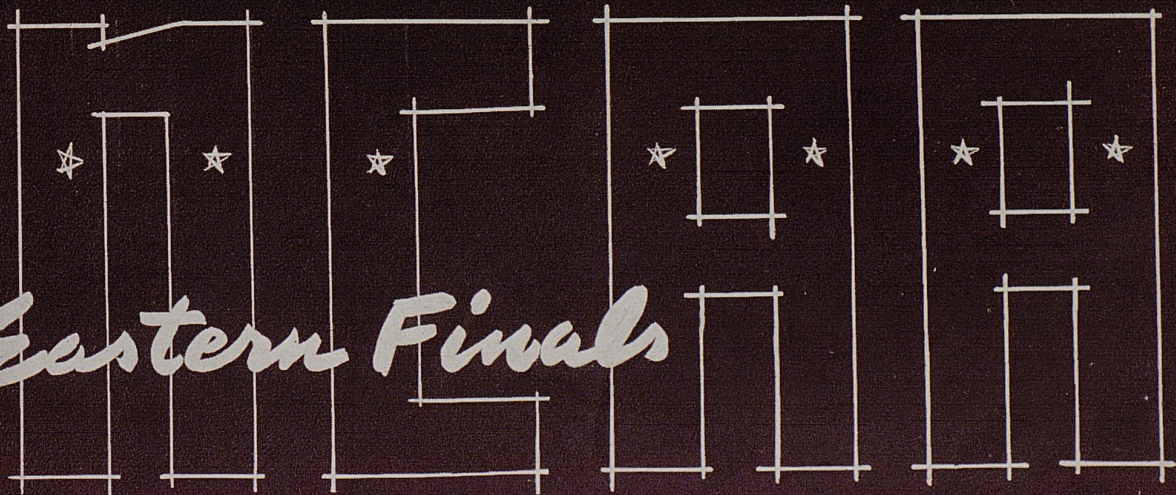




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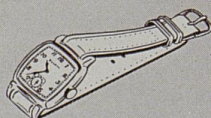
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Illinois, A Champion Who Substituted Balance For Stars

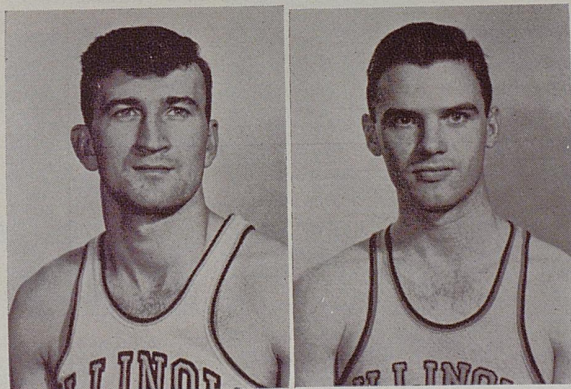
By EVERETT B. MORRIS

(N. Y. Herald-Tribune; President, Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association)

You don't have to have a goon squad to sweep the boards, or an outstanding expert in the point production department to fill the basket. It helps, of course, but you can have a championship team without either or both. You have proof of that right here in the Garden tonight.

The "Fighting Illini" of the University of Illinois, champions of the Western Conference and representatives of District No. 4 in the N.C.A.A. play-offs, are entirely unburdened with giants or record-breaking scorers. Yet they waded through a rugged schedule with only three defeats in twenty-two games and took the Big Nine title, admittedly one of the most difficult feats in college basketball, with a 10-and-2 record.

The Illini have substituted balance and well distributed power for excessive height in one or two spots and a specialist in shotmaking. They have been



WALT KERSULIS

JIM MARKS

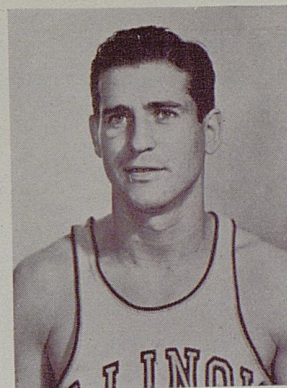
called "the team without a star" and that's quite all right with Harry Combes, who came back to his Alma Mater as head coach two years ago when Doug Mills slid over into the Director of Athletics chair after the Whizz Kids had had their post-war innings.

Normally, Illinois starts a five whose tallest member is Wally (Ox) Osterkorn, 6-4½, and whose shortest operator is Collier's All-America guard, Bill Erickson, 6-1. In between them are Walt (Slip) Kersulis, 6-4, and his running mate at forward, Jim Marks, 6-2; and Dwight (Dike) Eddelman, six feet two inches of as fine an all-round athlete as Illinois has had in many a year.

