

# ATCHISON'S ANGLE

BY LEWIS F. ATCHISON



Each year, the announcement says, the Touchdown Club's annual awards dinner will be bigger and better than ever. Each year you wonder how it could possibly top its predecessor, and yet it does, thanks to self-effacing hard-working committees who begin their appointed tasks in October.

The affair coming up Saturday night at the Sheraton-Park will be one of the best yet. And no doubt some of the real old-timers, decked out in their best bibs and tuckers, will recall the first Touchdown Club dinner held at the Social Oyster Club in 1935. Some still say the first was the best, although it had none of the trappings that now feature the show.

Dutch Bergman, then president of the TD Club, thought some sort of dinner should be arranged and some sports celebrities invited. But, like other clubs as well as individuals in those depression days, the Touchdowners were a little short of funds. The budget was limited.

Mike Duro, a center on Dutch's 1935 Catholic University football team, belonged to the Social Oyster Club, an organization of printers and engravers. The clubhouse is still located on Saratoga avenue, just off Twelfth street N.E. Mike didn't qualify through occupation. But he was called on to play the piano so often for club songfests they decided he ought to belong.

The first dinner was a smash success from every angle. Tickets for next Saturday night's affair cost \$20. At the Social Oyster Club shindig nobody paid. Everything was "on the house."

"We gave them a corned beef and cabbage dinner," Mike recalls, "and all the beer they could drink. We did the cooking ourselves, and I don't mind telling you it was good. All of us cook and the higher you go in that club the more work you do."

The line-up of speakers at that first affair was small but distinguished. The orators were Ham Fish, a former Harvard tackle, then a Congressman; Gene Vidal, one-time West Point star, and Coach Tom Hamilton of Navy. "I got Tom Cantwell to sing," Mike remembers, "and I played the piano. You know he was a good singer as well as a good ball player. And we had a real good barbershop quartet, but bless me if I can think of their names. And we also had the Navy Band orchestra. It was a good show."

Bergman agrees that it was quite an affair. "I'd like to get some of the old timers together and have another session there," Dutch said, "if it can be arranged. Of course it couldn't be a dinner, or anything like that, because the place isn't large enough. We

only had 75 or 100 for the first one. But I'd like to do it for old time's sake."

The Touchdown Club has been on the move since, literally and figuratively. The next dinner, officially regarded as the first annual, mid-winter event, was staged the following year at the Willard Hotel. When it outgrew that space it went to the Statler and now on to the Sheraton-Park. Next stop may be the National Guard Armory. It's just as Bergman said, Washington, with its cosmopolitan atmosphere is the most appropriate city in the country for such a dinner. Here the fans can see the great of the sports, governmental and judicial world at the same festive board, and rub elbows with them.

The only distinguished guest the club has missed is the President of the United States, and one of these nights you may see the White House occupant sitting at the head table.

The entertainment is always tops, and Saturday night's show will be of the same quality. Those who heard the late Jack Lavelle in other years, or who listened to Jim Conzelmann factiously explain how he became a great coach, or who heard Georgia's Wally Butts and other famed gridiron strategists, realize the task confronting later guests.

But they continue to be good, to "leave 'em laughing," and asking for more. Morris Frank, the humorous Texan who'll emcee Saturday night's dinner, has been here before and needs no introduction. The lineup at the head table will be a real All-American aggregation from Vice President Nixon on down, but it has to be. They've got to measure up to that first night at the Social Oyster Club. Everything from soup to stories was good, and you couldn't beat the price.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

