

# Basketball Roundup

**By TED MEIER**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—This is what might be called championship week in college basketball. No less than 11 conference titles will be decided by Saturday night, in addition to independent games being on possible bids to the post-season NCAA and Madison Square Garden tournaments.

These are the conferences to be decided:  
Big Ten—Iowa upset by Illinois, 67-51 last night, must beat Indiana tomorrow and Minnesota on Saturday to tie Ohio State for championship. The Buckeyes clinched at least a tie by beating Northwestern last night in one half of a double-header at Chicago before a record crowd of 22,822. DePaul swamped Notre Dame, 63-47, in the other half of the twin bill with George Mikan Dunking 33 points.

Pacific Coast (Northern Division)—Idaho can win title by whipping Oregon tomorrow and Tuesday and Washington State Saturday. Oregon State, upset by Washington on Friday, could finish in a tie by beating Oregon Saturday provided Idaho loses at least one game.

Big Six—Kansas already assured of at least a tie by Iowa State's upset 56-54 win over Oklahoma last night, can win title by beating Iowa State tomorrow.

Missouri Valley—Oklahoma Aggies, NCAA champions, can clinch championship by whipping runner-up Wichita on Tuesday.

Southern—annual three-day title tourney opens Thursday at Raleigh. North Carolina is favored although its 17-game winning streak was shattered last night by the Little Creek (Va.) Amphibs, 60-66.

Southwestern—Louisiana State beat Tulane twice to finish on top of pre-tourney play with 8-0 record, but Kentucky is favored to win annual three day championship tourney that opens Thursday at Louisville.

Mason Dixon—American University, defending champion, and Baltimore Loyola are expected to battle it out in annual three-day title tourney that opens Thursday at Baltimore.

Border—annual two-day title tourney opens at Albuquerque on Friday. Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas State regarded as the top teams.

Ohio conference—although beaten twice last week in non-league games Akron can win title by beating Case and Baldwin-Wallace this week.

Midwest Athletic—Beloit can take title by beating Monmouth on Saturday. Coe, upset by Monmouth, 64-62, on Friday, could tie by defeating Grinnell provided Beloit loses.

Mid-Atlantic (Northern Division)—Muhlenberg clinched at least tie by defeating Gettysburg last night, but Lafayette can tie by winning its last two league games.

The champions-to-be in these conferences will take their place alongside those already in the title class: Dartmouth in the Eastern Intercollegiate league; California in the Pacific coast Southern Division; Ursinus in the Mid-Atlantic Southern Division; Colorado State in the Rocky Mountain conference; Baylor in the Southwest conference; Vermont in the Vermont conference and Eastern Kentucky in the Kentucky Athletic conference. Vermont and Eastern Kentucky won their titles last night by whipping St. Michael's (Vt.) and Louisville, 55-37 and 66-51, respectively.

The Big Seven title will not be decided until the second week of March since Wyoming and Colorado University, now tied for the top at 7-2, did not play any league games last week.

The week's developments among the independent saw New York University, defeated only by North Carolina, extend its winning streak to 11 by trimming St. John's of Brooklyn, 58-54 in overtime and Temple, 59-57, in two exciting games.

This left the violets, regarded as certain to play in either the NCAA or garden postseason tourney, one of four once-beaten teams in the country with a 16-1 record. The other three are Kansas 17-1, Harvard, 15-1, and Yale (season over) 14-1.

Baylor, with a 15-game winning streak and a 24-2 overall season record tangles with NYU in New York Wednesday in perhaps the top game of the week. Eight other clubs are also in the twice-beaten class, Oklahoma Aggies, 21-2, Kentucky and Muhlenberg each 20-2, West Virginia 19-2, Rhode Island State and Louisiana State each 15-2, Iowa 14-2 and Navy 12-2.

Rhode Island was the victim of the week's outstanding upset on Wednesday when the Rams fell before the Coast Guard Academy, 72-69.

# City Softball Loops To Form Tonight

## THREE CIRCUITS ARE SCHEDULED BY LOOP HEADS

### Plans Call For Formation Of Teams For Older Baseballers

The first organization meeting of the Wilmington Softball Leagues will be held tonight (Monday) at the 2nd and Orange Streets U. S. O. club at 8 o'clock, it was announced last night by league officials.

