

## Many Races Confused In Cage Homestretch

By the Associated Press

With only three weeks remaining in the regular season, the basketball races in at least half a dozen major conferences are still in a state of confusion.

They're all out for coveted bids to the NCAA post-season tournament, but so far only three definitely are in. Connecticut, as the champion of the Yankee Conference, is all set. So are Idaho State, winner of the Rocky Mountain Conference, and Oklahoma State, selected as an at-large team.

The tournament is composed of 16 conference champions, plus eight at-large clubs. The preliminary rounds are scheduled to get under way during the week of March 9, with the finale in Louisville March 22.

There are some heavy favorites, of course. For example, Cincinnati (9-1) is the choice in the Missouri Valley. The Bearcats play Drake tonight. Yet, with all their power, they'd better not slip, because Bradley is right behind with an 8-2 mark.

Then there is the Big Eight, where Kansas State, top team in the Associated Press poll last week, remains undefeated in league competition (7-0). State pulled away when Kansas lost two games during Wilt Chamberlain's illness. The Jawhaws will try to keep their slim hopes alive tonight against Missouri.

But in the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Big Ten, the Southwest Conference, the Skyline, the Pacific Coast and the Mid-American there is nothing but uncertainty.

Here is a brief rundown on them:

**ATLANTIC COAST**—This one has a conference tournament at the end of the season in which the last-place finisher could wind up with the NCAA bid. But that's unlikely. At the moment, Duke, North Carolina, North Carolina State and Maryland are in a dogfight. Duke (9-2) appears to have the best chance.

**BIG TEN**—Michigan State, the preseason choice, is in first place by a hair with a 6-3 record. Indiana (5-3) is second. The Spartans play Michigan tonight, and Indiana goes against Ohio State, so there could be a new leader by the end of the night's operations.

**SOUTHWEST**—Only Baylor is mathematically out of the running. All the others are very much in the fight. Arkansas is half a game ahead of Rice and Texas Tech in the wild scramble.

**SKYLINE**—Defending champion Brigham Young also is in a position where even a slight stumble could mean disaster. Wyoming and Colorado are just a half-game back.

**PACIFIC COAST**—A jumble. If any team looks good in the pack, it's California, which won it last year. The Bears have been a good defensive club all season and appear to have learned how to score, as shown by their 80-62 decision over Southern California Saturday. They play Stanford tonight while UCLA, another main contender, clashes with Washington.

**MID AMERICAN**—Miami of Ohio hasn't been beaten in league play yet and has won eight games. But that's no comfort. The Redskins still must play Ohio U., which has been beaten on its home floor just once this year. The game will be at Ohio U. Thursday.

The Southern Conference, perhaps the most formful in the country (West Virginia always wins it), also has a tournament to decide the NCAA tournament team. In the Southeastern Conference, Kentucky (9-1) is going after its 18th title but still must play Alabama and Auburn, each boasting a seven-game winning streak.

The Ivy League usually sends an at-large team, and that should be Dartmouth, even though the Hanover Indians suffered their first league defeat Saturday after winning eight in a row. Yale beat them, 70-67.

## Robertson and Wilt Trying to Gain on Baylor Tonight

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Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson and Kansas' Wilt Chamberlain get a chance tonight to close in on pace-setting Elgin Baylor of Seattle in the three-way battle for individual basketball scoring honors.

Robertson must score 59 points against Drake to match Baylor's average of 34.4 points in 19 contests. And Chamberlain must get 89 against Missouri to deadlock Baylor. Seattle is idle until Thursday.

The Cincinnati star's pace dipped a 10th of a point to 33.2 when he tallied 30 against defensive-minded Oklahoma State Saturday. Chamberlain, in third place, boosted his average to 31.3 with 34 points against Iowa State.

The leaders:

	G.	FG.	FT.	Pts.	Avg.
Baylor, Seattle	19	241	172	654	34.4
Robertson, Cin.	20	235	183	653	32.7
Chamberlain, Kan.	18	179	142	601	33.4
Howl, Miss. State	21	184	196	584	27.8
Byrd, Marshall	20	187	156	530	26.5
Hannon, Pitt	19	202	86	490	25.8
H. King, Morel D's	21	215	102	532	25.3
Murrell, Drake	20	193	117	503	25.2
Dom Flora, W&L	26	187	126	500	23.0
Dees, Indiana	16	152	83	387	24.8

**Packers Sign Center**

**GREEN BAY, Wis., Feb. 17**—Mike Hudock, a center who suffered a knee injury in the final scrimmage before the College All-Star game last year and missed the 1957 season, signed a 1958 contract with the Green Bay Packers yesterday.



