Leading Pro Scorer To Work On Missiles

DETROIT (UP)— George (The Bird) Yardley spends half the year scoring points for the Detroit Pistons and the other half helping the nation in the missiles race.

The 29-year-old former Stanford U. great is currently the top scorer in the National Basketball Association and has a good chance to become the first player in the history of the association to score 2,000 points in a single season.

When he quits making field goals and free throws for the Pistons this spring, he'll head for Anaheim, Calif., to resume research work on the Titan and Atlas missiles for the Robert Shaw-Fulton Co.

Yardley admits the combination of basketball player- aeronautical engineer is an uncommon one, but he likes both and is grateful for the opportunity to play for the Pistons and work on the missiles program.

ULTIMATE GOAL

"The ultimate goal of any college graduate is to get into the type of work he likes," the balding Yardley said. "I know my future lies in engineering and my bosses have been very good to me by letting me play basketball six months a year."

George, who stands 6 - foot - 5, plans to retire from basketball after one more season. That's bad news for the Pistons.

This is Yardley's fifth year in the association and it has been his best by far.

He's averaging better than 27 points a game and, barring injury, should give the Pistons their first NBA scoring champion in history.

The highest previous average posted by Yardley was 21.5 points a game during the 1956-57 season.

Yardley is very modest about his scoring success.

HIGHEST TOTAL

In a recent game, George poured in 52 points—the highest total by any player in the association this season.

"I feel guilty about all those points," he said. "Those other four guys out there did most of the work."

But Yardley's modesty isn't borne out by the records. He ranks second on the team in rebounding, a key guide to defensive ability.

With the pro basketball season entering the stretch drive, Yardley is anxious to get back to his work on missiles.

But he'd like to lead the Pistons to the NBA playoff title first.

"That would help to repay the other guys on the team for their hard work in making me a top scorer," he said.

NC State Blasted By Devils

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke's Blue Devils, coming with a rush since Coach Harold Bradley junked height for speed a month ago, are top dog in Atlantic Coast Conference basketball today.

Probably the best five-time loser around, the Blue Devils climaxed an eight-games-in-a-month streak last night by making it to the top of the conference with a 65-48 road whipping of North Carolina State.

Seven ACC foes and West Virginia, the biggest of them all, have fallen to the Devils in the streak that began Jan. 11 when Coach Bradley found a "speed" combination and turned 'em loose.

Duke has a 13-5 record and the No. 8 ranking in the nation.

San Francisco's fifth-rated Dons were the only other top-ranking team in action last night. The Dons, beaten once in 18 starts, ran their winning streak to 13 in a 69-49 romp over St. Mary's of California, just about wrapping up the title in the West Coast Conference. Gene Brown's 16 points led the attack.

Arkansas bolstered its lead in the Southwest Conference, edging challenger Southern Methodist 65-63 on Fred Grim's two free throws with 28 seconds left. Gerald Myers' last-second layup capped a 71 per cent team field goal performance in Texas Tech's 74-72 victory over Baylor, and Rice hit half its shots to beat Texas A&M 67-57 in other Southwest features.

A couple of the East's tournament possibilities kept rolling. Niagara over Holy Cross 83-73 as Bob Ellis celebrated his 22nd birthday with a 30-point show, and St. Bonaventure (13-3) over St. Francis (Pa.) 83-69.

The Blue Devils, led by 6-2 Bucky Allen's 17 points, broke away in the last 10 minutes to snap State's five-game home winning string.

DeMolay Quintet Nets League Win

The DeMolay Golds won the only game played in the Victory League at Mills School by dumping Coca Cola, 42-40. The scheduled second game was won by DeMolay Blue on a forfeit over the National Guard.

High scorer for the night was Keith Larson who potted 19 points for the losing Coke quint. The combined efforts of Larson and Johnson, who added another 14 tallies, could not keep the Coca Cola eagers from a 20-18 halftime lead to finally drop the contest.

Cory Kajawski led the winning Golds with 16 while Ray Sessler was next with 11.

Portland Signs Young Pitchers

PORTLAND (AP) — Two young pitchers, Bill Griffin and John Buzhardt, have been signed by the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast Baseball League for the 1958 season.

Griffin, a southpaw, broke his leg while playing for Des Moines last year. He pitched at Eugene, Ore., the previous two seasons.

Buzhardt, a righthander, had an 11-13 record with Memphis and Des Moines last year.

Pro Net Tour Opens In NY

NEW YORK (UP)— Pro tennis king Pancho Gonzales, fully rested after a leisurely trip from California, attempts to close the gap on rookie Lew Hoad of Australia at Madison Sqhare Garden tonight in the 16th stand of their 100-match world tour

Hoad held a 9-6 lead as they moved into New York but Gonzales was confident the "lucky Garden" would start his comeback. He blasted Aussie Ken Rosewall in straight sets there last year despite a severe blister on his racquet hand.

