



TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

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NEW YORK — The national publicity that accompanied Judge Saul Streit's scathing denunciation of intercollegiate athletics has the first ready to rap for "order in the court."

His telephone jingles throughout the night, ruining his sleep. He is besieged with requests for interviews by magazine and newspaper writers. He also has been asked to appear on radio and television shows.

All this has left the tall, graying jurist of New York's General Sessions Court thoroughly exhausted. But it has not ruffled his composure or ruined his general good nature.

"I dislike turning down anyone, especially people who have a job to do," the judge pointed out. "But it would be physically impossible to meet all these requests."

He has a trim, athletic-like figure which he manages to keep that way by frequent rounds of golf.

The judge has a true love for sports, especially baseball and football. He shares a box at the Polo Grounds when the baseball Giants are in town, and during autumn afternoons he travels to Princeton frequently to watch the Tiger football team.

Before being named to the bench, Judge Streit served in the state legislature for 10 years under the regimens of Al Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Judge Streit worked four months collecting facts on what he labeled "the evil system of commercialism" pervading college sports. Now he rests his case with the people.

"I've presented the facts in this case," he said. "It's up to the people to carry the ball now."

"No amount of vituperation or abuse will solve this problem."

Then, in the confident, polished and soft-spoken voice of his profession, his honor remarked:

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Confused Statements Issued By Different Sources About Death Of Villanova Gridder

VILLANOVA, Pa. — A man-of-mystery lay today over the sudden, campus death of Villanova college football hero Domenic Nick Liotta.

The big co-captain from Everett, Mass., died in or near his dormitory yesterday. But the cause of his death was clouded by conflicting statements of police, the coroner's office and college authorities.

Radnor township investigators said the 22-year-old pajama-clad guard was found hanged with a length of telephone wire from a water pipe in his dormitory basement. They said the 225-pound Liotta had committed suicide in a fit of despondency, apparently over his team's three losses this year. The Wildcats won five games.

Delaware County Coroner Joseph Tercha said Liotta died from a "heart attack" while leaving the dormitory.

Villanova officials said only that big Nick had been ill for the "past few days" and the cause of death was unknown. The nature of his illness was not revealed.

SHOCKING EVENT

The death of the once-joyful Liotta so shocked Villanova's main line campus that the school sought cancellation of its final game of the season, scheduled against Tulsa in Oklahoma Saturday.

Late last night, Dr. C. I. Pontius, president of Tulsa, announced that the game with Villanova had been set back to Dec. 8 and the Okla-

homa eleven would meet Detroit University Saturday. The Detroit-Tulsa game originally was scheduled for Dec. 8.

The five-foot, 11-inch Liotta died at a moment when he was reaping some of college football's highest honors.

He had been picked as a guard on the 1951 Look magazine All-America first team, chosen by Grantland Rice and slated for release in the near future. He had been named to the first team All-Star selections of the football writers of America.

SHRINE SELECTION

In addition, he had accepted an invitation to play in the annual East-West Shrine game at San Francisco New Year's Day. And he died on the day he received honorable mention on the United Press All-America squad.

Fellow players said Liotta showed signs of depression after Kentucky snapped Villanova's early three-game winning streak with a one-sided victory. Later, Villanova, lost by one touchdown to Boston College in Boston and he was further depressed because his team was humiliated before delegations of his hometown fans.

A crushing blow was the 45 to 7 pasting Louisiana State University handed the Wildcats last Saturday. Liotta, who led the football squad in scholastic ability, played well in his 55-minute stint, but the defeat put the lid on his usual banter as the team flew home.

Card-Giant Deal Cooking With Stanky As Manager

By MILTON RICHMAN
(United Press Sports Writer)

NEW YORK — Eddie Stanky's hope of becoming the next St. Louis Cardinal manager apparently hinged today on a possible trade that would bring pitcher Max Lanier and outfielder Chuck Diering to the New York Giants.

Manager Leo Durocher and owner Horace Stoneham admit to more than a mild interest in the fleet, fancy-fielding Diering for "protection" in the event Willie Mays is drafted. Lanier, a brainy veteran, is looked upon as a worthy addition to the pitching corps.

Cardinal owner Fred Saigh is equally interested in the trash, ban-tan Stanky as a replacement for Marty Marion, who was let out as Cardinal manager last Friday.

MANAGERIAL DESIRE

Stanky, who has nursed the ambition for a long time, is eager to get started on his managerial career as soon as possible.

Durocher, who flew here to hold a press conference before embarking for the minor league meetings at Columbus, O., made it clear that the Cardinals will have to meet the Giants' terms if they wish to obtain Stanky.

"We have to strengthen our bench with a left-handed hitting outfielder and any club can use more pitching," he declared.

