

TIME OUT



Giambra Favored By 3-1

By MURRAY ROSE
NEW YORK (AP)—Joey Giambra isn't taking ito Scortichini lightly even if he is a 3-1 favorite to win the telecast Madison Square Garden 10-rounder tonight.

The handsome, 22-year-old Buffalo, N. Y., middleweight contender though he was in for an easy evening when he went down to Miami to box Bobby Dykes a year ago. What happened still has Co-manager Tex Sullivan pulling hair from his thinning scalp.

Dykes outpointed Giambra and snapped Joey's 11-fight, 16-month winning streak. The loss dropped the former shoe shine boy from fifth to eighth in the rankings and cost him a lucrative shot with Joey Giambello, the current No. 2 contender.

ONE BY ONE

"I'll be out to win 'em one by one from now on," said Giambra grimly. "Scortichini held Carmine Basilio to a draw last month and that's a good enough recommendation for him."

Scortichini claims that he has just become accustomed to the American way of fighting. The 24-year-old Italian, an aggressive fighter, made his best showing when he fought Basilio, No. 1 welterweight contender, to a draw in Miami Jan. 16.

4-1 RECORD

Italo's record in the United States is 4-1. He defeated Joey Greco, Harold Drucker, Gerry Dreyer and Willie Basilio in his first four fights. He is 5-11 to Italo's 6-7. Giambra has stopped 21 of his 40 rivals. His record is 36-3-1.

The bout will be broadcast ABC and telecast (NBC) coast to coast at 10 p.m., EST.

Montana State Seeks Basketball Mentor

BOZEMAN, Mont.—A screening committee is expected to name Montana State College's new head basketball coach within two or three weeks.

More than 50 applications have been received for the post vacated by Brick Breeden, who resigned to become athletic director.

Idaho Taps Coach

Cardinal Mentor Gets Job

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—J. Neil (Skip) Stahley, backfield coach for the professional Chicago Cardinals and expert on the forward pass, was picked Thursday as the man to lift up the fallen football fortunes of Idaho.

Stahley was hired as the unanimous choice of a faculty committee who screened a long list of applicants and will name his own assistants, the university said in announcing the appointment.

When he talked with officials here last week, he said he would have to look the situation over before deciding what system to use for the Idaho team, trained in the split-T.

PASSES
But whatever system he picks, Stahley's record indicates the forward pass will rank high in the strategy used. While he was head coach at Brown University his teams set records for passing yardage.

After, as assistant to Howie Odell at the University of Washington, Stahley helped direct the passing skill of All-America quarterback Don Heinrich.

Officials, who wouldn't disclose Stahley's salary, said he was hired on a year-to-year basis, "the same as any other faculty member."

His predecessor, Ray M'N'd (Babe) Curfman, resigned under pressure last fall after a poor season that saw Idaho win only one game in 10 starts. As a part time member of the Pacific Coast Conference, Idaho plays only the local's Northern schools.

SPRING
The new coach said he will come to Idaho in about two weeks to prepare for spring practice.

Stahley will inherit three players who should be able to pass for him—George Eidam, who will be a senior in the fall, Wayne Patrick and Bob Haines, juniors.

This trio of quarterbacks was named by Curfman early last fall as the first good passing material he had had in his coaching career.

School officials said Stahley was his choice because "his record indicates his type of coaching is fitted to the material at hand, and his contact with the professional game indicates his wide knowledge of all types of play."

Cage Stabbing Case Settled

DETROIT (AP)—A 16-year-old high school student must spend the next three years in a training school as a result of the icepick stabbing of a high school basketball player Jan. 1.

The boy must stay in the institution "for training and re-education until he is 19," Probate Judge George Edwards ruled Thursday.

Judge Edwards acted after turning down a Recorder's Court request to waive extradition. Psychologists found the boy "hostile and impulsive."

Ross DeBoskey, 17, the stabbing victim, was attacked by the 16-year-old and several companions following a night basketball game. DeBoskey is recovering.

Three older boys, convicted after trial, are awaiting sentence for assault and battery.



THERE'S NOTHING FISHY about the fish tale Charlie Booth and Al Nyback (l to r) brought home this week and they called the cameraman to prove it. Nyback holds the heaviest of the steelhead, some 15 pounds. The catch was made in the Rogue River, hard by Grants Pass.

