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CELEBRATION CONFLAGRATION — New London High basketball players celebrated their upset victory of Thursday night over Weaver High with a party and cake Friday morning. Coach Richie Cunover provided cake and soda and somebody produced a Weaver flag. Somehow or other the flag caught fire just as the Whalers had the night before when their big victory earned them a post-season tournament spot. Tournament pairings are to be made late today in North Branford.

Columbia Five Is Riding High

By TED MEIER
Associated Press Sports Writer

There hasn't been so much excitement on the Columbia University campus in 17 years.

Back in 1951, the Columbia basketball team won 21 in a row, sweeping its regular season schedule, before losing in the NCAA post-season championship tournament.

The Lions are back among the leaders in college basketball this season. They have won 19 of 21 games and are sixth-ranked nationally in the Associated Press poll.

14 in a Row

The Lions made it 14 in a row with-no easy 73-48 road victory over Brown Friday night in remain tied with Princeton, 10-4, for first place in the Ivy League. Princeton, playing at home, beat Harvard 86-72.

Yale, third place team in the Ivy League, poses the next challenge for Columbia tonight at Yale. In an earlier meeting Columbia beat Yale 106-72 as set-off 46 points. But due to an ankle injury Newmark's playing status is doubtful for tonight.

Columbia was written off in some quarters when the Lions lost three straight to Cornell, Georgetown and Fordham early in December.

With sophomore Jim McMillan and big Dave Newmark showing the way, the Lions caught fire after that and won the Christmas Holiday Festival by whipping West Virginia, Louisville and St. John's of New York. "This is a wonderful thing to happen," a Columbia professor said after the Lions surprised virtually everyone by winning the Holiday Festival. "We are all worked up over the team."

Newmark didn't play against Brown because of a sprained ankle, but the Lions had little trouble. McMillan was content with 21 points as Bill Ames paced the Lions with 20.

Joe Heiser, with 21 points, showed the way over Harvard for Princeton. The Tigers, hopeful of regaining a spot in the Top Ten, are pointing for their showdown battle with Columbia next Saturday when the Ivy crown will be at stake.

It was a comparatively quiet night on the College hardwoods with the Lions the only top ten team to see action.

Stanford edged Oregon State 70-67 in overtime, California downed Oregon 78-64, Penn defeated Dartmouth 68-58, Yale whipped Cornell 83-78, Los Angeles Loyola vanquished U. of Pacific 85-82 and the Air Force humbled Denver for the first time in eight games 84-68. All were home court victories.

John DeGange

Kelley Preps for BAA

Johnny Kelley of Mystic, winner of more marathon races than any other American of the past decade, is getting ready for another run in the Boston A. A. classic in April.

Last month Kelley received the Gold Key award of the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance in recognition of his many achievements in distance running. He has won the National AAU marathon championship eight times. His victory in the Boston marathon of 1957 marked the last time that feat was accomplished by an American. He was the first American finisher in the BAA eight times, including five times runnerup.

Now, at the age of 37, Kelley is training for the BAA marathon, as he puts it, "for old times' sake." It will be his 16th start in the Boston grind.

"It has become a spring ritual," he says, "an interesting thing to do each spring I want to be in shape for a creditable race."

To get himself in shape, Kelley says he needs a few good months of training. His daily mileage varies, but he puts in a weekly average of about 100 miles.

Kelley is an English teacher at Fitch Senior High School in Groton. He does his training early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Starting about 5:30 in the morning, he will do 6 to 10 miles over a course that generally takes him through downtown Mystic, where there is not likely to be much traffic at that time. In the afternoon, starting at 4 or 4:30, he will run anywhere from 7 to 10 miles to the north into Ledyard.

This week Kelley scored an impressive victory in a race that was billed as a warmup for the BAA. He won by a wide margin in the second annual Washington's Birthday race in Massachusetts over a 10½ mile course from Hopkinton to Newton.

Kelley has twice been a member of the United States Olympic team, and this is another Olympic year. Does he have any plans beyond the BAA race?

In my advanced athletic years," he says, "I run for enjoyment. I hope to run a good race in the BAA — and then see what happens."