He revealed that attempts had been made to land Diering from St. Louis before and confirmed reports that the Cardinals had expressed interest in acquiring Stanky.

Dick Dunkel's Final Ratings

By Dick Dunkel

Tennessee, Michigan State, and Maryland strengthened their positions as the top three teams in the national college football Power Index, as the result of last week-end's games.

But, below that point, there was chaos, as records were jumbled through some of the day's eerie results.

Of course, odd outcomes are no longer a novelty to the fans of 1951, who are seeing a four-time loser, Kentucky, on its way to the Cotton Bowl, where it may meet another four-time loser, T.C.U. Apparently there's more support now for the idea that it's value of opposition—and how well you do against that opposition—that counts rather than percentage of wins.

Along that line, the table below shows how well the top 25 teams have done this year against what kind of opposition, according to the Power Index. This may not be a perfect picture, but, at least, it is a comparison of the teams' own figures and without the use of anyone's opinion.

The left hand column of figures shows the average difference in score which teams have registered against opponents played so far. The right column gives average adjusted rating of those opponents, at the time played. Adding these figures across gives the one in the third column, which is the team's own Power Index, or rating.

Team	Mar. Rat.	Opp. Power	
1. Tennessee	31.2	85.3	117.5
2. Michigan State	18.9	99.0	110.9
3. Maryland	22.5	75.2	107.7
4. Baylor	10.7	91.3	102.0
5. Kentucky	74.4	35.5	101.9
6. Wisconsin	15.9	86.0	101.9
7. Stanford	8.1	93.1	101.2
8. Princeton	25.4	74.8	100.7
9. Xavier, O.	25.9	74.7	100.6
10. Illinois	11.5	89.2	99.2
11. Ga. Tech.	16.0	83.0	99.0
12. T.C.U.	2.7	96.3	99.0
13. Texas	9.0	92.8	98.2
14. Oklahoma	21.0	77.5	98.1
15. Miami, Fla.	21.1	77.0	98.1

It's interesting to note that the present Southwest Conference leader, T. C. U., has played the strongest average opposition. The fact that the Frogs have lost four games is reflected in their average scoring margin of only plus 2.7.

Stanford, Michigan State, and Texas have played schedules of almost similar strength. A year or two ago, Michigan State's schedule would have been the strongest by far, but such opponents as Notre Dame, Ohio State and Michigan were below their old form this year.

While Maryland, Princeton, Xavier, and Oklahoma have played relatively weaker schedules, they have balanced the ledger with high-scoring margins.

Bates Creek Girls Ready For Season

Coach Roy Parker of Buies Creek has his girls' squad all ready to open the '51 basketball season tonight at the Campbell gym. With a practice game already played, the experienced B. C. girls should be all set for the game against Boone Trail tonight, and they should give an improved showing over last season's poor record. The small and inexperienced team wound up the season in last place in the county standings in '50, but the BC ladies will give the Harnett sextets plenty of trouble this year.

Most of the girls of the Buies Creek squad were on the roster last year. The forward trio of Joyce Dawson, Sara Page, and Agnes Mangum are back-over players as are the back court girls, Alice Franklin, Sue Dixon, and Mary Joe Howard. Page and Mangum are seniors and the other four are juniors.

Other players that will perform for Coach Parker this season are senior guards Marian Baker, Nancy Jean Taylor, and guard Gail Johnson. She is a sophomore; freshman Graham Matthews and Gail Gregory are forwards and guard Betty Sue Harvie is also a freshman.

Buies Creek is expecting a much better year this year, and everyone in the college village is looking to '51 also since only three of the girls are seniors.



Game Tonight In Buies Creek Opens Season; Four Games Tomorrow Night

Basketball for Harnett County is underway. Boone Trail plays at Buies Creek tonight in the opening high school contest. Then, tomorrow night, the ball really begins to bounce as Lillington goes to Benhaven, Coats plays at Lafayette, and Angier and Anderson Creek meet at the Lillington gym; Erwin and Dunn don't have games scheduled for this week.

The schedule for the high school games within the county is still not quite complete, but the master program has been drawn up and only changes here and there are necessary to complete the plans for '51. The games will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays for the most part as was the case last year. In some instances, there are conflicts in dates for the use of a gym in the case of schools having to use gyms at other schools. And you keep "outraging" joy "spaky" uocira have a gym and use the Lillington gym for home games, and when the two schools have home-games scheduled for the same night, a game is usually re-scheduled for Thursday or Monday night.

AND ONE MAKES TEN

If the schedule can be arranged, Dunn High will play at least one game with each of the other county schools this season. For the past few years, Dunn has played very few games with other Harnett teams because of its participation in AA conference competition, but it has been decided to have less long distance travel and more games close to home for the Dunn team this year. An added comment here is that with a little more co-operation, the arrangements can be made for games between Dunn and the other Harnett schools; there has been some difference of opinion in the past of agreement that should be made in scheduling of a single game which would eliminate the home & home basis.