Illinois had only one man, Eddleman, among the first ten in the Big Nine scoring table, but it had eight on the list of those players who had scored fifty points or more and fifteen altogether who had put anything at all into the hoop. Eddleman had 144 points in twelve league games and 301 overall for a 13.7 average. He does most of his damage from outside, too.

He has been consistently high, hitting 20 or better six times (against Indiana, Penn, Colgate, DePaul, Northwestern and Cornell); 19 against Iowa and 18 in repeat appearances against Colgate and Northwestern.

Erickson was second to Eddleman in the scoring



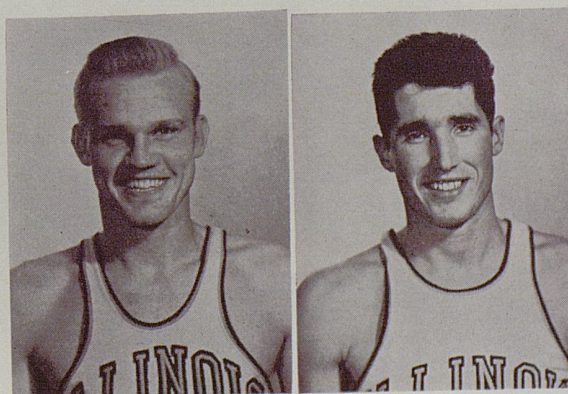
DWIGHT EDDLEMAN

department with 245 and Osterkorn had 224. Four others over the 130 mark were Sunderlage, Marks and Green.

It is difficult to beat a team with that much shooting ability because when one man is off there is always someone who can take up the slack. There is no such thing as stopping Illinois by smothering its chief scoring threat. It doesn't have any such animal.

Illinois set a Big Nine record by pouring 783 points into the cords for a 12-game average of 65.2. The old mark was 755 established by the Whizz Kids in 1943 before they all went away to war. The Illini also shared in the total points per game record when they whipped Indiana 91 to 68 and in that same rout set a new free throw standard by canning 31 penalty shots.

The Illini's operations have been characterized by sustained drive and plenty of shooting. They don't bother much with fancy, involved plays; they take the shortest possible route to the basket and the most direct method of inducing the ball to go through the ring. Consequently in their twelve Big Nine games they took 988 field goal shots and hit with 297 of them for an average of .301. That was only the third



BILL ERICKSON

WALLY OSTERKORN

best in the league but it sufficed despite the fact that its defense was the third weakest in the loop.

Shoot earlier and oftener than the other fellow and let the chips fall where they may might sum up the Illinois attacking philosophy. It paid off in blue chips this season.



Big Alex Groza, Kentucky's great center, who scored 602 points this season.

then will proceed to Seattle and mop up there; that the poor showing the Wildcats made in the first round of the NIT will quickly be forgotten—or at least forgiven—and that Kentucky will be given recognition as the top collegiate quintet in the nation.

Right or wrong, these are my sentiments and just as you are entitled to your opinion, I am to mine.

"Game of Year" Just Didn't Come Off

Of course, I was completely wrong last week but my only regret is that I won't be able to see Kentucky and St. Louis cross paths again. That was the one game I wanted to see. That thousands of others also wanted to see the "Game of the Year" goes without saying.

Be that as it may, tonight we are privileged to see Kentucky in action in one of its few remaining games. Next season, the Wildcats will be virtually unrecognizable, because Alex Groza, Ralph Beard, Wah Wah Jones and Cliff Barker will be lost via graduation.

This means the breaking-up of one of the greatest college basketball teams of all-time. If the clock could be turned back and we could bring back the fabulous Passaic Wonder Five, we'd like to match them against the current Kentuckians, a 4-year aggregation that has won the fancy and admiration of basketball followers everywhere.



JIM LINE

RALPH BEARD

WALLACE JONES

"EXPERT" TRIES AGAIN:

Boldly Picks Kentucky All the Way in NCAA

By LOUIS EFFRAT, New York Times

As one of the numerous so-called "experts" who was wrong—and how!—in his predictions on the twelfth annual national Invitation Tournament, the writer begs your indulgence while he takes another stab. Having named Adolph Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats as the winner of the Invitation, your agent wants to take advantage of this opportunity to boost his batting average to .500.

