

# SPORTS

## East Chicago Washington Is Well Balanced

(Last of our stories on the finalists in Indiana's high school basketball tourney.)  
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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Adequate height, balance and a sticky defense characterize East Chicago Washington's Senators, perhaps the Calumet's best hope in 20 years to win the Indiana high school basketball crown.

Coach Johnny Baratto's boys are determined to win two more games and bring the elusive state title to teaming Lake County for only the second time in 30 years of tourney play.

They'll go against Fort Wayne Central in the second afternoon game of the state finals here Saturday, and if things go their way, take on the Muncie Central-Bloomington winner at night in the championship scrap.

The East Chicagoans have made it to the "state" for the first time since 1947 with semi-state tourney victories over Logansport and Covington last weekend.

It was the first time in three years of being favorites that they crashed through. In 1958, Crawfordsville stopped them, and it was Lafayette in a stunning upset last year.

**Sensors Are "Batters"**  
This bunch has a lot of determination, said the bachelors. "They're the best batters we've had in some time. If they play their normal game Saturday, we'll do all right."

Of course, Baratto added thoughtfully, "a lot depends on who is hitting."  
Baratto said this year's Washington crew is entirely different from his state finalists 13 years ago.

"We don't have the pivot man we had in (Ray) Ragels," he said, "but we're a lot faster. I think we're pretty good on defense, too."

Baratto's West NIHSC champions were fourth in the state in the United Press International coaches' ratings and lost only to Roosevelt and Tollestson of Gary during the season. They avenged the loss to Roosevelt in East Chicago's regional, 60-58.

"Roosevelt was our toughest game in the tourney so far," said Baratto. "And Hammond Tech and Highland were strong, too."

Against Roosevelt, the Senators forged into a seven-point lead, lost most of it, went ahead again by nine, and lost most of that.

"And we couldn't pull away from Logansport last Saturday, either," said Baratto. "But we played one of our better games offensively against Covington (77-51), and our defense was also good."

**Divjak Is Standout**  
Baratto, who compiled a 278-97 record in 16 seasons at East Chicago, usually depends on a seven-man unit. His starting five consists of southpaw Ron Divjak, Jim Bakos, Phil Dawkins, Bob Cantrell and Rudy LaMar. His top substitutes are Darryl Williams and Ruben Rodriguez. Divjak, Bakos and Williams stand 6-5.

"This team's attitude is the greatest I've had," said Baratto. "Their team spirit is terrific."  
Baratto's 1947 quintet was axed by eventual champion Shelbyville in the afternoon round of the finals.

"We know Fort Wayne is a good club," he said. "They were in a slump when we had them up for our holiday tourney last December, but they have improved tremendously."

"I just hope we get into that night game."

As the only state finalist still

## Jim Reidenbach Is Named Net Captain

The basketball awards for 1960 were announced today by head coach Paul Bevelhimer. Senior Jim Reidenbach received the captain's star, by a vote of his teammates.

Varsity letters went to seniors Jim Gay, Bob Frahiger, and Reidenbach, who will be the only losses for coach Bevelhimer in rebuilding his 1960-61 squad.

Juniors John Cowan, Tom Grabbill, Stu Knodel, Jerry Rambo, and Ed Nelson, all received their "D" monograms. Denny Bollenbacher, Max Eichenauer, Rudy and Ron Kleinknight, are the sophomores who gained letters.

Freshman awards went to Dave Magley, Dave Beery, Jim Martin, Bill Conrad, Ron Thieme, Steve Gause, Rex Strickler, Rusty Whetstone, Dave Gay, Bob McClure, Bob Ladd, Roger Bixler, Paul Feller, Dan Heller, and David Riehle. Coach Floyd Reed announced the freshman winners.

## Lakers Beat Hawks, Even Playoff Series

By GARY KALE  
United Press International  
Bill Russell and Bob Cousy, the long and short of the Boston Celtics, were set to double-team the Philadelphia Warriors again tonight in their Eastern Division finals of the National Basketball Association playoffs.

Minneapolis evened its best-of-seven Western Division final playoff series with St. Louis Thursday night as Elgin Baylor's 40 points rallied the Lakers to a 120-113 victory over the Hawks.

Boston won its opener over Philadelphia Wednesday when the 6-10 Russell, out-rebounded by Wilt Chamberlain all season, gained control of the backboards. Chamberlain's 42 points were not enough as the six foot Cousy passed off for 13 Boston baskets and scored 19 points himself.