**BASKETBALL**  
DeMatha, 47; Gonzaga, 45.  
Mackin, 30; St. Anthony, 24.  
St. John's, 78; Mount St. Joseph's, 66.  
**Games Tomorrow**  
Eastern at Tech, 4:30.  
Roosevelt vs. Dunbar at Tech, 4:30.  
Wilson vs. Cardon at Roosevelt, 3:30.  
Western at Coolidge, 3:30.  
Phelps vs. Chamberlain at Eastern, 3:30.  
Bell vs. Woodward Prep at Jeff. Jr. High, 7:30.  
Fairmont Heights at Spingarn, 3:30.  
Northwestern at Montgomery Blair, 4:30.  
George Washington at Annandale, 6:30.  
Mount Vernon at Hammond, 6:30.  
Groveton at Falls Church, 8:30.  
Washington-Lee at McLean, 6:30.  
La Plata at Great Mills, 7:15.  
George Mason at Loudoun County, 8:30.  
Bethesda-Chevy Chase at Bladensburg, 8:30.  
Charlotte Hall at Marston, 8:30.  
High Point at Wheaton, 2:45.  
St. Stephen's at St. Albans, 3:30.  
Friends at St. Albans, 3:30.  
**Baseball**  
Georgetown Prep vs. Friends, 3:30.  
St. Albans at Episcopal, 3:30.  
B-C at Blair, 3:30.

## Cardinals to Try Out Host of Rookie Hurlers

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (AP).—The St. Louis Cardinals apparently are going to leave it to eager beavers in their 1959 bid to claw their way out of the second division.

Rookies will constitute the greater portion of their roster when the Redbirds line up before their new manager, Solly Hemus, on opening day of spring training next month. In addition, there will be at least a half-dozen fledglings on the squad getting through tests. Only the matter of bookkeeping and the 40-player limit keep their names from being on the parent club roster.

Bing Devine, the Cardinals' general manager, is fully aware of the reason for the club's failure last year—lack of pitching and power. Consequently, he has brought up 16 freshman hurlers and a couple of long-ball-hitting outfielders.

### Broglio May Be Best

The best of the new pitchers may be Ernie Broglio, 23, Nelson Chittum, 25, and Marshall Bridges, 27. All are right-handers. Others rated a fair chance to stick are right-handers Bob Blaylock, 23, and Dick Ricketts, 25, and southpaws Ray Luebke, 23, and Bill Smith, 24.

Broglio was acquired by the cards in a post-season trade with the Giants. The husky Californian had a brilliant minor league record in 1958. After winning eight out of nine decisions with Phoenix in the Pacific Coast League, he was switched to Toronto, where he posted a 9-3 record.

Chittum was brought up for an inconclusive inspection last August after compiling a 12-8 half-season mark in Omaha. Bridges was purchased from Sacramento, where he won 16 while losing 11. His 205 strikeouts in 232 innings led the Coast League, but he also walked 111.

Blaylock was 8-14 at Omaha and Ricketts, who gave up too many walks, was 15-13 at St. Paul. Luebke, a relief pitcher, was drafted from San Antonio where he was 11-7. Rochester. Luebke, a relief pitcher, who also specializes in saving games, was 12-9 at Omaha.

### Burton Has Chance

Frank Barnes, Gary Blaylock (no relation to Bob) and Phil Clark are back for another trial. So are the young bonus boys, Von McDaniel and Bob Miller. Blaylock (14-10 at Rochester) had the best mark. McDaniel astounded baseball people with his brilliant pitching in 1957 after coming right off the high school team. Ellis Burton, a switch-hitter from Houston, may have the

## Skid Imperils Playoff Hopes Of Presidents

The Washington Presidents, who lost all three games over the week end, now are 10 points out of third place and only three points ahead of fifth-place Philadelphia and Charlotte, which threaten Washington's hold on the last playoff spot in the Eastern Hockey League.

A 3-2 defeat by the Charlotte Clippers last night before 1,213 spectators at Uline Arena put a dismal lid on the Presidents' week end, following two losses to Johnston.

The Washington team's schedule this week carries it to Clinton, N. Y., to meet the league-leading Comets Wednesday night and to Philadelphia to play the Ramblers Friday night. The team returns to play the New Haven Blades Saturday night and meets the Ramblers again at Uline's Sunday night.

