



THE BIG JUMP... for Big O, Oscar Robertson

Louisville Coach Now A West Fan

By LARRY FOX

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Peck Hickman came out of mild shock midway through the second game and expanded on his already high praise of West Virginia's Jerry West.

"West," he said, "is the best player of his general size that I have ever seen. You just don't find boys in the 6-3 bracket with all his equipment and he's easily the best individual we've played against all year."

By Bob Quincy Charlotte News Sports Editor



Year Of The Upset

THIS has been a surprise year in sports from most angles. Who would have predicted West Virginia and California battling for the National basketball championship?

THE WAY West Virginia ran away from Louisville made prognosticators by Mountaineer Assistant Coach George King look good.



By Joe Harris

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THIS IS NO PUSHUP GAME

West Virginia's Buckey Bolvard heads for the deck after missing swipe at rebound against Louisville last night.

YARDLEY HURT ON EVE OF BIG PLAYOFF GAME

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—An injury to George Yardley, their high-scoring forward, dampened the hopes of the Syracuse Nationals as they prepared to meet the Boston Celtics in the second game of the National Basketball Ass'n's Eastern playoffs.

Yardley, who scored 30 points in Boston's opening game victory Wednesday, in the best-of-five series came out of yesterday's workout with a strained ankle.

The Celtics will use their regular starting lineup of Bob Cousy, Bill Russell, Bill Sharman, Tom Heinsohn and Lou Lovatelli with Frank Ramsey at first replacement.

BRADLEY, ST. JOHN'S CLASH IT'S A TOSSUP BETWEEN THE INDIANS

And the rival coaches, Chuck O'Brien of Bradley and the Litch of St. John's, were extremely wary of each other.

BRADLEY WIPPED ST. JOHN'S 74-66 at Madison Square Garden early in the season last year, but coaches tended to disagree that year.

Bradley led the game to the end, but Litch's comeback was aided by a strong performance by St. John's guard, Tom Heinsohn.

The game will be televised nationally by NBC starting at 4 p.m. (EST).

Lawrence's First Lap Was Fatal

By JACK HAND

Associated Press Sports Writer SEBRING, Fla. (AP)—Sebring's dangerous hairpin turn already had claimed its first victim of 1959 before the racers took off today on the grueling 12-hour sports car endurance test.

Ed Lawrence, 35-year-old amateur driver from Detroit, died last night when his car flipped over on the track at 80 miles per hour in a practice run.

The auto salesman was pinned in the famous car he apparently drove straight off the track at the hairpin turn. It was his first lap in the Maserati, owned by Ed Fitch of Birmingham, Mich., but entered by the Balise Motors of Glen Cove, N. Y.

ONLY ONE driver, Bob Goldich of Chicago, has previously been killed in the Sebring race. He died in 1937. A 22-year-old mechanic Gilbert Johnson of Savannah, Ga., was fatally injured Thursday in a highway crash of his AC-Bristol racer.

Although the Sebring race that runs from 10 a.m. (EST) until 10 P.M. counts only in the race for the car manufacturers' championship, the winning driver will be favored to succeed the late Mike Hawthorn, the 1958 driving champion.

This is the first of a series of tests for the manufacturers' title over the past five years by the Ferrari factory of Modena, Italy. The drivers will compete in another series to determine the successor to Hawthorn. One of the races will be held at Sebring, Dec. 12.

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'WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS GAME?' When things got hot last night in the NCAA tourney play, West Virginia Coach Fred Schaus (center) let go with a kick and slapped his program in disapproval.

Wilhelm, Johnson Hot

ORIOLES Glad They Own Old Veterans

BALTIMORE's baseball brass today smiled over their wisdom in latching onto a pair of pitching hand-me-downs.

The castoffs— Hoyt Wilhelm and Elaine Johnson—have indicated by their clever hurling that at age 36 and 35 respectively, they still can be effective.

LOOKS THAT WAY—North-South To Have Same Final Round As In '58?

By KEN ALVIA

PINEBLURST—A replay of last year's North and South women's amateur golf tournament finals was in the making as survivors of the first two rounds met in quarter-final action today.

Mrs. Philip Cudde of West Caldwell, N.J., the 1958 champion, and runner-up Barbara McIntire of Lake Park, Fla., were in opposite halves of the draw.

Barbara's foe today was Judy Bell of Wichita, Kan. The winner gets a semifinal spot against the survivor of the match between Joanne Goodwin of Haverhill, Mass., and Marge Burns of Greensboro.

Mrs. Cudde, three Mrs. Leigh Nestor of Greensboro, Conn. Mrs. Ann Casey Johnstone of Mason City, Iowa and Mrs. Alice Day of Indianapolis rounded out the four-match schedule.

Mrs. Cudde snapped what had threatened to become a major upset when she beat Polly Riley of Fort Worth, Tex., 2-up in the second round Friday. Polly had beaten Mrs. Cudde three times before.

Mrs. Cudde shot four-over-par 79 golf that included a double bogey seven on the fifth, the last hole she lost. She got even in 12 and with a par-four to gain one and four more safekeeping strokes.

Mrs. Neabitt, an unheralded three-handicap player, won the last three holes on the front nine and went on to a 3 and 4 victory over Mrs. Barbara Eitel of Hamilton, Ohio.

Barbara McIntire credits Judy Bell, her traveling companion and roommate for three winter tours, with the tips that slumped Barbara's record.

Rawls Not Going To Let Up Any

COLUMBUS, Ga.—Betsy Rawls began the third round of the Columbus Women's Open golf tournament today with a commanding seven-stroke lead over the capable field.

The veteran professional from Spartanburg, S. C., said she was "going out there and pretending I'm three strokes behind."

This bodied ill for the other competitors. Miss Rawls usually a low starter, began with men's par of 72 and then used only 22 strokes to beat a brilliant 71 yesterday for a 140 at the halfway mark.

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There's Always A Twist Good For A Laugh

THE intense rains in Florida may start a panic with the baseball moguls.

THIS is the year they're starting the season a week earlier. Consequently spring practice is being cut short—and exhibition games going northward all but eliminated.

Not only are the players losing conditioning time, but the expense monies derived from games in Florida should be at an all-time low due to the weather.

Conditioning and cash—two very important items in running a ball club—have hit the bottom this spring.

Look For Sally Umps To Give 'Broad' Decision

A LIST of Sally League umpires will be revealed to the public tomorrow for the first time.

There will be ten in all—and only one from any of the Sally League States.

The Citadel Gets Criticized For Latest Stand

THE Citadel stirred a passel of comment among South Carolina sports writers when it dropped Wofford from its football schedule "because the Terrers are not members of the NCAA and do not comply with all the eligibility rules of that organization."

Said Warren Koon of the Charleston Evening Post: "Now the Citadel must make good on its stand to spread the same reasoning to all other schools and to all other schools not members of the NCAA. If not, the Citadel officials are going to look bad, public relations-wise."

Huffed Jim Foster of the Spartanburg Herald, quoting Coach Conley window of Wofford: "We've never complained about their tremendous number of scholarships. Our rules are sound. We have no apologies for them."

Wrote a Wofford student: "The Citadel listed five reasons for dropping Wofford but omitted the sixth and most important. We kicked 'em out of the last five tries."

All Is Not Impossible After Recent Visits

THAT Khrushchev really started something by agreeing to visit with the "enemy" powers.