"So far, the breaks have decided our matches," said Pancho. "It's about time I started getting a few."

Tony Trabert and Pancho Segura meet in a one set preliminary. There'll be a doubles exhibition later with Hoad-Segura vs. Trabert-Gonzales.

Indian Basketball Twinbill Scheduled

Two basketball teams from the Klamath Indian Reservation will host two outside Indian clubs Saturday in a big doubleheader basketball program at the Chiloquin High School gym.

The Chiloquin Townies will meet the visiting Warm Springs Magpies and the Sprague River Indians face the Alturas Red Devils. Game time is 7 o'clock.

This is a warmup for the big annual All - Indian Invitational Tournament to be held at Chiloquin in March. This year's tourney will draw teams from all over the nation, as well as the two leading teams from the Klamath Reservation.

BOWLING SCORES

FRATERNAL LEAGUE

	W	L
Elks	58	30
K of C	54	34
Flying Eagles	52½	35½
Klamath Gas	52	36
Robert's Hardware	51	37
Sons of Italy	49	39
Pioneer Tobacco	48½	39½
Wright Real Estate	41	47
Moose	41	47
Sunrise	34	54
Lone Eagles	27	61
Sons of Norway	20	68

Last night's results:
Elks 3, Robert's Hardware 1
Sunrise 3, Klamath Gas 1
K of C 3, Flying Eagles 1
Pioneer Tobacco 3, Sons of Italy 1
Moose 4, Sons of Norway 0
Wright Real Estate 3, Lone Eagles 1

High team game—Robert's Hardware 979
High team series—Pioneer Tobacco 2795
High individual game—Wally Scheck 234
High individual series—Walt Turner 579 and George Marson 579

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

	W	L
Ellingson Loggers	56½	31½
Pepsi Cola	55	33
Griggs Foods	51	37
Superior Troy	50	38
VFW	50	38
Fleet's	47	41
Weyerhaeuser	46	42
Dugan and Mest	43	45
Steinseifer Electric	33	55
Stukel Rustlers	33	55
Great Northern	32½	55½
Ricky's	31	57

Last night's results:
Stukel 3, Rickys 1
Superior Troy 3, Weyerhaeuser 1
Pepsi Cola 3, Griggs Foods 1
Dugan and Mest 3, Ellingson 1
VFW 4, Great Northern 0
Fleet's 4, Steinseifer Electric 0

High team game—Fleet's 977
High team series—Fleet's 2805
High individual game—Cliff Stemler 226
High individual series—Marion Grant 608

Portland St. Nabs Victory

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Portland State won another Oregon Collegiate Conference basketball game Tuesday night, and solidified its third-place ranking with a 66-59 victory over Oregon College of Education. Hapless OCE threatened until the game's final moments, however.

OCE now has lost all 11 of its conference starts this season, but for a time Tuesday appeared that it might take its initial triumph of the season.

With only 1½ minutes to go, OCE trailed by a scant three points at 62-59.

But OCE's accuracy faded then and the Wolves were unable to score another point in the game.

With a minute remaining, Tom Ferguson clinched Portland's victory by driving for a lay-in.

OCE's strong second-half rally was led by the 16 points of Gary Milton. He connected for five in the first half to share scoring honors with Portland's John Winters, who also hit 21.

KUHS Jayvees Whip Lakeview

Klamath Union High School's Junior Varsity basketball team rolled over visiting Lakeview's Varsity 74-63 in a prep encounter played Tuesday night at Pelican Court.

Four KU Jayvees tallied in double figures to pace the win, led by Don DeLap's 18 points. Other leading scorers for the young Pelicans were Jim Hall with 13, Dean Dunson with 12 and Bob Drace with 16.

High for Lakeview and the game was Larry Johnson with 19.

Klamath led 13-8 after the first period and 33-24 at halftime. The third quarter score was 54-45.

Summary:

LAKEVIEW (63) — Wells 13, Johnson 19, Kopacz 10, Story 4, Hale, Equoff 8, Lawson 1, Brown 2, Parkinson 1, Baxter 4.

KU JAYVEES (74) — Hall 13, Dunson 12, Lewis 1, Bishop 6, Binney 2, Don DeLap 18, Drace 16, Griggs 2, Dave DeLap 4, Santo.

Freshman Leads Portland U Win

PORTLAND (AP) — Freshman Ray Scott scored 28 points Tuesday night to lead the Portland University Pilots to a 74-63 nonconference basketball victory over Montana State College's Bobcats.

