

# Dayton Survives NIT Tilt

## Flyers Pushed By Xavier

NEW YORK (AP)—Dayton's top-seeded Flyers are still alive in the National Invitation Basketball Tournament only, says Coach Tom Blackburn, "because of an act of God."

"By the grace of God—and that lousy foul shooting of Xavier's in the first half, that's the only reason we'll be around for the semifinals tomorrow night."

There wasn't much else that would explain how the Flyers managed to outlast the Musketeers from Cincinnati 72-68 in last night's quarter-final game.

Third-seeded St. Joseph's of Philadelphia made it more easily into the semifinals. With a second-half spurt, they beat Seton Hall 74-65 in the first game of the Madison Square Garden twin bill.

Dayton, a three-time runner-up and never a champ in four previous NIT attempts, now faces St. Francis of Brooklyn, the Cinderella team. St. Joseph's opposes second-seeded Louisville in Thursday night's semifinals.

The championship game will be Saturday.

Xavier, which twice lost to Dayton during the regular season, wasn't given much chance against the Flyers, particularly after leading scorer Dave Piontek was checked off the squad for missing a 3:45 a.m. bed check Sunday. But the Musketeers, 10 o'clock like midgeets, beside Dayton's starting five who average around 6-6, were fired sky high.

With 6-6 Frank Tartaroff and Hank Schmidt as the "big" men, Xavier led by 8 after 10 minutes and was ahead 32-29 at the intermission. What's more, they out-bounced the Dayton—topped by seven-foot Bill Uhl—32-31 in the first half and were only three short of the Flyers' 57 for the game.

"Maybe that's evidence of what beat us," said Xavier Coach Ned Wulk. "Maybe we were up too high for the game. You can let off the pressure under the boards—but it gets you at the foul line."

St. Joseph's, a club that prays before and after each game, found itself with 4 minutes gone in the second half and took the lead for good with a 16-2 tear that made it 55-44. Seton Hall went five minutes without a basket in that Hawk rally.

## Hoop Powers Have Sights On Cage Win

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—San Francisco is a prohibitive favorite to reach its goal of two straight NCAA basketball titles Friday night but the three other contestants also have axes to grind.

While the Dons are confident they'll become the third team in history to win two successive titles, Southern Methodist, Temple and Iowa also have their sights set on winning.

There's no reason the Dons shouldn't be confident that they'll join Oklahoma A&M (1945-46) and Kentucky (1948-49) as two-straight winners. They've won 53 straight, including 27 games this season.

Southern Methodist's mustangs (25-2) go into the semifinals against San Francisco with a 19-game winning streak. They're hoping to become the first title winner from the Southwest Conference.

Tomorrow's opening game pits Iowa and Temple.

Temple boasts a fast break led by Hal Lear and Guy Rodgers. It will have the services of Hal Reinfield, a steady backcourt man who helped Temple compile a 28-3 record. He suffered a wrenched back in the Canisius game Saturday night but reportedly will be in shape to play against Iowa.

Iowa, the representative from the powerful Big Ten, also has a "mission." The Hawkeyes will field the same team which finished fourth last year after losing to La Salle and falling apart before Colorado in the battle for third place.

# Herald and News Sports

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## NEA Announces Prep A-A Hoop Standouts

NEW YORK (NEA)—It's much more difficult to pick an All-American High School team than a similar college squad. It's impossible for any group of experts to see every outstanding high school player in the nation.

But Haskell Cohen of the National Basketball Association has taken a nation-wide poll of college and professional coaches and scouts and sportswriters for NEA Service. From his digging, he has come a mythical high school squad of 11 players all agree are the most sought-after in the country by colleges. It follows that the pros will be after them next. Bulwark watches will be presented to the 11 NEA stars.

Here are the players the experts—basketball men who must know about these youngsters for a living—have picked as the ones they want the most:

## Top-Seeded Cagers Move Into Tourney

DENVER (AP)—Top-seeded teams bowed into the 49th annual National AAU basketball tournament Wednesday against clubs that advanced through the first round with rather unimpressive showings.