**Stop-Cousy Strategy**  
Coach Neil Johnston mapped a stop-Cousy strategy for tonight's second game, but admitted "checking" Cousy is a difficult problem.

"If you move in on him," Johnston said, "he dribbles in, passes off or throws over to Bill Sharman, who plays even deeper."  
Johnston predicted the Warriors would make a better showing and improve their accuracy from the field. Chamberlain's total more than doubled the figure of Paul Arizin, his closest scoring companion, who had 18 points.

Minneapolis, meantime, is following the same pattern that led to its upset over St. Louis in last year's Western finals and the Lakers into a losing championship round with the Celtics.

**Baylor Paces Lakers**  
Like last season, the Hawks won the first game on Wednesday, holding Baylor to 19 points. This time, however, the Hawks couldn't contain the former Seattle University All-American as he brought his team back from a 90-96 third quarter deficit.

The Lakers converted a sizzling .505 per cent of their field goal attempts. Baylor had plenty of help as Frank Selvy, a former Hawk, tallied 22 points and Hot Rod Hundley canned 25.

St. Louis' three big siege guns accounted for 80 points in the Hawk total, with Clyde Lovellette scoring 30, Cliff Hagan netting 26 and Bob Pettit 24.

The teams travel for the third game of the playoffs on Saturday, Philadelphia will be at Boston and St. Louis moves on to Minneapolis.

looking for its first title, East Chicago has everything to gain. But regardless what happens Saturday, school is out Monday.

"We save the celebrating until it's all over," said Baratto.

**County Junior High Final Game Tonight**  
St. Joseph of Decatur will meet Hartford at 8 o'clock tonight at the Pleasant Mills gym in the championship game of the Adams county junior high tourney.

Pleasant Mills and Monmouth will play at 7 o'clock in the consolation game for third place. The games were originally scheduled two weeks ago but were postponed because of bad weather.

## Muncie Seeks Record Fifth Championship

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Mighty Muncie Central seeks a historic "fifth" Saturday in what could be one of the best Indiana high school basketball tourney finals in half a century of the "March Madness."

The unbeaten Bearcats of coach John Longfellow hope to close out the season with a 29-game winning streak by besting strong Bloomington and the East Chicago Washington-Fort Wayne Central survivor to gain an unprecedented fifth state title for their hardwood-conscious school.

Although Muncie was favored—it was a prohibitive 7 to 1 pre-state tourney choice pick to succeed Indianapolis Attucks as champion—the three-game finale was expected to be hard-fought.

Bloomington is 26-1, owns a 22-game winning streak and ranks fifth in the state.  
East Chicago's West NIHSC titlists rank fourth, are 26-2 and their nucleus includes three players who measure 6-5. And Fort Wayne Central, 23-5, has been coming fast in recent weeks, rounding into top form in time for the month-long showdown. They were rated 15th at the end of the regular season.

**Seek First Title**  
Of this foursome, only East Chicago is still looking for its first state crown. The Senators are in the state finals for only the second time and hope to become the second team to win top honors for the Calumet. Hammond Tech did it 20 years ago, and the area's last "final four" representative, Gary Roosevelt, lost to Attucks in the championship game five years ago.

It'll be a "first" for the coach of the winning team, however, for none has ever helped cut down the nets in spacious Butler Fieldhouse.

Longfellow's first Muncie quintet, in 1958, also made it to the four-team finals, but Crawfordsville wrecked the Bearcats' bid in the afternoon round, 53-45.

This is the third time since Muncie won its fourth state crown in 1952 under first-year coach Jay McCreary that it barged into the finals, and if the third time is the charm, history will be made.

Muncie would also become the third team to win the crown with a perfect record, following Attucks in 1956 and South Bend Central the next year.

**Plenty of Stars**  
The three other contenders were expected to put up strong arguments. Bloomington, state champ in 1919 and in the four team finals for the first time in 38 years, depends on the one-two punch of Mickey Reeves and Dick Sparks to counter Muncie's trio of Ron Bonham, John Dampier and Jim Davis.

East Chicago Washington, here for the first time since 1947, put its hopes on lefty Ron Divjak, Phil Dawkins and Darryl Williams.