—Photo by Don Kettler

Gordon Eyes Third Base For Bucs; Redleg Fold Complete

NEW YORK (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates have given up on Greenberg Gardens, their shortened left field barrier. But that doesn't worry Red Gordon, who figures to carry much of the Bucs' batting load this season.

"There's no doubt that it'll cut out some of those cheap home runs," he said today, "but the guys who hit the long ball like myself shouldn't be affected too much."

The left field fence at Forbes Field will be 365 feet from home plate this season as compared with 335, the measurement since 1947.

"Sure I may lose two or three homers. But most of my long drives cleared the small fence and landed in real home run territory anyway," Gordon explained.

Gordon, who was traded to Pittsburgh last December for Danny O'Connell in a six-player deal, was strictly an outfielder with Milwaukee last season. But he hopes Manager Fred Haney will give him a chance to play third base.

The Cincinnati Redlegs became the first major league club to sign its entire 1954 roster by coming to terms with pitchers Frank Smith and Clyde King. General Manager Gabe Paul said this was the earliest the club ever had brought every player in line.

Others to sign were shortstop George Strickland and pitcher Dave Hoskins of the Cleveland Indians, infielder Pete Suder of the Philadelphia Athletics, catcher Stan Lipa of the Philadelphia Phillies, infielder Jerry Coleman of the New York Yankees, outfielder George Shuba and catcher Rubo

Walker of Brooklyn, infielders Bob Hoffman and Dave Williams of the New York Giants, outfielder Harry Elliott of the St. Louis Cardinals and rookie pitcher Paul Menking of the Chicago Cubs.

In other baseball news, Milwaukee southpaw Chet Nichols was mustered out of the Army and will report to the club in Bradenton, Fla., at the end of the month; the New York Giants revealed that infielder Daryl Spencer will be inducted into the Army at Wichita, Kan., Feb. 15; and veteran catcher Steve Lembo announced his retirement from organized baseball.

Livingston Undecided

MONMOUTH, Ore. (AP)—Bob Livingston, Oregon College of Education basketball coach, declined to say here Thursday night whether or not he is making a formal protest over his team's 54-52 loss to Portland State last week.

Livingston contended at the time of the game that Portland State's winning shot came after time had run out.

He was advised that if he would put the case in writing as a formal protest, it would be submitted to the conference schools for a vote. The protest, however, had to be postmarked before midnight Thursday.

Beavers, UO Book Series

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Oregon State and Oregon, deadlocked atop Northern Division basketball standings, take on Washington's Huskies and the Idaho Vandals this weekend for what could be the most important set of games of the season for the two leaders.

Oregon State, picked by many as the probable league champion, will be host to the Huskies Friday and Saturday nights at Corvallis, while Oregon plays Idaho at Moscow.

On paper, the two Oregon teams rate as easy winners over the sophomores from Washington and the slipping Vandals and the weekend is expected to set the stage for a head-on collision for the championship later this month.

But Coach Tippy Dye's Huskies have won three straight after dropping 14 of 15, and in their last meeting with OSC put the stopper on the Beavers' high scoring Swede Halbrook.

Idaho, lagged as a strong pennant contender until the double loss to Washington last week, will be making a last desperate bid to get back in the race. The Vandals also will be playing on their home court.

Both Washington and Idaho trail the leaders by three games going into the series.

Last place Washington State will be idle this weekend. The Cougars will return to action Tuesday, playing Idaho at Moscow.

Bruins Eye League Tie

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hoping to pull up on even terms for the lead in the Southern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference the UCLA Bruins open a two-game series Friday night with league-leading California in the Bruins' gym.

UCLA must capture both games to draw into a tie with the Golden Bears, who have a record of 5 victories and 1 defeat as compared to a 3-3 mark by the Bruins.

Southern California's Trojans, also with a 3-3 record, invade Palo Alto to play the cellar team, Stanford.

USC must take two games from Stanford to stay in the running for the division title. In games last night, Drumstick blanked VFW, 44-0; Wocus shut out Tiny's and Summers Lane whitewashed Tat's.