Defending champion Bartlesville, Okla., Phillips 66ers had their first test against the Quantico, Va., Marine All-Stars who had to rally in the final four minutes to overcome Brownstown, Ind., Marion Kay Co., 61-61, Tuesday.

Second-seeded Peoria, Ill., Caterpillars ran into Pasadena, Calif., Mirror Glaze, 82-68 winner over the Army All-Stars.

The toughest game for a seeded team sent favored Akron, Ohio, Goodyears against Mobile, Ala., Ada Oilers. The Mobile club is made up of seniors from this year's University of Alabama team that won the Southeastern Conference championship.

The Alabamians rallied in the closing minutes to overtake the fast-breaking U.S. Air Force All-Stars, 90-83. Rated the tourney dark horse, the Alabama five rode to victory on clutch shooting by Dick Gumer and George Dunn.

Another top collection of collegians, Boulder, Colo., Luckett-Nix, tackled seeded Wichita Vickers Oilers. The Luckett-Nix club, a finalist last year, has another array of senior standouts from Rocky Mountain colleges. They won their first round test from Arkansas State Teachers of Conway, 89-56.

Buchan Bakers of Seattle, the Pacific Northwest AAU champion, had its first game with Central Insurance of Denver, a 72-64 victor over Clatsop Realty of Des Moines Tuesday.

**CUBS TRY COLLEGE STAR**  
CHICAGO (AP)—Don Eaddy, third baseman getting a trial with the Cubs this spring, is a former University of Michigan star athlete. He was selected for the All-Conference diamond squad four years in a row and made the All-Conference basketball team his senior year. After graduating last June he played for Burlington in the 3-I League, batting .304 in 52 games.

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## Stengel Foresees Yank Flag

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Casey Stengel, the New York Yankees' double talking manager who triple pistoned his way to six American League pennants in seven years, stuck to a single track Wednesday.

Resorting to simple, conventional English, a language he seldom uses, the professor flatly declared the Yankees will win the pennant again this season.

The wise old skipper acknowledged the opposition will be stronger this year but he refused to fall back on any ifs, ands or buts he predicted his team will represent the American League in the World Series next October.

"Our writers figure we'll win and the players figure we'll win and I believe 'em," Casey said between huge yawns.

"That's the way I feel. So why not say it? I know the other seven managers are smart. They must be because none of 'em got fired last year. So maybe we won't win. But I think we will."

Stengel admitted the Boston Red Sox, with Ted Williams going from the starting gate, will be tough, as will Chicago and Detroit. But he believes Cleveland again will give the Yankees the most trouble, with Boston finishing third and Chicago and Detroit battling it out for fourth.

"My writers like Boston for second but I naturally have to favor the Indians because that team beat me on the season last year—the only club ever to do it. They've still got the best pitching in the league with Early Wynn. Bob Lemon and Mike Garcia and those relievers (Don Mossi and Ray Narleski) are murder. And I'm not forgetting that lefthander, Herb Score, either. That kid really has it. I'd be crazy to think beating Cleveland will be easy."

Casey spoke respectfully of the White Sox who, he figured will be tougher on offense and defense.

"They've got a pretty strong outfield with Larry Doby, Minnie Miñoso and Jim Rivera—almost as good as mine."

Stengel thinks the Yankees will repeat because he has a stronger pitching staff, a well-balanced infield double teamed at every position, the strongest outfield in the league and Yogi Berra for catcher.

Then there's Walt Mangham, 6-3, of New Castle Pa., High. Mangham set a Pennsylvania high jumping record of six feet, six and three-quarter inches.

Votes favored Cohen to add Bob Wilkinson as a sixth man on the second team. A 6-1 La Porte, Ind., high jumper, he has a 33.2 league average.

The honorable mention list includes Jim Altenhofen, Portland Central Catholic, Portland, Ore.

