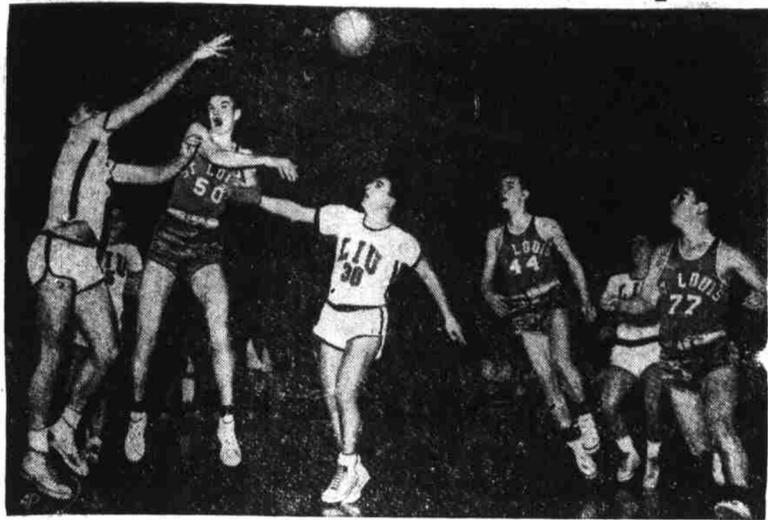


Arguments Rage Over Which Team Is Better, St. Louis Or Kentucky



—By JIM BECKER—

AP Newsfeatures Sports writer NEW YORK—Those baby-faced kids from St. Louis U. have leaped through the east again, leaving gasping basketball experts in their wake.

They also left behind one of those Michigan-Notre Dame type of arguments you hear during the football season. The "other team" in this case is Kentucky, which did a little whizzing of its own in the east on an earlier occasion this season.

Now the rhubarbs are really raging over which is the better basketball team. The discussions are enhanced by the fact that the two teams already have met once and seem almost certain to tangle again before the season is out.

St. Louis won the first encounter, 42-40, at New Orleans. But instead of settling the issue, the match only heated up the controversy. Wildcat partisans have a raft of explanations for the narrow defeat. Kentucky had a flat second half, they point out, scoring only 13 points. Wah Wah Jones couldn't hit the backboard with a handful of rocks. Jones is one of the team's top scorers and usually a dead shot. He made one field goal in the game.

Billiken fans counter with the assertion that a team looks bad only when it is made to look bad. They insist their team was the stronger club under the second half pressure. And they credit Jones' performance to a fine defensive job.

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By Marvin (Kevin) Schatzman. However, around here most of the experts, although they hold both in high esteem, seem to lean toward Kentucky despite the defeat.

They seem to find it difficult to rate St. Louis, with its fleet little crew of athletes that look like choir boys, over the poised, older and more experienced Kentuckians.

It is believed that even if the precocious Billikens hung another on the chins of Adolph Rupp's boys, the experts would still consider Kentucky a sounder team.

They're about as hard to convince as a west coast football coach who once had a Rose Bowl bid practically in his pocket until his team went out and blew a game to a small independent school.

The coach had been warned to watch the small school and he had retorted, "I'll eat my hat if we lose to them." He ate his hat, literally, and it tasted so lousy he demanded a return game which he lost, too. The coach was out of headgear, but he still wasn't convinced.

The logic of these unbinding experts is that the Kentucky team has three stars on the quad—Ralph Beard, Alex Groza and Jones. St. Louis has only Ed Macauley, the incomparable six foot, eight string-bean.

The other St. Louis players are only ordinary, they say, even after watching them perform one of their incredibly fast breaks with fingertip passing. The Billikens earned tremendous ovations from the Garden crowd for their competence as they demolished LIU.

But if Kentucky can't pass with St. Louis, the Wildcats certainly can shoot rings around the Missouri Valley team. The Billikens lack an outside shot, with the possible exception of Schatzman, who hasn't been hitting from way out this season as he did last. Kentucky, on the other hand, has five or six players who are dead shots from about 25 feet out.

In conjunction with the "best team" argument, cage fans have gathered in the respective corners of the marvelous centers of the two teams—Groza and Macauley. In this debate, St. Louis has an edge. No one seems to hold a gripe against Macauley despite his cherub-like face.

