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Huskies Have Chance to Catch Rams

Central, Potsdam Vie Tonight

Rhode Island Choice As Title at Stake In Game at Storrs

By BILL NEWELL
Courant Sports Writer

After a winter-long chase through the snow and ice of the New England countryside, the University of Connecticut's basketball team finally has the chance to catch up with Rhode Island tonight as the two traditional rivals meet for the Yankee Conference championship at Storrs.

Game time is 8 p.m. in the big field house, following a 6 o'clock freshman contest, and the title match will be seen on television Channels 8 and 12 as well as heard over WTIC Radio.

Rhode Island's Rams are solid favorites to put down Connecticut a second time, wrap up the Yankee Conference crown with a 10-4 record, and carry a 20-6 mark into the NCAA Regional playoffs at Philadelphia next Monday against Southern Conference champion Davidson.

Ernie Calverly's Kingston-based quintet won the first meeting by 82-68 and piled up 10 straight victories including a momentous one over Providence before bowing by two points last Saturday night to Temple.

Nine of Last Ten

Fred Shabel's UConn teams haven't done badly since that mid-January shellacking at Kingston. The Huskies have won nine of their last 10, losing only to Holy Cross, a team which seems to have a hex on the Huskies.

Rhode Island hasn't beaten Connecticut at Storrs in eight years — to the very day. It was March 1, 1958 when the Rams last won in the UConn field house, 85-81.

If Connecticut should upset Rhody tonight, the two teams will wind up as co-titlists in the conference, just as they were two years ago when the Rams caught the UConns on the final day of the regular season. The two coaches will then flip a coin to decide the site of a playoff to be held Friday night, winner of which will go on to the NCAA tournament. This also happened the two winters ago, with the UConns taking the playoff game by one point.

Superior Muscle

Rhody's edge tonight is based on what hoop experts call superior muscle, or stronger play around the boards. Center Art Stephenson, a 6-5 sophomore, is an 11.6 rebounder with a 14.0 scoring average, while high-scorer Steve Chubin, a 24.2 pointmaker, is also rugged underneath.

Henry Carey and Mike Fitzgerald are deadly medium-range shooters and Jim Cystanla is an expert ball-handler and playmaker.

Connecticut can counter with good size, a stronger bench if this should become a factor, and good shooting, but it appears no longer own the boards as they did when Toby Kimball was their leader.

Top scorers for the 15-7 UConns are guards Wes Bialosukna (21.0) and playmaker Tom Penders, along with slim 6-7 center Bill Corley, a 14.9 rebounder and a 14.2 scorer.

Capt. Dan Hesford, an aggressive defender, and Ron Biller are the other Connecticut starters.

Honor Palladino

Two reserves who will have to help Corley off the boards if the Huskies are to have a chance are 6-5 Bob Steinberg and 6-4 Bill Holowaty.

Locally, University of Hartford hosts St. Michael's at 8 p.m. in the Hartford High gym, while Yale winds up its season at New Haven in an 8:30 p.m. Ivy League clash with Brown.

The Hawks, playing their final game at the high school—they'll have their own court next winter—will honor Gary Palladino with a ceremony at halftime. The junior guard from Bristol became the first player in the university's history to reach the 1,000 point plateau last Saturday night when his 45 points—a new single game record—lifted his total to 1,001. Gary has one more contest remaining after tonight.

Baseball Umpires Hold Clinic Tonight

The Connecticut Board of Approved Baseball Umpires will hold a clinic tonight for prospective umpires who plan to take the examinations. The clinic will be held at The Courant Auditorium, 285 Broad St., at 7:30 p.m. Applications can be made to Secretary Charles Adamick, 134 Cedar Ridge Road, Newington, phone 666-2186.



With Malice Toward None

By BILL LEE
Sports Editor

THE HOUR of decision in Yankee Conference basketball will be reached tonight in the pastoral surroundings of Storrs.

At Memorial Field House there, the normal quiet of the campus will turn into a cauldron of heated, partisan noise while the University of Connecticut is striving to beat the University of Rhode Island and get a share of the Conference championship.

