



SPORTS

Undeclared Clubs Clash In NBA Tiff

Wichita, Kan. — The two big teams in the National Basketball Congress tournament, defending champion Fort Wayne, Ind., Dairymen and the Sinton, Tex., Plymouth Oilers, meet tonight to determine which will be the tourney's lone remaining unbeaten club entering Saturday night's quarter final round.

Fort Wayne caught the Texas entry with a 4-0 record Thursday night by defeating the Casa Grande, Ariz., Cotton Kings, 6-2, in the fourth round.

In other games tonight will be the Jasper, Tex., Steers (3-1) against Casa Grande (3-1) and the Grand Rapids, Mich., Sullivans (3-1) against the Lowry Field, Colo., Flyers (3-1).

The Milwaukee, Wis., Falks and Pea Ridge, N.C., Eagles advanced into the quarter final round Thursday night.

Milwaukee won 8-7 in 10 innings over the Peoria, Ill., Caterpillars and the North Carolina entry beat the Macon, Ga., Crawfords 7 to 3.

Ward Picks U.S. To Win Walker Golf

San Francisco — National Amateur Champion Harvie Ward watching from the sidelines with longing eyes, picks U.S. to retain the Walker Cup in matches this weekend and says his choice to win the U.S. Amateur crown is Joe Campbell.

Barred by the USGA from competing in the national championships and on the Walker Cup team because of illegal expense money, Ward is itching to go back to the national at Boston starting Sept. 2.

"But I can't play, so I guess I won't make the trip," says handsome Harvie. "But you sure get the urge this time of year. I've played in the national 10 years in a row until this time." The 30-year-old shotmaker and two-time champion thinks that Campbell is about due to take the championship.

Brazen Hussy Named Penelope Wandering at Large in Bronx

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New York — A brazen hussy of a platypus with the classic name of Penelope and the gall of a herd of ring-tailed monkeys has been wandering at large in the Bronx for a month.

A platypus is a little animal from Australia, with a platter where its puss ought to be. It also has been called, variously, a duckmole, a duckbill, and a living fossil.

Platypuses by nature are, as the Scottish bard once remarked of a field mouse, "sleekit, cowering, timorous, beasties." One of the definitions of sleekit is deceitful, and, believe me, that's the word for Penelope. I found out the hard way.

Before vanishing from her Bronx Zoo home a month ago, Penelope let it get bruited about in public that she was not pleased with the mating overtures of her platypussian associate, a bloke named Cecil. The theory advanced after her departure was that she jumped zoo because she simply could not stand Cecil.

My opinion, considered a d knecaded for a month now, is that Penelope's skipping out had nothing to do with maladroited love-making. It is clearly nothing but a publicity stunt, designed to call world attention to the plight of platypuses. She tried it once before — a stunt, that is.

That was in the summer of 1953, when she let it be known that she was expecting. She did everything but start knitting little things. She began eating enormously, devouring crayfish like crazy. She busied herself carrying twigs and straw and other nest makings into the winding tunnels of her mud-bank burrow.

Zoo attendants were certain there was a nestful of tinnyruses inside. This was big news to the world of zoos. No platypus ever had been born before outside Australia and Tasmania. It was a triumph for the Bronx. When, come November, no babes came out, it was decided to go in and get them.

This involved digging out the whole platypussary, a name the zoo had assigned to the Cecil-Penelope home in a spasm of whimsy.

During all of Nov. 5, 1953, a dark and blustery day, a platoon of us reporters stood shivering and watching workmen remove a whole mudbank. Bossed by several platypus experts, they dug slowly and carefully by hand and trowel into a maze of interlocking tunnels.

The more dirt they removed, the tenser we all became. Finally only one corner remained, then only two cubic feet, and then a man reached deep into a tunnel and pulled out a wriggling little platypus. A great shout arose. Photographers flashed then pleaded for one more.

The wise old zoo hand said: "looks like Penelope to me." It was. There was no nest. No young. She hadn't even laid an egg. But she had done one thing. She had put platypuses on the front page.

And she had laid their plight on the world's doorstep. Their trouble is, they can't decide where, in nature, they're going — what they want to be. They've got a bill like a duck, no teeth, dense fur like an animal, webbed feet; they lay eggs like a bird, swim like a fish, burrow in the ground like a mole, and have poison-gland heel horns — like a dragon. Can't somebody, somewhere, make up their mind for them?