Three leagues are planned, with an opportunity for players of all classes to show their wares on the diamonds this season. The Fast league for the better players and the second league will be formed for players a little too slow for the first loop and the third league will be made up of teams with the player age limit 35 up. Lots of interest has been shown so far in the "old" man league and several clubs are expected to enter.

The clubs expected to enter the "fast" league are: City Optical, White's Ice Cream Co., Taylor Colquitt Co. and several others. The Wilmington Firemen are organizing a fast team and will enter one of the top loops. The Policemen have been discussing plans for entering a club in one of the leagues. Persons interested in softball are invited to attend the meeting at the USO tonight at 8 p. m.

## CONFERENCE EYES REST ON RALEIGH

**By The Associated Press**  
(RICHMOND, Va.)—With only a single game left on the schedule as far as the regular season is concerned, Southern Conference basketball attention Sunday was focused on the annual circuit tournament which opens Thursday at Raleigh.

The only remaining game will be played Monday night when Citadel travels to Furman. In a non-conference game Tuesday night, third-place Virginia Tech will play at Roanoke College.

Conference Standings:

Team	W	L	Pts	Opp
North Carolina	13	1	794	517
Duke	12	2	689	482
Virginia Tech	7	7	452	354
Wake Forest	8	5	545	546
X-Furman	6	4	447	427
Maryland	5	4	350	388
William and Mary	5	4	350	388
George Washington	4	5	415	389
N. C. State	5	7	466	561
Clemson	3	7	247	243
South Carolina	4	7	456	519
Davidson	8	11	629	729
Richmond	7	7	332	356
YMI	1	6	189	332
Citadel	1	6	248	396
Washington and Lee	0	4	130	227

## Palm Beach Woman Wins Dixie Skeet Shoot Title

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—A tiny slip of a woman, Mrs. Jean Smythe of Palm Beach, outshot all the men contenders in the Dixie skeet shoot, winning the event with a perfect score of 100 targets.

"There's no shame in losing to Mrs. Smythe," said Arthur Cusack, secretary of the Florida Trapshooting association. He added that she was one of the best women skeet shooters in the world.

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he also has a name, which in this case happens to be John H. Farrell.

**NO SOAP-BOX HERE**—Mr. Farrell, we guess you all know, is the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and the city's new industrial agent. He got that purple heart, as well as the shot in the head, in World War I.

Now, we're not trying to put on any campaign, or anything like that. Along the Cape Fear, rolling along its casual way like Old Man River, doesn't have time or energy for anything as treasured as that. We just thought you might like to know who the guy is.