The Clippers knocked in a goal in each period last night, while Danny Oleschew, their new goalie, was turning away 42 Washington shots.

Wimpy Jones and Hervey Lander gave Charlotte a 2-0 lead before Ken Davies scored for Washington at 7:16 of the final period. Jones then wrapped it up with a goal at 19:14, and Wally Kulman got Washington's second point with 23 seconds remaining.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 19 (AP).—The New Haven Blades and the Johnston Jets played a 4-4 tie last night, neither team scoring during a 10-minute, sudden-death overtime. The Blades tied Charlotte Saturday night, 3-3.

Guy Lyuben scored twice for New Haven and Claude Boileau and Hugh Ruppelle once each. For Johnston, Ken Dawes got two goals and Ken Coombes and Frank Dorrington one apiece.

## Erdelatz to Get Car at Dinner

They'll roll out a white Cadillac convertible Thursday night for Eddie Erdelatz, Navy football coach, as a token of esteem from the people of Annapolis. The presentation will be at a \$30-a-plate dinner at Carvel Hall, with a capacity turnout of 175 expected.

In addition to civic leaders and businessmen from Annapolis, the guest list includes such out-of-town personalities as Joe Di Maggio, Bob Considine, Phil Silvers, Senator Beall, Bob Turley, Gus Triandos and others.

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
West Virginia	6	0	1.000
Virginia Tech	5	1	.833
WVU	4	2	.667
Georgia Tech	3	3	.500
Georgia	2	4	.333
Florida	1	5	.167
South Carolina	0	6	.000
SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Auburn	4	0	1.000
Kentucky	3	1	.750
Miss. State	2	2	.500
Tulane	1	3	.250
Tennessee	0	4	.000
Georgia Tech	0	4	.000
Alabama	0	4	.000
Louisiana State	0	4	.000
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
North Carolina	4	1	.800
N.C. State	3	2	.600
Duke	2	3	.400
Wake Forest	1	4	.200
Clemson	0	5	.000
South Carolina	0	5	.000
Virginia	0	5	.000
IVY LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Princeton	5	0	1.000
Dartmouth	4	0	1.000
Penn.	3	0	1.000
Harvard	2	0	1.000
Yale	1	0	1.000
Cornell	0	5	.000
Columbia	0	5	.000
SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
TCU	4	1	.800
Illinois	3	2	.600
Texas A&M	2	3	.400
Texas Tech	1	4	.200
Arkansas	0	5	.000
SMU	0	5	.000
Rice	0	5	.000
BIG TEN			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Michigan	3	1	.750
Illinois	2	2	.500
Michigan State	1	3	.250
Indiana	0	4	.000
Northwestern	0	4	.000
Iowa	0	4	.000
Ohio State	0	4	.000
Wisconsin	0	4	.000
BIG EIGHT			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Kansas State	4	0	1.000
Kansas	3	1	.750
Oklahoma	2	2	.500
Nebraska	1	3	.250
Colorado	0	4	.000
Oklahoma State	0	4	.000
Iowa State	0	4	.000
PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
UCLA	4	0	1.000
California	3	1	.750
Stanford	2	2	.500
Southern Calif.	1	3	.250
Washington	0	4	.000
Idaho	0	4	.000
Oregon State	0	4	.000
Oregon	0	4	.000
Washington St.	0	4	.000
MASON-DIXON CONFERENCE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Baltimore U.	4	0	1.000
Washington	3	1	.750
Georgetown	2	2	.500
Howard	1	3	.250
Colo. State	0	4	.000
Western State	0	4	.000
YANKEE CONFERENCE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Connecticut	4	0	1.000
Maine	3	1	.750
Massachusetts	2	2	.500
Vermont	1	3	.250
New Hampshire	0	4	.000
BORDER CONFERENCE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Texas Western	4	0	1.000
New Mexico St.	3	1	.750
Arkansas State	2	2	.500
Hardin-Simmons	1	3	.250
Arkansas	0	4	.000

## Sharman's 36 Lead Celtics To Easy Win

By the Associated Press

Keeping the ledgers in the National Basketball Association can be an overwhelming job when you try to gather all the figures together.