DON ANIELAK APPOINTED U.S. Silent, HOOP COACH AT CRATER Athletes Add To Victories

Central Point — Don Anielak, St. Louis, Mo., a former collegiate All-American who has had professional experience, has been appointed head basketball coach at Crater high school here.

A graduate of Southwest Missouri State Teachers college, Anielak, 26, has had two years of coaching experience at Duchesne High school, St. Charles, Mo.

The 6-foot, 7-inch, 205-pound hoopman was named a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American while at SW Missouri, Springfield, in 1953. He was with the New York Knickerbockers of the National Basketball association in 1954.

Anielak fills the post from which Jim Nau resigned last spring. Cal Hersey, from Cascade high, was named to the position then decided to accept work with a Portland business firm. Nau accepted a coaching job with China Lake, Calif., High school.

Don Spinas, a 1952 grad of Medford high, has been named football and track coach at Central Point Junior high where he will coach football and track and teach science and social studies. Spinas attended Oregon State college and University of Oregon each for two years and was graduated from the university. He was out for track at both schools.

Mann played one year for the Oregon State Beavers before signing a professional contract for football.

Rams Won in 1952

The two teams clashed once before in Multnomah stadium with the Rams coming out on top by a 24-14 score in 1952.

That was the year Ollie Matson, the ex-University of San Francisco star made his pro debut in football. He played mostly on defense having just returned from the Olympic games in Helsinki, Finland.

Come Saturday night the 20,000 expected fans may see some real offensive fireworks with both Matson and the "Flying Dutchman" Van Brocklin on the offense.

Van Brocklin only needs three more TD passes to reach the coveted 100 mark and Matson is always a break away threat.

The Dalles Cops Semi-Pro Tussle

Spokane — Lop-sided wins by the host Spokane Orioles and The Dalles, Ore., Merchants marked opening round play Thursday in the Pacific Northwest Semi-Pro Baseball tournament here.

The Merchants eliminated the Ritzville Ramblers by a 15-3 score after four and a half innings while the Orioles disposed of the Pasco-Kennewick Merchants, 12-0, in six innings.

Both games were stopped early under a tourney rule which allows the director to call a game after the fifth inning provided one team leads by 12 or more runs.

Both winning clubs play again Saturday. Three games today, completing first round action, will see Granum, Alt., take on St. Regis, Mont., Sand Point, Idaho vs. Everett, and Yakima against Bellingham.

14-Year-Old Youth Stabs Girl Friend's Father in Bedroom

Lombard, Ill. — A 14-year-old boy with an "urge to commit murder" stabbed his girl friend's father to death today and was trapped in his victim's death grip.

Police said they found Clyde Walker, a slightly built youth, struggling beneath the fallen body of his 200-pound victim, Arthur Capitanelli, 37.

They were lying in a pool of blood in Capitanelli's bedroom. Police said the youth told them he "couldn't sleep" after returning from a party and arose before dawn with "an urge to commit murder."

Walked A Mile

Walker told authorities he walked a mile and a half to the Capitanelli home, found the light on and the front door open.

With a three-inch switchblade knife in his hand, police said the youth stole into Capitanelli's bedroom.

Capitanelli turned on the light and screamed when he saw the teenager with knife in hand.

"I didn't want to commit murder after I entered the room," police quoted the youth, "but when he screamed I couldn't back out."

Police said Capitanelli was half way out of bed to meet his attacker when he was slashed across the face and stabbed in the chest at the base of the neck.

Wife Is Nurse

Capitanelli was assistant administrator of Presbyterian hospital in Chicago. His wife, a nurse, was on duty.

But their three children were home, and their son, Michael, 7, was asleep in the room with his father when the killing occurred. Two daughters, Connie, 13, and Gina, 10, were asleep in other rooms.

Capitanelli's nephew, Joseph Lovallo of Mount Iron, Minn., heard the victim scream and rushed to the room to find him lying atop his attacker.

Lovallo called police.

Police said Walker had taken Connie Capitanelli to a party Thursday night.

Rams, Cards Vie Saturday In Portland

Portland — The Los Angeles Rams and the Chicago Cardinals fly in here this afternoon to make last minute preparations for their exhibition professional football game Saturday night in Multnomah stadium.

For Northwest football fans it will be a "homecoming" for such stars as Los Angeles' Norm Van Brocklin, and Dick Daugherty, and the Cards' Woodley Lewis and Dave Mann.