**SENATE COMMITTEE MAY AGREE ON BILL MERGING SERVICES**

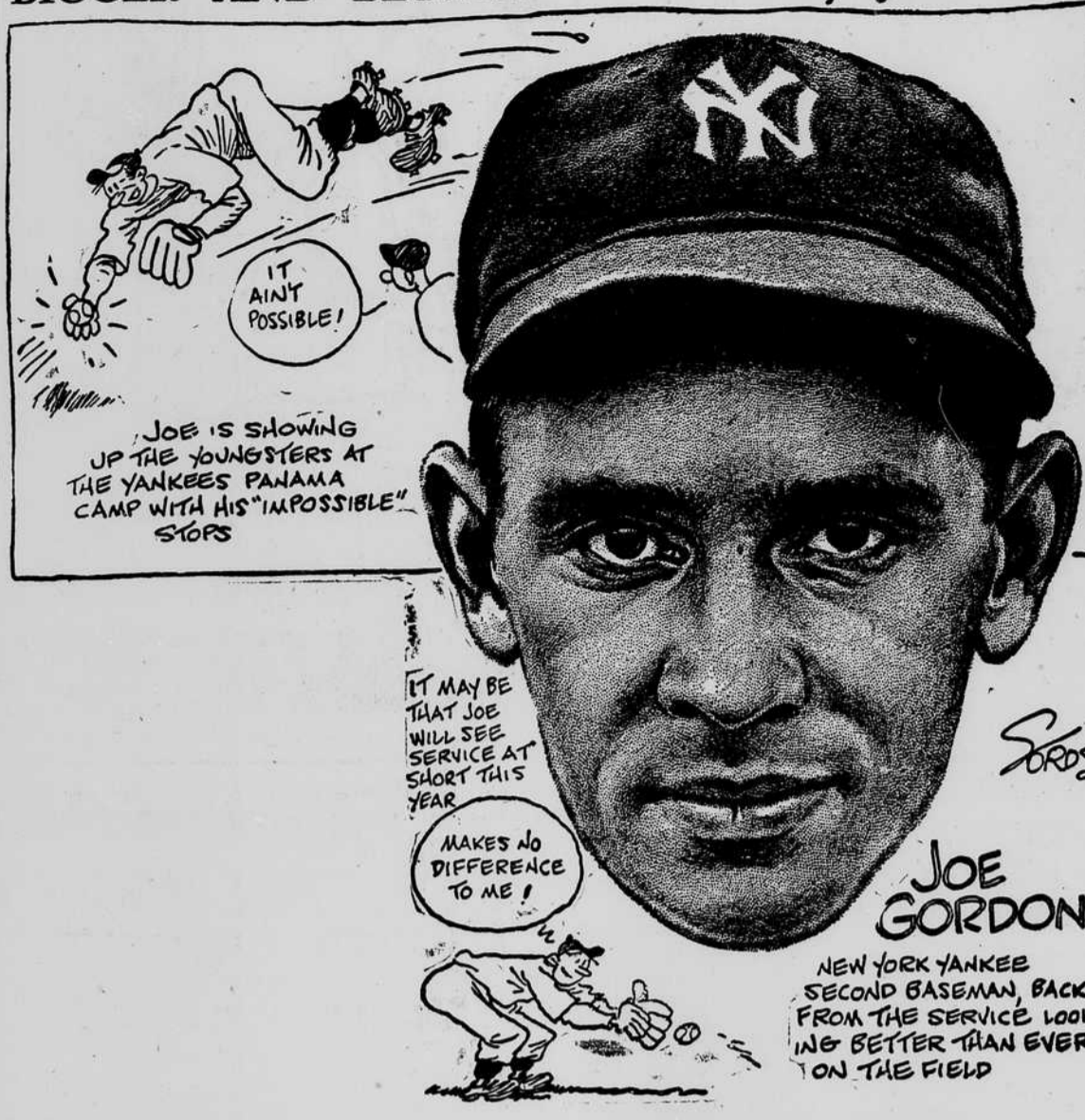
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Acting Chairman Ellender (D-La.) predicted Sunday that the Senate Labor committee will have a modified version of the Case labor bill drawn up by March 4.

"It's a foregone conclusion it won't come out as written by the House," Ellender told reporters.

The House bill by Rep. Case (R.S.D.) provides for damage suits against unions for breach of contract and permits Federal courts to enjoin against acts of violence in labor disputes.

Ellender recalled that Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) had said the Senate committee will not accept the Case bill, he agreed this is a fair statement of the situation.

## BIGGER AND BETTER - - - By Jack Sords



# New Kentucky Derby Honors Seen For Santa Anita Winner

ARCADIA, Calif., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Winner of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby, Maine Chance farm's big, brown three-year-old, Knockdown, may go after the older horses in the hundred grand handicap here March 9 and then point for the Kentucky Derby.

There were only five horses in the field that Knockdown whipped Saturday. It wasn't a classy array and Bobby Permae didn't have to push Knockdown too get a three-length victory over Star Pilot, his stablemate from the Chance farm.

But Knockdown covered the mile and one-eighth in 1:50.3 with 122 pounds. Challenge Me, one of the well-regarded entrants in the handicap, ran the same distance in a supporting race in 1:49.2 with 118 pounds. Knockdown drops 14 pounds for the handicap, gets in with only 108.

Some horsemen think Knockdown has an excellent chance to repeat what Maxwell Howard's Stagehand did in 1938 by capturing the Derby and handicap. Stagehand packed only 100 in the handicap, and nipped the 130-pound-rigged Seabiscuit at the wire by a nose.

Stagehand came here as a maid in three-year-old, but Knockdown, the long-striding son of Discovery, has won three in five starts, including the Cowdin Stakes. He's a front runner, and with a feather impost he might be able to lead from wire to wire.