The Rhode Island Rams have been hotter than a Chicago mobster's machine gun the second half of the season. For that matter, UConn has won nine of its last ten. This will indeed be a meeting of two stretch-driving teams that represent New England college basketball at its best.



DAN HESFORD and Steve Chubin, Connecticut no longer has the physical advantage it has held over Rhode Island the past three years."

RHODE ISLAND FAVORED

The visiting Rams will be favored despite the fact they haven't whipped the Huskies at Storrs in eight years. But they'll have to do more than merely show up to win.

UConn coach Fred Shabel sized it up Monday:

"We think this is the finest Rhode Island team since I came to Connecticut. They have a basic ingredient of strength and muscle that they've lacked in the past. These qualities were Connecticut hallmarks while we had Toby Kimball. Now Rhode Island has superior muscle in the persons of Art Stephenson

This does not mean, however, that Shabel thinks a victory over Rhode Island is beyond his team's reach.

"The players think we can beat Rhody and so do I," Shabel said emphatically. "This could be decided on defense and shooting percentage. We're a lot better team than the one that lost to Rhode Island at Kingston in January. Rhode Island is stronger too, I'll admit. I'd put the Rams of the last few weeks in a class with Boston College and Syracuse. Henry Carey in recent games has turned into an outstanding player for them. He threw 34 points Saturday against Temple."

UCONN FIXING TO BEAT RAMS

Although he respects the opposition as the best Rhode Island team he has seen, Shabel emphasized that UConn is fixing to beat the Rams, not just make a good showing and go down with colors flying.

Shabel believes a shooting percentage anywhere near as good as the 46 per cent plus his Huskies had against Rutgers would offset the board strength of the Rhode Island muscle men.

Rhode Island respects the Connecticut bench. They believe Shabel has superior reserves. Bill Holowaty and Ron Biller have made rapid strides since mid-season. Pat Curran, Bob Steinberg and Dick Thompson are other invaluable reserves.

Ritter and Dan Hesford have both accelerated their scoring pace recently and Bill Corley carries a good share of the point-making load, but sharpshooting Wes Bialosukna is still top man of the attacking group.

The junior from Poughkeepsia hits on outside jumpers but he can do a job from the corner as well. He is a superb all-around player who is big enough to carry the load that will undoubtedly be heaped upon him against Rhode Island tonight.

A FAREWELL TO ARMS — AND HEART

Tom Penders and Dan Hesford are the hard-hitten men of a Connecticut defense that will have its most testing assignment of the season.

Of Captain Hesford, a senior who will be playing his last regular season game tonight, Coach Shabel had some richly deserving praise:

"The Spider has been a wonderful captain. He has led this team through his actions on the court. Defensively, Dan has more mileage from his body than should be expected from a man his size. A coach could not reasonably ask for any more than this man has given."

The press table will miss Dan, too. He has been a great performer to watch.

It would be thrilling to see this fine Captain lead his team to an upset victory over Rhode Island, but if this doesn't happen, everyone will understand that it wasn't because Dan (The Spider) Hesford didn't put out one hundred and ten per cent.

Blue Devils In NCAA Tournament

By OWEN CANFIELD
Courant Sports Writer

Central Connecticut College's basketball team flies to Syracuse, N. Y. today to engage Potsdam College at 7:15 p.m. in the NCAA Eastern Regionals, the first for the New Britain team.

Bill Detrick's Blue Devils ran through light drills Sunday night and Monday afternoon, in preparation for the important two-game stand which will result in either qualification for further tournament activities, or the end of the basketball season.

Tonight's opposition is a team noted for its defensive prowess, Central's torrid attack, one which carried the Blue Devils over the 100 point mark in half its games this season, stands to be put to a severe test.

Win or lose, the Nutmeggers will play again on Wednesday night. A first-game victory will send them against the winner of tonight's second attraction, in which rugged Philadelphia Textile engages the host five, Le Moyne.

A defeat would mean that Central will take on the loser of the above game in a consolation contest prior to the main event Wednesday evening.

Devils Beat Philly

Philadelphia Textile lost but five of 22 games this season, and one of the defeats was an 88-76 blow administered by Central, on the latter's home court. The Rams are no strangers to the tournament, having won the Eastern Regionals a year ago, only to draw Evansville (Ind.), the eventual champion, and lose 85-76 in quarter-finals.