With this in mind and undaunted by the events of recent days—and nights—I boldly predict that Kentucky will finish first in the Eastern Regionals of the N. C. A. A.; that Kentucky

Recently, Red Auerbach, who coaches the Washington Capitols of the BAA, authored the statement that no college team, including Kentucky, would score 55 points against any team in the professional BAA. Here, again, there is no sense in arguing, because you'd never be able to prove it. But no one can stop you from dreaming and, with due respect to Brother Auerbach, he was talking through his hat. It is my opinion that Kentucky would not be humiliated by any team in the BAA, extend some of them and beat four or five.



Adolph Rupp

I suppose we should begin to feel sorry for Coach Rupp, who has been head-man at Lexington for the past nineteen years. Players like Groza, Beard, Jones and Barker do not bob up every season. Unbeaten on their home court, where they have annexed 76 straight these lads have brought glory to their school, their coach and themselves. Now they are about to go the way of all graduates.

What will Rupp do about replacing them?

Let's not fret about that. You can depend on the master coming up with fresh material that will enable Kentucky to remain on top or close to it. If we are to believe rival and possibly resentful—of Rupp's success—coaches, Uncle Adolph already has lined-up sensational talent to carry on.

We'll see.

KENTUCKY'S TOP SCORERS

	GAMES	POINTS	AVERAGE
ALEX GROZA	30	602	20.1
RALPH BEARD	30	342	11.4
WALLACE JONES	28	287	10.3
CLIFF BARKER	30	205	6.8
DALE BARNSTABLE	30	195	6.5

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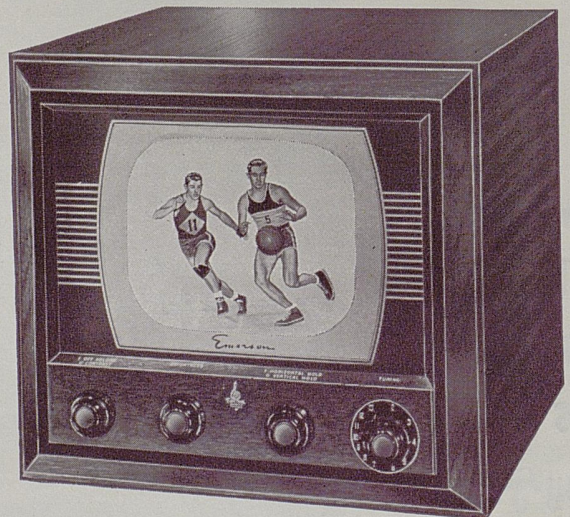
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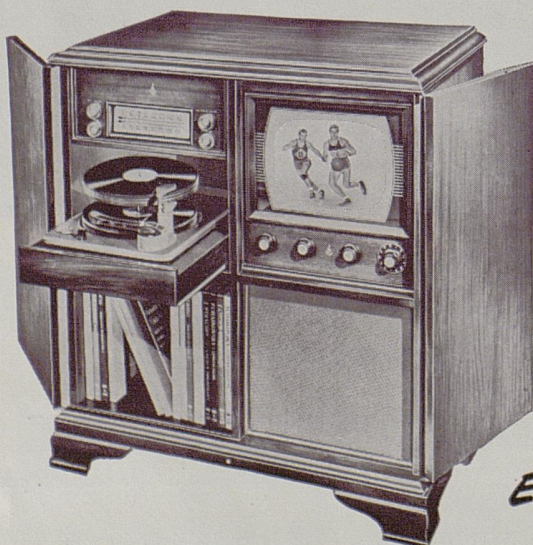
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HARRY COMBES, Illinois

Harry Combes, former University of Illinois basketball star and a highly-successful coach at Champaign, Ill., high school for 10 years, succeeded Doug Mills as head coach of the Illini last season. Combes continued his winning ways in the tough Western Conference by coaching Illinois to third place, with an overall season record of 15 wins, 5 defeats, and to the championship this year.

Combes came back to his alma mater after gaining recognition as one of the finest high school coaches in the state. He was graduated from Illinois in 1937, and immediately joined Champaign High's staff as assistant in basketball and football and head baseball coach. He became head basketball coach in 1938.

Combes' first cage team at Champaign, in 1938-39, won 18, lost 9, went to the state prep tourney, and was eliminated in the quarterfinals. From that beginning, Combes progressed to outstanding heights. In eight years with Champaign's cagers, Combes had five Big 12 conference championship teams, rolled up a record of 236 victories against only 37 losses, and reached state finals on six occasions.