The Campbell College varsity and JV teams have already played games, but the college competition hasn't begun yet.

The Harnett County basketball season is now underway—Play ball!

Red Sox Return Moss; Browns Yield Wood

The reshuffling St. Louis Browns traded outfielder Ken Wood and catcher Gus Niarhos to the Boston Red Sox for pitcher Les Moss and outfielder Tom Wright. Moss went to the Red Sox from the Browns last season and batted a disappointing .198. He reportedly is on his way to Washington in another deal.

Wright spent most of the 1951 season with Boston after graduating from Louisville of the American Association while Wood, famed for his fine throwing arm, batted .297 the past season and hit 16 homers. Niarhos, obtained by the Browns from the White Sox two days ago, batted .256 in 66 games this year.

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Season Opens

Bradley Follows Drake In Parting From Missouri Valley Conference

PEORIA, Ill. — (AP) — Bradley shipped for a new conference today after announcing it would follow Drake out of the Missouri Valley Conference at the end of the academic year.

Bradley's faculty athletic committee announced yesterday that it "felt it our duty to support the Drake position" in the controversy over the slugging of Drake's star Negro halfback, Johnny Bright.

"Drake quit the conference Tuesday because the conference refused to take action. Bright, the nation's all time ground gainer, suffered a broken jaw Oct. 20 in the Drake-Oklahoma A&M game at Stillwater, Okla.

Drake charged that Aggie tackle Wilbanks Smith smacked Bright liberally early in the game.

UNANIMOUS NEGATIVE

David Blair Owen, president of Bradley, said the vote of the faculty's athletic committee was unanimous in severing its connection with the league, which it joined in December 1948.

The committee did not state why the withdrawal was prompted by the Bright incident but said it felt Drake's position was "morally right."

The committee also noted "the unusually close bond of friendly rivalry which exists between the two institutions."

A statement by Bradley officials said "it is our hope ultimately to have a part in the formation of a new conference, of a more compact and homogenous nature and covering a considerably smaller geographical area."

John Bratton Gets Draw With Gavilan

CHICAGO. — (AP) — A penalty for holding called by referee Bill Doty in the seventh round gave Johnny Bratton a 10 round draw with welterweight champion Kid Gavilan last night.

"The referee, he say I hold," Gavilan said after the non-title bout. "But I wasn't."

Doty and both judges, Frank McAdam and John Bray, gave Bratton a 6 to 4 edge in the points on that seventh round. But for the penalty it would have been no worse than an even round, and that one point difference would have given Gavilan the decision.

Doty tabbed the fight 52 to 48 for Bratton, while Bray held it for Gavilan by the same margin. McAdam, who said "I would have scored the seventh even but for Doty's penalty," made it even at 50-50.

NO ONE HURT

"It's not the first time I lose," Gavilan said. "He never hurt me, never hit me hard."

"But I tried to do to him the last five rounds what he do to me the first five. He make me chase him, and I just say 'Come on, you come get me instead and find out how hard it is to catch a fighter who always backing up.'"

"I don't know whether he help himself in fighting with a draw," Gavilan said. "Maybe he get a little chance anyhow."

Ex-champ Bratton, who needed to avoid defeat to retain any drawing power in the ring, said he believed he won the fight and that he could beat Gavilan over 15 rounds.

"I think I hurt him in the seventh," he said, "and he never hurt me."

Bratton, though he never was hurt, was bloody from the second round on.

All-Southern Grid Team Selection

GREENSBORO. — (AP) — All-American guard Bob Ward of Maryland won new honors today, leading the balloting for the All-Southern Conference football team selected by the Southern Conference Sportswriters Association.

Second-place honors in the balloting went to fullback Ed "Mighty Mo" Modzelewski, Ward's teammate on the unbeaten Terrapin squad.

Five players repeated from last year's team selected by the sports writers. Eight schools are represented on the first team. In addition to Maryland, Wake Forest and South Carolina each placed two men.

The players to repeat were Ward and Glenn Smith of Clemson, tackle Elmer Costa of North Carolina State, quarterback Gil Boettli of Washington and Lee, and halfback Steve Wadiak of South Carolina.

MIGHTY LEADER

Modzelewski led the backfield balloting with 156 points out of a possible 190. Boettli earned 139 points and Ed Modzelewski, Williams and Mary halfback, got 124 points.

Closest balloting was at center where Harry Smith of South Carolina polled 62 points, Louis Tepe of Duke 53 and Ted Filer of William State, quarterback Gil Boettli of Washington and Lee, and halfback Steve Wadiak of South Carolina.

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