Fort Wayne, although the smallest team among the four, could be the best-balanced—led by T.C. Williams, Willie Curry and J.C. Lapsley. The Tigers also are strangers here—it's their first tour of duty since 1946. They won the "state" in 1943.

Bloomington, East Chicago and Fort Wayne held final practice sessions on the Butler boards today, then stayed overnight.

Muncie did not get a practice session at Butler because it played two semi-state tourney games there last Saturday. The Bearcats were not expected here until shortly before their afternoon scrap with Bloomington.

The southern semi-state, represented by Bloomington, is the "stepchild" of the four. The downstate haven't bagged the coveted title since 1949 when Jasper edged Madison, 62-61.

**Rifle Team To State Contest Saturday**  
Decatur Catholic high school's rifle team will travel to Culver Military Academy for the state meet Saturday with about six or seven of the shooters representing the local school. Concordia took the measure of the DCHS team Thursday night at the Mies Recreation range, 957-930, but the local boys reduced the margin of the first contest when Concordia overwhelmed Decatur Catholic.

Don Gage, DCHS rifle coach, listed the top five shooters as follows: Sev Schurger, 97-96 — 193; Dave Colchin, 98-94 — 192; Fred Kauffman, 94-95—189; Joe Schurger, 93-87—180, and Mike Ehler, 92-84—176. Top two scorers for Concordia were Riley with 98-96—194, and Weigman, 98-95—193.

## All-Awards Banquet Held At Monmouth

Nearly 185 people attended the all-awards banquet at the Monmouth school, Monday evening. Following the carry-in dinner, John Rosier, toastmaster for the evening, introduced Phil Eakew, superintendent of the Huntington schools, who was the main speaker for the evening. He presented a challenge to both students and parents to put forth their best efforts.

Thirty-seven awards were presented by the teachers: Don Elder, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Gerig, Mrs. Herderhorst, and the principal, Mr. Rix.

Students receiving athletic awards were: Waldo Bultemeier, Richard Bulmahn, Dan Bieberich, Eugene Bulmahn, Michael Carr, Jack Miller, Roy Fuhrman, Loren Bieberich, Richard Bieberich, Don Brown, Dennis Braun, Jim Dave Singleton, Roger Spencer, Blenz, Lonnie Busck, Carl Miller, Leroy Berger, Don Busick, Kenneth Kolter, Dave Caston, Richard Hockmeyer, and Tom Peck.

Cheerleading awards were presented to Joyce Busick, Roslyn Bultemeier, and James Fuhrman. Band awards were received by Ann Seaman, Linda Krutzman, Lila Krutzman, Kent Girod, David Caston, Kenneth Fuhrman, Janice Linker, and Janet Shaffer.

Maxine Thieme and Marlin Blakey received dramatic awards. Shirley Bieberich received a Betty Crocker award, and Margaret Boerger was recognized as the Monmouth School DAR Girl and Adams County DAR Girl.

## Providence To Meet Bradley In NIT Final

NEW YORK (UPI)—City detectives were investigating basketball's "great orange juice mystery" today but top-seeded Providence and upstart Providence had problems of their own before Saturday's final round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Target for the sleuths — a "phony" hotel bell hop who brought Bradley's Chet Walker a glass of orange juice that may have made him sick during the Braves' 82-71 win over St. Bonaventure Thursday night.

Target for the teams — victory in Saturday afternoon's nationally televised windup of the Madison Square Garden Tourney.

Whether the juice Walker drank contained dope probably would be known today, when a police chemist's report was to be announced.

**Describes Bell Hop**  
The bell hop, described by Walker as "about 18 years old, six feet tall, and black haired," appeared at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the hotel room shared by Walker and teammate Al Saunders.

Walker downed his glass immediately. Saunders didn't.

Walker began feeling ill "about seven o'clock." By game time at 7:30 p.m., he was suffering from cramps and diarrhea. He was in and out of the games several times, playing only 26 minutes but scoring 27 points. After the game he was nauseated.

Despite his absence for 14 minutes, Walker shared star billing in the Braves' triumph with backcourt ace Mike Owens, a red-haired speedball who devastated St. Bonaventure's vaunted "nervous press" defense.

Owens eluded the harrying Bonnet front-line defenders and invariably passed to the "loose man" deep — downcourt. The Braves couldn't stop the Stith brothers from topping their 52-point per game average with 54 (34 for Tom, 20 for Sam) but trailing by only 61-59 with 9:30 remaining.