For marathon runners with Olympic aspirations, this shapes up as a very busy year. Time was when America's Olympic marathoners were chosen on the basis of performance in the BAA race in April and the National AAU championship at Yonkers a month later. Now that is changed.

The Boston marathon, famed as an international contest, is not a part of the Olympic preliminary program this year, but many Olympic hopefuls will run in it because of the prestige that the race carries.

The process of selecting Olympic representatives will begin in June with six regional races, one of them in Holyoke. The top five or six in each regional test will go to the national final at Alamosa, Colo. The Alamosa event will be run on a high-altitude course similar to the 7,200-foot altitude of Mexico City, where the Olympic games will be held in October.

With all the preliminary running, Kelley observes, the season will be long and arduous for the marathoner who wants to go all the way.

"With an ascending order of competition, each contest becomes more difficult," he says, "and each one increases the probability that the runner will have a poor race."

At the same time, Kelley believes that the developing competition portends a great performance in the final showdown for the gold medal at Mexico City.

He wouldn't be surprised, he says, if the winning time proves to be faster than Abebe Bikila's Olympic record 2:12:11.2 of 1964.

The Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance met with the coaches of 25 leading Connecticut high school basketball teams this week at New Haven. It was in the nature of a briefing session before the CIAC post-season tournaments. One of the last speakers was Frank Scalzo, Weaver High School coach, who suggested a change in the system of pairing teams for CIAC tournament play.

Scalzo noted that in CIAC baseball and soccer tournaments, the No. 1 ranked team is paired with the No. 16 team in a 16-team draw. In CIAC basketball, also with a 16-team draw, the No. 1 team is paired with the No. 9 team and the No. 8 team goes against the No. 16 team.

Scalzo expressed the view that this system works to the disadvantage of the No. 1 ranking basketball team.

"It seems to me," he said, "that the No. 8 team playing against No. 16, has a better chance of advancing in the tournament than the No. 1 team playing against No. 9."

When the question was asked as to why the numerical draw for CIAC basketball is the way it is, no one seemed to have a definite answer. It was suggested that the draw is arranged in a way that makes stronger matches for first round games, thus insuring capacity attendance. It was noted, too, that CIAC basketball is a revenue producer that helps pay the way for other sports which are not financially self-supporting.

St. Thomas More School at Gardner Lake will be the site of the Connecticut Basketball School again this summer. Fred Shabel and Carl Fischer, directors of the school, have announced the dates, Aug. 25-31 inclusive. This will be the eighth season of the school, which is attended by boys from Connecticut as well as a few from out of state.

The staff of lecturers will include Hal Greer of the Philadelphia 76ers, who made the NBA All-Star team for the seventh time this year, and Burr Carlson, University of Connecticut coach. Also on the staff will be veterans Connecticut high school coaches, most of whom have been connected with the school since its beginning.

Nancy Allen Clark of the Magnum Rifle Club of New London will compete as the defending champion in the women's division of the 27th Connecticut State Gallery Match on the Winchester ranges in New Haven March 8-9-10. In the scholastic division, New Old Farms School will defend its championship against New London, Manchester, Middletown, Windham and Brunswick High School of Greenwich.

City League Playoff Opens Sunday

NEW LONDON — The City-wide Basketball League will open its home in the nightcap at about double elimination playoff for the Mike Byrnie Memorial Trophy Sunday night with a twin bill at Ocean Beach Auditorium.

The second place Oilers will winners at 8:30. Electric Boat, play the third place Mohawks in which swept both halves of the ice opener at 7:15 p.m., while regular season, is the choice to the champion Electric Boat club take the playoff trophy, but it best.

In the opener Sunday, the Oilers will be slightly favored to take the Mohawks because they seem to have momentum going from the Mohawks were challenging the Boatmen for second half honors going into the final week of regular season play when they fell apart and dropped three in a row. The Oilers, on the other hand, have been winning regularly of late.

The second game finds the Boatmen installed as the favorites, but league followers feel the Longhorns have the shooters to spring an upset if the marksmen can put their best efforts together.

Henry Carey City League Scoring Champion With Record 703 Points

HENRY CAREY

NEW LONDON—Henry Carey rewrote the City Basketball League's individual scoring record book this season.

