

Scandals Hurt Cage Game And The Hurt Gets Worse

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Basketball is played on the courts, but during 1951 a lot involving basketball was played in the courts. Scandal threatened to knock the sport right out of college, and at year's end the story isn't finished.

Seven schools are now connected to the mess: City College of New York, Long Island University, New York University, Manhattan, Kentucky, Bradley and Toledo.

Bribe master was Salvatore T. Sollazzo. He is now serving a jail sentence from eight to 16 years. Most of the players got off with fines and suspended sentences, but Sherman White, last year the top player in the country, is now serving a year in jail.

Kentucky was voted the top team in the country, winning 32 out of 34 games, and taking the NCAA for the third time.



Mt. Valley Esso Upsets Biltmore

Results in the Men's Bowling League went pretty much according to form this week with only one contest approaching an upset. Fourth place Mt. Valley Esso defeated Biltmore Dairy 2-1, but Biltmore was only in third place.

Top ranking Pet Dairy had no trouble bouncing bottom ranking Dayton Rubber, 2-1, and second rated Taylor Motor walloped Wellco Shoe, number five, by the same score.

Johnny Caldwell of Taylor Motor rolled the individual high game, a neat 217, while Elmer Dudley was next, just 16 points behind. Ellis Fowler of Wellco Shoe had the individual high series, 554, and Dudley was in second place with 539.

The ten top averages at the half-way mark are: Jack Holt, 177.3; R. H. Stretcher, 170.37; Earl Gribble, 170.34; Wilson Medford, 170.26; Mark Rose, 170.23; Johnny Caldwell, 166.17; "Doc" Hinkley, 165.3; Paul Clark, 164.32; Elmer Dudley, 164.27; and Bill Cochran, 164.25.

Jersey Joe Finally Hit The Jackpot During '51



Charles Crines Before Walcott

Boxing was a changing sport as far as titles were concerned during 1951. In the middle and welterweight divisions the crown was held by three different men.

The biggest surprise of all was the comeback of veteran Jersey Joe Walcott who, despite the 37 years he admits to, knocked out Ezzard Charles, in the seventh round and took the title. Already twice beaten by Charles, he was a 6 to 1 underdog, yet he laid Charles out for 55 seconds and almost fainted himself from shock. He recovered, however, and decided to cash in on his crown. Despite an agreement to fight Charles within 30 days, Walcott has refused to fight anyone.

Another big surprise in the boxing world came in London when Randy Turpin upset Sugar Ray Robinson, handing him his second defeat. The results was the ninth million-dollar fight as a short time later in New York Robinson regained his title by stopping Turpin in the 10th round.

Boxing ran into trouble, however, and both New York State and the U. S. Justice Department began an investigation. Orders went out to clean up boxing.

SPORTS in BRIEF

By HANK MESSICK

ANY of you folks like cross word puzzles? Then maybe you'd enjoy trying to crowd the name, Crabtree-Iron Duff, into a headline one column wide. Not that it is impossible, but when you try to say something else too it does become a bit difficult. So, to avoid the difficulty, we decided to shorten the name a bit. Various combinations suggested themselves: Crabiron, Irontree, Treeduff, and others, but we finally decided that Crabduff was dignified, fair enough to both communities, and short. The new term was used in Monday's paper, and the reaction was dignified, fair enough, and a short, "No, thank you." All readers who objected are hereby informed that no ulterior motive, no sinister purpose, and contemptible objective was involved. The word "Crabduff" is hereby retracted and replaced with the approved "Crabtree," or, when something shorter is needed, "C-I-D."

By the way, folks, I was born in Happy Valley, N. C., which is right next door to Pig Trail and just across the ridge from Aho.

MARYLAND, having schedule trouble because of the boycott imposed by the Southern Conference, may only play six games next year. Football is such big business these days that schools have their teams picked years in advance.

KENTUCKY hasn't been able to maintain its number one spot on the hardwood. Illinois, second last week, is first this week, and St. John's is holding down number two. Kaintuck comes third and then Kansas, Washington, St. Louis, Kansas State, Indiana, Oklahoma A & M, and N. C. State in tenth spot. Such regular greats as Wyoming, Iowa, and Notre Dame are on the second ten with NYU.

WITH the end of the year at hand it is quite natural to start a little reviewing. Sports writers agree that the biggest surprises of the year on the gridiron was the amazing defeat, 35-0, of Notre Dame by Michigan State, and the romp of Stanford to the Rose Bowl. The cheating scandal at West Point; the way Princeton continued to win despite the loss of most of its varsity, and the continued popularity of football when other sports lost ground, were the other surprises.