Dick Jolley of PU was the second high scorer with 22 points, while Larry Chanay topped the Bobcats with 18 counters.

More Pay TV Seen In Future

CHICAGO (AP) — Pay-as-you-see television made its box office debut last night and it appears only a matter of time before the public has to feed the meter to see certain shows.

A boxing match in which Chicago welterweight Jerry Mortell won a unanimous eight-round decision over Don Alderson of Cannonsburg, Pa., was piped into a downtown hotel and viewed by newsmen and sports figures.

It was the first time in history that the International Boxing Club—sponsor of the Wednesday and Friday night fights—used the closed wire pay-as-you-see system.

For purposes of demonstration, the audience was told it could have a choice of a modern movie at the cost of 85 cents, a basketball game for 50 cents or the fight, which also cost 50 cents.

The preliminaries of the fight were seen at no charge. Then a gentleman appeared on the screen and announced it would cost 50 cents — to be deposited in the meter — to watch the main event. The screen went blank, 50 cents was dropped into the meter and the show was on.

The picture was the same as free television.

The pay-as-you-see organization now hopes to establish unnamed centers on the West and East coasts for experimental purposes.

Truman Gibson, IBC secretary, said the project probably will be available on a nationwide basis to the public in "about two years." Putting meters on individual sets will be the time consuming factor.

"These experiments will not interfere in any manner with the regularly scheduled Wednesday and Friday night free boxing TV shows," said Gibson.

Sophs, Frosh, Antlers Split

The KUHS Wildcats and freshman split with the Bonanza varsity and junior varsity basketball teams Tuesday night in games played at Bonanza. The Wildcats bowed 54-50 to the Antler Varsity while the KU Frosh picked up a 46-39 win from the Antler Jayvees.

The Wildcats struggled to overcome a 35-20 halftime deficit but fell short at the final score. Ron Roberts sparked Bonanza's win with 25 points. High for the Wildcats was Bob Eastman with 18.

Coach Andy Knudsen's frosh cagers saved the evening for KU by turning back the Bonanza Jayvees. Guard Bob Lapsley sparked the frosh scoring attack with 12 markers. Fred Biehn had nine, Wally Palmberg and Rich Depew each added eight.

The freshmen left the court at halftime on top, 26-18 and were never headed in the second half's action.

Summary:

KU WILDCATS (50) — Clark 4, Yunck 6, Eastman 18, Kiger 5, Olvera 11, Carney 2, Delong 2, Insley 2, Womer, Webb.

BONANZA (54) — Horn 2, Ellis, Jacobs 1, Douglas, Nork 2, B. Tofell 9, Roberts 25, Strunk, L. Tofell 2, Bayley 3, Atwood 10.

PLAYERS AID FUND

CHICAGO (UP)— College football players around the country will sell miniature Easter lillies March 29, with proceeds from the sales going to the Easter Seal Fund. The program has been endorsed by the American Football Coaches Assn.

Yanks Face Task Signing Mantle

By UNITED PRESS

The New York Yankees braced themselves today for what could turn out to be the toughest job of the spring — signing Mickey Mantle.

Mantle received approximately $60,000 last season and feels he's entitled to $75,000 this year. He already has rejected one contract calling for a $3,500 boost.

The Yankees, of course, didn't expect Mantle to do hand-stands over the "token" raise they offered; they were merely trying to establish a figure from which they could start negotiating.

Lee MacPhail, director of player personnel, is due to arrive at the Yankees' St. Petersburg, Fla., training site today and he's ready to talk contract with Mantle should the switch-hitting centerfielder care to drop around.

Mantle is staying only a short distance from the Yankees' quarters in St. Pete but appears in no hurry to settle his 1958 contract.

GOLF MAYBE?

Instead of dropping in for a salary conference, Mickey may just decide to drive over to Miami Springs, Fla., and enter the annual baseball players' golf tournament which starts there Thursday.

Mantle is only one of 15 Yankee players who still haven't signed. Gil McDougald became the 23rd member of the team to agree to terms Tuesday when he okayed a $5,000 raise that brought his salary to an estimated $34,000.

The Detroit Tigers announced the signing of pitchers Bob Shaw and Don Lee and outfielder Bill Taylor.

Detroit already is hailing the 24-year-old Shaw as another Jim Bunning and feels he may become a regular starter this season. Shaw's brilliant pitching in the Cuban League this winter is the main reason for the Tigers' glowing optimism.

BUSBY SIGNS

Outfielder Jim Busby and southpaw pitcher Ron Mieller signed their contracts with Baltimore, giving the Orioles a total of 26 signees. Acquired from Cleveland last season Busby batted .238. He is expected to understudy center fielder Larry Doby this year. Mieller, 19, had a 12-10 record with San Antonio of the Texas League last season.

