

# Texas Longhorns Favored For West NCAA Top Spot

KANSAS CITY, March 20 (AP)—The University of Texas Longhorns, who twice have been eliminated by the eventual national champion, are favored to top the four-team field in the western regional NCAA basketball tournament tomorrow and Saturday.

# Ike Waltons Hear Ritchey

Sam Ritchey, Klamath Falls manager of Copco, was a guest speaker at the Izaak Walton league meeting last night at the Winema, addressing the club on the problem of low water in the Klamath river and how it affected fishing in that stream.

Ritchey pointed out that this has been a dry year, with the lake at present at only 80 per cent of full capacity, and with little hope for any large gain of water in the coming months. He also discussed the flow of water down the canyon on week-ends, explaining why it was raised and lowered at the times it is.

Ritchey was introduced to the club by Bert Rohue, chairman of the fish committee, who handled arrangements.

Flu made its inroads into the membership attendance, and only a fraction of the usual attendance was in evidence.

Next month's meeting will be highlighted by the showing of films taken by Bert Rohue of steelhead fishing in Oregon.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the regular Wednesday luncheon, presently slated for the Willard, is open to wives of league members as well as members themselves.

# Hornets Clash With Firecrests

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 20 (AP)—The Vancouver Hornets cleared the decks for its Friday-Saturday series with the Bellingham Firecrests last night with a 7-0 triumph over the Seattle Blue Devils in a round robin professional league playoff.

The Canadians must win both of its week-end contests with the leading Firecrest to retain a chance for the playoff title. A lone Bellingham win would sew up the crown.

Paced by Doug Peden, whose tip-in shots accounted for 18 points, the Hornets took the game in the second half after a 31-all deadlock at the midway mark. Norm Dalthorp paced Seattle with 16 tallies.

Seattle's loss eliminated it from contention in the playoff race.

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# Cardinal's Joe Garagiola Gets Catchina Okay

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 20 (AP)—Manager Eddie Dyer had some welcome news from the St. Louis Cardinals' backstopping department today with word that young Joe Garagiola will be able to continue catching providing he wears a protective covering on his mask.

The 21-year-old Garagiola, rookie sensation of the 1940 world series, suffered a slight fracture of the right cheekbone when he was struck by a thrown ball at the start of the training season, X-rays revealed. The injury is healing nicely, however.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 20 (AP)—Bucky Harris is considering another realignment of the New York Yankee lineup which would send Tommy Henrich to center field—a position he has never played.

Henrich is sidelined with strained chest muscles but will be okay in a few days. He has batted .339 against major league teams this spring. With Lawrence (Yogi) Berra firmly planted in right field and George McQuinn doing a fine job at first base, the only spot for Henrich seems to be center field. This would sideline Johnny Lindell.

# Utah To Meet Kentucky Five

NEW YORK, March 20 (AP)—Kentucky and Utah, beginning a four-day vacation before clashing in the finals of the national basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden, turned to another group of classy collegians tonight for the opening round of eastern regional playoffs in the NCAA tourney.

The NCAA eliminations send Navy against Holy Cross in the first game at 8 p. m. (EST) with Wisconsin's Big Nine champions tangling with City College of New York at approximately 9:45.

Kentucky, shooting for its second straight title in the invitational tourney, reached the finals by outshooting North Carolina State's Southern conference champions, 60-42, last night.

A Garden crowd of 18,472 got something of a shock in the earlier semi-final game when Utah's hard-playing ball hawks bounced second-seed West Virginia out of the tourney, 64-62, in a game that was close only in the first and last minutes.

# Milo Savage To Meet Taylor

SEATTLE, March 20 (AP)—Milo Savage, whose upset triumph several weeks ago over Irish Billy Walker stamped him as the cream of Seattle's middle-weight ranks, tackles another Celt next Tuesday. The 10-round main event pits Savage against Irish Johnny Taylor, veteran coast campaigner.

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# VFW Tourney Books Games

OMAHA, March 20 (AP)—A nine-game program was booked today in the Veterans of Foreign Wars national basketball tournament here, four teams coming up for their second test in the double-elimination series.

