

SPORTS ROUNDUP

THAT MAN DELONG Big Nate Forges New Scoring Mark

RIVER FALLS, Wis., Dec. 16 (AP)—Big Nate De Long, with 2707 points to his credit, is the new scoring king of college basketball.

De Long poured in 33 points last night as River Falls Teachers college swamped St. John's university of Collegeville, Minn., 77-54.

The six-foot, six-inch River Falls center scored 27 points in the first half to run his total to 2201 and break the former collegiate record of 2199, set by Jim Lacy of Baltimore, Sept. 26.

He added another six points before he left the game with three minutes remaining in the third quarter. The box score gave big Nate 11 field goals, 11 free throws, four personal fouls and five free throws missed.

His total score covers 93 college

games at an average of 23.7 points per game. Lacy averaged only 17.5 points per game in setting his record. The previous title, Brooms Abramovic of Salem (W. Va.) college, worked at a pace of 22.5 points per game in establishing his record of 2161 points. His mark held five years before Lacy took over.

De Long, now in his eighth semester of college basketball, still has one more semester of eligibility remaining.

De Long's best showing was a 72-point night against Winona (Minn.) Teachers college in the 1947-48 season. His top this season was 40 points against St. Thomas of St. Paul, Minn., December 13. His most effective weapons are the two-hand overhead push shot and rebounding.

THE PLATOON SYSTEM Men on Full Service Still Have Most Fun

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NEW YORK (NEA)—The two-platoon system marches right along.

The rules committee stopped the clock while the ball changes hands, so offensive and defensive units may dash madly to and fro.

Old arguments having to do with developing half a player, cheating the boy, the lack of emphasis on initiative and whatnot have gone for naught.

Even players volunteer to digress on the relatively exciting merits of playing defensive tackle for 19 straight Saturday afternoons.

When it comes time for the All-America foolishness this fall, the selectors, in order to be adequate, fair and complete, will name offensive and defensive units, and then add a point-after-touchdown and other specialists.

The old mythical it has to go out the window, for only a comparative handful of players work at football full time. The great bulk of the athletes have little or no opportunity to demonstrate that they are whole football players.

It is totally unfair to neglect the defensive units, and to assume that a vicious ground-gainer would be equally adept backing up the line or defending against passes. It is sound reasoning to believe that if the coach thought as much, the attacker would remain in the thick of things on the defense in the more important engagements, at

least as long as he was on a good pair of legs.

This two-platoon All-America idea will correct some of the shortcomings of the past, too. We no longer will have four passers in the backfield, for example.

Before the modern T was popularized, and practically every side was deploying from the single wing, a blocking back rarely made an All-America, and he was a must in that plan.

The modern T with man-in-motion lends itself to an abundance of blocking backs.

Speaking of the two-platoon arrangement, it is significant that two powers do not go in for it—Notre Dame and the Chicago Bears, neither of which ever suffered from the lack of a multiple of choice talent.

George Connor stresses the fact that the comparatively few full-time players are still having the most fun.

"They play me fullback on the defense at times," says the former Notre Dame player left tackle for the Bears. "This means I back up the middle in a five-man line."

"The most fun though is covering the flanker to the outside when he goes in motion. That's when you get a chance for a hard, clean tackle in the open. How many times does that happen while you are slugging it out in the middle? There you're lucky to grab a leg or arm, or just knock the pins out from under the ball-carrier."

"Against the Eagles at Wrigley Field, Johnny Lujack called a tackle pass, which I took for an 11-yard gain."

After going at it full blast both ways for nine campaigns, life would be a bit monotonous for George Connor in the two-platoon variation. No doubt many others feel the same way.

The coaches may still have a selling job on their hands.

A Santa Clara Calif. merchant, reports publicist Mike Wells, filled a vacant store window with clippings about the 14 feats of the Orange Bowl bound Broncos, one fourth a string guard was scanning them eagerly when a teammate asked what he was doing. "Window shopping," was the reply, "and I don't see a thing I want."

All the Louisiana State football players and coaches recently were made colonels by Louisiana Governor Long. Madison Square garden's basketball department will not give the press exact attendance figures this season. Ned Irish's explanation is that the colleges don't always turn in their ticket data in time, so they'll just make an estimate of the nearest 500. At least, they're always sure of 500.

Four-Touchdown Edge Given COP

HONOLULU, Dec. 16 (AP)—The College of the Pacific was installed today as a four-touchdown favorite over the University of Hawaii in tonight's football game.