Evansville is again the aimof the playdown - bound colleges, the team which emerges from the Syracuse tournament unbeaten will play next in Massachusetts, against one of four teams from that state, and the winner here heads for Evansville and the final showdown.

Watched Opponent

Detrick, the mentor who has posted an enviable 133-28 record over a seven-year span had the opportunity to scout tonight's opponent Saturday evening when the Bears nicked Oneonta State, 66-65 in the final regularly-scheduled game of the year. The victory upped Potsdam's record to 16-3.

Coach Tom Niland of Le Moyne's Dolphins enters the tournament under a cloud of redress due to the death of his mother Saturday Funeral services were held Monday. The Dolphin coach has been at the helm of the Syracuse team for 13 years.

The party of 17 from Central is scheduled to arrive in Syracuse at about 10 a.m. this morning, in time to attend a noon-time luncheon scheduled in honor of the four teams involved. The New Britain group, which includes 11 players, will return Thursday morning, arriving at Bradley Field at 10 a.m.



BACKCOURT BOMBERS: Tom Penders (left) and Wes Bialosukna, a pair of junior guards, carry much of the Connecticut basketball team's firepower into tonight's crucial Yankee Conference clash with Rhode Island at Storrs.

Illinois Athletic Commission Tosses Fight Controversy to Atty. General

CHICAGO (AP) — The Illinois Athletic Commission, attempting to leap a legal barrier, threw the controversy over the Cassius Clay-Ernie Terrell title fight into the lap of the state's attorney general Monday.

The commission composed of Chairman Joe Triner, Joe Robichaux and Leo Radzienda refused to cancel the bout scheduled here March 29 despite political pressures and denouncement by Gov. Otto Kerner of Illinois and Mayor Richard J. Daley of Clay for his remarks after his draft status.

Bated Illegal

Illinois Atty. Gen. William C. Clark ruled last Friday that the fight would be illegal because the Chicago promoters' corporation was made up of only two men — Irv Schoenwald and Ben Bentley — instead of at least the required 50 by state law.

Schoenwald requested a new license Monday. The commission unanimously approved it and said the application will be submitted to Clark for approval.

Clark announced Monday night that he would deliver an opinion to the athletic commission Tuesday afternoon and declined further comment.

Ky., Maine Possible Sites

Louisville and Bangor, Maine, became possible sites for the fight if it is not held in Chicago. Louisville is being given "very strong consideration," said attorney Arthur Grafton, spokesman for Clay's Louisville

Live Sports On the Air

UConn vs. Rhode Island
7:55 P.M. WNHC-TV —Ch. 8
7:50 P.M. WTIC—1080

Muslim rights after being reclassified from 1-Y to 1-A upset Kerner, who called Clay's remarks "unpatriotic and disgusting."

Kerner urged the commission to cancel the bout, and Daley said he had not wanted it held in Chicago in the first place.

"The climax came Friday when Clay appeared before the commission and refused to give a suitable apology for his remarks. Clark's ruling followed.

In the meantime, a Pittsburgh promoter withdrew a bid for the fight if it were rejected in Illinois. He said it was "too much trouble." Sunday night, a bid came from Bangor, Maine, to hold it there.

Schoenwald, who has held an Illinois promoter's license for 20 years, and the commission would not comment on the possibility of holding the fight here March 29. Schoenwald said he might ask for a later date because of the legal delays. That plan could hit a possible snag because of the time-limit if Clay now is called to active military duty.

Terrell attended the commission meeting Monday, but Clay was not present. Their attorneys asked what should be done about their training programs and they were told to discuss the problem with the attorney general.

"I don't know what to think, but all this seems to eliminate boxing commissions," said Terrell. "In order to get a fight approved you have to go to a governor or other public officials."

Cancellation of the fight would take an estimated $40,000 which out of the commission's budget.

Chairman Triner said the legal issues were not without precedent, and went back some three decades when the Jimmy Braddock-Joe Louis title bout was held in Chicago.