FIGURES this year seem to bear out an old argument that began a long time ago when a highly respected coach said that the forward pass was turning football into a basketball game and predicted that it wouldn't last. Steve Owen of the New York Giants has modified that conception a little when he says: "The pass is great as a threat and an occasional striking weapon, but it is almost useless as a fulltime offense." The figures I mentioned; of the top 20 passers listed by the NCAA, only 11 played for teams that won more than they lost. Only two were on teams that were really impressive.

THE East-West football game is one that most people will agree is good for everybody. In the first place it is played for a worthy purpose: to aid Shrine hospitals, and that is a point that cannot be overestimated. It allows seniors only to play, and it matches the best stars of the east against the best of the west. Should be one answer to the TV question there too: the game is being televised but the 62,000 tickets went in the usual quick time.

MOST of the high school teams take a vacation until the first week of January. Fines Creek, however, is scheduled to visit Cherokee Dec. 21, and on the same date Crabtree goes to Franklin. One interesting fact is that the Bethel basketball team is largely composed of the lads who were the mainstay of the Blue Demon grid squad.

CHUCK Dressen seems eager to manage the Dodgers next year and confident that he'll be given fair treatment by the owners. He illustrated the point by signing a blank contract the other day. Sounds good, but one can't help but think that he had some understanding before he made the gesture.

A SPORTS era is really ending with the retirement of Joe DiMaggio and the recent defeat of Joe Louis. Both were good Joes in every way as far as the general public was concerned and tops in their respective fields. Sure hope DiMaggio will be able to do what Louis could not do—stay retired, and thus retain the glory now connected with his name.

Sports In '51 Gave The Ladies Much To Discuss

Women are becoming more sports minded or, in the words of a gentlemen, less interested in one particular sport. A rather cynical person has advanced an explanation: he says women like to talk and they have at last realized that the supreme male will excuse endless chatter if it is about some sensible subject like sports. In fact, he may even join the conversation.

To refresh your minds therefore, an abbreviated review of the sports year about past is presented. Some gaps are left, fellows, but ask the ladies: they'll be glad to supply anything you need.

Jan. 1—Michigan 14, California 6, in Rose Bowl. Kentucky 13, Oklahoma 7, in Sugar Bowl; Tennessee 20, Texas 14, in Cotton Bowl; Clemson 15, Miami 14, in Orange Bowl, and that's enough bowls.

Jan. 3—Joe Louis knocks out Behore in fourth. Jan. 5, St. Mary's College suspends football and baseball for duration of "emergency." Jan. 10, Paul Bryant signed to 12 year coaching contract at Kentucky. Jan. 12, Charles stops Oma in tenth to retain title. Jan. 17, Bribery revealed at Manhattan College as cager confesses. Jan. 26, Mel Ott and Jimmy Fox elected to Baseball Hall of Fame.

Feb. 3, Southern Conference decides to permit use of freshmen in varsity football. Feb. 7, Joe DiMaggio signs third \$100,000.00 contract. Feb. 13, Sid Luckman ends 12 year playing career with Chicago Bears. Feb. 14, Ray Robinson wins middleweight title from Jake LaMotta. Feb. 18, Three CCNY players involved in basketball scandal. Feb. 19, Three LIU stars confess to bribery. Feb. 20, LIU quits intercollegiate sports. Feb. 24, Rough N Tumble wins \$100,000.00 Santa Anita Handicap. Feb. 27, Fourth CCNY player confesses to taking bribes.

March 6, Kentucky first in final AP basketball poll. March 7, Charles outpoints Walcott to retain heavy crown. March 11, Tom

Rogers becomes football coach at Wake Forest. March 12, Baseball Commissioner Happy Chandler voted down for second time. March 20, Illinois snaps 31-game winning streak of Columbia. March 22, Georgetown quits football after 60 years. March 27, Kentucky wins NCAA basketball title.

April 8, Ben Hogan wins Masters golf for first time. April 29, The Giants lose 11th straight game and the Athletics drop their 10th in row.

May 5, Count Turf wins Kentucky Derby. May 6, Cliff Chambers hurls no-hitter for Pirates against Braves. May 12, U.S. retains Walker Cup. May 18, Kid Gavilan wins welterweight crown by beating Johnny Bratton. May 21, Leo the Lip fined \$100.00 for abusive language against ump. May 25, Ike Williams loses lightweight title to James Carter. May 30, Lee Walard wins 500 mile Indianapolis Speedway in record time of 3:57:38-05.

June 2, White Sox lose to A's after 14 straight wins. June 16, Ben Hogan wins U.S. Open with 287. June 30, Stan Musial gets most votes for All-Star game.

