

The BROWNSVILLE HERALD SPORTS SECTION

Athens Favored to Retain National Basketball Title

Brownsville, Stuart Place Win Cameron County Meets

DENTON FALLS TO ST. JOHN'S
Wheatland, Wyo., to Play
Defending Champions
Friday Night

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CHICAGO, April 4.—(AP)—For the second straight year, a band of red-shirted giants from Athens, Texas, stands out as the team to beat in the struggle for the national high school basketball championship.

As the fight for the title entered the quarter-final round today, there were but few among the large throng of thrill-seeking spectators who had gathered to see the Texans defeated. Seven teams, two from Georgia and one each from Louisiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Wyoming, still had hopes, but they appeared to be only the hopes of high-spirited boys.

Tall Boys
Averaging six feet two inches in height, the Texas Hornets play the hard and fast enough to defeat many fine college teams. They have every inch of their heighting long overhand shots that invariably land in the waiting hands of their aces, Freddy and Benny Tompkins, directly beneath the basket.

Last night, they gave a demonstration of their power at the expense of the Y. M. C. A. day school team of Chicago, which previously stunned the tournament by upsetting Florida's state champion, Robert E. Lee of Jacksonville. They used the first string lineup for the first period and ran up 19 points to none for the Chicago team in seven minutes. Then they sent in their second team, and it finished off the job with 38 to 13 victory.

Wheatland, Wyoming's championship team, meets the defending national champions tonight. The westerners have one big chance of stopping the Hornet parade to another title because they sink 'em from the air. Eddie McGinty, the slight Wheatland forward, ranks as one of the greatest players of the tournament and threatens to bother considerably with his overhand pot shots.

Games Today
The other battles of the round are of toss-up variety.
Jena La., giants clash with New Brunswick, N. J.; Corinth, a rangy team from a Kentucky village, meets Savannah, Georgia; Braselton, Ga., meets St. John's Military Academy.

St. John's upset the highly touted Denton, Texas team yesterday, 22 to 21, and while its victory was regarded as lucky, its team showed a lot of good basketball.

EWING'S BOYS PROVE STRONG

Ritter of La Feria Tops
Scorers With Total
Of 23 Points

(Special to The Herald)
HARLINGEN, April 4.—Let into action by Clarence Bennett, the Brownsville track squad won the Cameron County field and track meet here Thursday with a total of 55 points as compared to 38 for La Feria and Harlingen, tied for second.

Stuart Place grabbed off the class "B" title with 34 5-6 points to 29 1-2 for El Jardin, her closest opponent.

To take first honors, the Eagles won five firsts, six seconds, five thirds and three fourths. Bennett manufactured 14 points for his squad.

Coach Jim Ewing's two-man team from La Feria was the sensation of the meet, however. Wessinger and Ritter won six firsts, two seconds and one third. This pair stood out like a sore thumb in every event they entered. Ritter was high point scorer of the meet, running up a total of 23. He won the 100-yard dash, the discus, shot put, and high jump. This trim athlete also came in second to his teammate in the broad jump.

Wessinger was second high point scorer with 15 to his credit. Clarence Bennett of Brownsville was third with 14.

Stuart Place won the "B" title largely through preponderance of entries and because of the fact that Coach Ritt's bought a javelin. Ward of Wilson Track was high point man for the boys in the lower bracket. He piled up 15 1-3 points. Billow of Los Fresnos was second with 10 5-6 points.

This is how they finished:
Class A
Brownsville 55, La Feria 38, Harlingen 38, and Rio Hondo 17.
Class B
Stuart Place 34 5-6, El Jardin 29 1-2, Rangerville 27, Wilson Track 25 5-6, Los Fresnos 13 5-6, Highland 7, Olmito 5 and Santa Maria 3.

Junior Boys
La Feria 22 1-3, San Benito 19 1-2, Brownsville 16 1-6, Stuart Place 4 1-6, Wilson Track 1.
None of the events was particularly fast due, perhaps, to the slow dirt course. Ten-five for the class "A" 100-yard dash was perhaps the best mark of the day.

Cards, Eagles Are in Finals

The Cameron county boys tennis title will be decided here Saturday between Harlingen and Brownsville.