Boston's Celtics, on the debit side of the ledger in three games with St. Louis, struck the red mark from the books by thrashing the Hawks, 139-117, yesterday.

New York, runner-up to the first-place Celtics in the Eastern Division race, extended its victory string over third-place Syracuse to six with a 120-118 triumph.

### Lakers Snap Streak

Minneapolis snapped a five-game losing streak by outdistancing Philadelphia, 119-98, and Cincinnati handed Detroit its third straight setback, 107-88.

Sharpshooters Bill Sharman and Bob Cousy shook the Celtics out of their lethargic play in the third quarter and Boston outscored the Hawks, 41-19, in that stanza to put it away. Sharman, who matched St. Louis' entire output in the third period, wound up high scorer with 36 points. Cousy added 26, while Cliff Hagan led the Hawks with 28.

The Knicks remained 6½ games behind Boston and moved four in front of Syracuse with their victory. Getting strong performances from surprise starter Mike Farmer (20 points, five rebounds, 10 assists) and Richie Guerin (23 points, 10 assists), the New Yorkers built a 10-point halftime lead. Their 66 first-half points set a Syracuse court mark. Johnny Kerr, 28 points, and Dolph Schayes, 24, led the losers.

### Baylor Gets 30

Rookie Elgin Baylor, returning to the line-up after sitting out one game because of a racial incident in Charleston, W. Va., scored 22 of his 30 points as the Lakers broke it open in the second half. Tom Gola with 22 and Paul Arizin with 20 topped the Warriors, who had won three straight.

Cincinnati, which had suffered a 32-point trouncing by the Pistons only a week ago, used balanced scoring to avenge the defeat. Archie Dees paced the Royals with 18 points. Detroit's Walt Dukes was high for the game with 26 as the Pistons fell 11½ games behind pacesetter St. Louis in the Western Division.

### NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	32	11	.744
New York	28	17	.619
Syracuse	21	24	.467
Philadelphia	17	28	.378
WESTERN DIVISION			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	30	12	.714
Minneapolis	24	18	.571
Minneapolis	17	28	.378
Cincinnati	10	33	.233

By the Associated Press  
Boston, 139; St. Louis, 117.  
New York, 120; Syracuse, 118.  
Cincinnati, 107; Detroit, 88.  
Minneapolis, 119; Philadelphia, 98.

## Stags Wait for Carroll To Uphold Favoritism

CATHOLIC LEAGUE  
DeMatha, 47; Gonzaga, 45.  
Mackin, 30; St. Anthony, 24.  
St. John's, 78; Mount St. Joseph's, 66.

By DICK SLAY  
Star Staff Writer

After defeating both St. John's and Gonzaga Sunday by 47-45 yesterday, DeMatha now is waiting to see what highly-favored Carroll will do against the former Catholic League powers over the coming week end.

Coach Harry Marmion, whose Gonzaga club is virtually out of the running for first place in the first round, says he doesn't want to miss any of the Carroll games from here on in.

"Everyone talks about conceding Carroll first place, but they're not. I know I'm not," the new coach says.

Carroll plays St. John's Friday night and Gonzaga Sunday. If the Lions lose either game, DeMatha will be in good position to claim a spot in the city championship playoffs and the Knights of Columbus tournament, which takes the top two Catholic teams.

DeMatha will not be too bad off in any case. St. John's and Gonzaga must show improvement in the second round to dislodge the Stags from the top two places in the league. Gonzaga may not get a better chance than it had yesterday.