"Because the fight was not accepted in New York," recalled Triner, "Gov. Henry Horner asked the commission to get a ruling from the attorney general, who was Otis Kerner Sr., father of our present governor."

Oxford Boat Crew Clocks Unofficial Mark

WASSLINGFORD England, (UPI) — The Oxford University boat race crew, with two first-class and swollen Britons, set another stage further for the annual clash with Cambridge, March 26. Their time bettered the official "still world record of five minutes, 20 seconds for 2,000 meters over the Henley course.

Christian Albert and Jim Rogers were the two Yanks in the boat as preparation was carried on in Oxford this time and will not announce its crew until the morning of the race. The eight and pre-7:30 p.m. Monday will probably be the crew to face Cambridge because it has been unchanged in the shell for the past three weeks.

Pro Sports

Hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	31	16	7	69
Chicago	31	18	7	69
Detroit	26	21	9	61
Toronto	25	20	8	58
New York	14	33	9	37
Boston	15	34	6	36

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Eastern Division

Quebec	38	16	3	79
Hershey	26	23	4	56
Springfield	23	30	1	47
Baltimore	19	32	2	40
Providence	15	34	3	33

Western Division

Rochester	36	14	4	76
Pittsburgh	30	25	1	61
Cleveland	29	25	1	59
Buffalo	22	31	3	47

EASTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Northern Division

Long Island	41	39	3	85
Clinton	37	34	3	77
Johnstown	36	28	1	73
New Haven	25	39	2	52
New Jersey	21	49	4	46

Southern Division

Nashville	40	19	6	86
Charlotte	38	27	0	76
Greensboro	33	28	4	70
Knoxville	29	34	2	60
Jacksonville	11	52	3	25

WESTERN LEAGUE

Portland	32	15	5	69
Victoria	30	29	4	64
Vancouver	25	28	3	53
Seattle	25	29	1	51
Los Angeles	21	37	1	43
San Francisco	19	31	2	40

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Oklahoma City	24	20	11	59
Minnesota	24	21	10	58
St. Louis	23	23	8	54
Memphis	22	23	10	54
Houston	22	25	6	52
Tulsa	21	24	9	51

Basketball

NBA

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.
Boston	46	23	.667
Philadelphia	44	24	.647
Cincinnati	41	27	.603
New York	27	39	.409

Western Division

Los Angeles	38	31	.551
Baltimore	33	36	.478
San Francisco	30	39	.435
St. Louis	28	37	.431
Detroit	19	50	.275

x—last night's game not included

NEW ENGLAND

Terryville	8	2	.800
East Hartford	7	3	.700
Meriden	5	4	.556
Thompsonville	4	6	.400
Providence	3	7	.300

College Basketball

Fairfield 75, Rider 72 (overtime)
Niagara 87, Canisius 77
Chicago Loyola 106, Bowling Green 79
Oklahoma State 88, Missouri 87
Wichita 87, Drake 77
Northwest 83, Northwestern, N.Y., Coast 82
Louisiana State 91, Florida 79
Wisconsin 95, Northwestern 87
Michigan 84, Ohio State 77
Kansas State (Pittsburg), 91, N Mexico State 78, Southern Illinois 77
Delaware State 91, Buffalo, N.Y., State 79
Georgia Southern 91, Newberry 84
Illinois 99, Purdue 91
Tennessee 78, Auburn 77
Tennessee 78, Georgia Tech 67
Western Michigan 83, Notre Dame 76
Kentucky 87, Mississippi 77
Minnesota 78, Indiana 74
Boston University 83, Tufts 64 (ot)
Boston College 87, Wake Forest 81
Kansas 81, Kansas State 71

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (UPI) — Jimmy Rayl, former basketball star at Indiana University, holds the Big Ten Conference record for most points in a single game. Rayl hit 56 points against Minnesota in 1963 and equalled that mrak against Michigan State in 1963.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Frank Baumholtz, former major league outfielder, won the National Invitation Basketball Tournament's most valuable player award in 1941 while playing for Ohio University.

