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NBA spot quiz

Cleaning out the notebook, or little things of interest that may help brighten a relatively dull National Basketball Association season.

In other words, tid-bits of information that could win you a drink at your favorite watering place.

Like . . . In Wilt Chamberlain's 100-point game, March 2, 1962 against the New York Knicks, at Hershey, Pa., can you name three members of the Knicks who scored over 30 points each? Philadelphia won, 169-147.

Richie Guerin with 39, Cleveland Buckner with 33 and Willie Naulls with 31.

Of the current crop of 17 NBA league coaches, how many have NBA playing experience, and with which teams?

Atlanta's Richie Guerin; New York, St. Louis and Atlanta, Baltimore's Gene Shue; Philadelphia, New York, Fort Wayne, Detroit and Baltimore, Boston's Tom Heinsohn; Boston, Buffalo's Dolph Schayes; Syracuse and Philadelphia, Cincinnati's Bob Cousy; Boston, Detroit's Bill van Breda Kolff; New York, Los Angeles' Joe Mullaney; Boston, Milwaukee's Larry Costello; Philadelphia and Syracuse, New York's Red Holzman; Rochester and Milwaukee, San Diego's Alex Hannum; Syracuse, Rochester, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Fort Wayne, San Francisco's Al Attles; Philadelphia and San Francisco (still active), Seattle's Len Wilkens; St. Louis and Seattle (still active).

There are six former Big Five players active in the NBA. Who are they and where did they play?

John Baum of Temple, playing with Chicago. Eddie Mast of Temple, with New York. Jim Washington and Wally Jones of Villanova, with Philadelphia. Matty Goukas of St. Joseph's, with Chicago and LaSalle's Bernie Williams, with San Diego.

Can't forget the Ivy League. So, same question.

Princeton leads the field with three. Bill Bradley with New York, Geoff Petrie with Portland and John Hummer with Buffalo. Also, Columbia's Jim McMillian with Los Angeles.

Who is the only player of the once Philadelphia Warriors, now San Francisco, still wearing a Warriors' uniform?

Player-coach Al Attles. Now in his 11th season.

What was and still is the largest crowd in NBA history ever to see a game?

On Feb. 4, 1968, 41,163 fans poured into Houston's Astrodome to see a doubleheader between Detroit-Cincinnati and Boston-San Diego.

While in the history department, who was the youngest coach ever to handle an NBA team?

Early in the 1964-65 season, New York's Dave DeBusschere (24 years old), then with the Detroit Pistons, was given the coaching duties of the Pistons. He remained as player-coach until late in 1967. He also, after being a territorial draft choice of the Pistons in 1962, pitched with the Chicago White Sox, compiling a 3-4 record (2.90 ERA) during the 1962 and 1963 seasons.

Another history note. Which is the only team to produce back-to-back NBA Rookies-of-the-Year?

Baltimore. Earl Monore in 1968 and Wes Unseld in 1969.

Which team shattered its own NBA mark of most wins in one season?

The New York Knicks. Last year's 60-22 mark erased the previous mark of 54 which they set the season before. They also set the record for most consecutive wins in a single season. Eighteen straight, also last season.

Former Fort Wayne-Detroit Piston forward George Yardley became the first player in NBA history to score over 2,000 points in one season. . . . 2,001 in the 1957-58 season. However, four years later another player more than doubled this. Who? How many?

None other than Wilt Chamberlain. The Big Dipper set an all-time mark with 4,029 during the 1961-62 season. But the then Philadelphia Warriors finished in second place.

On June 6, 1946, in a New York hotel room, the NBA as we know it now was born when the Basketball Association of America was formed. Most of the original owners had hockey franchises and owned their arenas. On dates when their hockey teams were on the road, they booked pro basketball games. Franchises were granted to 11 teams for the 1946-47 season. Can you name the 11 and how many of the original franchises remain?

The 11 were, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Providence, Toronto, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Detroit and Pittsburgh. The only two original franchises remaining are the Boston Celtics and the New York Knickerbockers.

Does anyone really know what time it is?

Bring on Oscar Bonavena

Clay's in shape already

NEW YORK (UPI)—Cassius Clay was worried if he could get into shape quickly enough for his comeback bout against Jerry Quarry on Oct. 26. But in his first bout since 1967, he stopped Quarry in three rounds.

Now he's worried about getting into shape too quickly for the second bout of his comeback against Oscar Bonavena on Monday night in Madison Square Garden.

"I feel good," Clay, 28, said. "Now I'm gonna take it easy." Clay called off his sparring today and limited himself to light bag work and running. However, Bonavena continued his grind at Grossinger, N.Y., by

sparring several rounds. Clay's manager, Angelo Dundee, said he will decide tonight whether to have the deposed heavyweight champion resume sparring Friday.