Easy Ed, which is a rare sports nickname because it really fits, calmly performs the most fantastic feats on the court. He possesses a wonderful hook shot and a fine one-handed set, and can really score if he wants to. But it is as a "quarterback" on the pivot, passing off and deceiving, that he really is the master.

Macauley is usually double teamed, leaving another player at least partially open. He is uncanny at spotting this loose teammate and passing off for a bucket.

Groza also has the shots, is a fine scorer and passer. Both are fine rebounders. Probably no partisan will be convinced in this debate, either.

McGinn Paces WCTC Quint In Race For League Crown

—By BOB TERRELL—

"It's swell to be a Catamount," relates little Bob McGinn. "They're really good to you." By this the All-State forward of the Western Carolina Teachers Catamounts refers to the players, coaches, students, and John Q. Public in general.

Not only is everyone good to McGinn, the "Ace" is also good to everyone. He gives them the thrills and chills that they pay their money for when they overflow Breece gymnasium to see the Catamounts in action. The little five-foot-eight-inch ball hawk is the sparkplug of Tuck McConnell's North State Conference dark-horses.

His sparkling antics on the hardwoods take the fans' minds off the ball game and causes them to concentrate on McGinn.

All-State Forward At halftime in the Cats' home games the crowd swamps the scorers' desk inquiring about him. "How many points has he scored?"

At the end of the game it's the same way. "What about McGinn? What about Tate?" Bob Tate, incidentally, is McGinn's running mate. Combined they make one of the deadliest sharpshooting combinations the North State Conference has ever known. They are feared by coaches and players alike. Last year the duo was the top few scorers of the loop, both were named to the forward positions on the All-North State team and McGinn went on to gain All-State honors along with Dick Diekey of the N. C. State Wolf-pack.

The "Ace" hails from Lexington, where he played high school ball for Coach Tom Young, now head coach at Western Carolina. After graduation in 1941 he enrolled in High Point College, where he stayed nine months before enlisting in the Coast Guard for four years during the war.

When hostilities ceased, McGinn came home, and selected W.C.T.C. as the institution in which to further his education. And that was a lucky day for W.C.T.C. as well as for McGinn.

Played in Kansas City In his first season, 1946-47, he helped the Cats, then under the tutelage of wily little Marion Mac-

Donald, gain the right to represent the North State Conference in the N.A.I.B. tourney in Kansas City, Mo. Although the Cats were eliminated from the tournament in the first round, McGinn played a good game and established himself as a future Catamount great. Since then he has started every Catamount game and has never let his teammates down.

Under the present coach, Tuck McConnell, McGinn is a mainstay of the Catamount combination. Tuck considers McGinn as "the biggest little man I've ever seen."

Oh, lucky day! Not only did McGinn find basketball at Western Carolina. He also found a wife.

Clyde Girls Trim Foes; Boys Lose

The Clyde High basketballers split a doubleheader with the Warren Wilson junior college on the Clyde high gym Tuesday night. The Clyde lassies took a 22 to 16 win over the visiting girls while the Warren Wilson boys downed the Clyde boys 30 to 20.

Miss Fore with eight and Miss Evans with six points paced the winning girls while Miss Drinnon tallied 11 for the losers.

The Warren Wilson five was paced by Wood with 13 and Howell, with 10 points. Haran and Morgan each hit eight points for Clyde.

Girls' lineup: Clyde (22) Warren Wilson (16) F—Fore (8) Ballard (1) F—Fisher Buchanan (3) F—Buchanan (4) Drinnon (11) G—B Medford Brigman G—Collins Shelton G—Smith Zimmerman Subs: Clyde—Lowery, Haynes, Green, Evans (6), V. Medford, Justice, Warren Wilson—Rhea (1), Ramsey, Adams, Rice.

Boys' lineup: Clyde (20) Warren Wilson (30) F—Warren Howell (10) F—Hardin (8) Taylor (2) F—Morgan (9) Stoney (4) G—Spencer (4) Wood (13) G—Haynes Lawson Subs: Clyde—Lindro, Shook, Stevenson, Morgan; Warren Wilson—McKinney (1), Zumestine, Vinton.

Women's Bowling League Proposed; Urged To Register

The Management of the Waynesville Bowling Center has requested that all women bowlers that are interested in forming a women's bowling league to register at the center immediately.

The men's league will start second half play week after next and if enough women bowlers register, a four team women's league will be formed and play will start then if possible.

