



**HARLEM MAGICIANS SEEK RUSSELL**—"Goose" Tatum (standing), co-owner of the Harlem Magicians basketball team, is shown in Los Angeles with University of San Francisco coach Phil Woolpert (left) and the latter's All-American center Bill Russell, whom Tatum is anxious to sign. Tatum said he was prepared to pay "more than \$100,000" to get Russell and UCLA's Willie Naulls and Morris Taft (not shown) to sign with the Magicians after the 1956 Olympics.

# SPORTS

## Education Board Plans Review Of Grade Athletic Restrictions

**Salem, U.P.**—A committee of the State Board of Education will take another look at its decision of last fall to restrict competitive athletics for Oregon grade school youngsters.

George Huggins of Coos Bay led the fight for reconsideration. He said American children fall far behind those of Europe in physical stamina.

The seven-member board decided to turn the situation back to a 20-member committee for further examination. There had

been pressure from several Oregon communities to take another look at the ruling.

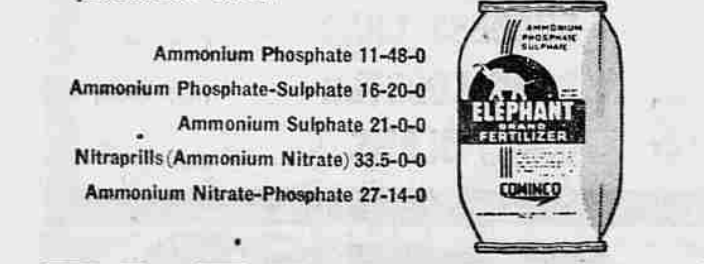
Mrs. Paul Patterson, chairman of the board, was one of two members opposed to reconsidering the ruling. She said the athletic program for grade school children is overemphasized in many small communities. "Too many hire people as coaches and they don't make the physical education program good and interesting for all children," she said.

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## NCAA Court Tourney Field To Be Completed Tonight; Pairings Announced by NIT

**By JOHN GRIFFIN**  
**United Press Staff Writer**  
The post-season basketball picture will be complete tonight when the 25-team NCAA tournament adds its last entrant — either Western Kentucky or Morehead State.

The 12-team National Invitation Tournament today announced pairings for its competition opening at Madison Square Garden, New York, March 17, and disclosed 1-2-3-4 seedings as follows: Dayton, Louisville, St. Joseph's (Pa.), and Niagara.

Western Kentucky and Morehead State will clash at Louisville, Ky., in the final game of the playoffs for the NCAA berth going to the Ohio Valley Conference champion.

**Three Tied For Crown**  
The league race ended in a three-way tie among these two teams and Tennessee Tech. The special playoff opened Wednesday night with Western Kentucky downing Tech in the last 10 seconds, 84-80.

## Jacksonville Pin Enthusiasts Go By Bus to Alleys

**Jacksonville** — Jacksonville's Junior Bowling league is made up of Jacksonville High school students, who go by school bus each Saturday morning to Medford Bowling lanes. They have entered four of their six teams, with five on each team, in national tournament play on March 24.

Students on the Junior League teams are: Elmina Beard, Deanna Bishop, John Beama Robin Wyatt, Toni Tweedy, Linda Hardy, Carol Huener, Judy Iverson, Joan Cook, Joan Fretwell, Nancy Adams, Darlene Van Galder, Roberta Wicksten, Karen Frohs, Donna Dobbyn, Kay Adams, Margie Ebbens, Tasha Bulkin and Diane Robbins.

The group has expressed its thanks to its sponsors who made it possible to purchase trophies. Sponsors are: Jacksonville Lumber company, Jacksonville Variety store, Bud Wilson of Courtney Chevrolet, Medford, Medford Kiwanians, Jackson VFW and Bob Cabler, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Ann Wilson, of Medford, has given her time and much effort as instructor of the young kегlers.

## FIGHTS

**By UNITED PRESS**  
**Havana, Cuba** — Miguel Diaz, 146, Cuba, outpointed Chico Varona, 146, Cuba, 12. Won Cuban welterweight championship.

## MERRIMAN SIGNS

**Portland** — (U.P.) — Lloyd Merriman has signed a contract with the Portland Beavers for the coming campaign. General Manager Joe Ziegler said today. Merriman, a fast-moving center-fielder, will report to the Beaver training camp at Glendale next Monday.

## HOCKEY ENTRIES

**Middlebury, Vt.** — (U.P.) — St. Lawrence of Canton, N. Y., and Boston College were named today as eastern representatives to the NCAA Hockey Tournament March 15-17 at Colorado Springs, Colo. St. Lawrence had a 17-4 record and Boston College a 14-5 mark this year.

**Springfield, Ill.** — (U.P.) — Ron Gibbs said today he will stop officiating basketball games after 33 years next season because the game has become too strenuous. Gibbs, 55, said he would continue to officiate football games.