Last season Combes coached his first Illinois team to a 7-5 record in the Big Nine and eight wins without loss in non-conference games, in a year when he had to mould a new club to replace the departed Whiz Kids. The Illini rolled up more points than any Illinois team ever scored in a 20-game campaign.

Thirty-three years old, Combes is from Monticello, Ill., where he was a star prep athlete. He earned three letters in basketball, two in football, and two in track at Monticello. Entering Illinois in 1933, Combes earned frosh numerals in basketball and baseball, but confined his varsity competition to the cage sport. He played guard and forward on Illini teams of 1935-36-37.

In his sophomore and senior years, Illinois shared the conference title, and Combes was All-Big Ten selection in 1936 and 1937. He scored 363 points in three years, his top season being 1936 with 154 points. Combes won the conference honor medal for proficiency in athletics and scholarship his senior season, and was awarded the Ralf Woods Memorial trophy for highest percentage of free throws made in conference games his final year.

ILLINOIS' LEADING SCORERS

	Games	Points	Average
Dike Eddleman	22	301	13.7
Bill Erickson	22	245	11.1
Wally Osterkorn	22	224	10.2
Don Sunderlage	22	134	6.1
Jim Marks	18	131	7.3
Fred Green	22	130	5.9

VILLANOVA'S TOP SCORERS

	Games	Points	Average
Paul Arizin	25	542	21.6
Brooks Ricca	24	215	8.9
Joe Hannon	24	203	8.4
Tom Sabol	22	182	8.4
Sherry Raiken	25	131	5.2
Leo Wolf	24	125	5.2

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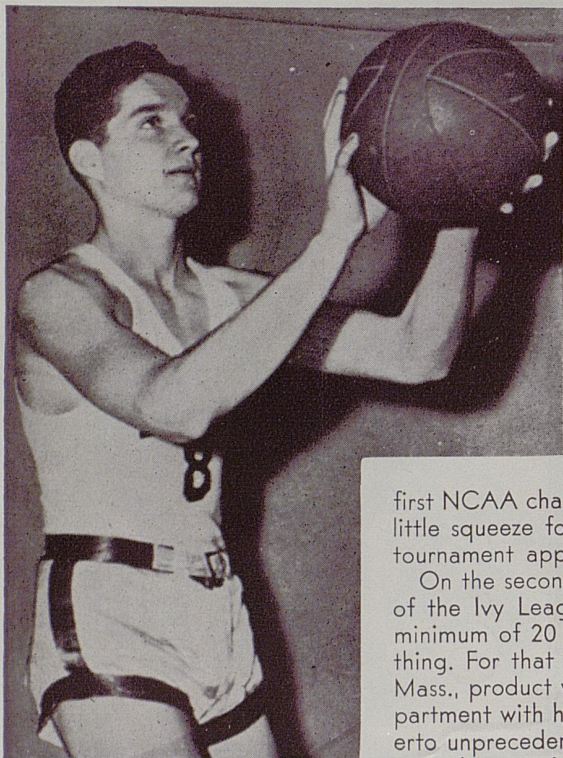
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TONY LAVELLI, Yale

NIJINSKY OF HARDWOOD:

Lavelli Even Topped The Mighty Mikan

By HAROLD WEISSMAN, N. Y. Daily Mirror

Howard Hobson has two things going for him when Yale launched its bid for the NCAA crown in the Eastern Regionals: Precedent and Anthony Lavelli, Jr.

Precedent because in this, Hobson's second season at the Eli helm, he stood on the edge of a parallel of his second year as coach of Oregon University—in 1939—when his Webfeet quintet annexed the very first NCAA championship held. And to give the harbinger just an extra little squeeze for luck—this marked Yale's first post-season basketball tournament appearance in history.

On the second count—Anthony Lavelli, Jr.—the soft-spoken mentor of the Ivy League kingpins had the tangible thing going for him: a minimum of 20 points a game if form charts and statistics mean anything. For that is the incredible four-year average of this Somerville, Mass., product who has become the scourge of the Yale statistical department with his total of 1,929 points that cleanly wiped out the hitherto unprecedented 1,870 compiled by Large Jarge Mikan at DePaul.

And Large Jarge, currently punching more holes into the Basketball Association of America scoring tables than a trolley conductor at a transfer intersection, made his collegiate scoring mileage good for

"only" 19.8 per game in contrast to Tony's 20.3.

