

Leaders Get Rough Treatment As N.C.A.A. Play Continues

By Parke Carroll

Cards were shuffled and a new deal declared last week in four of eight districts of the National College Athletic Association as basketball teams continued the elimination that reaches a climax March 30 in the Municipal Auditorium, when a national championship will be at stake.

Three new leaders appear on the list today and two other proud squads were beaten, although not displaced, as if to prove that the tumult and the shouting has just started.

It Started in December

Application of the old law of survival of the fittest started in December as each of these districts was called upon to choose its outstanding team:

1. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.
2. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia.
3. District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, Florida.
4. Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota.
5. Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma.
6. Texas, Arizona, Arkansas.
7. Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Montana.
8. California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada.

A team from each of the first four districts plays in the Eastern Sectional Tournament March 22 and 23 in Philadelphia. At the same time the Western Sectional Tournament will be held here, with winners remaining for the grand finale.

N.Y.U. Marches Along

Leaders last week were bowled over in districts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Dartmouth and Rhode Island State retained their high ranking in the first district. New York U. remained a power in district 2 by stopping Gettysburg, Penn State and Fordham



How They Stand

Eastern Section

District 1			
	W.	L.	
*Dartmouth	6	1	P. I. State
Dartmouth leads Eastern Intercollegiate.			
District 2			
	W.	L.	
N.Y.U.	15	0	*Princeton
District 3			
	W.	L.	
*Duke	9	1	*Tennessee
*N.C.U.	9	2	
Duke leads Southern Conference.			
Tennessee leads Southeastern Conference.			
District 4			
	W.	L.	
*Purdue	7	1	*Indiana
Purdue leads Big Ten.			

Western Section

District 5			
	W.	L.	
*Okla. A.-M.	9	0	*Kansas
*Missouri	7	1	*Oklahoma
A.-M. leads Missouri Valley.			
Missouri leads Big Six.			
District 6			
	W.	L.	
*Rice	7	2	*Texas
Rice leads Southwest.			
District 7			
	W.	L.	
*Colorado	8	1	*Utah State
Colorado leads Big Seven.			
District 8			
	W.	L.	
*U.S.C.	7	1	*Oregon
U.S.C. leads Southern division, Pacific Coast.			
Oregon State leads Northern division, Pacific Coast.			
*Only conference games.			

to run its string of successive victories to 15.

The Violets face St. John's Wednesday and Rutgers Saturday. They are picked to win both and move within two games of an all-victorious campaign.

Duke maintained the pace as one of the top teams in district 3 by holding the Southern Conference lead. However, the Dukes dropped a nonconference assignment to Georgia Tech and saw North Carolina move to within a half game of the southern lead by crushing North Carolina State, 60 to 36.

Kentucky Makes Drive

Tennessee held to a slight lead in the Southern Conference while

Kentucky started a drive toward the top. Kentucky slapped Mississippi State out of second place, 45 to 37.

Rough treatment for leading teams was extended to district 4, the Big Ten, where Indiana lost to Northwestern and forfeited the lead to Purdue.

Oklahoma A.-M.'s steady progress and Missouri's victory over Oklahoma to take command in the Big Six featured competition in district 5.

Colorado is in sight of the Big Seven championship which will qualify it from the seventh district. Brigham Young aided the Buffs last week by handing Utah State its second defeat, 49-43. However, everything should be settled Friday night in Boulder, when second place Utah State faces Colorado for the second time. State captured the first one, 31-28.

Rice Replaces Texas

S.M.U. introduced the surprise element to district 6 by upsetting Texas, Southwest Conference leader and defending champion, 45-42. Texas came back Saturday to hand T.C.U. its 21st straight loss and trails Rice in the league standings by less than a game.

U.S.C., red-hot favorite of the West Coast, got no better than an even break with California, but retained first place in the southern division of the conference by a safe margin. In the North, Oregon State whipped second place Oregon to virtually cinch that half.

Oregon State needs only one victory in three remaining games while U.S.C. needs one in four. Division champions play a two out of three series for the championship and the right to represent district 8.

February 21, 1940.

Mr. Parke Carroll,
Sports Editor,
Kansas City Journal,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Parke:

I wonder if you would be kind enough to send me a copy of last night's Journal which carried a story on the National Collegiate basketball race. I will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE, *President*

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

COLUMBUS
February 27, 1940

Dr. Harry A. Scott
Director of Athletics
Rice Institute
Houston, Texas

My dear Dr. Scott:

Obie was just in the office and told me you had wired him concerning information about the N.C.A.A. Tournament. He said you had won the championship of the Southwest Conference. Congratulations! This undoubtedly means you will be selected as the representative from District 6. The selection committee in District 6 is composed of:

James W. St. Clair, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas (Chairman)
D. K. Bible, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
H. R. McQuillan, Texas A. & M., College, Station, Texas

They will no doubt make their selection right away.

