, Oklahoma upset Colorado, 73-71, and Missouri* wallowed Nebraska, 75-58, in advance into the Big Seven tournament semifinals. Oklahoma meets Missouri and Kansas State opposes Iowa State tonight.

Alabama and TCU reached the finals of the Southwest Conference tournament, Alabama downing Arkansas, 84-64, Tuesday night, while TCU topped Texas A&M, 72-57. Rice beat Baylor, 67-63, and SMU downed Texas, 77-63, in consolation games.

Yanks Lose Final Davis Cup Singles

Sydney, Australia—(U.P.)—Pint-sized Ken Rosewall and "forgotten man" Rex Hartwig gave Australia solace for losing the Davis Cup and strong hope of regaining it next year by blasting American stars Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas today in the final pair of singles matches.

The two impressive triumphs cut the United States final margin of victory in the challenge round to a razor-thin 3-2 instead of the 5-0 sweep the Yanks hoped for after clinching the cup by winning the first three matches.

Rosewall, only 20, needed just three sets to trounce Trabert, 9-7, 7-5, 6-3, and Hartwig, a last-minute substitute, rallied from a first-set loss to whip Seixas, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

Shrine Clubs Tapering Off

Santa Clara, Calif.—(U.P.)—The East Shrine team will taper off training for the New Year's East-West Shrine game with one-a-day practices today and tomorrow and a light sweatshirt drill Friday.

Yesterday was the last of the two-session practices, Tom Bettis, Purdue guard, and Dan Shannon, Notre Dame end, were elected unanimously co-captains by their teammates.

Ralph Guglielmi, Notre Dame quarterback, returned for yesterday's afternoon workout after flying to Los Angeles to be honored at a banquet of champions Tuesday night.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday: other days 5:30 previous day



TRABERT IN ACTION—Tony Trabert of Cincinnati goes high for the ball in his match with Lewis Hoad of Australia in the opening play of the Davis Cup tennis challenge round at the White City Stadium in Sydney, Australia. Trabert whipped Hoad 6-4, 2-6, 12-10, 6-3. Trabert's win and Vic Seixas' later victory over Aussie Ken Rosewall virtually wrapped up the Davis Cup for shipment back to the U. S.

Automobile Runs On Railroad Track

Albany, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Don't be alarmed if an automobile whizzes by with a mighty blast from an air horn while you're waiting at a New York Central Railroad crossing. It's probably Central's president, Alfred E. Perlman, out on an inspection tour.

Perlman has a special automobile, equipped to run on railroad tracks and over the highway, which he uses on inspection trips along the line.

The car has flanged wheels in front and back to keep the rubber tires on the tracks and keep the weight off them. For highway travel, these wheels are flipped up out of the way by an air pressure device under the fenders.

When Perlman travels on the rails, the steering apparatus is locked into position.

Yellow lights in front, red ones on the back and a red flashing light above the car's number "100" marker provide protection against collisions with trains, even though none are supposed to be on any section of track when the car is.

New Haven, Conn.—(U.P.)—Although cleared of blame in a traffic accident, Russell Erskine was ordered to pay \$310 damages. A judge ruled that since Erskine had signed a note at the time of the mishap promising to pay damages he must live up to the agreement.

SMITH 2-1 CHOICE

Miami, Fla.—(U.P.)—Board-walk Billy Smith of Atlantic City, N. J., spilling for a title shot in spite of his age, was favored today to whip youthful Paul Andrews of Buffalo, N. Y., in a nationally televised 10-rounder here tonight. The odds-makers rated the 33-year-old Smith, top light-heavyweight contender, a 2-1 choice over Andrews, 24, ranked fifth in the national ring standings.

BROWN ADVANCES

New Orleans—(U.P.)—Defending champion Tom Brown Jr. faced national clay courts champion Bernard (Tut) Bartzten in the semifinals of the Sugar Bowl tennis tournament today and was confident of victory as "I've never played better." Two-time Sugar Bowl titlist Eddie Moylan, Trenton, N. J., met Mario Llamas, Mexico national champion, in the other semifinal.

LINFIELD FINALIST

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—Linfield college and Clark Junior college of Vancouver meet tonight for the championship of the first annual Clark Invitational basketball tournament. Last night Linfield took Everett, 81 to 75, and Clark downed Yakima 75 to 65, in the tournament openers.

BILLIARD LEADER

Chicago—(U.P.)—Joe Procita, Los Angeles, held a 19-point lead over Greek champion George Pentaris today at the halfway point in their 400-point three cushion billiards match.

Gas Meter Reader Not Bluffed by Dogs

Sapulpa, Okla.—(U.P.)—A local gas meter reader, Harry Hines, claims he has a surefire method of handling strange dogs that may show signs of getting belligerent.