Yale's handsome 22-year-old field leader with the cropped black hair and uncropped gold records has become basketball's most fabulous campus figure of the post-war period. At least no figure in the Eli archives has eluded his firm grasp. As he stands now—all six feet 3 inches of him—the only record Tony doesn't possess is the one the late Thomas A. Edison waxed on his original gramophone.

Among the Yale and Eastern League standards Tony's picturesque hook shot and deadly aim from the foul line have written into the books are: most points per page (52); season (636); four seasons (1,929); field goals, one game (20); fouls, one game (17) and fouls, season (554). All but the penultimate figure was established this season; yet all surpassed achievements which Tony himself had accomplished in pyramid fashion through his four-year production on the Eli assembly line.

The foregoing leads one's eyes, like the flight of a tennis ball, toward an inevitable comparison with Hank Luisetti, Stanford immortal and unanimously conceded the greatest of the contemporaries. Hobson is qualified to venture an opinion since the old Gray Eagle of the Pacific slope learned of Luisetti's prowess from bitter personal experience while guiding the destiny of Oregon.

"Comparisons are unfair and difficult," murmurs Hobson. "But Luisetti was the most versatile player I've ever seen—professional or collegian—yet to my mind, Lavelli has the more prolific shot."

And what are Tony's sentiments on the subject? With characteristic modesty, Lavelli responds: "I

once went out of my way to see a movie because Luisetti was in it. When the picture was finished I realized the goal of all subsequent basketball players could only be 'the second best that ever lived.'" And Tony is quick to add he doesn't consider himself an aspirant for the rating.

However, what Lavelli aspires to be the "greatest of" is an accordion player. His penchant for the musical caterpillar box is traced to a vaudeville act he saw on the same program which billed Luisetti on the screen. Tony's background for the sharps that don't fall flat stems from his mother, who taught piano and ordered her offspring to the keyboard at the age of five.

However, after watching the musical magic unwind from the vaudevillian's fingers that day, Tony raced home and pleaded for an accordion. He's since made the dormitory walls sway with his accordionics whenever a spare moment offered itself from his more publicized role of making gymnasium walls sway in acknowledgement of his court heroics.

Apropos of the latter, watch him tonight as he dribbles toward the goal, veers to one side as he approaches the foul circle, extends one arm after taking a step away from the basket and releases the ball in a graceful arc as his 185 pounds twist in reverse and make of him a veritable Nijinsky of the hardwood.

That's the famed hook shot which has caught every basketball eye in the country. Particularly the professional coaches hounding his shadow. And which lucky one will have THE Tony upon graduation?

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Meet the Coaches

ADOLPH RUPP of Kentucky

Adolph Frederick Rupp is in his 19th year as coach of the University of Kentucky basketball team. One of the best known cage pilots in the country, he has turned out topnotch quintets year after year.

Only last season, the Wildcats won the Southeastern crown, the NCAA championship and with the Phillips Oilers represented the U. S. Olympic team which won the world title.

Under Rupp, the Wildcats have taken practically every title available. Besides the successes mentioned above, they've won a National Invitation tournament title and 12 Southeastern Conference championships.

A native of Halstead, Kansas, Rupp captained his high school team before playing at Kansas U.

After graduation from Kansas in 1923, he coached for one year at Marshalltown, Ia., High School, then for four years at Freeport, Ill. His teams at Freeport won 72 games, lost nine.

Known to sports writers throughout the nation as "The man in the Brown Suit," or "The Baron," he is as colorful as are the teams he produces.

HOWARD HOBSON of Yale

This is the second season of Howard Hobson as head coach of basketball at Yale. He is one of the foremost cage mentors in the nation and has won considerable recognition. For eleven years, prior to the 1947-48 season, he was head coach at the University of Oregon and in 1939 his team won the NCAA championship, the first held.

He is retiring president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and is present chairman of the board of directors of this group. He served on the Olympic basketball committee for the XIVth Olympiad. He is the author of two of the best selling books on basketball, including "Basketball Illustrated" and "Basketball Analyzed," the latter book to be published this fall.

He is a graduate of the University of Oregon and received both his masters and doctorate degrees from Columbia University.

Although Yale is the birthplace of collegiate basketball (the first intercollegiate game was played in New Haven between Yale and Wesleyan on Dec. 10, 1896 and Yale also played the first basketball game with five men on a side against Pennsylvania on March 20, 1897) this past season marked the first appearance of an Eli basketball team in Madison Square Garden and the first appearance on the West Coast.