These two squads have reached the finals after eliminating the remainder of the county. Play will get under way at 9:30 a. m.

The county meet will be wound up with playground baseball at Harlingen Saturday.

CLASS B
120 Yd. Hurdles—20.8
J. E. Dyan, S. P.—5.
H. Vicars, El Jardin—3.
Marrs, S. P.—2.
C. Vicars, El Jardin—1.

100 Yard Dash—11
Billow, Los Fresnos—5.
Ward, W. T.—3.
Danly, Rangerville—2.
Halbert, Rangerville—1.

880 Yard Run—3:37.1
Underwood, El Jardin—5.
Danly, Rangerville—3.
L. Miller, Highland—2.
J. D. Dean, S. P.—1.

220 Low Hurdles—33:2
L. Smith, W. T.—3.
Mitchell, St. P.—2.
C. Medley, S. P.—1.

440 Yard Dash—62
C. Vicars, El Jardin—5.
Burns, S. P.—3.
R. Woods, Highland—2.
Elam, Rangerville—1.

220 Yard Dash—25.1
Billow, Los Fresnos—5.
Ward, W. T.—3.
Schnedler, Los Fresnos—1.

PIRATES IN VALLEY TODAY

Wichita and Omaha Defeat
Demons and Bears
Thursday

GRAPETUIT LEAGUE
Standings
Team P W L Pct.
Wichita 14 9 5 .643
Des Moines 13 7 6 .538
Omaha 13 6 7 .462
Denver 14 5 9 .357

Results Yesterday
At Harlingen: Wichita 5, Des Moines 2.
At San Benito: Omaha 9, Denver 3.

Game Today
All Stars vs. Pittsburgh Pirates at Harlingen, 3 p. m.
Saturday
Des Moines at McAllen.
Omaha at San Benito.

HARLINGEN, April 4—Wichita pitchers permitted only 33 Des Moines Demons to face them in a game played here Thursday afternoon and the Aviators handed the Devil Dogs a 5 to 2 trouncing.

In the fourth frame Ritter permitted three extra men to face him, a base on balls and two hits netting the Demons one run, and in the ninth three extra men, all getting singles, faced Gorcheck, netting one more run but otherwise the Demons went out in the one-two-three order.

A home run by Sypher with Vigaros on who had walked, netted the Aviators a couple in the second inning while five hits in the fourth netted two more. The fifth Aviator tally came in the fifth on an error.

SAN BENITO, April 4—The Denver Bears were unable to garner more than three hits off as many Omaha Packer pitchers at Mission Thursday afternoon and they were sent back to San Benito, their spring training headquarters, with a 9 to 5 defeat in their bat bag. The game went only six innings, having been called at the beginning of the seventh on account of rain.

The Bears changed their lineup around a little but their big guns were effectively silenced by Packer pitching.

SPORTS CHATS

With Hal Eustace

BROWNSVILLE and Stuart Place won the county championship. The meet was more or less a formality held in order to confirm Sport Chats' predictions as we understand it. (Don't razz us boys, we mean well).

IT wasn't as easy as all that, however. Stuart Place won because Coach Ritt had eight bucks to spare for a javelin. And with Ritter and Wessinger sailing home first with regularity, La Feria came very nearly gumming up the works in the class "A" division. Both Brownsville and Stuart Place came through largely due to heavy entries.

TALK about hard luck! Doug Fessenden has it. In the javelin throw each school has to furnish its own javelin. Brownsville was the only "A" school to possess one. When the event was called, only one Eagle was present. That was

LITTLE Rito Hernandez of Olmito, who doesn't look to be over 14 years old, won the mile event for the class "B" boys. It was a bit comical to see the little chap breezing home ahead of field of large boys. There was plenty of daylight between the youngster and the second place man. He sprinted in while the larger boys gasped and labored well to the rear.

TEXAS MANAGERS RUSHING AROUND FOR MORE PLAYERS

(By The Associated Press)
While the rest of the league watched the clock today in nervous anticipation of next Wednesday, opening day of the pennant race, Wichita Falls citizens were planning a dinner for tonight honoring Alvin Gardner, president of the league. Horace Robinson chairman of the Sports and Recreation committee of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce, was making arrangements to entertain league officials, baseball fans and friends from over the state.