At any rate, he's a big worry now for such older contenders as first Fiddle, Paperboy, Challenge Me and Eric a Brae.

Knockdown's victory ended the question in the stable as to which was the better horse, Star Pilot or Knockdown. Star Pilot was a really expensive purchase and Knockdown as cheap as the name implies.

Trainer Jimmy Smith, who assumed charge of the Maine Chance string here after his father, Tom, was barred from all tracks for a year, was flushed with Knockdown's success. He expected his colts to run one-two, and in doing so they delivered \$90,000 to Mrs. Elizabeth Arden, their owner. She was the biggest money winner on the turf last year and she's off to a flying start again.

Until Saturday, however, her horses had extreme difficulty finding the winner's circle. Jean Miracle was the only one that had any success. Then, in one sweep, \$90,000. It's that golden touch.

**MORE ABOUT WEATHERMAN FROM PAGE ONE**

When the staff went out to supper they found the streets and sidewalks bone-dry. And they hugged their coats about them as the thermometer slid down a few notches.

Hess made the prediction from his home without benefit of any instruments except a wet finger held in the wind.

Put down that phone, folks. The staff have already asked. Hess won't give advice on the horse races.

## Basketball Games

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—This week's leading college basketball games include:  
Monday—Muhlenberg vs St. Francis and St. John's vs Manhattan, doubleheader at New York. Toledo at Great Lakes. Bradley Tech at Percy Jones hospital. Indiana at Iowa. Iowa State at Kansas. Oregon at Idaho. Missouri at Nebraska.  
Tuesday—Oregon at Idaho. Creighton at St. Louis. Catholic Univ. at Western Maryland. Maryland at Kings Point. Marshall at Dayton. Northwestern at Notre Dame. Oklahoma Aggies at Wichita.  
Wednesday—DePaul vs Long Island and BBBB vs New York University, doubleheader at New York. Case at Akron. Maryland at Army. Canisius at Syracuse. Rhode Island State at Coast Guard Academy. Marshall at Toledo. Rutgers at Lafayette. Indiana State at Valparaiso. West Virginia at Wash-Jeff. Creighton at Tulsa.  
Thursday—First round of Southwest conference tourney at Louisville. First round of Southern conference tourney at Raleigh. First round of Mason-Dixon conference tourney at Baltimore. Kansas at Oklahoma. Westminster (Pa) at Geneva. Kent at Western Reserve.  
Friday—Baylor at Bainbridge (Md)

## Basketball Games

Navy. Arkansas at Texas Aggies. Coe at Grinnell. Colorado Aggies at Denver. Drake at Oklahoma Aggies. Wisconsin at Michigan State. Wyoming at Utah State. Washington (St. Louis) at St. Louis. Semi-finals of Southeastern conference tourney at Louisville. Semi-finals of Southern conference tourney at Raleigh. Semi-finals of Mason-Dixon conference at Albuquerque.  
Saturday—Manhattan vs Lasalle and Temple vs St. Joseph's, doubleheader at Philadelphia. Akron at Baldwin-Wallace. Kent State at Allegheny. Lavy at Army. Arkansas at Texas Aggies. Bowling Green at Western Michigan. Washington (St. Louis) at Bradley Tech. Brigham Young at Colorado Aggies. Brooklyn College at St. John's (Brooklyn). Brown at Columbia. Case at Carnegie. Drexel at CCNY. Beloit at Monmouth. Connecticut at Rhode Island State. Notre Dame at Detroit. Drake at Tulsa. Marshall at Franklin-Marshall. Harvard at New Hampshire. Iowa at Minnesota. Missouri at Oklahoma.  
Oregon at Oregon State. Pitt at West Virginia. Rensselaer at Syracuse. Washington State at Idaho. Final of Southern conference tourney at Raleigh. Final of Mason-Dixon conference tourney at Baltimore. Final of Southeastern conference tourney at Louisville. Final of Border conference tourney at Albuquerque.

## McKenney On BRIDGE

♦ 10983  
♥ 95  
♠ AQ7  
♣ QJ107

♠ QJ7  
♥ 64  
♠ 106542  
♣ 632

Dealer

Gen. Gruenther  
♦ AK4  
♥ AKQ72  
♠ 8  
♣ AK98

Duplicate—Neither vul.