DeMatha, although getting and taking better shots than the Eagles, was off in its shooting in the first half and didn't take the lead permanently until Benjie Spotts sank a set shot in the third quarter to make it 25-24.

Doug Endres, who held Gonzaga's Tom O'Malley to 8 points, scored half of his own 14 in the third period as the Stags pulled ahead, 36-30. The Stags led, 45-39, with two minutes remaining, but they needed

ed a layup by Endres with 20 seconds left to escape. That made it 47-43. Little Johnny Herbert was the spark of the last quarter, getting 6 of his 11 points.

Gonzaga G.F.Pts. DeMatha G.F.Pts.  
Word 2 3 19 MacDonald 3 3 21  
Griffin 0 0 0 Endres 6 1 1  
French 3 1 7 Canada 1 1 2  
O'Malley 2 3 8 Black 2 0 0  
Shields 4 4 12 Slaughter 0 0 0  
Morris 0 0 0 Herbert 5 1 11  
Totals 16 13 45 Totals 18 11 47  
Halftime: 19-18, DeMatha.

## SEMBLY LEADS MACKIN VICTORY

Mackin High School won its first victory in the Catholic League yesterday, defeating St. Anthony, 51-34, at Carroll.

Frank Sembly scored 19 points for the winners, who boosted their season record to 12-3. St. Anthony lost its third straight league game.

Mackin G.F.Pts. St. Anthony G.F.Pts.  
Sembly 7 3 19 MacDonald 3 3 21  
Hoopkins 0 0 0 Allen 0 0 0  
Mackin 0 0 0 Murray 1 1 2  
Burton 3 4 10 Gates 0 0 0  
Froelich 0 0 0 Ames 0 0 0  
Marino 0 0 0 Greenwell 0 0 0  
Sholl 4 1 13 Ciminella 0 0 0  
Marshall 0 0 0 Miller 0 0 0  
Totals 16 19 51 Totals 10 14 34  
Halftime: 25-20, Mackin.

## Howard Playing Lincoln Tonight; Gallaudet Busy

Howard plays host to arch-rival Lincoln and Gallaudet entertains Western Maryland in a Mason-Dixon Conference game in the only college basketball activity here tonight.

Howard brought its record to 6-6 for the season with Saturday night's 79-67 victory over Montclair Teachers.

Gallaudet still has an outside chance of qualifying for the Mason-Dixon tournament. The Blues are 3-5 in the league and last week beat Bridgewater, a team which handed Randolph-Macon its first conference defeat Saturday night.

## Brennan Recalled By Knickerbockers

NEW YORK, Jan. 19 (AP).—The New York Knickerbockers of the National Basketball Association have placed Ron Sobie on the injured list and recalled Pete Brennan, former North Carolina star, from Allentown of the Eastern League.

Sobie suffered a twisted right knee against Philadelphia a week ago and has made only limited appearances in New York's three games since. He will miss a minimum of five games.

## Touchdown Club to Present Griffith Award to Jensen

Jackie Jensen, Boston Red Sox outfielder who was voted the American League's "most valuable" player last season, has been named to receive the Clark Griffith Memorial Award at the Touchdown Club's annual dinner Saturday night at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

The Griffith trophy, only baseball award at the dinner, honors the player who, in the club's judgment, has made the year's outstanding contribution to baseball, both on and off the field.

Jensen will come here from his home at Crystal Bay, Nev., to accept his newest honor. He and his wife the former Zoe Ann Olsen, ex-Olympic diving

champion, maintain a year-round sports resort there. Jensen led the American League in runs batted in with 122 last season, hitting 35 home runs and 31 doubles.

Although widely sought by pro football teams after his graduation from California, Jensen decided to try the diamond and signed with the Yankees. He played with them in 1950-51, was with the Senators in 1952-53 and was traded to the Red Sox in 1954.

A committee composed of Jimmy Johnson, Cliff Battles and Burton Hawkins, The Star's baseball writer, made the selection.

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