## SANCTIONING GROUP

**Los Angeles** — (U.P.) — The United States Auto club was formally named the nation's principal sanctioning group for professional automotive competitions Wednesday. It succeeds the AAA which served as the official supervisory body for nearly 52 years.

## NO ICE

**South Bend, Ind.** — (U.P.) — Uncooperative weather almost ruined the annual St. Mary's Winter Carnival. An unseasonal thaw melted ice on the lake and forced 500 guests to settle for box lunches and an indoor dance.

Tonight's Ohio Valley winner will move into a first-round berth in the NCAA tourney at Fort Wayne, Ind., March 12, against Marshall.

At Hanover, N.H., Athletic Director Red Rolfe of Ivy League champion Dartmouth disclosed that the Indians accepted an NCAA berth as soon as it was officially offered. Dartmouth will meet West Virginia in a first-round at New York, March 13.

Here's the NIT setup — First round, March 17 — St. Francis (N.Y.)-Lafayette and Duquesne-Oklahoma A&M (day); Seton Hall-Marquette and St. Louis-Xavier, Ohio (night). **Winners Face Seeded Teams** Quarter-finals — March 19: Niagara vs. St. Francis-Lafayette winner and Louisville vs. Duquesne-Oklahoma A & M winner; March 20 — Dayton vs. St. Louis-Xavier winner and St. Joseph's vs. Seton Hall-Marquette winner.

Semifinals, March 22 — Winner of Niagara game vs. winner of Dayton game and winner of Louisville game vs. winner of St. Joseph's game.

Finals, March 24, with consolation for third place. Games to be nationally televised, both on Saturday afternoons, are Duquesne-Oklahoma Aggies first-round and the finale.

In other leading games played Wednesday night: NCAA-bound Temple blew a 16-point lead but rallied again to beat St. John's, N.Y., 71-66, and in three Ivy League games, Columbia downed Princeton, 78-69, Pennsylvania beat Yale, 67-60, and Harvard defeated Brown, 79-66.

**Rain No Worry For Vancouver Baseball Owner**  
**Vancouver, B. C.** — (U.P.) — Brick Laws, who moved his Oakland A's out of the foggy Bay Area to this Canadian city, was confronted today with a new problem, rain that inundates Capilano stadium, home of the Coast League's new baseball entry.

"I'm not the least bit worried about this," Laws said today. "They've been playing baseball up here every year for a number of years, and I'm sure they had the water problem before and solved it."

"It won't cost \$30,000, as reported, to solve the drainage problem. I am not sure just how much it will cost, but I'm certain it won't be that high. It's a problem that I should have the solution to in a couple of days."

Optimistic  
Laws still was "very optimistic" about Vancouver as a baseball town despite the failure of the British Columbia legislature to authorize Sunday baseball.

"Naturally I'm disappointed that we won't have Sunday baseball, but we'll solve that situation by playing Saturday day-night doubleheaders and also by scheduling on Monday nights."

"This is one of the hottest towns I've seen for Coast League baseball, so I have no worries — from the rain, the fans, the size of the ballpark or the fact Sunday will be a day off."

**Juan Pomare Standout In Golden Gloves Tiffs**  
**New York** — (U.P.) — Juan Pomare of New York, who marched to the 160-pound championship with a pair of knockouts, was the most impressive champion crowned Wednesday night in the eastern Golden Gloves boxing finals at Madison Square Garden.

A crowd of 6,983 saw only four kayos on the 16-bout program of semi-finals and finals, and Pomare supplied exactly half of those. In the semi-finals, he halted Ralph Taylor of Charlotte, N. C., in 1:26 of the second round and in the finals he stopped Paul Diaz of Miami, Fla., at 1:02 of the third.

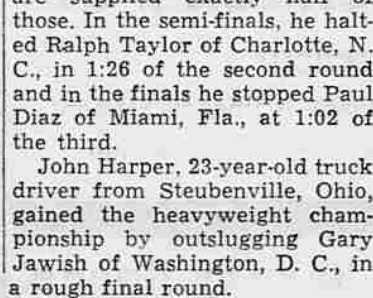
John Harper, 23-year-old truck driver from Steubenville, Ohio, gained the heavyweight championship by outslugging Gary Jawish of Washington, D. C., in a rough final round.

**WILLIAMS VS KING**  
**San Francisco** — (U.P.) — Jake Williams, one of Boys Town's athletic greats, meets Howard King of Reno, Nev., tomorrow night in a regionally televised 10-round bout at Winterland. King is making his first start since Feb. 20 when he lost a unanimous decision to World Light Heavyweight Champion Archie Moore and was knocked down three times in the process.

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**PEEWEE ON INJURED LIST**—With a heating pad strapped to his injured back, Dodger shortstop and team captain Peeewe Reese gets a massage from his wife, Dorothy, as spring drills at Vero Beach, Fla., go on without him. It is not known how long the sprain will keep him out of uniform.