The Tigers from the Mainland, piloted by brilliant Quarterback Eddie Lebaron, are after their eleventh victory in an unbeaten season.

Rain might slow down the invaders, but the weather forecasters predict a dry field.

Some COP backers felt the odds makers' four-touchdown rating over a good Hawaii team was out of line.

Nimrods Invited To Hunt Sauvies

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—The state game commission invited more duck hunters to the Sauvies island public shooting grounds today.

The commission said additional hunting space is available there, and will be parceled out on a first come, first served basis. Reservations should be made at the commission's Portland office.

The shooting grounds will be open December 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31, and January 1, 2, 4, 6, 7.

OVERFLOW TROUBLE
BEND, Dec. 16 (AP)—Fire Chief LeRoy Fox threatened yesterday to arrest drivers of cars or trucks from which gasoline is leaking. He said a fire hazard has been caused by one truck driver whose gasoline overflows the truck tank.

Western states now have about 21,120,000 acres under irrigation in federal and private projects.



BARGAIN? — The Cleveland Indians gave Portland of the Pacific Coast league \$30,000 and five players for Hal Saltzman, 24. The right-hander won 23 and lost 13 last year with the sixth-place Beavers.

Gordon Chins With Bourdeau

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—It was mostly social, that telephone conversation between Lou Bourdeau in Illinois and Joe Gordon in Eugene. Bourdeau had said he was going to find out definitely if Gordon planned to play baseball next summer for the Cleveland Indians. Gordon said he told the Cleveland manager he still wanted his release so he could join a Pacific Coast league team and be closer to home. But most of their talk, said Gordon, was about players and the league—just social.

Brooklyn—Charlie Titone, 125½, New York, outpointed Gastamo Analloro, 120½, North Africa, 8.

The use of "tin" cans for holding preserved foods did not become common until late in the 19th century.

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Boy Gets Tennis Racket

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP)—Charles Hage, 12, wanted a tennis racket. He had come some 50 miles from Fontana, Calif., to bid for one at the semi-annual sheriff's auction of impounded goods.

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Odds On Eagles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Philadelphia Eagles, gunning for their second successive championship in the National Football league—and favored by seven points or better to succeed—arrive here today to meet the challenging Los Angeles Rams.

The Quaker City delegation, accompanied by some 100 ardent supporters, was promised wet ground and weeping skies today and tomorrow but the Rams' expert weather consultant, Dr. Irving Krick, predicted good conditions for this blue ribbon fixture in the senior national loop.

Coach Earle (Greasy) Neale and his Eagles were registered at the swank Bel Air hotel in West Los Angeles—a far cry from the old days when grid kypies put up in 11 a night rooms. The Eagles planned a workout this afternoon at nearby UCLA.

The visit here was an occasion in the 41-year-old football career of the Philadelphia coach. Neale was head coach for the Washington and Jefferson team that held powerful California to a scoreless tie in the 1922 Rose Bowl game.

PORTLAND RENT BARS

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—Decontrol of rent hearings here were scheduled to wind up today. Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee said the city council would study the matter for some time before reaching a decision.

Federal hatcheries provide bass for farm fish ponds—and sun fish for them to eat.

Stars Gone, Kentucky Loses Now

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—A lot can happen between now and next March, but right now it looks as if there will be a new NCAA basketball champion.

Kentucky, the defending champion, took a 69-58 drubbing from St. Johns of Brooklyn in Madison Square Garden last night. The boys from the blue grass country, behind 34-20 at halftime, spurred in the second half to pull within five points at 61-56, but then St. Johns again widened the gap.

Kentucky plainly showed the loss by graduation of last year's stars, Alex Groza, Ralph Beard, Wah-wah Jones and Cliff Barker. Gerry Calabrese tossed in 30 points for St. Johns.

Graders Set For Class A Volley

Premont draws the bye and six other city grade schools will see action tomorrow morning in the opening round of the grade school class A volleyball tourney.

Games will be played at Pelican court. At 9:15 Fairview plays Roosevelt and Riverside meets Conner. At 10 o'clock Pelican plays defending titlist Mills. The second round of the double-elimination tourney will be played at 10:45.

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Southern California, opening an Eastern tour, knocked Canisius out of the unbeaten ranks, 69-55, in the feature of a doubleheader at Buffalo, N. Y. Bill Sharman of the Trojans rimmed 27 points to bowl over the team that previously had whipped Oregon State and Kansas State.

Niagara kept its slate clean by nosing out Denver, of the Skyline Six, in the opener of the Buffalo twin bill, 55-54.

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