NBA

Detroit 126, St. Louis at Memphis, Tenn., (tie) NO GAMES
Boston at St. Louis
Detroit vs. Baltimore at New York
Los Angeles at San Francisco
Philadelphia at Cincinnati

Three Selected For ECAC Event

BOSTON (UPI) — Clarkson, Boston University and Cornell were selected Monday as the top three college hockey teams to compete in the Eastern College Athletic Conference Hockey Tournament next month.

St. Lawrence and Brown will be ranked fourth or fifth in the tourney, depending on how they do in their games between now and March 5, said Coach Herbert Gallagher of Northeastern, the ECAC chairman.

Gallagher said Northeastern or Boston College will hold down the sixth and seventh spots, depending on their won-loss records through March 5.

Still in contention for the remaining spot in the tourney are Colgate, Harvard and Yale.

NEW YORK (UPI) — City College of New York is the only basketball team ever to win both the National Invitation Tournament and the NCAA tournament in the same season. CCNY accomplished the feat in 1950.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Only five colleges have won a No-36 years." tional Invitation Basketball tournament on their first try—Temple in the 1938 inaugural, West Virginia in 1942, St. Louis in 1948, San Francisco in 1949 and Brigham Young in 1951.

A week ago NBC announced the signing of Gowdy, a veteran commentator of baseball, football, and basketball, to handle play-by-play on the Game of the Week.



DIZZY DEAN DROPPED: Dizzy Dean said Monday he had been fired as the sportscaster for the Baseball Game of the Week. Dean said the National Broadcasting Co. had asked him to retire and that he had "seriously refused."

"It was just a nice way of telling me I was fired," said the former star pitcher, who has been broadcasting baseball 14 years.

"I am going to do everything possible to get back on the air. Baseball has been my life for

Legal Teams Behind Scenes

Trial of Baseball Has Short Session, Marking of Exhibits Gets Under Way

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Baseball went on trial Monday — for about 10 minutes — before the U.S. District Court here. Judge Elmer W. Roller was recessed for the behind-the-scenes legal skirmishing involved in marking exhibits.

The important case, which likely will test the entire structure of baseball, began minutes after 9 a.m., before a packed courtroom holding about 150 onlookers a battery of 17 legal experts and a jury box filled with reporters.

The trial of Wisconsin events- tually will put before the court its contention that the National League has violated antitrust laws by moving the Braves from Milwaukee to Atlanta. But there was little courtroom drama at the trial began.

The first official move was an attempt by Saltonstall's counsel to amend its answers to the state's complaint by setting before the court rulings by Georgia and Texas judges who have ordered the Braves to play the 1966 season in Atlanta.

Objects to Moving Ruling

Willard S. Stafford, special counsel for the state attorney general, immediately objected because the matter "is not relevant to the controversy."

Judge Roller said he had not read the new answers and would make a ruling later.

And that was it.

The two legal teams — the National League and its members represented by eight attorneys and the state represented by nine — then adjourned to the judges' chambers for the marking of exhibits.

There was some question about the legal status of the request made to have Judge Roller consider rulings of other judges, specifically the one made in a federal court in Houston. But neither side saw any particular significance.

Robert Russell of the state's legal staff said "it is unusual but it has been done before." Earl Jinkinson, counsel for the Braves, said "We're not asking him to rule on it, we're just calling his attention to it."

As the proceedings bogged down in the marking of exhibits, Judge Roller replied:

"I can't promise that."

Large Crowd on Hand

To accommodate the large crowd interested in viewing the proceedings, the case was moved from Judge Roller's usual court room to a larger one in the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

Each side brought along a battery of legal experts, with Stafford and Atty. Gen. Bronson LaFollette on hand to present the state case and Jinkinson, Bowie Kuhn and Louis Carroll heading the defense.

The importance of the actual trial stems from two factors — the affect it will have on the Braves' scheduled opening date in Atlanta April 12 and the far-reaching ramifications it may have on baseball's special anti-trust status.

In the complex legal maneuvering so far, Judge Roller has directed the National League to make preparations to play home games in Milwaukee if ordered by the court. Last Saturday, he rejected a plea by the Braves and a Houston federal court has issued a temporary injunction ordering the Braves to comply with a 25-year contract to play in Atlanta and a Houston federal court has issued a temporary injunction ordering much the same.

There is the likelihood that the entire problem will wind up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

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