**Admit Post Play**  
Providence reached the final with a 65-62 win over second-seeded Utah State in a contest both sides admitted was poorly played. The Friars fell into their old habit of blowing leads, this time 10 points, before five points by Jim Hadnot in the last 2:12 paced the win.

"I know Utah State made a lot of mistakes," said Friar Coach Joe Mullaney. "But boy, oh, boy, how about us instead of playing it smart when we had that lead and taking good shots, we couldn't wait to take a bad shot."

Len Wilkins led the Friars with 13 points while Cornell Frieren and Jerry Schofield had 19 each for Utah State.

## Mantle's Knee Is Worry For New York Yanks

By TIM MORIARTY  
United Press International

Although they won't admit it, the New York Yankees are becoming increasingly concerned over Mickey Mantle's chronic knee trouble.

The shuffling outfielder pulled up with a badly inflamed right knee at the Yankees' St. Petersburg, Fla., training camp Thursday and was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

"There are no bone chips but the knee is inflamed and there is some fluid in there," said Dr. Sidney Gaynor, the team physician, who advised Mantle to "take it easy" for a few days.

Mantle has had trouble with the same knee since the 1951 World Series when he ripped the inner cartilage so severely he had to undergo an operation. Additional leg trouble and shoulder miseries handicapped him last year, when he had his most disappointing season with the Yankees, hitting only .285.

**May Be Hobbled**  
While Mickey's current plight wasn't judged too serious, there is always the possibility the knee may hobble him more this year than in the past—and that's what has the Yankees worried.

Manager Casey Stengel fully realizes that in order for the Yankees to bounce back from their surprising third-place finish last year they will need a healthy Mantle in their lineup every day.

Thus far this spring, the former champs have looked woefully weak at the plate — scoring only seven runs in losing three of their first five exhibition games. They collected only two hits in a 3-0 loss to the Chicago White Sox Tuesday and were limited to three safeties in a 1-0 victory over the Washington Senators Wednesday.

**Clubs Enjoy Break**  
The Yankees, along with seven other clubs based in Florida, enjoyed a break in their training grind Thursday when a heavy rain washed out four exhibition games.

However, in sunny Arizona the Cleveland Indians downed the Chicago Cubs, 4-3, on Rocky Colavito's fourth home run of the spring and the San Francisco Giants scored an uphill 4-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

The Kansas City Athletics set back the Baltimore Orioles, 3-2, in 10 innings at Miami and the White Sox edged the Senators, 1-0 at Sarasota as rookie pitchers Ed Hobaugh, Gary Peters and Stover McIlwain combined in turning in a one-hitter.

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## Doubles Tourney To Open At Mies April 2

The fifth annual Mies Recreation doubles tourney will begin April 2, according to a release this morning from tourney manager Dick Mies. Local bowlers are asked to reserve their desired bowling positions and time as early as possible, starting today. This is a handicap tourney with 400 scratch, and 70 per cent handicap.

A bowler may roll as many times as he wishes, with the stipulation that he change partners. Entry fees for the event may be paid at the time of registration. Open bowling will be available all day Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. until closing time. For reservations call the Mies Recreation.

## Bowling Scores

Major League			
	W	L	Pts.
Oakdale Kennels	21	12	29
Blue Flame	19	13	27
Quality Chevy-Buick	19	14	26
Ideal Dairy	16 1/2	16 1/2	22 1/2
Hoagland Farms	17	16	21
Beavers Oil	16	17	21
Petrie Oil	15	18	20
Midwestern Life	15	18	20
Three Kings	14	19	19
Tocsin	12 1/2	20 1/2	14
600 series: L. Reef 617 (193-173-251); J. Meyer 606 (223-184-199).			
200 games: M. Bauermeister 203, J. Parent 220, E. Baker 213, D. Burke 201, C. Hurst 207.			
Blue Flame won 3 from Tocsin, Oakdale Kennels won 2 from Hoagland Farms, Beavers Oil won 2 from Midwestern Life Ins., Quality Chevy-Buick won 2 from Ideal Dairy, Petrie Oil won 3 from Three Kings.			