For your information, the Eastern and Western play-offs will be held on March 22 and 23. The Western play-off will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City on the above dates and the final game on March 30, at Kansas City. The final game, by the way, will be tied up with the meeting of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and also the meeting of the National Rules Committee. Kansas City will be pretty much the basketball center of the country on the last week-end in March.

If you have any further questions regarding the Western play-off, please contact Jim St. Clair or "Phog" Allen, although I imagine they will probably have gotten in touch with you even before you receive this letter.

Very sincerely yours,

"Ole"

H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
Tournament Committee

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Air Mail

Copies to: / James W. St. Clair
/ Dr. Forrest C. Allen

Lawrence, Kansas
February 24, 1940.

Mr. H. G. Olsen,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

I wired you yesterday as follows: "Naismith family
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to the trophy. I have also sent a copy to "Butch" Grover.

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*to
from*

Memorandum

March 5, 1940.

Mr. H. G. Olsen,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

I am enclosing copies of telegrams we have exchanged with the authorities at Oklahoma A. & M. College, so that you may have a progress report of our situation here. Henry Iba has repeatedly assured me of his support of our N.C.A.A. tournament, although it looks as if he wants to enter the Madison Square Garden tournament to make some money.

On February 6, 1940, Bus Ham, of Oklahoma City, wrote me as follows:

"The 15th of March has been reserved at the Auditorium for the Big Six-Missouri Valley play-off. Everybody in town is discussing the possibility of another meeting between the Sooners and Aggies, so I am sure it will pay out handsomely, if they should be so fortunate as to go through."

While I was in Omaha yesterday, where we played Creighton University, Lee Anderson, the secretary of the Oklahoma High School Athletic Association, called me and stated that their high school tournament would not keep us out of the auditorium on the 15th and 16th.

Today I have talked with all members of my Fifth District Committee, with the exception of C. E. McBride whom I have been unable to reach as yet, and Dr. King and George Edwards are agreed with me that we should go ahead if Iba wants to drop out of the tournament. Bill Williams said that he would have to vote with Iba since they are in the same conference. I am calling a meeting of my committee next Saturday in Kansas City so that we can make final arrangements.

We are definitely going forward with our plans for the play-off for this district, but I just wanted you to know what is going on. We play Oklahoma next Friday night, and if Oklahoma wins that means the Big Six will have a three-way tie (Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas), to determine the winner to play Oklahoma A. & M. Of course, if the Oklahoma Aggies decide to give up our tournament, then the winner of the Big Six will go into the regional play on March 22 and 23. I shall keep you advised of our progress.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

Night letter

March 7, 1940.

C. S. Edmundson
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington.

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DR FORREST C ALLEN=

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EVEN IF THEY WIN PACIFIC COAST PLAYOFF. SUGGEST YOU CHECK
THIS REPORT DIPLOMATICALLY AND KEEP YOUR FINGERS VERY
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HAVE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REFUSE TO COME IN IF SHE WINS
PACIFIC COAST. MATTERS ARE COMING TO HEAD RAPIDLY
REGARDING EASTERN PLAYOFF. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS LOOK LIKE
MAY HOLD AT BUTLER FIELD HOUSE INDIANAPOLIS. THIS LOCATION
WITH INDIANA IN THE TOURNAMENT WOULD BE EVEN MORE
SATISFACTORY THAN NEWYORK. WILL APPRECIATE HEARING ANY
DEVELOPMENTS. REGARDS=

H G OLSEN.

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Lawrence, Kansas
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Mr. John Bunn,
Dean of Men,
Stanford University,
California.

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Lawrence, Kansas
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Mr. J. W. St. Clair,
Southern Methodist University,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Saint:

Dr. Haismith's wife and daughter were in to see me this morning, and the family has given permission to the National Association of Basketball Coaches for the award of a "Dr. James Haismith Basketball Trophy", to be presented to the championship team of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament. I am enclosing herewith a copy of their letter to me. This trophy is to be presented each year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches with the sanction of the Haismith family.

I realize that the Rules body has no authority to give the Haismith family carte blanche admission to all college basketball games, but I thought it would be a nice thing to have some sort of a courtesy card printed by the Coaches Association and the Rules Committee for the immediate members of Dr. Haismith's family which would admit them to basketball games played under the auspices of the colleges affiliated with these organizations.

Dr. Haismith made such a definite contribution to basketball, not only as the originator, but he contributed always to the high standard and splendid sportsmanship of the game. We are arranging for a special box at the N.C.A.A. championship games in Kansas City this year for the Haismith family. Appropriate memorial services, although brief, will be conducted in honor of Dr. Haismith.

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