South	West	North	East
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—♦ 4. 35

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Annually for the past 15 years, Mr. McKenney has selected the outstanding players of the year for his All-America team. We think you will agree he has selected a truly All-America card team. This is the first of six articles on his selections.

**By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY**  
America's Card Authority

As captain of my All-America team this year, I name Maj.-Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, former Chief of Staff of the Fifth Army, and later of the Fifteenth Army Division. It was he who got the autographs of General Eisenhower and General Mark Clark on the playing cards used at our bond rallies, through which the American Contract Bridge League sold over \$8,000,000 worth of War Bonds.

Generals Eisenhower, Clark and Gruenther are all enthusiastic bridge players. Gruenther overcame his jinx on the club suit when he made seven odd with today's hand, and it was a very pretty play. The first trick was won with the ace of diamonds in dummy, the other two diamonds were trumped with the ace and king of clubs, and the losing spade discarded on the third round of clubs. There was still a club left in dummy for the heart ruff.

## NEW HANOVER HIGH GIRLS' VARSITY TO MEET DIXON TONIGHT

The New Hanover High School's Girls' Varsity basketball team clashes with the girls' varsity of Dixon High at 7 o'clock, tonight here. The locals are looking to their third consecutive win.

Probable lineup for New Hanover: Forwards, Lib Hellen, Colleen Gann, Jimmie Henderson. Guards, Jane MacAdams, Rachel Blackman, and Nancy Brown.

Also slated to see action with the locals: Georgia Lee Williamson, Miriam Mann, Martha King, and Nancy McCauley.

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# BASEBALL SALARIES IN UPWARD SPIRAL

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 24.—Baseball salaries are spiraling upwards at such a rate that Babe Ruth's fabulous all-time high of \$90,000 may be endangered in another year.

With Hank Greenberg and Hal Newhouse of the world champion Detroit Tigers drawing down at least \$100,000 between them and the rest of the bengals booting the club pay roll close to \$400,000, the inflationary trend definitely has arrived in the big leagues.

Although exact figures never are available for ball players, it is believed that the 16 major league teams will shell out in the vicinity of \$5,000,000 for players talent this season.

Larry MacPhail was sure his New York Yankee total of \$360,000 was tops for the big show when he announced the figure a month ago but Detroit probably will go higher than that. Brooklyn is right up in the heavy sugar with the New York Giants, Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs.

**Greenberg Highest**  
Greenberg's estimated \$60,000 is the highest in the majors but it is conceivable that hammering Hank might have topped Ruth's old mark by this time if the war hadn't come along to interrupt his career when he was near his peak.

As it was the hero of the 1945 world series never actually received a full year's pay at the former \$55,000 level. He got a few weeks pay before he went into the army and picked up approximately \$27,500 for his half-season labor on the pennant winning team last fall.

**Newhouse-Feller**  
Newhouse is running a close race with Bobby Feller of Cleveland for the distinction of being the highest paid pitcher in the game. Sources close to the Tigers insist the talented young left hander will be paid off at the \$45,000 level. Feller's stipend often has been listed at \$42,000.

Most of the big names are under contract for his year although Snuffy Stirrweiss of the Yanks and Marty Marion and Whitey Kuryski of the Cardinals were not in the fold at the last count of noses.

**Trouble In '47**  
Many observers think the real contract trouble will come in 1947, especially if the sport has the expected boom year that is expected on all sides. The big show drew close to 11,000,000 paid last summer. The best year in the history of the American league.

With 40 minor leagues ready to face the barrier and two more probable starters before the March 1 deadline, the game looks forward to its greatest box office year.

# DALLAS ANNOUNCES OPEN GOLF EVENT

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Dallas Sunday announced it would hold its \$10,000 open golf tournament in September—and that brought to six the number of such events Texas has staged or will stage during 1946.

Also—and Texans have the word of Fred Corcoran, PGA tournament manager, for it—this state will have more big money tournaments than any other state in the nation during the year. Prize money will total \$83,000.

**Had Only One**  
Texas, until a few years ago had held just one of the cash golf events annually although producing the top men of the game—Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Jimmie Demaret, Ralph Guldahl and others.

