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SPORTS

Ex-Seattle U. Player Now Tops In NBA Teams

New York—UPI—Elgin Baylor, the Minneapolis Lakers, All-America rookie from Seattle university, today replaced scoring champion George Yardley of the Detroit Pistons as the National Basketball association's top point maker—something none of the other pros have been able to do in almost a year.

The Laker freshman took over the lead with a three-game outburst of 87 points. That gave him a total of 382 points in 15 games through last Sunday. Yardley, the balding, former Stanford university ace, has scored 365 points through the same number of games with the Detroit Pistons.

Not since 1955, when Frank Selvy, playing with Baltimore and Milwaukee in his first pro season, made a close run for the scoring lead has a freshman been able to crack the veteran clique of scoring pros.

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Michigan Man Wins Track Title

East Lansing, Mich.—UPI—Forddy Kennedy got an assist from an early snow storm and today he's Michigan State's first NCAA cross country champion.

The Spartans have a wealth of NCAA team titles—they made it seven Monday—but they never could quite take the individual crown. Warren Druetzler finished second in 1950 and Henry Kennedy, Forddy's older brother, was second in 1955.

Forddy had led MSU to the IC4A and Big Ten titles earlier this season, placing first in the Eastern meet and edged by Iowa's Deacon Jones in the Big Ten. Now came the big one.

"Wouldn't it be nice if it rained or snowed," Kennedy said Sunday night, "because if it does, it would help me."

He got his wish—a two-inch snowfall that had turned slushy by race time at the approximately four-mile route over Michigan State's new golf course. It was made to order for him and he won by 40 yards.

It was an all-Michigan day. Central Michigan's Ed Vanderhevel was second and Western Michigan's Art Eversole was third. Western was second in the team totals and Central Michigan was 10th.

In addition, it gave Spartan Coach Fran Dittrich, an MSU harrier and broad jumper in the mid 1930's, a grand slam of cross country in his first year as head coach. Dittrich was long-time assistant to Karl Schalldeman who retired earlier this year.

Notre Dame, the defending champion, fell to fourth place. Max Truex, individual titlist from Southern Cal in 1957, was ineligible this year.

The Spartans finished with 79 points and Western Michigan had 104. Army was third with 111 and the Irish three points up on that. Iowa State was fifth at 125. The second five were Kansas, 144; Indiana, 173; Iowa, 202; Arkansas, 239 and Central Michigan 240.

Negative Ions May Be Help for Variety of Ills

Bloomfield, N. J.—UPI—Relief for a variety of ills including asthma, hay fever, arthritis and mental depression may result from successful experiments with negative ions, according to E. G. G. Arnot research director for the lamp division of Westinghouse Electric Corp. scientists here were conducting experiments with ultraviolet lamps which produce sizable quantities of negative air ions, according to Dr. Rudolph A. Naby, Westinghouse manager of ultraviolet development, said a survey of findings by researchers indicate that when people or animals are subjected to negative air ions there was a definite improvement in comfort.

"Patients with hay fever, asthma and sinusitis found relief, wounds healed more rapidly and arthritis and rheumatism were reduced," Dr. Naby said.

He said that on the other hand, when the air is charged with positive air ions, "there is a noticeable increase in discomfort."

However, Naby warned it was too early to say that by producing negative ions illness and mental depression could be eliminated. He said evidence indicated beyond a reasonable doubt that ions do play an important role.

Railroads Ask Freight Rate Hike

San Francisco—UPI—Four major railroads have asked the State Public Utilities Commission for an emergency increase of \$7,200,000 in intrastate freight rates.

The railroads are the Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Western Pacific and the Union Pacific. The increase requested would parallel a similar increase granted earlier on interstate rates.



WATCHING ROUNDHOUSE LEFT headed his way, Gil Turner grimaces early in St. Paul, Minn., bout with Del Flanagan, who won 10-rounder on unanimous decision.

Fog, Smog Cut Visibility in L.A.

Los Angeles—UPI—More than 100 autos were involved in crashes Monday when a thick fog bank and dense smog combined to reduce visibility to less than half a mile.

One person was killed and 10 others injured in the traffic accidents.

More smog was predicted for today.

Most of the traffic mishaps occurred early in the day when the fog was at its worst. But as the day progressed smog became worse and added to motorists' troubles by causing their eyes to water.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was chartered in 1899.

Gasoline Prices Drop at Portland

Portland—UPI—Prices of regular gasoline were down to 23.9 cents a gallon at some service stations here today as the price war continued.

About a dozen stations on southeast 82nd avenue sold regular gasoline at the new low price. The general pattern at other stations was 26.9 cents per gallon for regular.

J. S. Baker, business manager of the Oregon Gas Dealers Association, said he expected the lower prices in fringe areas "to become general" and added they may go even lower.

Soprano Jennie Lind made her debut at age 18.

784 Algerian Rebels Killed or Wounded

Algiers, Algeria—UPI—French forces killed, captured or wounded 784 Algerian rebels in fighting last week, officials reported today. French losses were not given.

It was one of the largest tolls claimed by the French in the four-year rebellion.

Famed United States naval officer Oliver Hazard Perry died of yellow fever.

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