CAGE SCORES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Thursday's Results

FAR WEST
Pasadena Nazarene 74, Calpoly (San Dimas) 49

EAST
St. John (Bkn) 62, Richmond 59
NYU 75, Manhattan 63

St. Bonaventure 67, Siena 64
Massachusetts 68, Rhode Island 67
St. Francis (Bkn) 82, CQNY 52

SOUTH
Furman 114, Georgia Tech 67
Wake Forest 76, North Carolina 62
Virginia Military 82, Virginia Tech 78

Maryland 76, Wash-Lee 43
Midwest
Butler 79, Evansville 67
St. Josephs (Ind) 81, Valparaiso 69

Findlay 137, Cedarville 33
John Carroll 85, Baldwin-Wallace 77

SOUTHWEST
North Texas 69, Trinity (Tex) 67
Arkansas College 75, Arkansas State Tech 73

Arkansas Tech 79, Hendrix 55
PRO BASKETBALL
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Thursday's Results

Boston 84, New York 81 (overtime)
Syracuse 76, Philadelphia 74 (double overtime)

Rochester 79, Milwaukee 68
Minneapolis 110, Baltimore 82

Bevo Hits

48.9 Per

NEW YORK (AP)—Remember when "point-a-minute" meant a high-scoring basketball team? This season a lot of small colleges could average that much using only two players and leaving the other three on the bench.

Statistics released today by the NCAA Service Bureau show 60 players averaging 20 points or more in games through Feb. 6.

Bevo Francis, of course, tops the list with a whopping 48.9 in 19 games. Back of the Rio Grande flash are Vince Leta of Lycoming with 31.5 and Clarence Burks of St. Augustine's with 30. Bill Warden of North Central with 29.7 and Ralph Bacote of St. Paul's Poly with 29.5 are very much in the battle for the runner-up spot.

The individual scoring has taken a terrific jump over a year ago when only 29 players were at the 20-plus mark this late in the campaign and only three were averaging as many as 27. Nine are at the 27-and-over pace this winter.

Shuff Stuff

The City Shuffleboard League meets tonight at Swanson's Barber shop, 7:30, to decide the site of a playoff between Suburban and Macca, in a knot for the top spot after the first round of play. Both finished with 39-9 records. In games last night, Drumstick blanked VFW, 44-0; Wocus shut out Tiny's and Summers Lane whitewashed Tat's.

Kentucky Kills Rumor It Would Aim for NIT

By KYLE VANCE
LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—Kentucky squelched speculation today that it might take a shot at the National Invitation basketball tournament, where its big three scoring punch would be welcomed.

At the same time, however, the nation's No. 1 cage power kept itself in contention for the NCAA playoffs—with or without the men

who have been mainly responsible for its lofty perch.

Athletic Director Bernie Shively said Kentucky has entertained no thought of asking the Southeastern Conference to waive its rule limiting member schools to participation in the NCAA. Kentucky is not interested in the NIT.

It was too early, Shively said, to answer all the questions involved in tackling the tough NCAA. NO ANSWER

Couch Adolph Rupp was unable to answer those questions either, but he felt the school hasn't abandoned hope that its top stars can take part in the NCAA.

All America Cliff Hagan, Frank Ramsey and Lou Toloropoulos will have won their bachelor degrees before the NCAA playoffs and presumably will be ineligible under a rule disqualifying graduate students.

Asked if he personally would like to undertake the NCAA without Hagan, Ramsey and Toloropoulos, Rupp said that depended on whether three alling players mend sufficiently soon enough.

SHELVED
Jerry Bird, Willie Rouse and Hugh Coy have been shelved most of the season but have been taking some practice shots recently. They were considered key men before the season opened.

"If our injured boys come through, we would have something to go with," Rupp said.

Kentucky first must win the SEC crown to get into the NCAA, and since the Wildcats and Louisiana State dominate the conference a playoff between the two is considered a near certainty.

Kottre Stops Roy

PORTLAND (AP)—Harold Kottre, Silverton, Ore., uncorked a left hook at 2:04 of the third round Thursday night to knock out Soldier Dave Roy of Vancouver, B. C. The bout was scheduled for 10 rounds.

Kottre dropped Roy five times before he landed the knockout punch in the third.

Both Kottre and Roy weighed 170.

Preliminary results:
Johnny Go, 173, Eugene, Ore., decisioned Gene Meeker, 177, Escondido, Ore., 4.

Harry Greb, 147, Seattle, stopped Brave Junior 145, Portland, 1.

Kel Wayne, 156, Vancouver, Wash., decisioned Charley Clem, 156, Seattle, 4.

W. C. Cope, 165, Portland, knocked out Joe Aguilar, 166, Seattle, 3.

FOOTBALL
MOSCOW, Idaho — J. Neal (Skip) Stahley, 44-year-old backfield coach of the Chicago Cardinals, was named head coach at the University of Idaho.