LAVELLI SCORED 1,929 POINTS IN FOUR SEASONS AT YALE

Year	Games	Goals	Points	Average
1945-46	15	124	320	21.3
1946-47	25	152	419	16.8
1947-48	27	196	554	20.5
1948-49	28	217	636	22.7
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74 Indiana Central	38	(Conference Games)	
67 DePaul	36	62 Wisconsin	50
81 Tulsa	27	44 Indiana	42
76 Arkansas	39	64 Ohio State	63
51 Holy Cross	48	45 Minnesota	44
57 St. John's	30	53 Purdue	55
51 Tulane	47	61 Wisconsin	54
78 Tulane	47	85 Northwestern	66
40 St. Louis	42	64 Ohio State	49
63 Bowling Green	61	80 Iowa	49
66 Tennessee	51	81 Northwestern	64
56 Georgia Tech	45	91 Indiana	68
56 DePaul	45	53 Michigan	70
62 Notre Dame	38	Won 10, Lost 2	
72 Vanderbilt	50	(Non-Conference)	
56 Alabama	40	67 Butler	62
75 Mississippi	45	69 Notre Dame	58
62 Bradley	52	50 DePaul	60
71 Tennessee	50	73 Oklahoma U.	68
96 Xavier	50	80 U. of Penn.	61
74 Alabama	32	89 DePaul	51
85 Mississippi	31	71 Cornell U.	47
78 Georgia Tech	32	77 Colgate	54
95 Georgia	40	85 Colgate	55
51 Xavier	40	96 Creighton	50
70 Vanderbilt	37	Won 9, Lost 1	
Southeastern Tourney			
73 Florida	36		
70 Auburn	39		
83 Tennessee	44		
68 Tulane	52		
National Invitation			
86 Bradley	95		
Won 29, Lost 2.			

Yale	Opp.	Villanova	Opp.
72 Rutgers	52	71 Loyola (Balto.)	54
72 Pennsylvania	60	75 Rhode Island	68
61 Connecticut	44	64 St. Francis	48
64 Cornell U.	57	47 Princeton	25
69 St. Mary's (Cal.)	74	67 Lehigh	45
62 Stanford	78	70 William & Mary	48
67 New York U.	76	78 Rutgers	61
86 Springfield	59	62 N. C. State	59
71 Duquesne	56	64 Fordham	35
62 Pennsylvania	72	61 New York A. C.	49
65 Columbia	51	40 Manhattan	39
71 Army	57	64 Georgetown	49
59 Cornell	40	37 Duquesne	65
85 Fordham	75	43 Loyola (Chic.)	75
88 Providence	51	72 Baldwin-Wallace	43
62 Dartmouth	41	46 Bowling Green	57
68 Springfield	42	67 Navy	46
74 Princeton	48	117 Naval Air M.	24
68 Brown	45	86 Fort Dix	39
64 Navy	47	66 Army	48
71 Dartmouth	43	62 Muhlenberg	49
60 Holy Cross	52	67 Seton Hall	56
45 Princeton	47	80 Seton Hall	53
100 Williams	64	43 St. Bonaventure	36
71 Connecticut	55	65 Georgetown	57
77 Harvard	58	(Won 22, Lost 3)	
54 Columbia	58		
87 Harvard	47		
(Won 22, Lost 6.)			

YALE'S LEADING SCORERS

	Games	Points	Average
Tony Lavelli	28	636	22.7
Ted Anderson	28	336	12.0
Dick Joyce	26	257	9.8
Art Fitzgerald	28	218	7.7
Ferd Nadherny	26	164	6.3
Charles Johnson	28	120	4.3
Harold Upjohn	28	96	3.6

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WALLY OSTERKORN, nicknames "Ox"; developed rapidly in 1947 to move from the Bee team to second string varsity center in his freshman season. Last year he shared the pivot with Green, and made 141 points to rank fourth in scoring on the Illini squad. His total included 62 points in league games. Osterkorn is 6-4½ and 207 pounds, fast for his size and a good rebounder. He has developed into a clever feeder off the center post. Osterkorn was second team all-state center at Chicago (Amundsen) high school in 1946, helping Amundsen to finals of the Chicago city cage meet. Osterkorn is a junior.

JIM MARKS is in his fourth season with the Illinois basketball squad, and last year made the jump from the junior varsity to a leading varsity role at forward. Marks made 84 points last season and led the Illini in field goal percentage with .351 and in free throw shooting with .643. He won the Ralf Woods Trophy for his free throw marksmanship in conference games, hitting 17 of 24 for .708 in Big Nine play. Marks was a member of the South All-Star prep team in 1944, after a sparkling career at Edwardsville high school where he was an all-Southwestern Conference forward two years. Marks is 6-2, 177 pounds.

