

EAGLES CHAMPS AGAIN; SET RECORD

Blue Chip Boys Take Third Cage Crown From Parkersburg, 74-58

By BOB WILLS
MOUNTAINEER FIELD HOUSE, Morgantown, March 21—Triple champs. Blue Chip Boys. The Yankee of West Virginia High school athletes.

What else can you say about Beckley's Flying Eagles, who today became the first school in state history to march to three straight championships in the "round ball" sport by out playing, outsmarting and outmaneuvering Parkersburg's Big Reds, 74-58, in the Class A Tournament finale before a house of 6,800 screaming fans.

Another rabbit and hat act by Coaching Wizard Jerome Robert Van Meter, who was directing his basketball team to a fourth state title in eight years, was largely responsible for the amazing victory.

Tax Payments Up; Not Sure About Size of Deficit

By FRANK O'BRIEN
WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—Swelled by mid-March income tax payments, more money has been pouring into the U. S. Treasury than last year. But officials said today it is still too early to tell whether the deficit will be smaller than expected.

A billion and a half dollars was received the day after the income tax deadline, March 16, and a billion and a third next day.

This does not mean that a lot of taxpayers were late. Tax payments are not counted as receipts until they are deposited in government accounts and this takes time.

As a matter of fact a lot of money went in on or before March 16 but it is not shown up in the receipts column.

The receipts through March 18 boosted total government receipts so far this fiscal year to nearly 47 billion dollars, as compared to nearly 42 billion in the same part of last year.

That 47 billion is still a long way from the 75 billions the Truman administration estimated would come in before the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Receipts will continue to run high for the rest of March and part of April, and payroll tax deductions and other regular collections will continue to add to the total.

Meanwhile, the government is spending at an increased clip—nearly 5 1/2 billion dollars from July 1, 1952, beginning of the fiscal year, through Feb. 28, compared with 4 1/2 billions in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

The increase is almost entirely attributable to stepped-up defense expenditures.

Despite this, the national debt has gone down in the last month, and the deficit has shrunk. The deficit is the difference between the government's net receipts and its expenditures for the fiscal year.

At the beginning of March the deficit stood at \$10,156,000,000.

But with money rolling in, in the heavy tax collection period, faster than it is going out, the deficit after collections reported March 18 was down to \$8,591,000,000, a reduction of a billion and a half dollars. (The difference between total collections and expenditures is not as great as this deficit because total collections include billions of dollars for government trust funds, and money which will be refunded to taxpayers who have paid too much.)

4,000 Reds Riot On Yoncho Island
YONCHO ISLAND, Korea, Sunday, March 22 (AP)—United Nations guards quelled a threatening riot by nearly 4,000 screaming Communist Korean officer prisoners Thursday, the U. N. Prisoner War Command announced today.

Now Back in '17...
Winter Ain't What It Usta Be!
By CHARLES STAFFORD
HUNTINGTON, March 21 (AP)—"Ease the checkerboard away from the Burnside, Zeb. You know, we jest don't have winters like we usta."

"Why, I recollect the winter the boys went to France durin' the war—just one that is—the snow got so deep etc."
You're liable to hear that monologue in general stores from Bloomery to Bozoo, Peel Tree to Pinch or Zela to Zona. And whether the spokesman gauges the weather by rheumatism, robins, moss-on-the-tree or woolly worms, he's absolutely right.

That and the never-give-up, never-quit-fighting play of the whole Beckley team led by Bill Collier, Don Warden, Pete Culicerto and Dwayne Wingler.

The hat was the unfathomable Beckley bench. This particular rabbit was substitute Tony Lusk whom Coach Van Meter had held out of the first two games for his final ace-in-the-hole.

And Lusk came through magnificently. Inserted in the lineup after the Flying Eagles had fell behind, 16-10, in the first quarter of play, he promptly took over the role carried last night by Collier, and in past title performances Wingler and Lee Estep.

Lusk, a slender, six-foot, frail youngster whose previous claim to fame was in sinking the winning goal as Coach Ross Irle's 1951 team edged Rivesville, 30-48, in the junior high championship game at Charleston, made 11 points in the second quarter alone, six of them on three set shots from the right side and four more on drive-in shots after faking his guard out of position with a threatened set.

Then in the third quarter he finished up a brilliant clutch performance with another driving layup and a free toss that put Beckley ahead to stay at 44-41. He fouled out of the action with 5:49 seconds to go in the last heat

but by that time Beckley had a safe 59-49 lead and the unprecedented third straight championship was safely on its way to the county seat of Raleigh County.

Beckley's wasn't the only great showing. Every starter and every sub Van elected to send into the fray came through like the champions they are. They made no mistakes at all and played like the pressure-best team they have become to be acclaimed.