The former University of Rhode Island star and present head basketball coach at Westerly High School, won the league's individual scoring championship with a record 703 points.

He broke the former record by 199 points.

The former mark was 514, set during the 1954-55 season by Phil Jones of Electric Boat.

Carey appeared in 23 of the 24 games played by the Mohawks. He averaged a shade over 30 points.

Runnerup was Jim McMahon of the Coast Guard Eagles with a 459 points in 18 games.

Four other players hit for 400 or more points — Bob Simeri of the regular season champion Electric Boat, 444 in 21 games; Dan Jones, Oilers, 426 in 22; Fred Boerer, Mohawks, 412 in 24, and Mike Pennella, Longhorns, 401 in 22.

Gene Armbalmi, league president and official scorer, announced individual scoring figures.

	Games	Pts.
Carey, Mohawks	23	703
McMahon, Eagles	18	470
Simeri, E.B.A.C.	21	444
Jones, Oilers	22	426
Boerer, Mohawks	24	412
Pennella, Longhorns	23	401
Harran, Longhorns	24	395
Jensen, E.B.A.C.	24	367
Randall, Mohawks	24	359
Davenport, Oilers	24	312
Gunther, Oilers	17	308
Barclay, E.B.A.C.	24	298
Coleman, Longhorns	13	294
Brown, Mohawks	24	293
Reagan, Longhorns	19	278
Feyerweather, E.B.A.C.	18	257
Dilmore, Eagles	19	252
Lawrence, E.B.A.C.	11	241
Madden, Longhorns	19	237
Fahey, E.B.A.C.	21	228
Curran, Oilers	20	204
Magyarsi, Oilers	22	196
Townes, Oilers	13	186
Hvolos, Eagles	17	178
Cushman, Eagles	9	155
Goower, Longhorns	9	153
Hochman, Oilers	21	152
Ferraro, Mohawks	14	151
Laberde, Mohawks	9	121
Daley, Eagles	11	116
Harchiel, E.B.A.C.	11	111
Contoulis, Longhorns	11	110
Fetcher, Eagles	13	109
Dittman, Oilers	19	104
Harris, Longhorns	18	102
Lapkowski, Mohawks	15	101
Yerring, Oilers	5	100
Frantz, E.B.A.C.	7	98
Miller, E.B.A.C.	7	97
Wintlin, Eagles	11	96
Thrasher, Oilers	11	94
Klimaszewski, Moha.	12	93
Burdzinski, Longhorns	3	92
Brigockas, Longhorns	16	91
Hrvacky, Eagles	15	90
Madoyo, Longhorns	14	89
Wickermier, Eagles	7	87
Anderson, Eagles	12	86
Halenkamp, Eagles	4	85
DeWalt, E.B.A.C.	4	84
Smith, E.B.A.C.	4	83
Mahon, Eagles	16	82
Styron, Eagles	11	81
Lessig, Longhorns	5	80
Klopsch, Mohawks	2	79
Whittaker, Mohawks	5	78
Carson, Mohawks	2	77
Hughes, Mohawks	4	76
Golden, Eagles	2	75
Stoll, Eagles	3	74
Dambroski, Eagles	1	73

Douglass and Ogden Tied For Lead in Tucson Open

By STEVE BASSETT

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Dale Douglass and Bill Ogden carried a one-stroke lead into today's third round of the $100,000 Tucson Open Golf Tournament.

Douglass, El Denver, Colo., carded nine birdies en route to a 31-35—66 second round, equaling the Tucson National Golf Club course record in 1965 by Don Januzzy.

He and Ogden, the host pro, both had 36-hole totals of nine under par 135, to lead a pack of close pursuers over the 72-yard par-72 Tucson National Course.

Ogden, 43-year-old winner tour regular since 1947, played steady golf Friday, his approach shots putting him in position for four birdie putts of eight feet or less.

He also eagled the 530-yard, par five 11th hole with a drive, four-wood second shot and a six-inch putt.

"It's the best round I ever played. I'm sure of that," said Douglass, who missed only one green. The slender 155-pounder rifled his approach shots so accurately that six of his birdie putts measured four feet or less.