"I'm continually amazed by this man," he said. "He's unreal. I've never seen an athlete who could get in shape like he does. It shows up when he's working in the gym and the way he's working himself up mentally with all that talk."

Clay continued his talk Wednesday, predicting that "I will whip him in nine rounds." However, he found one dissenter in the crowd, former lightweight champion Ike Wil-

liams. Clay asked Williams if he could not out Bonavena in nine rounds.

"No," Williams said bluntly. "I don't think you can knock him out at all. I saw Joe Frazier try to do that in two fights, and he couldn't. But if you can do it in nine I'd say you're the greatest!"

Mexican Jose Napoles, remembering the frustration of being the No. 1 contender in four divisions without being able to get a title bout, defends his world welterweight championship for the fourth time in 21 months tonight against homegrown Billy Backus.

Banks: 'I'm just beginning to pick up now'

Weather isn't a crutch for Ernie

By MILTON RICHMAN
UPI Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — There was so much rain around here lately one guy at the baseball meetings came up with the suggestion a reward be posted for the return of the sun.

It finally came out on Wednesday.

Ernie Banks arrived. He showed up here the same way he does everywhere. All smiles.

"Why not?" asked the cub's indefatigable Mr. Effervescence. Who's an Aquarian along with it, and will be 40 next month. "So what if it's been raining a few days? I never use the weather as a crutch. What for? Life is too beautiful for that."

There are some people who believe Ernie Banks is one great big put-on. They get you off in a corner of the room and tell you nobody can be that happy. Not all the time anyway. The people who try to sell you that simply don't know Ernie Banks.

"How do you stay so happy all the time?" A guy here at the meetings asked him.

"It's not really that hard," Ernie Banks answered him. "I don't work at being happy. It's just . . . Well, I look at baseball and all sports as fun. Don't you?"

"People still ask you how long you're gonna keep playing?" "Yes, they do," said Ernie Banks.

"What do you tell 'em?" "I say I'm gonna keep playing as long as I can be of some help to the club. I know it sounds corny but that doesn't matter."



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"Don't you think you're slowing up?" "No, I'm just beginning to pick up. I'll be 40 January 31st and I believe life begins at 40."

"You're starting your 17th year with the Cubs. Aren't you?" "Eighteenth."

"Have you about given up hope of ever playing in a World Series?" "Never give up hope. Never . . . Never . . . Never . . ."

"Would you like to manage when you finish playing?" "Well, maybe. I suppose maybe I'd like to. Not to prove anything, though. Managing isn't a matter

of life or death with me. "Is there any one person you particularly look up to for what he's accomplished?"

"You mean in baseball, or out?"

"Either way, in or out."

"The people who I admire are the ones who can get other people to do things together. John (Buck) O'Neil is such a person. He was my manager with the Kansas City Monarchs and he scouts for the Cubs now. I think I admire him as much as I do anybody else. He has a way with people, a way of communicating with them. That's so important."

"What brings you to these meetings?"

"These are the first I've ever been to. It just kinda happened. My in-laws live here, so my wife, the children and I came out to see them for Thanksgiving. Then I

was asked to come over here because I'm up for one of the awards."

The award Ernie Banks talked about will be presented at a special dinner tonight. It is an award bestowed upon the player who best typifies the game on and off the field. In addition to Banks, the other candidates are Felipe Alou, Harmon Killebrew, Willie Mays, Brooks Robinson and Pete Rose.

Each would be an ideal choice but with Ernie Banks' track record he'll probably just miss and the award will go to somebody else.

Nobody will ever be able to tell the difference if he doesn't get that award.

Ernie Banks will be right there applauding the winner the same way he always does.

All Smiles.

Manning set to face LSU with a brace

By GREG GALLO
UPI Sports Writer

Promises, promises, promises—that's all Louisiana State ever receives when it comes to bowl invitations.

LSU, left out of the bowl picture last year when Notre Dame accepted a bid to the Cotton Bowl at the last moment, has been guaranteed a trip to Miami and the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day if it can defeat arch-rival Mississippi Saturday in Baton Rouge, La.

Two weeks ago, after LSU lost its second game of the season, a bitter 3-0 setback to Notre Dame, the Orange Bowl selection committee said the Tigers would be a suitable opponent for Big Eight champion Nebraska. But under one condition—LSU had to win its final two games against Tulane and Ole Miss.

Manning Mending

Last Saturday LSU knocked off Tulane, 26-14, and now only Mississippi and old nemesis Archie Manning stand in the way of the Bayou Bengals' first bowl appearance since 1968. Manning was expected to miss the remainder of the season after breaking his arm against Houston a month ago. But the talented quarterback, who led the Rebs to victory the past two years over LSU, flew to Memphis Wednesday to have the cast removed from his arm and will play with a special foam-covered brace.

