

TIME OUT



"This round try a little psychology on him, Kid. Every time he hits you, laugh right back in his face!"

Tourney Grabbing Underway

By RIP WATSON
NEW YORK (AP)—The annual basketball game between college basketball's big nonconference tourneys is on in earnest today with the National Invitation Tournament running up a 4-1 lead.

The National Collegiate Basketball Championships gained some ground on the NIT yesterday, naming two teams to the one selected by the invitation tournament. The NCAA actually has an advantage; 15 of its 24 berths go automatically to conference representatives.

The NIT reached the halfway point, naming Niagara immediately after the Purple Eagles put on a stylish display in whacking New York University 75-54 in Madison Square Garden.

TIRED
Earlier in the day the NCAA announced that Oklahoma City would play Bradley on the latter's court March 9 in a first-round game. The winner will meet the Big Seven champion, which draws a bye, in the second round; Colorado and Kansas currently are tied for the Big Seven lead.

Yesterday's selections leave the NIT with two teams in the top 10 of the latest Associated Press poll, two in the second 10 and two unranked. The NCAA so far has one top 10-er, one in the second 10 and also two unranked.

Along with Niagara, the NIT has Duquesne, No. 1; Western Kentucky, No. 4; Wichita, No. 15, which trimmed St. Louis 79-73 last night; Dayton, No. 17, and Louisville.

SEATTLE IN
The NCAA has Seattle, No. 7; Oklahoma City, No. 16; Bradley, and Idaho State.

Kentucky, ranked just behind Duquesne, took another step toward the NCAA last night by turning back Tennessee 90-83 for its 26th victory without defeat. That makes the Wildcats 11-0 in the Southeastern Conference to Louisiana State's 9-0 mark. If they keep on winning, they'll play off for the conference title and ensuing NCAA berth.

Seattle, like Bradley and Oklahoma City a Western "at large" team, will meet Idaho State at Corvallis, Ore., March 9 in an NCAA first-round game. The winner will play the Pacific Coast Conference champion, which could be any one of a half-dozen teams.

SELYV AGAIN
Frank Selyv moved one step closer last night to a grand slam of major college scoring records by tossing in 45 in Purdue's 92-49 win over Mercer. His 31 free throws made his career total 625, bettering the 611 mark of Walt Dukes. Seton Hall's 1953 All America center.

The one mark still to go for Selyv is the season free throw record of 332 set by Johnny O'Brien, also a 1953 All America player. Selyv has 280, with four games and the Southern Conference tournament still to play.

In other games on last night's skimpy schedule, Maryland, No. 11 team nationally, got a basket by Gene Shue and two fouls by Bob Kessler at the end to turn back Georgetown 53-50, and Colorado A&M, No. 19, trimmed Colorado State 68-56.

Bruins Eye Hoop Lead

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The basketball race in the Southern Division approaches the critical stage this weekend, with UCLA striving to push ahead of co-leader California.

The UCLA Bruins, who moved into a tie with California by sweeping two games with the Bears last week, journey north to play Stanford, California, with its star, Bob McKeen, apparently none too healthy, engages Southern California here.

Naturally, the Uclans want the Trojans of USC to at least split with McKeen and Co., but they can expect trouble from the cellar-bound Stanford team.

If McKeen is back in form—he's the second leading scorer—USC will be hard pressed to improve its 4-4 record, California and UCLA have 5-3 records and Stanford is out of the race with 2-6.

FALL RIVER, MASS.—Gene LeBlanc, 147, Fall River, outpointed Chuck Foster, 146, Omaha, 10, MT. CARMEL, Pa.—Johnny Lombardo, 153, Mt. Carmel, outpointed Rudy Watkins, 157, Baltimore, 8.

AUGUSTA, MAINE—Babe McCarron, 150 1/2, Augusta, stopped Butsy Gallant 146, Rumford, 7.

**FOR BRAKES
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Suspension Follows Davey's Ring Setback

By BOB MYERS

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Controversial Art Aragon of Los Angeles held a decision over southpaw Chuck Davey today and two officials of the bout were under suspension as a result of the disputed decision.

Touching off an immediate roar of disbelief and disapproval from most of a turnaway crowd of 10,400 fans, Los Angeles' self-styled Golden Boy was awarded a split decision at the end of 10 round rounds at the Olympic Auditorium last night. The match was not televised.

Chairman Tony Entenza and Commissioners Everett Sanders and Norman Houston of the California Athletic Commission went into a hurried conference within a matter of minutes.

SUSPENDED

Soon after, Sanders hustled down to Davey's dressing room and announced that the two officials who had voted for Aragon, Referee Mushy Callahan and Judge Joe Stone, had been suspended.

"This is the worst decision I have seen in many years of attending fights," Sanders told Davey, newsmen and a room crammed with hangers-on.

Callahan, a former fighter and a veteran referee, scored the fight 56 points to 54 for Aragon. Stone scored it 53-51 for Aragon, under the California 11-point-per-round system.

Charlie Randolph, the other

judge, called it for Davey 55-52.