WALT KERSULIS earned a letter at Illinois in 1945, when he scored 90 points, then returned from service last season and made 68 points in relief roles. Kersulis, who is 6-4 and 197 pounds and was the leading pass receiver on the Illinois football team this fall, is a good percentage shooter, having hit .301 on field goals in 1945 and .298 last season. Kersulis is an exceptionally good rebounder. He was the scoring star of East St. Louis' state tournament team in 1944. He's a junior.

BILL ERICKSON, an all-stater as an East Rockford prep in 1946, is in his third season of varsity play. As a freshman in 1947, Erickson scored 61 points in relief roles. Last season he saw regular action and made 147 points to rank behind Eddleman and Jack Burmaster. Bill compiled the excellent field goal average of .320. A clever ball handler and feeder, Erickson is a "pepperpot" who is adept at stealing the ball from opponents. He's a key man in setting up plays and has a wide shot assortment. Bill led East Rockford to the Big Eight prep title and fourth place in the state meet in 1946, then played with the North All-Stars before coming to Illinois. Erickson is 6-1 and 184 pounds.



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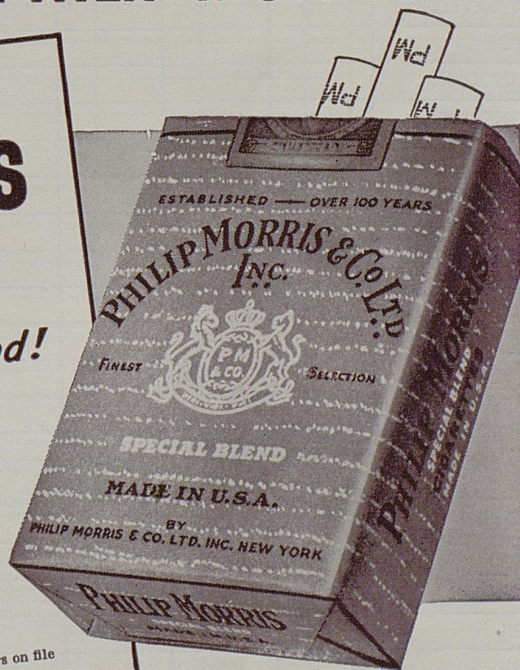
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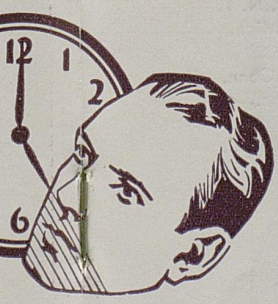
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12	Ralph Beard	21	5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$	176	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.
13	Roger Day	21	6-3	185	Soph.	Frostburg, Md.
14	Garland Townes	23	6-0	180	Soph.	Hazard, Ky.
15	Alex Groza	22	6-7	220	Sr.	Martins Ferry, O.
16	Al Bruno	21	6-1	190		Westchester, Pa.
18	Dale Barnstable	23	6-3	180	Jr.	Antioch, Ill.
19	Walter Hirsch	19	6-4	185	Soph.	Dayton, O.
23	Cliff Barker	27	6-2	185	Sr.	Yorktown, Ind.
25	James Line	22	6-2	190	Jr.	Akron, O.
26	Bob Henne	19	6-1	170	Soph.	E. Chicago, Ind.
27	Wallace Jones	22	6-4	205	Sr.	Harlan, Ky.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Home Town
8	Roy Gatewood	6-2	174	'50	Salem
9	Dick Foley	6-0	165	'49	Paris
11	Don Sunderlage	6-0	180	'51	Elgin
13	Wally Osterkorn	6-4	207	'50	Chicago
21	Walt Kersulis	6-4	197	'50	St. Louis
22	Van Anderson	6-2	185	'50	Sullivan
23	Ted Beach	6-1	165	'51	Champaign
27	Jim Marks	6-2	177	'49	Edwardsville
33	Bill Erickson	6-1	184	'50	Rockford
40	Dwight Eddleman	6-2	189	'49	Centralia
48	Fred Green	6-7	208	'49	Urbana