The reason for festivity, perhaps, was that the Spudders yesterday broke the New York Yankees' winning streak of five straight and handed the Yanks a 9 to 6 defeat, and that, in the face of the fact that Babe Ruth hit his fifth and sixth home runs of the spring barnstorming season.

Prepare for Babe
With no exhibition game scheduled today, the Dallas Steers planned to put in a two-hour grind getting ready to receive the Babe and his Yanks tomorrow for the first of a two-game series. The Steers took it easy yesterday, the regulars loafing in the city while the yannigans journeyed to McKinney and handed the McKinney high school nine a 3 to 0 defeat.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

(By The Associated Press)
DENVER—Eddie Mack, Denver, outpointed Gaston Charles, France, (10). Eddie Murdoch, Denver, outpointed Jimmy Goodrich, Buffalo, N. Y., (10). Mickey Cohen, Denver, knocked out Buster Brandon, Salt Lake City, (6).

MILWAUKEE—King Levinsky, Chicago, stopped Dave Maier, Milwaukee, (1). Milt Minikel, Milwaukee, knocked out George Rohrick, Milwaukee, (2).

CHESTER, Pa.—Johnny Roberts, Huntington, W. Va., stopped Nick Basciano, Baltimore, (2).

EXHIBITION BASEBALL
(By The Associated Press)
At Wichita Falls, Tex.—Wichita Falls (TL) 9; New York (A) 6.
At Macon, Ga.—Brooklyn (N) 7; Boston (N) 4.
At Birmingham, Ala.—Birmingham (SA) 4; Cincinnati (N) 1.
At Houston, Tex.—Pittsburgh (N) 8; Houston (TL) 7.
At Charlotte, N. C.—Philadelphia (A) 4; Charlotte (S. Atl.) 2.
At Fort Worth, Tex.—Chicago (A) 10; Fort Worth (TL) 4.
At Louisville, Ky.—Louisville (AA) 15; Boston (A) 10.
At Memphis, Tenn.—St. Louis (A) 1; Memphis (SA) 0.
At Atlanta, Ga.—Atlanta (SA) 5; Detroit (A) 4.
At New Orleans—Cleveland (A) 6; New Orleans (SA) 4.
At Los Angeles—Chicago (N) 5; Los Angeles (PCL) 4.

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Under The Big Top

NEW YORK, April 4—(AP)—Release of four more players has cut the Brooklyn Robins' squad to twenty-seven. Southpaw Jim Faulkner, obtained from Buffalo of the Red national league, was returned for that club; Clarence Blalock, right handed pitcher, was sent to Atlanta; outfielder Max West to Jersey City of the International league, and Bob Parham, outfielder, to the Macon club of the South Atlantic league. The Dodgers attached strings only to Parham.

Manager John McGraw of the New York Giants refuses to say who will pitch the opening game of the season, but the boys are guessing Bill Walker, southpaw, will get the assignment.

"I never announce my pitchers in advance," said McGraw. "Some of them are high strung young fellows and lose sleep when they know they are going to pitch the next day. Right now the best looking pitcher in camp is Bill Walker."

Babe gets Right
The New York Yankees went to Wichita Falls, Ark. and were conquered, but the real winner was Babe Ruth. While the Yanks were losing to the Texas League team yesterday, Ruth clouted two home runs, the second of which was one of the longest drives of his career. The center field fence here is 400 feet from the home plate. Ruth's second drive cleared this barrier with plenty to spare and landed nearly 500 feet from the batter's box. More than 8,000 fans turned out to watch the Babe and his mates.

Manager Burt Shotton of the Phillies would like to know the whereabouts of Chester Nichols, right handed pitcher drafted from Montreal. "He was offered a splendid contract, and I want him," Shotton said today, "but I guess he does not want it. I don't know who he is." The Phillies are back at Philadelphia from their southern spring trip.

Jimmy Fox, Athletics first baseman, has found his batting eye. As felt in the Chicago Cub camp today as the club faced its final engagement with the Los Angeles Angels. The Rajah dropped out of the lineup yesterday under doctor's orders, and it was feared he might be forced to have another operation which would keep him out of action until the middle of the season.