One stroke behind the leaders with eight-under 136's at the start of play today were Harold Henning, Jack Montgomery and first-round leader Jerry McGee, who had to scramble to record a one-under-par 71.

Defending champion Arnold Palmer had a three-under 69 Friday but his 36-hole total of 143 put him eight strokes behind the leaders.

CGA Cagers Seek Third Straight

NEW LONDON — Coast Guard Academy's basketball team will try to stretch its winning streak to three tonight when it plays Tufts at the Cossens gym in Medford, Mass.

The Cadets have beaten Wesleyan and Trinity this week and another victory would bring the team to 9-11 and keep alive the hopes for a .500 season.

The Cadets may be hurting a bit in the backcourt for this one with Charlie Huber having an injured hand and Dave DuBois an injured ankle. DuBois, however, worked out yesterday and may be ready for some action tonight.

Coach Jerry Bechtel is planning to start Kent Kirkpatrick and Bob Thorpe in the backcourt with Doug Brown at center and Ken Zebel and Capt. Jim Hested up front. Larry Parkin and DuBois will be front line reserves, plus Huber in the event the latter's arm injury responds to treatment.

Tufts, with pretty much of a veteran unit, has been having a successful season and figures to be tough. Most recent game for the Jumbos was against Boston University Thursday in the Beanpot tourney, the Terriers prevailing by 10 points.

After tonight's game, the Cadets will have two left. They will meet Worcester Tech in Worcester, Mass., Friday and are at home for the finale Saturday against RC Jones and his Brandeis University squad.

Fitch Plans Basketball Game as Fund Benefit

GROTON—The Fitch Senior High basketball team will make one more appearance before the season ends, facing an Alumni team at 8 p.m. Tuesday in a benefit game for the Groton Athletic Boosters Club scholarship fund.

The club will award a scholarship to the outstanding Fitch player at the second annual sports banquet in May.

The varsity will be coached by Walter Hunsinger, who concluded his regular coaching duties at the school in Thursday night's game with Hartford Public.

Playing for the Falcons for the final time will be three seniors—Mike Tansey, Jim O'Reilly and Art Sawyer. The other members of the Fitch squad will be returning next winter.

The Alumni will be coached by Fred A. Davis and its players will include John Livermore, Robert Klingman, Mike Whittaker, Martin Hyatt, Ronald Wing, Ted Hespeler, Phil Deschamps, Reggie Teague and Phil Nolan.

A preliminary at 6:30 will be played between the Alumnae and Fitch girls. Heading the graduates will be Marion Storey, Linda Hansen, Trudi Trail, Linda Dowling, Carol Kelly and Nancy Bigelow.

Next Week's Sports Slate

BASKETBALL

Tonight
Coast Guard Academy at Tufts.
Third Junior High tourney, 7 p.m., William F. O'Brien gym.

Tomorrow
N. L. League Playoffs — Oilers vs. Mohawks, 7:15 p.m., and Electric Boat vs. Longhorns, 8:30 p.m., Ocean Beach Auditorium.

Monday
Harlem Magicians vs. East Hartford Eggheads, 8 p.m., William F. O'Brien gymnasium.
St. Thomas More at Cornwall Academy.
N. L. League Playoffs—Sunday winners at 7:15 and 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Three Junior College at Mitchell College.

Thursday
N. L. League Playoffs — Ocean Beach Auditorium.

Friday
Coast Guard Academy at Worcester Tech.

Next Saturday
Brandeis University at Coast Guard Academy.
Interac All-Star game.

WRESTLING

Sunday
Connecticut Small Fry championships, 1 p.m., Waterford High School.

Wednesday
Rensselaer at Coast Guard Academy, 7 p.m.

Next Saturday
Coast Guard Academy at Tufts.

SWIMMING

Tonight
CIAC Sectionals at Kennedy High, Waterbury, 7 p.m.

Next Saturday
Coast Guard Academy at University of Connecticut.
CIAC Finals at Southern Conn. State College, New Haven, 7:30 p.m.

TRACK

Next Saturday
Coast Guard Academy at Colby, Maine.