Women's Minor League			
	W	L	Pts.
Krick-Tyndall	18	9	24
Treon's	17	10	23
Burke Insurance	16	11	22
First State Bank	14	13	18
Kent Realty	13	14	18
Citizens Telephone	13	14	17
Petrie Oil	13	14	17
Arnold Lumber	12	15	17
Girardot Standard	11	16	15
Pastime Music	8	19	9
High games: E. Strickler 165-171, N. Rowland 165, R. Frauhiger 174, H. Graber 165, M. Ladd 165, M. Reef 163.			
High team series: Krick-Tyndall 2050, Kent Realty 2048.			

Splits converted: E. Strickler 5-6-10, 4-5-7, and 5-7 split, D. Miller 5-10, M. Mills 5-6, G. King 3-10, M. Ladd 3-10, D. Hoffman 3-7.

## American Legion League

	W	L	Pts.
First State Bank	15	9	22
Burke Insurance	15	9	21
A&B Laundromat	14	10	19
New York Life Ins.	14	10	18
Riverview	13 1/2	10 1/2	17 1/2
Cowens Insurance	11	13	15
Macklin	10	14	13
Ashbauchers	9	15	13
Firestone	9 1/2	14 1/2	11 1/2
Burke Standard	9	15	10
200 games: W. Frauhiger 200, D. Reidenbach 223, C. Marbach 207-258, E. Korte 200-213, G. Blenz 214, L. Rich 202, J. Harkless 218, W. Schnepf 200, D. Kos 221, R. Mutschler 201, J. Meyer 211.			
600 series: C. Marbach 664 (199-207-258).			

## Semi-Finals In NCAA Tourney Slated Tonight

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Long-short New York University battles sophomore-studded Ohio State and defending champion California takes on the fabled Oscar Robertson and his Cincinnati Bearcats in the semifinals of the NCAA basketball championships tonight.

A sell-out crowd of nearly 16,000 will jam the cavernous Cow Palace to watch the elite of the nation's cagers in the chips-down conflicts.

California, gunning for its second straight NCAA crown — and the San Francisco Bay area's fourth title in six years — is a three-point favorite to whip Cincinnati. And the Buckeyes of Ohio State rate six points over the surprising New York University quintet.

**None Too Optimistic**  
But none of the coaches are as certain of the future as the gamblers. "We came to the West Coast to beat California," said Coach George Smith of Cincinnati.

"That's our job. I hope we can do it."  
Coach Pete Newell of California wouldn't go that far.

"We don't under-rate Cincinnati," said Newell. "We'll have to play our normal game, or a bit above it, to beat them."

Neither of the other coaches was too optimistic.

## NYU Has Chance

"We certainly feel we have a chance against Ohio State," said Lou Rossini of New York. "But we'll have to go on our cylinders. Any time any of our first team fouls out, our chances for victory become dim because we lack speed on the second team."

Said Fred Taylor, coach at Ohio State: "I can't venture a guess on how we'll fare against NYU. This is all new and strange to us. We have mostly sophomores. But we take nothing for granted and I know our team can stand the pressure."

## Exhibition Baseball

Chicago (A) 1, Washington 0. Cleveland 4, Chicago (N) 3. San Francisco 4, Boston 3. Kansas City 3, Baltimore 2. Pittsburgh vs Cincinnati at Tampa, Fla., cancelled, rain. Milwaukee vs Los Angeles at Bradenton, Fla., cancelled, rain. New York vs Phila. at Clearwater, Fla., cancelled, rain. Detroit vs St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., cancelled, rain.

## Los Angeles Seeks Pro Basketball Team

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UPI)—A Los Angeles group today was reported interested in buying the Syracuse Nationals of the National Basketball Association and moving the franchise to the West Coast.

Emil Colozzi, former vice president and director of the club, said Thursday night he is attempting to get 51 per cent of the stockholders to put the Nats on the market for \$300,000.

Colozzi blamed poor attendance at the games in Syracuse as his reason for attempting to get the stockholders' approval to sell the club.

"These people in Syracuse don't want pro basketball," he said. "They want clowns." Colozzi cited a recent Globetrotter game in Syracuse, which attracted 9,040 fans, and Sunday's NBA playoff game with Philadelphia, which drew only 6,018.

The move to sell came only a day after Paul Seymour resigned as coach and shortly after the Nats were eliminated from the playoffs.

Club President Don Biasone, however, was opposed to the shift and said, "let him (Colozzi) go ahead and try."

The 167 stockholders will have a chance to vote on the issue at the annual meeting in Syracuse the third week in May. The shares were reported worth \$175,000.

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