Plans at the present call for a twelve week schedule of rolling and the management urges an immediate registration of interested bowlers so plans can be worked out as soon as possible.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Girls Waynesville 42, Sylva 17, Fines Creek 23, Crabtree 14, Clyde 22, Warren Wilson 16. Boys Sylva 42, Waynesville 32, Warren Wilson 30, Clyde 20, Crabtree 42, Fines Creek 19.

Cage Schedule

Jan. 28 Waynesville at Fines Creek, Bethel at Canton, WCTC at High Point.

On Jan. 4, 1948 he was married to Miss Louise Beck, a fiery little redhead who is now the mother of another little redhead, Robert III, age three months.

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Mountaineers, Sylva Split Twin Bill; Local Cagers Play Fines Creek Tonite

Girls Gain Impressive 42-17 Verdict

The Waynesville Mountaineers journeyed over to Sylva High Tuesday night and split a doubleheader with the Golden Hurricanes. The Waynesville girls topped the Sylva girls 42 to 17 but the Sylva boys evened the night's score by stopping the Mountaineers 42 to 32. The twinbill was played before a capacity crowd.

The Waynesville girls continued their winning ways with an easy win as they racked up their seventh straight victory of the season. Their passing and shooting coupled with the defensive play of the guards proved too much for the Sylva lassies.

Margie Cogdill paced the Waynesville girls with 17 points and Betty Sheehan and Peggy Nolan added 10 each to the total. Miss Painter hit the loop for 10 points to lead the Sylva lassies.

The boys' game was a close affair during the first half which ended with the Hurricanes leading by 20 to 15. From there out, the Mountaineers never caught up as the Hurricanes maintained their lead and added an extra five points to the lead in the last quarter.

C. Bumgarner took scoring honors of the game with 14 points and was followed closely by Ernest Bumgarner, with 12 and J. Cunningham with 10 points. Bill Sutton, Mountaineer center, paced the locals with 12 points.

Girls' lineup: Sylva (17) Waynesville (42) F—Worley (2) Cogdill (17) F—Bryson (4) Nolan (10) F—Jacobs (1) Sheehan (10) G—Green Francis G—Dillard P. Sheehan G—Messer Farmer Subs: Sylva—Painter (10), Fin-cannon, Bradley, B. Parris, Moore, Miller; Waynesville—Medford (5), Davis, Leopold, Grasty, McClure, Fisher.

Boys' lineup: Sylva (42) Waynesville (32) F—Cooper (4) G. Limer (4) F—C. Cunningham (2) Davis (6) C—J. Cunningham (10) Sutton (12) G—E. Bumgarner (12) R. Limer (3) G—C. Bumgarner (14) Boyd (7) Subs: Waynesville — Buchanan, Yarbrough.

Charles Shaney Named Berkeley Baseball Coach

Berkeley Mills of Balfour recently announced that Charles (Bud) Shaney has been named athletic director and will have charge of all of the plant's baseball teams this season.

Shaney is a former baseball player, umpire and scout. He played in the old Sally and Piedmont Leagues and in the Texas League and Southern Association. He has umpired in the Tri-State and Western Carolina leagues recently.

Shaney will replace Gene Bricklemeyer at the helm of the Berkeley entry in the Western North Carolina Industrial League this season and will have most of last year's team back. The team finished third in the 1948 race and journeyed to King's Mountain to take part in the North Carolina regional semi-pro tournament only to lose out by a one run defeat.

Plans for the 1949 season are already underway at Berkeley with the building of a new field and club house at the plant. The team played their games at the fair grounds and the high school field last year but the new field will be ready for use before the 1949 season gets underway.

Arch Rivals Lock Horns In Loop Tilt

The Waynesville High Mountaineers will journey to Fines Creek tonight to battle the strong Fines Creek cagers in a twinbill starting at seven-thirty o'clock.

The two teams met in a twinbill earlier in the season on the Waynesville high gym and the Mountaineers captured two easy victories. The Waynesville girls will be out to annex their eighth straight win and will depend on the guards to turn in another top notch performance and on the sharp shooting of Betty Sheehan and Margie Cogdill, their crack forwards.

The Waynesville boys will be seeking to get back into the win column when they tackle the Fines Creek boys. The Mountaineers have absorbed two defeats in the last two outings against Canton and Sylva and will go all out to get back into the win side of the ledger.

The game will pit the high scoring Max Rogers, Fines Creek forward, against Bill Sutton, Mountaineer center, who has paced the Waynesville scorers all season.

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