In the 1969 meeting at Jackson, Miss., Manning directed a fourth-quarter drive that brought Ole Miss from behind to defeat the Bengals, 26-23, and Mississippi clinched the Southeast Conference title. Two years ago as a sophomore, Manning sparked the Rebels to a 27-24 victory over LSU. Although LSU leads in the series that began in 1891, 29-26-3, the Bengals have not won since 1964. LSU is a 13-point favorite.

This year's Southwest Conference champion will be crowned at Austin, Tex., Saturday as No. 1 Texas tangles with No. 5 Arkansas for the right to meet Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl. Texas (9-0) puts its 29-game winning streak (third longest by a major college in the last 50 years) on the line against an Arkansas team that won nine straight after losing its opener to Stanford.

Texas is the highest scoring team in the nation, averaging 41.1 points per game and Arkansas is second at 39.5. Texas has the best rushing offense (364.6 yards per game) while Arkansas has a more balanced attack, averaging 298.5 yards on the ground and 230.3 yards passing.

Texas is a seven-point favorite.

LSU (8-2) has the toughest defense against the rush in the country, allowing a mere 51.2 yards per game.



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TAKE THIS, REF— Montreal Canadiens' Marc Tardif throws a solid right at referee Bryan Lewis as free for all broke out in second period of last night's game with the Pittsburgh Penguins. Penguins' Jim Morrison and Canadiens' Yvan Cournoyer (12) hold on to each other. Teams tied, 3-3.

Temple, LaSalle post victories

Morse leads Penn

By United Press International Pennsylvania rolled to an easy 85-71 victory over Rutgers Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams. Bob Morse and Steve Bilsky combined for a total of 53 points.

Morse scored 19 of his 27 points in the first half as the Quakers moved out to a 48-34 halftime lead.

Penn shot a blistering 56.8 from the floor, making 21 of 37 shots.

Penn State—without a senior in the lineup defeated Bucknell 85-55 Wednesday night as 6-5 sophomore Bill Kunze chipped in 23 points to lead the Lions to victory in their season opener before a crowd of 5,400, the largest in Rec Hall in two years. Temple jumped out to a 29-20 over Navy and never gave up the lead as Junior Lee Tress scored 21 points in a 64-57 triumph in the Owl's opening game.

Alliegheny's Doug Trenkl ripped the cords for five points in the last minute of play to give his team a close 71-66 win over John Carroll of Cleveland, Ohio. La Salle had little trouble defeating Albright 89-59. Ken Durret poured in 36 points for La

Salle for top scoring honors.

UCLA proved last season it could win an NCAA title even without a seven-footer. Friday night the Bruins open their quest for an astonishing fifth straight national title.

UCLA opens its 1970-71 season at Pauley Pavilion against Baylor with virtually the same unit that swept through the NCAA tournament last season with victories over Long Beach State, Utah State, New Mexico State and ultimately Jacksonville in the finals at College Park, Md.

Only guard John Vallely is gone from last season's starting

College scores

Table with college scores: East (Rutgers 71, Bucknell 55, Yale 56, Navy 57), South (Presbyterian 59, Wake Forest 78, Methodist 77), Midwest (Marquette 87, John Mary 59, St. Bonaventure 64), Southwest (Paso 65, Westland 69, Bethel 69, Utah 58, Utah St 78), West (Oregon 75, Portland 54, Air Force 66)

team. Back are Sidney Wicks and Curtis Rowe, the talented forwards, Steve Patterson at center and guard Henry Bibby.

Dynasty Began In 1963

UCLA has won the NCAA title six of the last seven years, missing out only in 1966 when Texas Western captured the championship. The Bruins took national laurels in 1967-68-69 behind star center Lew Alcindor, but last season's title may have been the sweetest for coach Johnny Wooden, who proved he could do it even without the seven-foot center.

Baylor, which finished 15-9 last season, relies on 6-5 William Chatmon, the No. 3 scorer in the Southwest Conference last season with a 20.7 average, for its offensive punch.

Few of the top teams were in action Wednesday night. Marquette, ranked fifth in the preseason ratings, waltzed past St. John's (Minn.), 87-58 and seventh-ranked Pennsylvania smashed Rutgers 85-71. West Texas State stunned Utah State, ranked ninth in preseason balloting, 81-78, and Georgia Tech coasted to a 91-77 victory over Southern Methodist.

Guess who's number one?

Penn is seventh in basketball poll

NEW YORK (UPI)—UCLA should win the national basketball title this season.

The United Press International Board of Coaches made that clear today when it overwhelmingly voted for Uclans the nation's No. 1 favorite.

