

Courageously the Globe Trotters fought back. Half a dozen shots missed by only the tiniest of margins as the crowd grew more and more frantic, and as the gun went off a foul was called on the All-Stars which might have cut their margin to one point -- but the Globe Trotters waived the throw.

Then came one of the most amazing spectacles that this writer has seen in many years of covering sports. The crowd just stood there and yelled. The game was over, the curtain had dropped on the final act on the most spectacular event in Stadium history, but they just stood there and cheered for fully five minutes while players congratulated each other. Coach Lonborg tried to become coherent once more and from one end of the Stadium to the other there echoed this sentiment: "Well, you'll never see anything like that again!"

AN ANNUAL EVENT

But you probably will. The Herald-American's All-Star Basketball Game is a permanent fixture in Chicago's sport picture and will be staged annually. Last night's capacity crowd gave this city the unusual record of having turned out the largest crowds in basketball, football, and boxing. Actual paid attendance was 20,583, with passes and officials bringing the total well up around 22,000. Every seat of the Stadium's largest set-up was filled with hundreds standing in the upper galleries and additional hundreds turned away for lack of room.

Everything on the program was spectacular and impressive. The pre-game ceremonies arranged by Harry Berz were patriotic in theme and beautifully executed. When John Pane-Gasser sang the Star Spangled Banner after the players on both teams had been introduced, it was something that stirred the hearts of those who realized what it meant to be a free American, a participant in a sport spectacle in which whites and Negroes mixed as sportsmen, with no worries about dictators, wars and "fifth columnists".

GAME OPENS SLOWLY

And now for the game itself. It opened slowly enough, with Irwin Passe of Iowa sinking two free throws to put the All-Stars in front at the start. Price caged a free throw to make it 2 to 1, but Bob Carpenter of East Texas Teachers sank the first of his six field goals to make it 6 to 1 after Vaughn had caged a hooker.

Ford's long basket (most of the Globe Trotter's shots were from far out) made it 6 to 3, but Carpenter again hooked a one-handed thriller to make it 8 to 3. Then he came back with another to make it 10 to 7 after Presseley and Price had scored for the pro champs. Presseley's basket, a step-in, made it 10 to 9, but Prasse sank a free throw and Bill Hapac connected with a brilliant 1-hander to run the All-Star total to 13. Brown's long on made it 13 to 11 as a quarter ended.

The biggest lead by any team was rung up by the All-Stars as they started the second quarter with a new quintet, 18 to 12, but before they knew what was happening, Presseley made a free throw, Boswell caged a basket and two more penalty shots and Presseley tossed in another long one to make it 19 to 18 for the Globe Trotters. Bill McDonald's follow-up again put the All-Stars in front but Hillary Brown tied it with a free throw at 20-all as the half ended.

The Globe Trotters came out with the inspiration after the intermission, and accumulated their biggest lead, 30 to 25, on four baskets by Boswell and another by Price, with McDonald and Hapac scoring for the Stars from the field

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