BOWLING

Next Saturday
Conn. Junior Bowling Championships, Holiday Bowl.

Basketball
Yale 82, Cornell 78
Keene (N.H.) State 98, Eastern Conn 81
Merrimack 108, Sacred Heart 86

Cadet Gymnasts Defeat Ithaca

NEW LONDON — Coast Guard Academy's gymnastics team closed out its dual meet campaign Friday night by defeating Ithaca College, 114.20 to 89.55, at Billard Hall.

The victory was the ninth for the Cadets in 13 meets and brought Coach Jeff Cardinali his third straight successful season. His two previous years of coaching produced 5-5 and 6-3 records.

Ted Colburn, totaling 28 points for the night, was the standout for the Cadets.

John Magiera, Stan Funk and John Kastorff closed out their gymnastics careers at home in the meet.

Floor exercise: 1, Cowden, (I), 8.35; 2, Colburn, (CG), 8.30; 3, Kastorff (CG), 8.00; 4, Magiera (CG), 5.35.

Side horse: 1, Anderson (CG), 8.35; 2, Kirby (CG), 8.20; 3, Cowden (I), 4.00; 4, Colburn (CG), 3.70.

Still rings: 1, Federman (I), 7.90; 2, Aalberg (CG), 7.50; 3, Colburn (CG), 6.25; 4, Cowden (I), 45.00.

Trampoline: 1, Zurrell (CG), 4.90; 2 Ely (CG), 4.85; 3, Cowden (I), 3.95; 4, Lavery (I), 2.40.

Long horse: 1, Colburn (CG), 8.90; 2, Funk (CG), 8.85; 3, Hyde (I), 8.10; 4, Magiera (CG), 7.80.

Parallel bars: 1, Cowden (I), 8.95; 2, Federman (I), 4.75; 3, Kissinger (CG), 4.60; 4, Colburn (CG), 2.95.

Horizontal bar: 1, Cowden (I), 8.10; 2, Funk (CG), 3.70; 3, Colburn (CG), 3.10; 4, Kastorff (CG), 2.70.

Seats with Obstructed Views Bring Howls from Hockey Fans in Garden

By MURRAY ROSE
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Heeding the howls of the hockey customers, Madison Square Garden has begun work on improving the sightlines for some of the seats with obstructed views in the new $43 million arena.

Railings are being lowered and raised and work on raising seats in some sections and fixing retaining walls in some parts of the arena will be done whenever possible. Garden officials said today they expect to have the hockey problem fixed by the summer.

The beautiful, spacious, multi-colored arena, opened on Feb. 11, wasn't supposed to have any obstructed views. But it has, mostly for hockey and track.

Outside of a few railings, which also will be lowered or removed, the view is unobstructed for most of the 18,000 fixed seats.

The main complaint on basketball is the distance from the court line in the third promenade to the mezzanine, which must be called the last resort.

There's more room and the seats are cushioned but it's a long way to the court. In the old Garden upstairs it was steep, crowded, and the seats were hard, but the fan was much closer to the court.

Many hockey fans complained about obstructed views with words and posters last Wednesday night.

At a news conference Friday, Garden officials announced their plans for improving the sightlines. They also offered refunds to seat-holders in certain sections with particularly bad views.

The Garden has had trouble with escalators not working or going too fast, failure of the scoreboards, the clocks and the public address system at times, and a leak from the roof to the basketball court, among other things.

Ned Irish, the Garden president, said he was hopeful the mechanical problems would be taken care of in about 10 days. He declined to give the cause of the trouble.

"They were supposed to be ready and working," said Irish. "We didn't have time for a

shakedown cruise," moaned Rob Wolff, another Garden executive.

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TOURNEY-BOUND — Ledyard High School's basketball team won 12 out of 19 games during the regular season and has qualified for the upcoming CIAC post-season schoolboy Class M (Medium Schools) basketball tournament. Kneeling (l to r): John Cody, Dennis McCarthy, John Langford, Bill Evans, Chauncey Pyle and Jim Rogan. Standing: Bill Rickman, Bob Latham, John O'Hara, Bill Hewes and Brian McNally. (Missing: Mike Leyland, Bob Gaucher and Jack Clark).

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