**YMCA Church League**  
The Y's Men and the Salvation Army teams will clash for the Unlimited Division championship of YMCA Church League basketball action Thursday night at Altamont Junior High. Last night both turned in semi-final round victories in the single elimination tournament now in process.

LDS 1st Ward fell 42-32 to the Y's Men, and Klamath Temple was the victim of the Salvation Army win, 34-21. Barnes led the scoring for the Y's Men with 17 points, while Baldwin of LDS countered with 16 for game honors. High scorer for the Salvation Army was Cooper with 10 points.

In a consolation bracket game last night, Mt. Laki edged Immanuel Baptist 38-27. Kaylor scored 19 to lead the Laki triumph. Steele of Immanuel had 16 points. First Baptist won by default in their consolation battle.

## TIME OUT



"You know, maybe we should pay them holdouts the money they want to play outfield for us!"

## Vet, Rookie Lead Way For Montreal Win

Old pro Maurice Richard and rookie Glenn Hall, who was 12 years old when the "Rocket" set an all-time mark of 12 goals in one Stanley Cup series, shared the hero's mantle today in the opening round of hockey's World Series.

The 34-year old Richard, playing in his 11th Stanley Cup series dating back to 1943, scored three goals to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 7-1 romp over the New York Rangers Tuesday night while Hall, appearing in Cup competition for the first time, starred in the Detroit Red Wings' 5-3 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Canadiens and Red Wings will try to make it two straight over their respective opponents Thursday night in Montreal and Detroit.

The tempestuous Richard rose to the occasion of Stanley Cup playoff competition Tuesday night as he has done so often in the past. With a partisan crowd of 13,611 cheering his every move, the brilliant shot-maker beat goalie Lorne Worsley at 4:17 and 18:30 of the second period and again at 1:55 of the third session. He now has scored 69 goals in playoffs.

The Red Wings, hoping to tie the National Hockey League record by winning three straight Stanley Cups, had to rally with three goals in the final period to beat Toronto but Coach Jimmy Skinner reserved most of his praise for Hal, his 24-year old rookie netminder.



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# Rhodes Sparkles As Giants Win; Cubs Spank Cleveland

By UNITED PRESS  
Giant Manager Bill Rigney hardly ever mentions Dusty Rhodes as a left field candidate, but the hitting hero of the 1954 World Series appears today to have a "lock" on the job.

Rhodes, one of former Manager Leo Durocher's favorite characters and a legitimate long-ball threat, got three hits in all Tuesday, two of them homers, to lead the giants to a 9-3 victory over the Baltimore Orioles. The homers were his fourth and fifth of the spring and he's been up only 31 times.

The homer-hitting Cubs made it two straight over the Cleveland Indians 14-7, with Ernie Banks, Hank Bauer, Walt Morza, and rookie Ed Winceniak supplying the jackpot pokes. Early Wynn, Art Houtteman and Ray Narleski absorbed the punishment.

The New York Yankees, who had won five in-a-row, suffered a 3-2 loss as St. Louis pitchers Luis Arroyo, Larry Jackson and Gordon Jones set them down on just five hits. Mickey Mantle poled a 450-foot homer off Jackson.

The Cincinnati Redlegs gained their second win in as many days over the Pittsburgh Pirates 10-3 with a crowd of only 574 looking on in chilly Tampa, Fla. The Redlegs punched eight hits in the third inning for seven runs.

Max Lanier, attempting a comeback in the major leagues at the age of 40, hurled three fine innings as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Washington Senators, 7-1. Stan Lopata poled a long homer over the center field fence for the winners.

The Kansas City Athletics snapped a three-game losing streak by rallying for three runs in the ninth inning for a 7-5 decision over the Milwaukee Braves. The Brooklyn Dodgers, losers of five of their first six exhibition games, continued their comeback march Tuesday night by downing the Detroit Tigers, 8-2, for their

fourth win in the last five games. Rookies Bob Darnell and Stan Williams limited the Tigers to four hits.

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