The much-smaller Beckley team held the tall Reds on even terms around the board, grabbing off 40 rebounds to Parkersburg's 41.

In this the whole team shared while Parkersburg's effort was largely confined to 6-4 Bill King, who got 18, and 6-3 Bob Peters, with 10.

For the Eagles, Wingler led the boardwork with nine rebounds, Culicerto got seven, Collier and Lusk six each, Bob Smith four and Warden and Julian Trail three apiece to attest the balance of the club.

From the floor they outshot Parkersburg with a 25 out of 78 showing as against 16 of 67 and only had to take a back seat at the foul line where they cashed 24 of 41 to Parkersburg's 22 of 30.

Once Lusk sent Beckley ahead in the second quarter the Eagles were in control all the way. The only other time Parkersburg got the lead or threatened was in the nip and tuck third quarter when Zegga's set shot from the corner gave Coach Sammy Mandich's charges a 40-39 edge. But Collier promptly sent Beckley back ahead with a corner shot and after King had tied it at 41-41, Lusk took a pass from Collier to drive in for the deciding basket, and send the Eagles in the van for the last time.

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The title performance broke both the scoring record for the winner and the losing team in the championship game. The previous high for the winner in a finale was the 68 points scored by Wheeling over Grafton in 1938. The old losing record was the 54 points scored by Wheeling in losing to Fairmont West in 1949 and the same mark

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Ward Threatens Fee Fight



STATE CHAMPS — Woodrow Wilson High School's high flying Eagles won their third straight basketball crown yesterday afternoon for a new West Virginia scholastic record. On the squad of the most envied cage group in the Mountain State are — Front row (left to right): Don Warden, Nat Lilly, Capt. Collier, and Julian Trail, Second row: Jack Grosclose, Larry Davis (not on tournament squad), Dwayne Wingler, Larry Hawks (not on tournament squad). Standing: Norman Southern, John Larea, Bob Smith, Pete Culicerto and Tony Lusk. Sam Caudill, not in picture, was 12th member of the Flying Eagle tournament squad. (Register photo)

A new attendance record was also set. This year's tournament was viewed by 32,500 fans, replacing the 30,300 mark chalked up last year.

Wingler and Lusk were the big point-getters for the triple champs. Dwayne, who played great team ball in this three-game outing, topped the list with 22 points. Lusk had 16 and Pete Culicerto 10. For Parkersburg King was high man with 27 while Custer hit for 10.

It was heady playing and direction by the coaching staff from the sidelines and by Collier on the floor that enabled Beckley to prevail over what were undoubtedly the three next best teams in the tournament—Charleston Thursday night, Morgantown on Friday and Parkersburg today.

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Court Refuses Travel Expense For Two Months

BY AUDEY W. RIFFE.
A threat to force a showdown on the County Court's right to set a limited travel expense fund for the sheriff's office was voiced Saturday by Raleigh County Sheriff John C. Ward.

Sheriff Ward, irritated by the Court's refusal to approve his January and February expense accounts, which totaled \$302.94, turned down the Court's check for \$250.

The sheriff's own travel expenses precipitated a long-standing dispute over the right of the court to budget and allocate any definite amount for traveling expenses for the sheriff and his deputies.

Ward said he has "been told" several times the money will be paid, and that when it comes to payment the court offers him \$125 for each month—the maximum placed by the court on mileage per officer per month.

The sheriff contends he is entitled to the full amount of his expenditures in performance of his official duties so "why compromise," he asked.

Unless the Court backs down, Sheriff Ward said Saturday he would institute some form of suit against the commissioners.

Sheriff Ward may have an ace in the hole, in that the state law requires the sheriff to present a verified statement of expenses incurred during the performance of official duties — and that the County Court "shall" pay it.

At the Court's request, Prosecuting Attorney Anthony J. Sparaco has asked for an opinion from the Attorney General.

More than half of the \$10,000 travel budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, was expended before Ward took office Jan. 1, this year.

Ward says he's certain this is one place where the County Court has the right to "overdraft" the budget. He said that the deputies in the districts — Marsh Fork, Clear Fork, and Slab Fork — "Almost bound" each month to go over the \$125 limit in carrying out their duties of law enforcement and delivering official papers.

Newsmen Caught By Chinese Reds

HONG KONG, Sunday, March 22 (AP)—Two U. S. news and radio correspondents and an American ship captain were feared captured by the Chinese Communists late Saturday near Hong Kong when an armed Red junk ran down and seized a small sailing boat, flying the American flag.

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Stanaford Airman Dies in California Crash

A Stanford family grieves today for a 19-year-old son, one of 35 victims of a DC-4 airplane crash near Oakland, Calif., Friday night.

