

Colorado Seizes NCAA Berth

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Colorado seized a spot in the NCAA Tournament today as newly crowned champion of the Big Seven, and Iowa and Kentucky were almost "in" as a result of dramatic victories Monday night.

Colorado, co-champion of the Big Seven last year, clinched this season's crown outright by coming from behind to beat second-place Missouri, 66-57, on the losers' court at Columbia, Mo., as Bob Jean-Gerard led the victorious attack with 20 points.

Iowa clinched at least a tie for the Big Ten championship by upsetting Minnesota, 72-70, at Minneapolis before the largest crowd ever to see a basketball game in a college arena—20,176.

And Kentucky clinched at least a tie for the Southeastern Conference championship by trouncing Alabama, 66-52, at Lexington, Ky., before a crowd of 12,000.

Burrow Leads Kentucky
Iowa, which sank 50 per cent of its shots as Bill Logan scored 25 points, now must beat Michigan next Monday to clinch the title outright—unless Minnesota should lose to Wisconsin this Saturday.

Like Iowa and Minnesota, Kentucky and Alabama were tied for their league lead before Monday night's game. Bob Burrow led Kentucky to its 21st win in 23 games as he scored 26 points. Victory over Tennessee Saturday will give Kentucky the undisputed league title.

St. Louis pulled up to tie idle Tulsa for the Missouri Valley Conference lead by beating Houston, 90-87, as Joe Todd hit for 31 points and Dick Boushka for 20. St. Louis and Tulsa each have one league game remaining on Saturday.

Texas Tech remained atop the Border Conference with a 94-68 win over Hardin-Simmons. The Raiders have two games left and must win both to beat out West Texas State for the title and NCAA tourney berth.

San Francisco, the nation's No. 1 team, racked up its 20th straight victory, 67-57, over College of Pacific as All-America Bill Russell scored 22 points and grabbed 28 rebounds.

Ferrari Sets Records

In other leading games: Al Ferrari of Michigan State set two school records with 39 points and a season total of 427 in a 93-77 victory over Indiana; Dick Cable's 28 points led Wisconsin to a 75-73 win over Purdue; Seton Hall nipped Villanova, 83-79, despite Bob Shafer's 29 points; Tennessee downed Auburn, 86-77; Louisiana State edged Mississippi, 68-65; Georgia Tech trounced Florida, 88-68; Tulane routed Mississippi St., 78-59; Bradley nipped Wichita, 69-67; and the Phillips Oilers won the National Industrial League championship by beating the Milwaukee Allen-Bradleys.

The Southwest Conference holds the center of the stage tonight as co-leaders Texas Christian and Southern Methodist play their final games, against Arkansas and Texas, respectively. If both win, they'll meet in a one-game playoff for the NCAA tourney berth. If both lose, they finish in a three-way tie with Arkansas for the league title.

Video Football Changes Set

Chicago — (U.P.) — A radically changed plan which would permit more college football on television next fall will be submitted to the National Collegiate Athletic association for approval next week.

The program devised by the television committee will call for:

1. Television of games on only 10 days.

2. Games on a national network on five days and on a regional net on five days.

3. Division of the nation into three regions, the East, including the southeastern states; the Midwest, including Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas; and the West, including the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain states.

4. Free negotiation by schools and/or conferences to sell video rights.

The last provision would take the NCAA out of football television completely except for preparation of a plan for video each year or eventually on a permanent basis.

Sales, Gasoline Taxes Top Sources of Revenue

Chicago — (U.P.) — Sales or gasoline taxes were the greatest single source of revenue for three-fourths of the states in 1954, Commerce Clearing House reports.

Twenty-two states relied on sales and use taxes for the biggest fraction of their total tax collections. Thirteen others depended most on gasoline taxes.

In 10 other states, income taxes were the major revenue producers. Severance taxes topped all others in Texas and Louisiana, and New Jersey's biggest revenues came from vehicle license fees.

SPORTS



STATUESQUE — Featherweight champ Sandy Saddler (right) and challenger Teddy (Red Top) Davis look like they are posing for a statue as they exchange blows during their 15-round title bout at Madison Square Garden. Referee is Harry Kessler. Saddler won a unanimous decision to retain his crown.

PU Choice In Tourney

Milwaukie, Ore. — (U.P.) — Pacific University was a slight favorite today as the four top small college basketball teams in Oregon prepared to battle it out for a berth in the NALA tournament in Kansas City.

Portland University, the perennial winner, decided to forego the NALA this year for a trip to Mexico City.

Pacific, led by Norm Hubert and Danney French, finished second to powerful College of Idaho in the Northwest Conference. The Badgers play Eastern Oregon in tonight's first game at 7:30 p.m., while Portland State plays Willamette in the 9:15 p.m. clash.

MAILMAN RETIRES

Wolcott, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Mailman W. Carlyle Harper has retired to a life of fishing and "just tinkering around" after wearing out 19 automobiles while driving an estimated 390,000 miles as a rural deliverer. On one of his last rounds, the 60-year-old Harper left to each of his 270 regular customers a photograph of himself and his wife, who often accompanied him on the route. On the back of each photo was printed a poem written by Harper.

Frick Launches Spring Training Violation Probe

St. Petersburg, Fla. — (U.P.) — Commissioner Ford Frick launched an investigation into alleged violations of the spring training deadline today with a promise that "anybody guilty is going to be punished."

Frick turned his attention to the Detroit Tigers and Brooklyn Dodgers after announcing he had fined the Milwaukee Braves \$500 and 14 players a total of \$625 for working out before the March 1 deadline.

"I hold the players and management equally culpable in this matter," Frick said. "What's more the commissioner's office is alert to what has been going on. We are going to investigate a good many camps before this is over and anybody guilty is going to be punished."

HERE'S AN IDEA!

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — The man may not have built a better mousetrap, but he made good use of one he had. Mrs. K. H. Snider was seating in a restaurant when she saw a man pull a mousetrap from his pocket and take a bill from the "folding money" clipped to the trap to pay his bill.

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