**TOUGH IN THE CLUTCH**—That's Albie Pearson, rookie outfielder of the Senators, who won the active major league division of the Baseball Players' Golf Tournament with a 19-hole victory over John Gray of the Phillies yesterday at Miami. Albie knocked off Alvin Dark of the Cardinals, the defending champion, 4 and 2, yesterday morning.—AP Wirephoto.

## Senators' Rookie Outfielder Wins Baseball Golf Crown

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 17 (P).—Albie Pearson, Washington's diminutive rookie outfielder, battled John Gray of Philadelphia to the 19th hole yesterday before winning the Major League division of the annual baseball players' golf tournament.

The 5-foot-6 Pearson won on the 19th green when Gray took a bogey 5 after missing a two-foot putt. Gray is 6 feet, 4 inches.

Gray was 1 up as the afternoon round reached the 16th hole. Pearson sank a 25-foot putt on the 16th to tie Gray, but fell behind on the next hole when his opponent went 1 up again. A 15-foot putt on the 18th gave Pearson another tie.

Pearson is the first left-hander to win the active Major League's division since 1937 when Paul Waner turned the trick.

Pearson reached the finals by eliminating the defending champion, Alvin Dark of St. Louis, 4 and 2. Gray beat Al

## Howard Puts Off Teachers Contest

Tonight's scheduled basketball game between Howard University and D. C. Teachers, the only collegiate basketball activity, has been postponed. It will be rescheduled for the Banneker gym on a date to be announced.

It will be the last game of the season for Howard, which has a 14-8 record. However, the Bisons did not qualify for next week's Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament at Durham, N. C. They fell one game short with a league record of 8-7. The top eight teams in the 18-team league play in the tournament.

## Johnston's Win In Texas Open Extends Streak

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 17 (P).—Club professional Bill Johnston, who plays only the winter tour—and not too much of that—is showing the big names of golf a thing or two today. He is the only player winning money in all tournaments this year.

The Provo, Utah, municipal course pro, a deadly swinger off the tee and as imperturbable as a marble statue, won his first tournament in two winters of trying yesterday as he galloped in with a 3-under-par 68 for a total of 274 on 72 holes and \$2,000 first money in the Texas Open.

It vaulted the slender Johnston from 24th place to eighth in the official money winning list. He has banked \$3,518.33, winning from \$100 up to the \$2,000 he got for overtaking Dave Marr of Cedarhurst, Long Island, on the final round of the Texas Open and finishing three strokes ahead with his 10-under-par 274.

Johnston heads for Houston and the Houston \$30,000 Invitational today with a stroke average of 71 for 24 rounds of golf.

Most of the field that pounded along behind him in this storied tournament also is on the way to Houston. Among them is Bob Rosburg of Napa, Calif., the great stretch runner who almost won the Texas Open with a great 6-under-par 65 on the final 18 holes. He wound up in second place at 277 and got \$1,500.

Bill Johnston	68	274	\$2,000
Bob Rosburg	69	277	1,500
Bo Winner	69	278	975
Jimmy Demaret	69	278	975
John Frawley	69	278	975
Billy Maxwell	69	278	975
Bill Parker	69	278	975
Fritz Mason	69	278	975
Ed Griffiths	70	280	875
John Bonner	70	280	875
Leo Biagini	70	281	825
Mike Kray	70	282	425
Shelley Mayfield	70	282	425
Bill Nary	70	283	270
Stan Leonard	71	283	270
Walker Loman, Jr.	71	283	270
Cliff Grutter	71	284	190
Paul Harney	71	284	190
Art Baker	71	284	190
Tex Conover	72	285	130
Mike Fetick	72	285	130
Doug Ford	72	285	130
Tom Nicorle	72	285	130
Joe Conrad	72	286	55
Bill Egan	72	286	55
Bill Ogden	72	286	55
Johnny Palmer	72	286	55
Dave Ragan	72	286	55

## GLOVES

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Another outstanding sub-novice battle brings together Robert Bonner of Police Club No. 13, one of the hardest hitters to break into the Gloves this year, and Harold Jackson of the Merrick Club, who stopped Daniel De Sarno in one round and then decided Edward Sanny. Bonner has two knockouts to his credit, having disposed of Morris Chestnut in 1 minute and 20 seconds and stopped Bobby Birch.