Infielder Pete Runnels agreed to terms with the Red Sox. Runnels was obtained from the Senators last month in exchange for Norm Zauchin and Albie Pearson. With Washington last year, Runnels played first base, second and third. The Red Sox probably will play him mostly at second base.

First baseman Kent Hadley and left-handed pitcher Carl Duser signed with Kansas City, while Milwaukee optioned catcher Bob Roselli to Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League. At the same time, the Braves invited catcher Sid Goldfader from their Wichita club to join them in spring training at Bradenton, Fla.

Sauer Likes Giants Move

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hank Sauer, written off as a has-been one year and written up as a hero the next, figures the transfer of the Giants will delay his exit from baseball.

When the Giants decided to move from New York to San Francisco, the 36-year-old outfielder said, they made a cool move—weatherwise.

"Those heat waves back East take a lot out of older players," he said. "When you can't sleep, you're dead the next day. Those 77 games in San Francisco, plus 11 more in Los Angeles, sound mighty good to me.

"The move to San Francisco should add a couple of years to my playing career."

That career began 21 years ago, when Sauer played with Butler in the Pennsylvania State League, and it appeared it would end after 1956, when the lanky slugger went to St. Louis and finished with a puny five home runs and 24 RBIs.

But Sauer had a revolution in the works. The Giants picked him up last year and he belted 26 homers and drove in 76 runs. The baseball writers named him the National League Comeback Player of the Year.

"There wasn't any miracle," Hank said. "I just want to play regularly again. The Cubs quit on me in 1955, and after I got over an injury in 1956 the Cards didn't play me much any more. I have to stay in the lineup to hit and with the Giants I was out there most of the season."

Nazarene, Baptist Win Church Tilts

Only the Unlimited Division of the YMCA-Church League was active Tuesday night at Altamont.

In the first contest the Nazarene quintet stopped the First Christian cagers 35-25 while in the second game the First Baptist five edged by the Church of the Brethren "Americans" 22-21.

In the Nazarene-Christian tilt, George Steele was top producer for the game with 22 points for the winners, while Larry Brisbon led the losers with 12.

Sherman Hawkins led the losing Americans in the final test with nine points and McGown was high for the First Baptist club with eight.

Jim Jones Inks Rams Contract

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Versatile Jim Jones, 200-pound University of Washington fullback, Wednesday was signed to the roster of the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League.

Enthused over the prospect, a third draft choice, Ram coach Sid Gillman said Jones can be used at fullback on offense or as a defensive halfback.

Jones, who averaged nearly five yards a carry in 179 attempts the past two years, was an outstanding defensive player and made the bulk of the team's tackles from the linebacking position.

Giants Lure Rook In Fold

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Willie Kirkland, 23-year-old rookie outfielder from Detroit, Wednesday became the 32nd San Francisco Giant to sign a 1958 contract for an undisclosed amount.

In four seasons of minor league baseball in the Giant farm system, the 6 foot 1 inch, 185-pounder hit 141 homers, 37 of them with Minneapolis of the American Assn. in 1956. He also drove in 120 runs that season.

Chandler Wins NFL Punt Crown

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Don Chandler of the New York Giants led all National Football League punters with an average of 44.6 yards per boot last season, official league statistics disclosed Wednesday.

Defending champion Norman van Brocklin finished a close second with a 44.3 average followed by San Francisco's Bill Jessup averaging 43.6 and Sam Baker of Washington, 42.8.

Dons Crush Gaels, 69-49

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Francisco's Dons have all but pocketed the West Coast athletic conference title by drubbing St. Mary's, their closest challenger, 69-49.

The Dons, fifth ranked nationally, roared through a 35-12 first half before a turnaway crowd at huge Kezar pavilion in San Francisco Tuesday night, and were never threatened after the first five minutes.

It was their 13th consecutive triumph, their 17th in 18 games this season. Their WCAC record is 6-0.

The Gaels' Dick Sigaty took scoring honors with 18 points. Gene Brown's 16 led USF.

As St. Mary's dropped to third in the standings, Santa Clara took undisputed possession of second with a 60-48 victory over College of the Pacific.

Gary Gillmor paced the winning Broncs with 22 points. Ken Flaig chalked 20 for COP. Santa Clara led 25-21 at halftime. Top rebounder was COP's Larry Wright with 17.

In other games, San Jose State rolled over San Francisco State 71-41, Chico State dropped the Cal Aggies 50-47 in a Far West Conference contest, and Santa Barbara upset Pepperdine 97-83.

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