SIX ROUNDS
The Associated Press had it 56-54 for Davey, with the Michigan State College graduate winning six rounds, losing three and one even. Aragon was a 2-1 betting favorite.

Sanders called for a hearing Feb. 24. He said it probably is impossible to reverse the decision, but he declared:

"We are going to cut out these bum decisions and the split decisions. We will not tolerate such a lack of uniformity."

The 27-year-old Davey, sitting on the rubbing table, grinned half-heartedly and said:

SURPRISED

"I was the most surprised guy in the house—unless it was Aragon."

In the second round the 26-year-old Aragon landed, by the count, seven right-hand punches to Davey's jaw and head. In the fifth he connected with three solid wallop to the head, and in the seventh he shifted to the mid-section and landed two healthy smacks.

The dancing, retreating, jabbing Davey took them all, and kept a constant stream of rights stabbing away at Aragon's chin and damaged left eye.

There were no knockdowns, and neither fighter appeared seriously hurt at any stage. But the action was constant and kept the crowd in an uproar.

Boxer vs. Puncher

Castellani, Durando In Ring Mix Tonight

By MURRAY ROSE

NEW YORK (AP)—Ernie Durando pits his vaunted right-hand wallop against the boxing skill of Rocky Castellani tonight and the boxer is a 2-1 favorite to win.

Castellani, of Cleveland, No. 1 middleweight contender, is risking a possible title shot in this third and "rubber" meeting with the

Marine just three times with solid whacks in their previous right uppercut and three times Rocky hit the deck. Castellani went down for eight in the third round four years ago but came back to hand Durando a fancy licking. In the return two years ago, Castellani jabbed, hooked and danced to a 5-0 lead in rounds. Ernie smacked him with one right to the head in the sixth and Rocky dropped just before the bell.

In the seventh, Ernie caught his foe with a tremendous right uppercut, knocking Castellani flat on his face for a nine-count. When he staggered up Referee Ray Miller stopped the fight. Castellani's manager, Tommy Ryan, went berserk and attacked the referee in the ring. He lost his license for that.

Now managed by Tex Sullivan and Alvin Naiman, a wrecking company executive, Castellani has lost only once in 18 fights since the Durando loss. He was outpointed by France's Pierre Langlois and he beat him in a return. His record is 53-5-3 with 12 kayos. He has been stopped twice.

Durando has a mediocre record (38-15-2) which underscores his need to get over his big punch. He has flattened 27 of his rivals, close to a 50 per cent kayo mark. He has been stopped once. The 28 times he won the route, he lost 15, won 11 and drew in 2 others.

ROCKY CASTELLANI
... 2-1 choice

power puncher from Bayonne, N.J.

They will have it out in a 10-rounder in Madison Square Garden which will be broadcast (ABC) and telecast (NBC) coast to coast starting at 10 p.m., EST.

It is generally conceded, even by Durando, that Ernie must get in at least two solid punches to win. The stocky, 27-year-old Durando nailed the 26-year-old ex-

Santa Anita Derby On Tap

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—California's richest race for the 3-year-old division, the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby, comes off Saturday with the familiar devil red and blue silks of Kentucky's Calumet Farm a threat to win the event for the third straight year.

Duke's Lea, a handsome bay son of Blenheim, is the big hope of Calumet's owner, Mrs. Grace Markey.

The field will probably include: Determine, Major Speed, James Session, Ordained, Mr. Mustard, Cobblers Bench, Paul Free, Travestine, El Draz and Duke's Lea. Most horse experts viewed the mile and one-eighth race as a duel between Duke's Lea, with Eddie Arcazo aboard, and Andrew J. Crevolin's Determine, with little Ray York in the saddle.

MEET AGAIN

CHICAGO (AP)—The intra-city rivals, the Cubs and White Sox, will play their fifth annual charity game July 1. The proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for various boys' groups.

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Russian Pair Arrive On Ski Mission

NEW YORK (AP)—Well, now, those Russians really can fool a fellow, even the United States State Department.

Two Soviet athletes, the first to set foot on American soil since the start of the cold war between the two countries, were marking time here Friday before heading for Ishpeming, Mich., for the National Ski Assn.'s big meet.

Both are skiers and they traveled more than halfway around the world to be on hand for the competition.

But are they going to ski? Nyet, (No), as Gromyko would say.

They're going to present a trophy to the association.

The skiers' names, by the way, are Grigori Ivanovich Kukuushkin and Yuri Sergeevich Afanasev. From here on, they will be called Ivan and Serge.

The big question bothering the State Department until the two arrived was: Is one a skier and one an interpreter, and if so, which is which? Someone told the State Department, that Ivan was the skier. Wrong, said the Soviet embassy in Washington, Serge was the man on the bickery sticks.

As things turned out, it didn't make much difference. Both said they would be on hand as observers and that one of them would make a short speech during the presentation of the trophy—a rather handsome maroon enamel job surrounded by four colored patterns which customs valued at \$3.

Ivan and Serge were reluctant to speak to anyone during the interview. In fact, they didn't even want to show the trophy to newsmen.