RACING
ARCADIA, Calif. — Jockey Longden booted home three winners including All's Gem (\$4.70) in the \$30,000 feature at Santa Anita.

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



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NIT Lacks Local Attraction

By RIP WATSON
NEW YORK (AP)—The National Invitation Tournament, competing with the National Collegiate Basketball Championships for the best college team, has lost two battles but it may win the war yet by capturing the nation's highest scorers.

NIT hopes of landing Kentucky, the nation's top-ranked team and one of the two undefeated teams, were smashed last night when Athletic Director Bernie Shively said Kentucky would not ask the Southeastern Conference to waive its rule against NIT competition.

At about the same time as Shively's announcement, New York University won a 75-63 victory over Manhattan, the committee's last hope as an outstanding local attraction. Manhattan's record is now 11-4 while NYU is 7-7 and St. John's of Brooklyn only 7-8 even

after nipping Richmond 62-59 last night.

NEED LOCAL
Lacking a strong local team as an attraction, the NIT could solve its problems with Furman's Frank Selvy and Bevo Francis of Rio Grande, who between them will hold just about every collegiate scoring record by tournament time next month.

Selvy last night scored 51 points in Furman's 114-67 romp over Georgia Tech, running his 2½-year career total to 2,927.

Francis didn't play last night, but his 48.9 points per game average dominates the small college field just as Selvy's 37.6 mark towers over the major colleges. Little Rio Grande has no technicalities barring it from the NIT, but Furman would be bound to play in the National Collegiate Championships if it wins the

Southern Conference tournament March 4-6. If the Southerners lose out, they'd have to get conference permission to accept an NIT bid. It's known the NIT has a bid all ready.

The NIT gained its third team yesterday when Dayton, with a 19-5 record in tough competition, accepted a bid. Duquesne, ranked just behind Kentucky as the nation's only other undefeated team, and Western Kentucky came in to the fold previously.

In other games on last night's extremely tight schedule, Wake Forest walloped North Carolina in the Atlantic Coast Conference 76-62; Maryland's Gene Shue brought his own school season scoring record to 452 by making 26 points in the Terrapins' 76-43 rout of Washington & Lee; and St. Bonaventure's whipped Siena 87-64.

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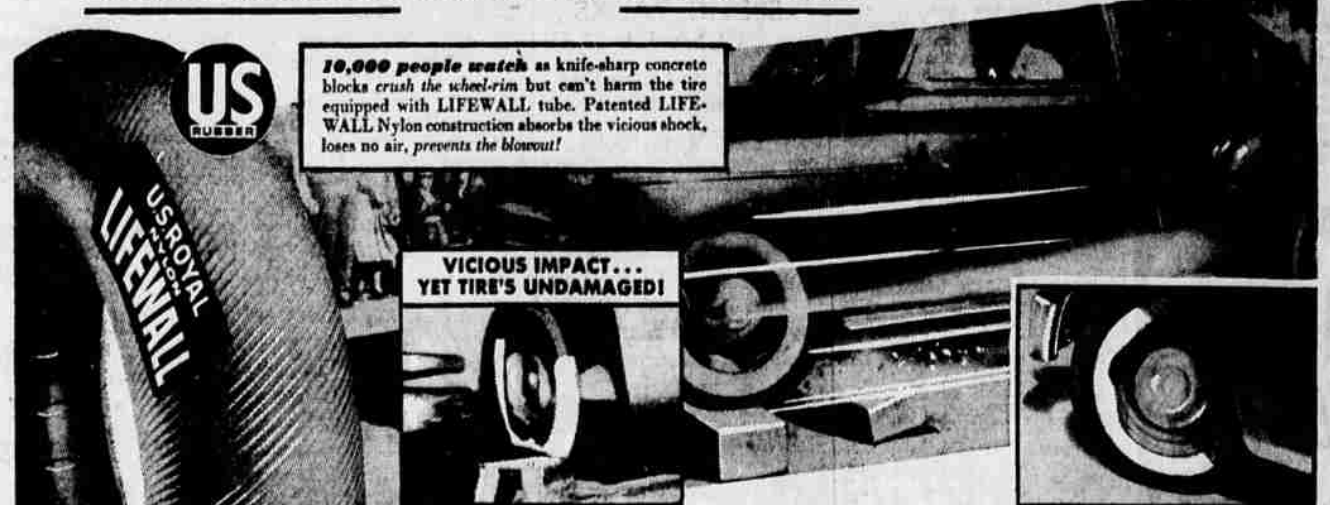
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