Moving along to the senior division, Gloves fans will be anxious to see the outcome of two matches in the middle-weight class.

The senior middleweight class has been and probably will continue to be the toughest in the Gloves this year. Thursday's matches pair Ward Sullivan of the Merrick Club against George McCormick of Bolling Air Force and Indian Charley Theobald against hard-hitting Willie Williams of St. Joseph's Club.

Another important senior semifinal lists Featherweight Ralph Boone of Capital AC against George Williams of Quantico. Boone is one of the stand-out seniors, having beaten off Teddy Focht in what certainly was the top battle of the open division thus far this year.

## GOLDEN GLOVES SEATS ON SALE

Seats for the semifinals and finals of the Golden Gloves are on sale at three convenient locations. Seats may be purchased in the lobby of The Star, at the Fairway Sports Store, 1328 G street N.W., or at Uline Arena, Third and M streets N.W.

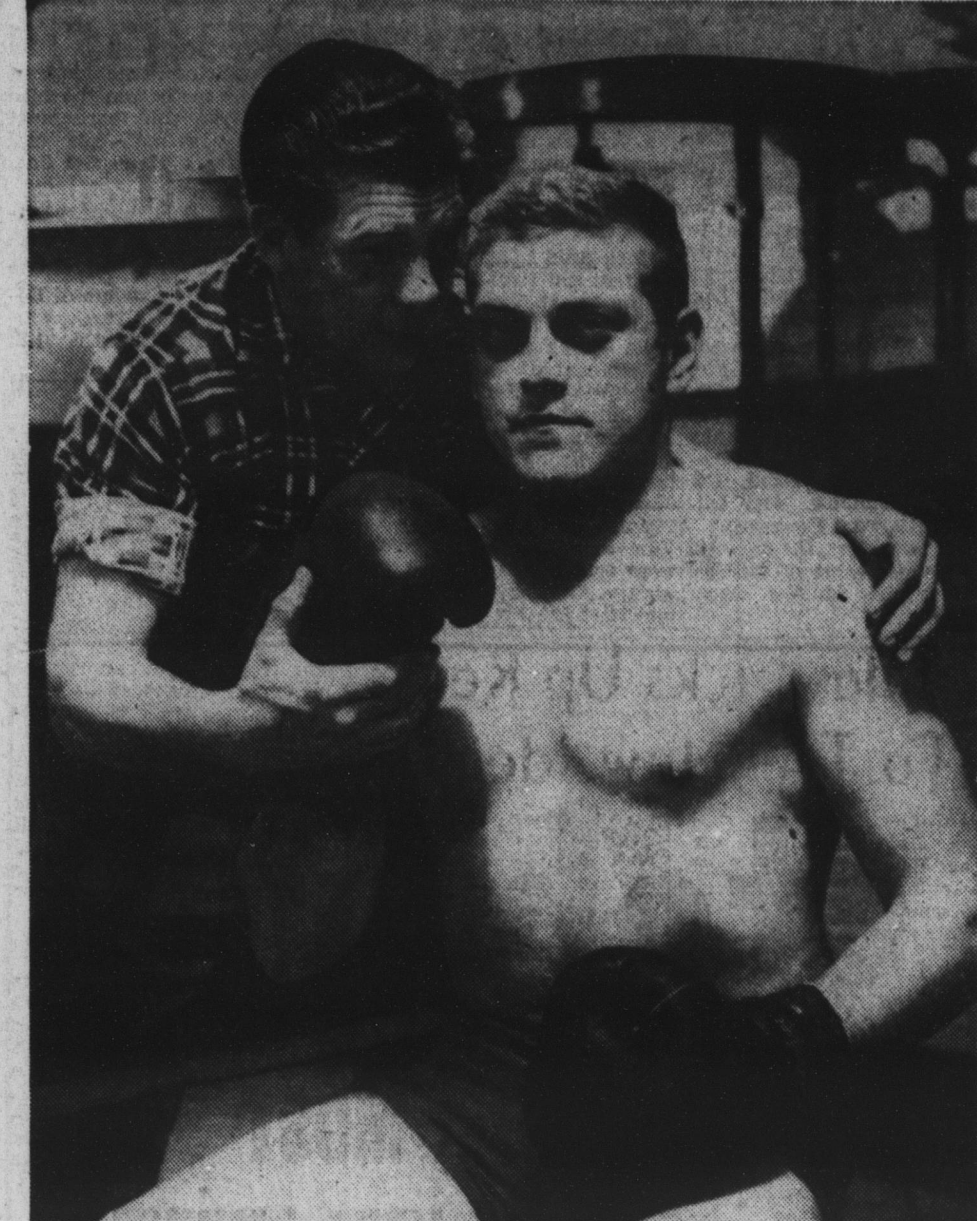
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**HEAVILY ARMED AND DANGEROUS**—That describes all four of the novice heavyweights who will fight in the semifinals of The Star's Golden Gloves Tournament Thursday night at Uline Arena. Jim Baker of the Optimist Club receives advice from his trainer, Lew Hanbury, former standout in the pro lightweight ranks. Baker meets Carl Flood of the CYO, while in the other heavyweight bout, Johnny Lynch of Olympic Club faces Randy Melton of Optimist.