Finally, they volunteered the following:

1. They were the official Soviet delegates to the Ishpeming tournament.

2. No Russians will compete there because all the top skiers from the Soviet are at the world championships at Falun, Sweden.

3. They'll be in the United States eight days.

Seton Hall Said Violator

CHICAGO (AP)—Seton Hall was reported to be on a list of alleged violators of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. code Friday as the NCAA committee on infractions began reviewing cases of possible nonconformity.

The identities and number of member schools under surveillance were kept confidential by the committee.

The Chicago Daily News said it learned Seton Hall—a consistent basketball power—was under investigation allegedly for holding basketball tryouts for high school players at Chicago and other cities.

Seton Hall sources at South Orange, N.J., said the school's vice-president and athletic council chairman, Rev. John Feeley, would be in Chicago to appear before the committee. The committee will be in session through Sunday.

FILLIES NOMINATED

NEW YORK (AP)—Four fillies have been nominated for the Belmont Stakes of June 12. Two of them, Clear Dawn and Kilt Dancer, are owned by John W. Galbreath's Darby Dan Farm. The other two fillies eligible for the \$100,000 added mile and a half classic are Roy P. Stecker's Monarch and King Ranch's Riverina. The latter is well-bred for her sire was the noted distance horse Prince Quillo and her dam was the fleet mare Bee Mac.

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American-Aussie Net Rhubarb Opens Again

By WILL GRIMSLEY

NEW YORK (AP)—There were new repercussions today from the stormy American Davis Cup campaign in Australia, and they threatened to shake tennis relations of the two countries.

U. S. champion Tony Trabert said he has prepared a detailed report on the Down Under venture, obviously dealing with the various rhubarbs and playing conditions. He is ready to present it to the president of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Assn.

He added: "It won't be favorable."

Art Larsen of San Leandro, Calif., the nation's third-ranking player, who played in Australia in 1950 and 1951, leveled a blast at the young continent, saying:

"I would never play there again. The crowds and the press are awful and Harry Hopman (Australian Davis Cup captain) is the worst of the lot."

"I don't know what Tony is going to say. But I think our officials ought to do something about it. Otherwise we ought to just let them keep the blasted cup. It's not worth the price."

Both Trabert and Larsen made their comments after playing first round matches in the National Indoor Tournament here.

RALLY
Trabert, seeded No. 1, lost the first seven games and once was two points from defeat before he rallied to beat 43-year-old Frank Shields of New York 6-4, 9-7, 6-2.

Larsen, defending champion and seeded second, won over Desmond Margeson of New York 6-2, 6-2, leading a corps of favorites into the second round.

Trabert said he came to New York hoping to make his report to James Bishop, USA president, personally, but had found Bishop not here.

WAIT
"I talked with Lawrence Baker (chairman of the Davis Cup committee) and he advised me to wait until I can see Col. Bishop. I hope it is soon."

Bishop is a faculty member at Culver Military Academy at Culver, Ind.

In the Davis Cup Challenge Round and in the tournaments preceding and following the event, Americans figured in a number of rhubarbs with the Australian galleries and officials.

There were objections to foot-fault calls and several times Trabert and Vic Seixas, Wimbledon champion, became nettled at what they called gallery "riding tactics."

WEINMEISTER HEARING SET

SEATTLE (AP)—Superior Judge Donald A. McDonald Thursday set March 5 as the date of a hearing on a suit brought by the New York Giants of the professional National Football League in an effort to keep tackle Arnie Weinmeister from playing with the British Columbia Lions next season.

Attorneys for the NFL club said Weinmeister, who signed a contract Jan. 21 to play at Vancouver, B.C. in 1954, had a prior agreement with the Giants.

The action said Weinmeister signed an \$11,000-a-season contract in 1952 agreeing to play for the Giants until May 1, 1954. The contract was renewable to May 1, 1955, at not less than 90 per cent of the original salary, the Giants' attorneys said.

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Babe Aims At Birdog Title

GRAND JUNCTION, Tenn. (AP)—Fresh from triumph, Hall's Stonecroft Babe came up for a whack at the glittering National Birdog Championship Friday.

The Babe, owned by Mrs. A. Acton Hall of Cincinnati, won the U. S. Field Trial Assn.'s all-age stake last week. She was braced with Mirror, a sleek pointer owned by Dr. R. A. Scott of Carbondale, Ill.

MAYHEM WINS DERBY CROWN

HERNANDO, Miss. (AP)—A pointer named Mayhem, owned by Claude Hinton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is the 1954 derby champion of the U. S. Field Trial Assn.

Mayhem was named winner of the stake for 2-year-old birdogs Thursday.

The Builder, owned by Dr. H. E. Longsdorf of Mount Holyoke, N.J., finished second. Picnic, owned by H. W. Weil of Paducah, Ky., was third.

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**COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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Thursday's Results
FAR WEST**

Colorado A&M 68, Colorado State 56
Utah State 67, Denver 55
Central Wash. 64, Eastern Wash. 63

Whitworth 74, Puget Sound 61
EAST
Niagara 72, NYU 54
Manhattan 87, St. John's (Bkn) 79 (two overtimes)

Tona 73, John Carroll 60
MIDWEST