UCLA, which won the NCAA title for the fourth straight year last season, received 23 of the 26 first place ballots cast by members of the 35-man UPI Coaches Board. The Bruins finished with 257 points to easily outdistance second-place South

Carolina. Jacksonville was third in the tabulation, followed by Kentucky, the defending regular-season national titlist, and Marquette. Notre Dame was sixth, with Pennsylvania, Western Kentucky, Utah State and Southern California completing the top 10.

Kansas, Indiana and Villanova took the next three spots with Florida State 14th and Long Beach State 15th. Drake and Utah tied for 16th and Kansas State, Duke and Illinois completed the top 20.

Pennsury sells season tickets

Student season tickets for basketball and wrestling at Pennsury High School in Fairless Hills are now on sale at the athletic office at the Administration Building, Yardley Ave., Fallsington, and in the offices of the five secondary schools (William Penn, Medill Bair, Charles Boehm, Pennwood and the high school) as well.

The price of the ticket book is \$5.00 which will admit students in kindergarten through 12th grade to 17 home basketball games and wrestling meets.

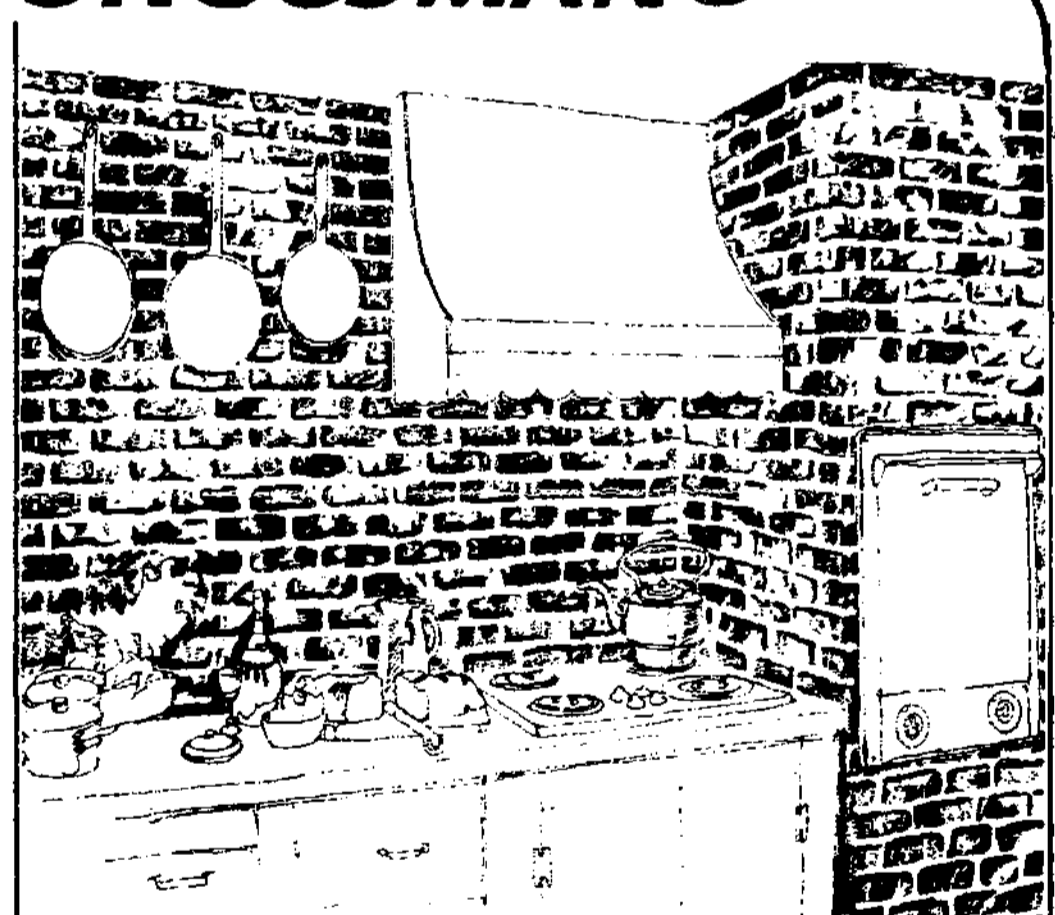
These ticket books can be purchased until the schools break for Christmas vacation (Dec. 23).

Table with basketball standings: East (Kentucky 13, Virginia 14, Florida 11, New York 10, Pittsburgh 10, Carolina 7), West (Utah 16, Memphis 13, Indiana 14, Denver 7, Texas 6), Wednesday's Results (Kentucky 139, Pittsburgh 127, Utah 122, Virginia 115, Memphis 106, Indiana 100)

QUEEN GIRLS WIN

Carol Mara's 12 points paced Queen of the Universe to a 37-15 victory over Our Lady of Grace last night in a CYO girls basketball game.

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