July 1, Bob Feller hurls third no-hitter; beats Detroit 2-1. July 4, Bill Veek beats St. Louis Browns. July 6, Dick Savitt wins Wimbledon tennis crown. July 10, Randy Turpin beats Ray Robinson to take middleweight title. July 10, National League beats American League in All-Star game. 8-3. July 12, Allie Reynolds pitches no-hitter against Bob Feller. July 15, Happy Chandler resigns as baseball commissioner. July 18, Joe Walcott upsets Charles and takes title in seventh round. July 19, Citation is retired after winning \$1,085,760.00. July 20, Giants sign Durocher as manager for '52. July 23, Eight Bradley University players admit to bribery-taking.

Aug. 2, Army kicks out 90 cadets, most of them football players, for cheating. Aug. 11, Giants trail

OLYMPIC REPEATER? - By Alan Maver

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Merchants Win Over Bryson City

The Hazelwood Merchants engaged the Bryson City All-Stars Monday night at the Hazelwood Elementary School gym and squeaked by with a four point margin of victory. Jones got 15 of the Merchants' total income of 42, while Wright was getting 10 points of the combined All Star total of 38.

Phillips also ranked high for the Merchants, tossing in 11 points. It was a close battle with the lead changing several times and the issue in doubt until the last few seconds. The Merchants are a part of the Haywood County League which consists of independent teams throughout the county.

The Lineups:
Merchants (42) All Stars (38)
F—Rogers (3) Woodard (8)
F—Kuykendall (6) Dehart (8)
C—Phillips (11) Jenkins (8)
G—Jenkins (5) Wright (10)
G—Turner (1) Myers (4)
Subs: Merchants—Tweed (3), Jones (15), Edwards, Rhinehart (2), Williams, and Alley. All-Stars—Brown, Referees: Jaynes and Smith.

Wellco No. 2 Defeats Last Place Dayton

The Waynesville Women's Bowling League provided few surprises in this week's action. League leader, Wellco No. 2 defeated Dayton Rubber, 3-0, leaving Dayton still at the bottom of the ladder. Second place Howell Motor beat fifth place Farm Bureau, 3-0, and third place Wellco No. 1 took a 2-1 licking from fourth place Stiles Office Supplies.

Bonnie Fowler rolled the individual high game with 184, and also had the second highest individual series with 480. Cecil Elliott was second in individual high games, getting 182, and Myrtle Tappan was first in high series by virtue of her 481.

Beginning January 7th, the league will do its bowling on Monday nights instead of Tuesday as in the past. Games then will pit Wellco No. 2 against the Farm Bureau; Howell Motor against Stiles Office Supplies; and Wellco No. 1 against Dayton Rubber.

Bethel Takes Double From Fighting Crabtree

Bethel went up to Tuesday night and took a win from the home team won 48-27, and the boys on top, 59-40.

Hyatt with 15 points with 25 led the Blue Demon. Peek got five. McCracken, Peck completed the team.

Canton Takes Sand Hill In Two Games

Canton pushed back Sand Hill Tuesday night; in two games the Black Bears reduced the hills to sand dunes. Before hometown fans he Canton girls dribbled to victory, 44-34, and the Canton boys, while not exactly doing it with one hand behind them, won, nevertheless, 46-42.

The halftime score in the girls' game was 21-19, which indicates a tighter contest than the second half revealed. The boys, however, were leading by the same margin at the half, four points, that they held at the end.

Messer was high scorer for the young ladies of Canton, gaining 16 points. Wilson for Sand Hill got 13 to lead her team. Ledford proved for the boys that somebody other than Carpenter could shoot when he led Canton with 18 Carpenter was second with 15. Jenkins, of Sand Hill, was in between with 16.

Girls' lineup: Canton (44)
Sand Hill (34) Palen (5)
F—Austin (8) Messer (16)
F—Wilson (13) Johnson (12)
G—Cochrane (1) Ford (3)
G—B. Dixon (1) Brank (3)
G—Carlock (1) Bentley (3)
Subs—Sand Hill: Melton, Crook (3), Brooks, Evans, R. Dixon, Ford. Canton: Rogers (11), Crawford.

Boys' lineup: Canton (46)
Sand Hill (42) Carpenter (15)
F—C. Griffin (10) Ledford (18)
C—Brooks (1) Alexander (5)
G—Lovingsood (6) R. Hall (3)
G—Brinkley (2) Stamey (2)
Subs—Sand Hill: Coffee, Canton: Williamson, B. Hall (3).
Halftime score: Sand Hill 25, Canton 21.

A new air service is expected to be operating soon between New Zealand and Tahiti. It will follow a route by way of Western Samoa and the Cook Islands.

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