But it really started to move last year with four and now this in the story for 1946:

**Six Events**  
The \$8,000 Texas Open was put on at San Antonio this month. May 9, 10, 11 and 12 Houston will stage a \$10,000 open. May 16, 17, 18 and 19: The Colonial Country club for Fort Worth will feature a \$15,000 event. Sept. 26 to 29 will come the Dallas tournament.

In October the \$10,000 Fort Worth Open, inaugurated last December, will be repeated. In December will come the Capitol City Open at Austin—a \$10,000 affair.

**BROWNELL TO RESIGN**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Herbert Brownell, Jr., is expected to resign as chairman of the Republican National committee at a meeting of the committee in Washington April 1.

## KENTUCKY FAVORED FOR REPEAT SWEEP OF S. E. C. HONORS

ATLANTA, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Southern Conference Basketball teams wound up their seasons during the week-end and turned their attention to the annual SEC tournament which starts Thursday at Louisville.

Kentucky, heavily favored to take the tournament for the third consecutive year, tapered off by downing two non-conferences foes—Ohio university, 60-52 and Xavier of Cincinnati, 83-40. The latter score was an all-time high for Coach Adolf Rupp.

The Wildcats wound up the SEC season with six wins and no defeats. Record for the season was 20 triumphs and two losses, Rupp's boys bowing only to Temple and Notre Dame.

Louisiana State, finishing the conference season with eight wins and no defeats, is one of the three teams given even an outside chance to upset Kentucky at Louisville. The other teams are Tulane and Tennessee.

## Philly First Sacker Plans Sale Protest

LEXINGTON, Mass., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Olysses (Tony) Lupien, first baseman sold by the Philadelphia Phillies to Hollywood of the Pacific Coast league, said Sunday night he would seek a selective service ruling on the deal as baseball's first test-case under the G.I. bill of rights.

Lupien, 28-year-old former sailor, said at his home that he was not given a fair chance to regain his big-league job with the Phillies despite the fact that baseball commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler had approved his sale to the Pacific Coast league club Feb. 13.

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## Wounded Vet Rated Best 'A's' pitcher

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Bob Savage, young right-hander who was wounded three times while fighting with the army in Italy, France and Germany, was rated Sunday as the best pitching prospect in the Philadelphia Athletics' camp by Coach Earl Brucker.

After watching Savage during four days of practice, Brucker said, "I won't say that he will still be the best after five or six weeks, but right now he looks the tops."

## BLANCHARD RECEIVES SULLIVAN MEMORIAL TROPHY AT LUNCHEON

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Felix Anthony "Doc" Blanchard, Jr., a terror on the football field and handy man with a 16-pound shot, Sunday was presented the James E. Sullivan Memorial trophy stamping him as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete of 1945.

The great Army fullback was modest as ever as he accepted the handsome trophy, first to be given to a football player since the Amateur Athletic Union began making the annual awards in 1930.

The presentation was made by Willard N. Greim of Denver, Colo., national AAU president, at a luncheon following a meeting of the organization's executive committee at the New York Athletic club.

**S. D. IN FLA.**  
MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Al Smith's South Dakota—the Whirlaway of the small tracks—is being sent here from New Orleans for Saturday's \$50,000 added widener handicap at Hialeah race course. Word that the holder of the American record for a mile and 70 yards will be shipped from fair grounds early this week was received Sunday.

**HOGAN IN TIE**  
PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Ben Hogan blew a three-stroke lead on the final nine holes of the 72-hole Pensacola open golf tournament today to wind up with a two-over par 74 and force a playoff with Ray Mangrum of Los Angeles. Mangrum had a 71 to tie the little Hershey, Pa., pro at 277.

**CINCINNATI DRILLS**  
TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Manager Bill McKechnie, always a stickler for conditioning, sent 52 Cincinnati Red candidates through a two-hour drill Sunday without using a single bat or baseball. More than 300 fans watched the squad participate in calisthenics and spring races without even using a baseball for a game of catch. McKechnie announced that the first batting practice of the spring training season will be held Monday.

**FIFTY REPORT**  
SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Fifty players, including a dozen or more pitchers, are expected to report for the Boston Red Sox' first spring training drills Monday. Manager Joe Cronin said Sunday.

The battleship New York was the first naval vessel to use radar equipment.