## 4:10 Mile Disappoints Delany and Hungarian

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (P).—of Maryland tried it, too, and he failed.

Otherwise, the main excitement for the 13,000 spectators centered on Harry O'Brien's efforts to break his own indoor shotput record. He got off a 6-foot-5 1/2-inch heave which shattered his listed mark of 61-5 1/4, but he couldn't equal the 61-8 1/2 flip he made a week before in Frankfurt, Germany.

Other winners included Dave Sime of Duke in the 60-yard dash (6.2), Elias Gilbert of Winston-Salem Teachers in the 60-yard hurdles (7.4), Tom Murphy of Manhattan in the half-mile (1:52.6), Velisa Muzosa of Yugoslavia in the 2-mile (8:59), Charles Jenkins of Villanova in the Buermeyer 500 (56.8), and the New York AC in the two-mile relay (7:39.5).

At the end, Rozsavolgi, tried to outspint Delany, but Ron, the Olympic 1,500 - meter champion from Ireland and Villanova, won pretty much as he pleased by about four yards.

**Couldn't Take Chance**

"Istvan doesn't seem to know how to run an 11-lap indoors," Delany said, "and I didn't have much trouble. I am disappointed in the 4:10 clocking."

"I laid back wondering when Rozsavolgi was going to make his move. He is a 4-minute miler and I couldn't take any chances."

Rozsavolgi said: "I am disappointed. The heavy air in Madison Square Garden bothered me more than I thought it would, and when it was over my throat was burning."

"I ran badly, and I am sure with some more practice on boards I can do much better. I will aim at 4:05 in the National championships. Neither the turns nor the crowd bothered me. Delany is a wonderful tactical runner. He knows just how to keep his pace for the big last lap."

Jim Grelle of Oregon tried to steal the race while Delany and Rozsavolgi were jockeying. He didn't make it. Burr Grim

## Hoeft Takes Salary Cut

LAKELAND, Fla., Feb. 17 (P).—Pitcher Billy Hoeft has signed his 1958 contract with the Detroit Tigers.

The lone southpaw among Detroit's list of starting pitchers said salary differences were ironed out in a telephone conversation with General Manager John McHale.

While he declined to reveal exact figures, Hoeft said he agreed to a pay cut.

"We were never far apart," said Hoeft, who posted only a 9-11 record last year after winning 20 games the previous season.

With Hoeft's signing, only nine of the 39 players on the Detroit roster are unsigned. Those who haven't signed include Frank Lary, Reno Bertoia, Harvey Kuenn and Charley Maxwell.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Feb. 17 (P).—Willie Miranda, Baltimore Orioles shortstop, has accepted contract terms for the 1958 season.

## GLOVES PAIRINGS

**SUBNOVICE DIVISION**

**126-Pound Class**

Marvin Carter (St. Joseph Club) vs. Percell Burrell (Police Club No. 2).

**135-Pound Class**

Leonard Hamlin (Capitol A.C.) vs. Chris Eaton (untatched).

Ray Sheppard (Police Club No. 13) vs. Dave Hancock (Olympic Club).

**147-Pound Class**

Robert Bonner (Police Club No. 13) vs. Harold Jackson (Merrick Club).

Tommy Powell (Olympic Club) vs. Sherman Mitchell (Police Club No. 2).

**NOVICE DIVISION**

**126-Pound Class**

(Final)

Robert Mills (Falls Church-Fairfax Jaycees) vs. Russell Norman (Optimist Club).

**135-Pound Class**

Sylvester Walker (Police Club No. 2) vs. Jimmy Reid (Arena A.C.).

**175-Pound Class**

(Final)

Adolph Brown (Capitol A.C.) vs. Jimmie Johnson (Catholic Youth Organization).

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