Van Brocklin and Lewis were teammates on the University of Oregon Cotton Bowl team of 1949 and Daugherty also played for the Ducks.

Insurance City Tourney Starts

Wethersfield, Conn. — Arnold Palmer of Latrobe, Pa., opened defense of his \$20,000 Insurance City Open golf championship today in a field of 100 pros and 32 amateurs.

A \$4,000 first prize is at stake in the four-day tournament at the Wethersfield Country club.

Pressing Palmer were 1953 champion Bob Toski of South Miami, Fla., co-holder of the 72-hole tournament record of 269; Fred Hawkins of El Paso, Tex., who has been in the upper six in the last three tournaments; Mike Souchak of Grossinger, N.Y., runner-up to 1955 winner Sam Snead; Doug Ford of Mahopac, N.Y., and Dow Finsterwald of Tequesta, Fla.

Guard, Chevies Winners in Loop

National Guard defeated the 20-30 club 8 to 1 and Courtesy Chevrolet nipped the Dairy Maids 12 to 11 last night in Jackson County Softball association games. The Maids collected just five hits but were helped by 11 bases on balls in giving the Chevies a close race. Vessey of National Guard held 20-30 to one hit.

The Erie Canal opened in 1825.

Savitt Eyes Tennis Toga

Forest Hills, N.Y. — Dick Savitt of South Orange, N.J., oil company executive and self-styled "week-end" player, opens his bid for the U.S. tennis singles championship today determined to bag the crown he missed in his heyday.

The Jersey bomber, second-seeded and America's chief hope for the title won last year by little Ken Rosewall of Australia, drew sometimes tough Cal McCracken of Tenafly, N.J., for his first-round on the opening day program of 42 matches.

Wimbledon champ Althea Gibson of New York, idle until Saturday, was a top-heavy favorite in the women's division to become the first Negro ever to win a U.S. singles championship. She lost in the finals last year to Shirley Fry of St. Petersburg, Fla., who was married in Australia last winter and vacated her title.

Savitt, third-seeded Sven Davidson of Sweden, fifth-seeded Neale Fraser of Australia and sixth-seeded Ham Richardson of Westfield, N.J., were the only headliners down for men's action today. Top-seeded Ashley Cooper of Australia, Budge Patty of Los Angeles and Paris, Vic Seixas of Philadelphia and Herb Flam of Beverly Hills, Calif., move in Saturday.

Milwaukee Cinch To Break Record In Attendance

Milwaukee — The first-place Milwaukee Braves are a cinch to break their National league attendance record this season, ticket director Bill Eberly said today.

But the major league record of 2,620,627 by the Cleveland Indians remains out of reach.

With 18 home dates remaining, the Braves must draw a little more than 26,000 per game to equal the mark they set in 1954. In 55 home dates so far this year, the average has been 30,244.

"If the weather is in our favor, we should draw around 2,280,000," Eberly said. "This would be about 150,000 over the record and we could possibly get more because of pent-up interest."

Ontario Area Fire Danger Alleviated

Ontario, Ore. — For the first time since July 2, the humidity in Ontario reached a point Thursday where extreme fire danger was somewhat alleviated.

Bureau of land management officials said the humidity was about 18 per cent.

Officials pointed out that as a rule when the humidity is about 30 per cent it is considered safe. As it drops the fire hazard increases and when it reaches 15 per cent and below a very dangerous condition exists.

BLM officials said that on July 1, the humidity was between 20 and 25 per cent . . . on the second it went down to 15 per cent and by July 3rd it registered between 10 and 15 per cent.

The first Atlantic cable was laid in 1855.

Sheriff's Deputy On Wild Goose Chase

Salem — Deputy Roy Lamb of the Marion county sheriff's office went on a wild goose chase Thursday but it was official and fruitful.

The goose, a Canadian honker, had escaped from its pen at the State Fair grounds.

Passing by, Lamb noticed a small boy, a would-be Robin Hood, drawing a bead on the goose with his bow and arrow. Thinking this irregular, Lamb called off the hunter and gave pursuit on foot.

The wary honker was finally caught by the weary deputy and returned to its pen.

GET PAY RAISE

Topeka, Kan. — The operators of the Aitchison Mutual Telephone company exchange in the little northeast Kansas town of Muscotah have been granted a pay raise—from 22½ cents an hour to 40 cents an hour. The 205 customers of the exchange will pay \$2,088 per year more in rates, most of it going for the pay raise.

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