Hines said his 35 years of experience in strolling into backyards and peeking into corners and under porches for meters has taught him one thing—any halfway spunky dog is likely to take an experimental nip out of man's calf under such circumstances.

Hines explained his "system" in three words — "take after 'em."

"The moment you step into a yard, don't take any chance," he says. "Take after the dog and run him until he goes under the porch or jumps the fence and clears out."

Hines keeps in constant practice and his presence of mind never falters. He cites this incident as an example.

"I was visiting a home on the south side of the city and the porch had ice on it. I slipped and fell through a plate glass window right into the living room."

"A big black bulldog lying by the fire snarled and started for me. I hollered 'boo' and started for him. That got his goat, and after about four times around the room, he took out through a door into the dining room and I heard the sound of breaking glass. That dog had gone through the dining room window."

"He came back, the folks told me later, in about a week, looking as gaunt as a distance runner."

College Garden Druggist's Delight

Brookings, S. D.—(U.P.)—South Dakota State College has a garden that is a druggist's delight. Every one of the more than 100 different plants produces some form of drug used in modern medication. It's the pharmaceutical garden where State College students in pharmacy get first-hand information about drugs.

Plants from many parts of the world as well as native varieties are grown here. Cotton and sugar cane from warmer climates, the acacia from Africa, horehound from Asia and castor beans from the tropics all thrive in the garden.

The students help with the garden work, selecting plants and caring for them during the school year.

SHEEP CARE

Lincoln, Neb.—(U.P.)—A few minutes spent now "drenching" farm sheep with a parasite-killing solution will aid the flock in the spring. Dr. Paul Q. Guyer, extension animal husbandman at the University of Nebraska, said the treatment should be repeated again in March or April before turning a flock to spring pasture.



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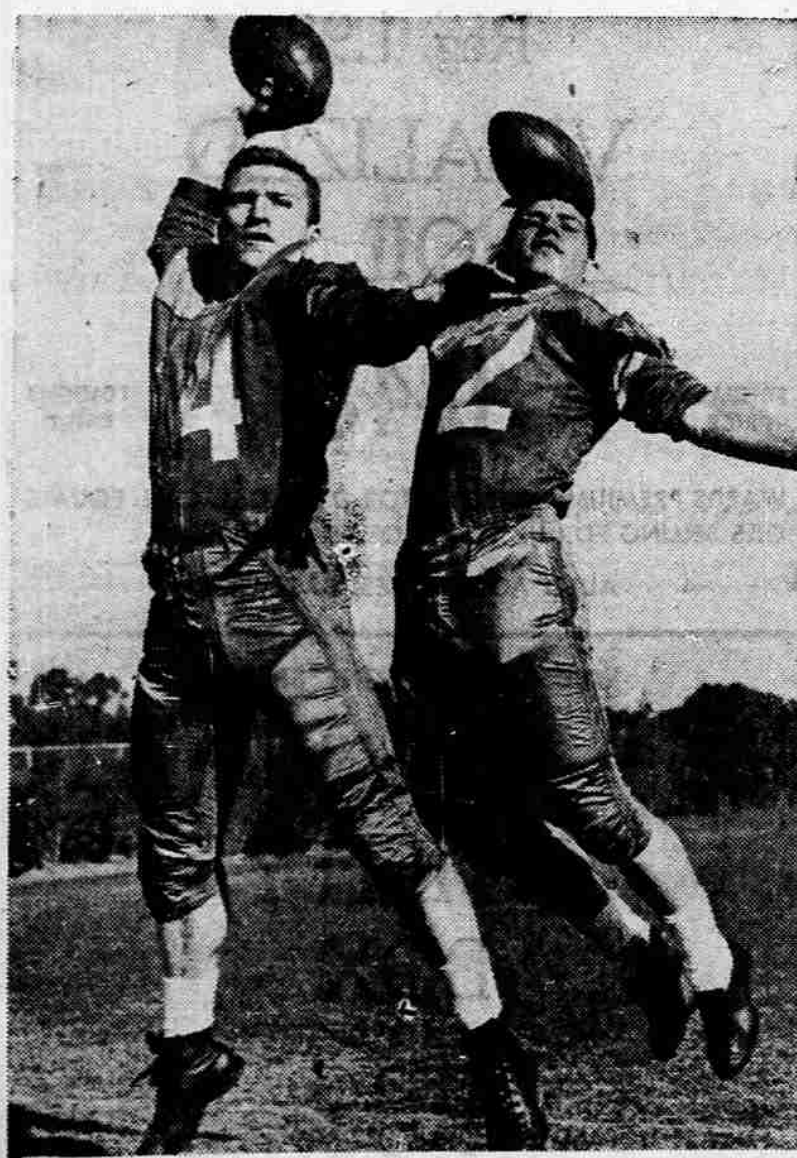
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