

## ALL-STARS WIN BASKETBALL'S GREATEST GAME

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22,000 See Trotters Lose, 44-42. Crowd cheers for five minutes after thrilling Finish.

Sport history has a new and glamorous page today.

The greatest crowd that has ever seen a basketball game in the history of the sport - approximately 22,000 - today was still trying to get back to normalcy after probably the most thrilling, most spectacular battle in fifty years of basketball at the Chicago Stadium last night.

At the finish of an overtime period, the College All-Stars had won 44 to 42, and if there was any one in the vast expanse of the Stadium who retained anything resembling sanity, he certainly wasn't among the howling, shrieking mob that stood in its seats and refused to leave the place.

Five minutes after the game ended, they were still yelling - which may give you an idea of how successful The Herald-American's first annual All-Star basketball game turned out to be. They knew they were going to see something in the way of a spectacle - but even if one of Hollywood's most gifted scenario writers had written the script, he couldn't have come close to what actually happened before the sell-out crowd in that Stadium last night.

### STARS TAKE LEAD.

At the end of the first quarter the All-Stars led the Harlem Globe trotters, world's pro-champs, 13-11, at the end of the first half the score was 20 to 20. At the end of the third period it was 30 to 30. With thirty seconds to play in the second half, it was 37 to 37. Then Ralph Vaughn, Southern California's great star, hooked a one-handed shot from the free throw line which apparently won for the All-Stars.

But as the crowd rose to cheer for his spectacular shot, "Sonny" Boswell of the Globetrotters let fly from the middle of the floor as the gun went off and it swished through to turn 22,000 customers into raving maniacs.

The overtime requires more adjectives than this veteran of several thousand basketball games has at his disposal. Boswell put the Globe Trotters ahead with a free throw, 40 to 39, Ralph Vaughn again broke loose with his left hand and popped one through to put the Stars in front, 41 to 40. Erwin Prasse sank a free throw to make it 42 to 40 with one minute to play. Then Lou Pressley again brought the crowd to its feet from one out in midfloor which tied it again at 42 to 42 - and if you think that this didn't send the crowd to delirium, just ask one of the hoarse-throated spectators.

### TIE UP SCORE.

One minute to play and the score tied!

The All-Stars took the ball. Carefully they passed it beyond mid-floor, cautiously awaiting for the chance to shoot as the seconds ticked away. Then suddenly Stan Szukala - DePaul's captain last year and co-captain of the squad broke away at the right of the basket. He dribbled past the guards, shot under the hoop and caged a perfect two-pointer as he flew past. It was the winning basket, but the game wasn't over by any means.