## Changing Weather Pattern Alters Feeling in East

**Washington** — (U.P.) — People in Connecticut once thought floods were something that happened along the Mississippi river, though in Massachusetts looked upon tornadoes as a by-product of Texas and Oklahoma and Rhode Islanders viewed hurricanes as the exclusive property of Florida.

The ever-changing weather pattern, however, has drastically altered the smug feeling that any one section of the country may have had as to its immunity from the uncontrolled forces of nature which in the recent years have left a terrible toll of human tragedy in their wake.

**Play No Favorites**  
The 1955 floods in Connecticut, the 1953 tornado that ripped through central Massachusetts and the hurricanes that seem to have become an annual fall menace to New Englanders are proof that natural disasters play no favorites.

Statistics compiled by the American Red Cross show that since 1952 each of the 48 states has experienced at least one or more major tragedies. Texas alone had 19 tornadoes, Mississippi 18, Arkansas and Alabama 17.

A Red Cross report shows that during this three-year period, their disaster units were involved in 309 distinct relief operations of which 15 originated with tornadoes in 20 states, 146 from floods in 47 states and nine from hurricanes in 14 states.

The task of supplying disaster relief and nine other service programs in its "neighbor helping neighbor" policy falls chiefly on the publicly supported Red Cross, which was founded 75 years ago this May. This organization has participated in more than 6,000 disasters since its initial contribution in the 1881 Michigan forest fires.

**Vastness Reflected**  
How vast this contribution has been is reflected in a recent statement by Ellsworth Bunker, president of the Red Cross, who pointed out that in 1955 more than \$27,000,000 was spent in alleviating the emergency plight of 446,000 disaster-stricken families as well as assisting 34,000 other families in restoring their home-lives to pre-disaster levels.

"When disaster strikes, the government provides for such things as law enforcement, the rebuilding of bridges, roads and other vital public properties," Bunker said. "It is the job of the Red Cross to give relief to the individuals or families who are in need."

"Red Cross aid in disasters is two-fold. In the immediate emergency, food, clothing, shelter, or medical care is provided to meet the temporary situation of families that cannot for any reason provide for themselves."

**Permanent Recovery**  
Following the immediate emergency comes the bigger job of permanent recovery. Red Cross will help these families whose resources are inadequate to weather the burden imposed by the disaster. This long-range assistance could include the financing of home repair or rebuilding, purchase of furniture, payment of medical bills or the re-establishment of a small business or farm.

"The Red Cross never makes loans or charges for these disaster services or assistance. All fund are outright gifts with no repayment ever indicated or asked for."

"Unfounded rumors to the effect that Red Cross sold services or made charges are often circulated after disaster strikes. We would welcome any first-hand knowledge of when or where the Red Cross has asked an individual or family to repay for disaster services rendered."

## Rising Pennsylvania Flood Waters Threat To Hospital Patients

**By UNITED PRESS**  
A last minute winter outbreak hit the nation's eastern third with icy rain, snow, and floods today.

Floodwaters of the Allegheny river and Conewango creek spread over all but one of the roads leading into Warren, Pa., virtually isolating the town. Officials made ready to evacuate 103 patients from the Warren hospital, moving them to second and third floors as water poured into the first floor. The composing room of the Warren Times-Mirror was flooded, and Editor Edward Lowrey said the press motors were knocked out so the paper could not publish today.

**Families Leave Homes**  
About 50 families left their homes at Warren during the night and others were planning to move out today. At Meadville, Pa., families took refuge in schools when French creek went out of its banks and into homes.

In the East, flood waters were falling in northern New York state, but swollen rivers were still rising in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Earlier, the rains touched off flash floods in New York in a matter of hours. Homes were evacuated, schools were closed, and a state of emergency was declared at Lackawanna, where damage was estimated at \$50,000.

Elsewhere, the wintry outbreak dumped seven inches of snow on Wausau, Wis., and Pelliston, Mich., coated Chicago with a treacherous icy glaze, and dropped temperatures more than 40 degrees.

Chicago was caught unawares by an innocent-seeming drizzle which turned to ice when the temperature fell. A snowstorm followed and rush hour traffic was tied into knots, with traffic accidents occurring at a rate of 100 an hour.

Farther south, the temperature dropped more than 30 degrees in Texas, 40 degrees in the Ohio valley, and from 80 to 38 at Memphis, Tenn. At St. Louis, Mo., where 80-degree heat records had been set for two straight days, the mercury didn't get over 42 Wednesday.

## Highway 99 Cleared Of Wolf Creek Slide

**Grants Pass** — (U.P.) — A slide which blocked highway 99 was cleared yesterday and north-south traffic resumed through the main route connecting Oregon with the South.

It was the fourth time since the first of the year that the route has been blocked in the area by landslides occurring at the Wolf Creek summit.

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