Wilmington, Del., which clipped Baker, Ore., 27-25 in the tourney opener last night, meets the Washington State entry; Minneapolis, 39-19 winner over the host Omaha team, meets South Dakota; Bozeman, Mont., easy winner over the short-handed, Salina, Kans., five, 40-20, meets the winner of the Indiana-New York game; and Youngstown, O., 43-37 victor over Pueblo, Colo., tackles Louisiana.

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President Branch Rickey is in favor of having the outfielder fly to Havana, Reiser hurt his shoulder again in practice Tuesday.

Baby bottles are given to grown men in some psychiatric treatments to make them recall instances of babyhood which weigh on their subconscious.

# Wild Game Shows Gains

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The forest service reported today wild life is thriving in the 152 national forests, especially in the deer department.

The deer population in these protected areas has risen from 450,000 in 1921 to 1,992,000 last year, the service said in a survey issued in connection with National Wildlife Restoration week.

Other increases during the same period were given as: Elk, 52,000 to 160,000; antelope, 2400 to 27,000; moose, 3600 to 9500; and black bear, 37,000 to 74,000.

The elusive big horn sheep ran counter to the trend with a drop from 13,000 to 9,000.

# Wally Westlake Is Prize Rookie

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 20 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates' prize rookie is Wally Westlake, 26-year-old, rock-chinned Californian. In five games as an outfielder, Westlake has collected six hits in 10 trips. He was the first Pirate to hit a homer, in fast, fields well and is a threat in center or right field.

Hank Greenberg will not see a ction against the St. Louis Browns today, taking time out for treatment of a sore arm.

# Rainiers Drop Fifth Game 9-3

LOS ANGELES, March 20 (AP)—The Seattle Rainiers dropped their fifth game in eight season starts yesterday, losing 9-3 to the Chicago Cubs.

John Yelowie was the losing hurler, replacing Sig Jakucki in the sixth inning with the score deadlocked.

# Cleveland Indians Much Embarrassed

RIVERSIDE, Calif., March 20 (AP)—The Portland Beavers were in an embarrassing position today—but consider the plight of the Cleveland Indians.

Tuesday, Portland whipped the American league club, but yesterday the Beavers fell 13-9 before the University of Southern California Trojans. Six straight walks by Rookie Pitcher Johnny Bianco gave the collegians their winning margin.

# Seattle's Alpine Dairy Moves Into Quarterfinals

DENVER, March 20 (AP)—Principals of the first major upset of the national AAU basketball tournament, Seattle's Alpine Dairy five moved today into the quarterfinal round against the Los Angeles Carroll Shamrocks. Game time is 9 p. m. (PST).

The Washington State entry joined the elite circle of eight with a surprising 36-29 triumph over the highly favored and fourth-seeded Oklahoma City Continental Airliners.

The Shamrocks, also a tourney seedling and a second division American basketball league club, had difficulty subduing Milwaukee by a 49-46 count in its third round encounter yesterday.

Featuring the pivot shooting of Bob Graf whose 15 points were high for the game, the Alpines coupled a deft ball-handling with a rock-ribbed defense that kept the shocked and frantic Oklahoma City shooters at arm's length.

Two other seeded clubs fell in third round goes—Golden, Colo., ousting the San Diego Dons, 61-44 and Dallas whipping Pocatello, Idaho, Simplot, 58-44.

Five ABL members, including Bartlesville's national champions came through unscathed. The others were second-seeded Oakland, winner of the recent ABL tournament, Denver, Hollywood and Los Angeles.

Bartlesville (Phillips 66) dumped Glendale City college 59-24, the Denver Nuggets trounced Borlo Athletic club of San Francisco, 73-39; Hollywood (20th Century Fox) swamped Columbus, Ind., Cummins-Sears, 81-45 and Oakland (Bittner) overpowered Pepperdine college of Los Angeles 72-41.

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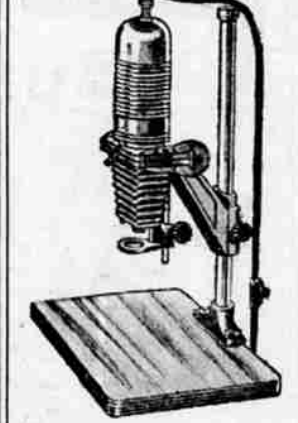
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