The Stanford airman was A-36 Joseph L. Dobbs, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dobbs, Negro, Stanford.

The Stanford family received notification of his son's death at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. He is employed by the C. and H. Service Center, 800 S. Fayette St.

Young Dobbs' survivors are his parents and five other children.

All in the crash had not been identified Saturday night as the grim task continued, engineers also studying the wreckage to try to learn the cause of the crash. None aboard survived.

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Club Serves a Basic Urge, Lions Told Here

"Lionism has separated the wheat from the chaff and has come up with a program that satisfies one of the basic urges of man."

Delegates from 52 southern clubs heard first vice president S. A. Dodge describe the purpose of Lions International at a dinner at the Black Knight Country Club Saturday night.

He was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of District 29-W. More than 300 were present.

Assembled Lions, wives, and guests heard Dodge say that the Lions had taken the best and discarded the undesirable from many of man's primary institutions to create an instrument designed to help those less fortunate.

"From the church we took the great principles of Christianity; from the fraternal orders we took brotherhood and fellowship; from business we took initiative and drive; and from government we took democratic principles. With these things Lions have created an instrument designed to satisfy man's urge to render aid to his fellowman," Dodge pointed out.

Dodger, a resident of Detroit, is an international officer who came up through the ranks to the office of first vice president.

C. D. Munson substituted as toastmaster for C. G. Perego who was in Morgantown "on other urgent business."

Member's attention was called to the Lions state convention in Huntington, May 8, 9, and 10. They also were reminded of the international convention in Chicago, July 8-11.

Baruch May Back Price Freeze Idea

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—Senate supporters of a proposed 90 day freeze on prices, wages and rents, for use in an emergency, expect to get strong backing Monday from Bernard M. Baruch.

Baruch, veteran mobilization expert and adviser to presidents, is to testify before the banking committee on bills designed to protect against leaping prices if all-out war should come.

He strongly advocated an across-the-board freeze when the Korean War started in June, 1950. It was not done, however, and he later told Congress the government and consumers lost many billions of dollars as a result.

Several Cabinet officers have been asked to testify in open session later in the week, including Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson and Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks.

Chairman Capehart (R-Ind.) said he does not know whether these or other administration witnesses will support the freeze bill. He indicated however, that their testimony would not be unfriendly to the measure.

Wilson, Weeks and Secretary of State Dulles appeared at a closed-door session of the committee a month ago when it opened hearings on the question.

Stevenson Says Formosa Essential to Defense

TAIPEH, Formosa, Sunday, March 22 (AP)—Adlai Stevenson declared Saturday that the Chinese Nationalist stronghold of Formosa was essential to the defense of the free world.

Later he had two talks with President Chiang Kai-shek lasting a total of two hours, before and after a formal dinner at the generalissimo's residence.

Earlier, at one of the best attended news conferences ever held in Formosa, Stevenson told newsmen that Formosa's defense was essential.

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'Dream Big as You Wish,' She Said, and...

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Guaranteed Pay Plan Drawn Up

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 21 (AP)—Walter P. Reuther disclosed today that his United Auto Workers already has drawn up a rough blueprint of the guaranteed annual wage plan that will top the powerful union's next set of industry-wide demands.

Reuther, president of both the CIO and the UAW, invited employers and a group of nationally-known economists for suggestions on improving the plan.

But he said the union will not compromise on the basic principle of a guaranteed annual wage when its negotiations with the major car producers come to a head on expiration of the current five-year contracts in mid-1955.

Reuther served this notice to management in his annual president's report made public on the eve of the UAW's 14th International convention opening here Sunday.

At a press conference today Reuther said the union will set a \$230 goal on monthly pension demands for the 1955 contracts. Most contracts now provide \$125, including social security benefits.

He said by 1960 money in all UAW pension trust funds can be expected to approach one billion dollars.

Faker With Williams Forged Prescriptions
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A fake doctor who treated the late hill-billy singer Hank Williams signed six prescriptions with the name "Dr. C. W. Lemon," a handwriting expert told a legislative investigating committee yesterday.

Robert Travis of the State Crime Bureau, after examining handwriting samples of H. R. (Toby) Marshall and Dr. Cecil W. Lemon, testified that in his opinion the prescriptions were signed by Marshall.

One sample, signed "Toby Marshall," prescribed chloral hydrate, a powerful sedative, for Williams before the entertainer's death in West Virginia Dec. 31.

Marshall, whose parole from a forgery sentence has been revoked, denied he "ever conspired to take the life of Hank Williams." The singer's widow told the committee she thought the convict's treatments contributed to her husband's death.

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