YALE UNIVERSITY

No.	Name	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Home Town
3	T. Anderson*	20	6-2	170	Jun.	Sycamore, Ill.
4	C. Johnson*	21	6-4	180	Sen.	Union, N. J.
5	J. Osbourn	20	6-2	180	Jun.	New York
7	A. Fitzgerald	22	5-10	170	Sen.	Ridgefield, N. J.
8	Tony Lavelli*	20	6-3	185	Sen.	Somerville, Mass.
9	Dick Joyce*	21	6-5	194	Jun.	Mamaroneck, N. Y.
10	H. Upjohn*	19	5-11	190	Jun.	Kalamazoo, Mich.
14	F. Nadherny*	21	6-0	193	Jun.	Berwyn, Ill.
15	Levi Jackson	22	5-10	188	Jun.	New Haven, Conn.
16	Don Aberg	20	6-3	190	Soph.	Milford, Conn.
17	B. DeCoursey	21	6-5	180	Jun.	Paoli, Pa.
20	Jerry Breen*	20	5-7	160	Jun.	Hackensack, N. J.

* Lettermen.

VILLANOVA

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Class	Home
4	John Crossin	5-10	155	21	Jr.	Luzerne, Pa.
5	Leo Wolf	6-0	165	22	Jr.	Trenton, N. J.
6	Joseph Hannan	6-0	175	21	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
9	Sidney Gecker	5-11	160	20	So.	Philadelphia, Pa.
10	Thomas Sabol	6-1	177	21	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
11	Paul Arizin	6-3	180	20	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
12	Sherwin Raiken	6-2	200	20	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
13	P. Del Purgatorio	6-0	175	20	Jr.	Union City, N. J.
14	John Holland	6-7	185	19	So.	Englewood, N. J.
15	Thomas Dolan	6-3	175	20	So.	Union City, N. J.
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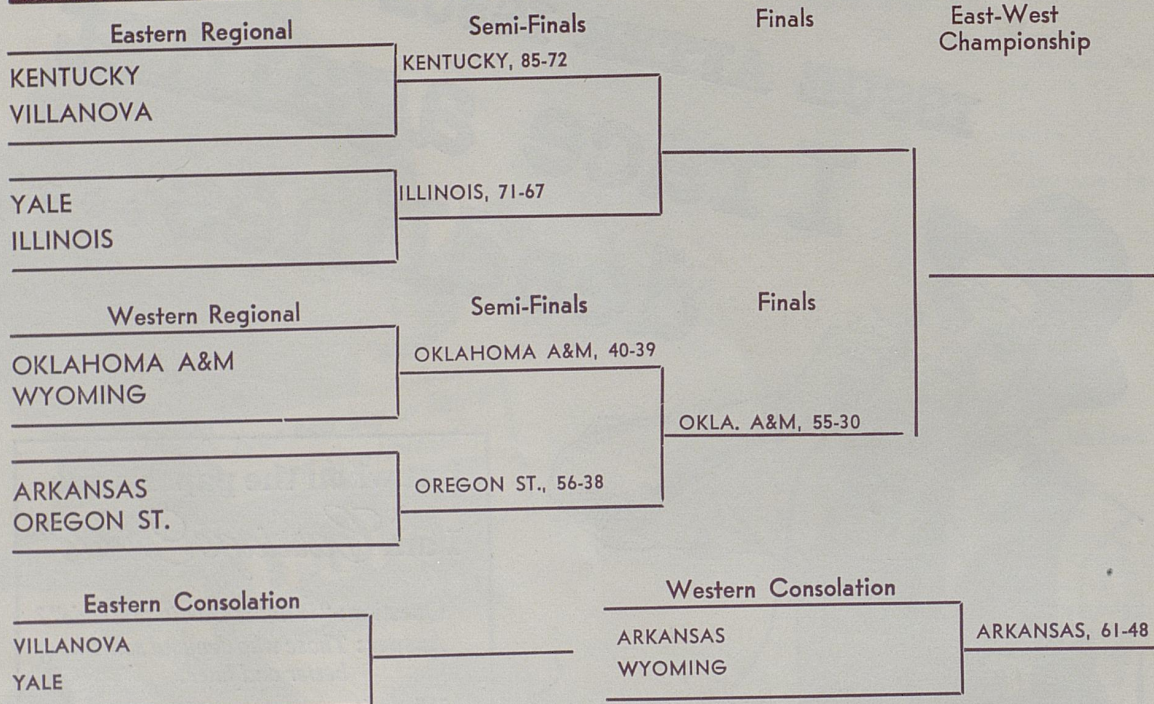
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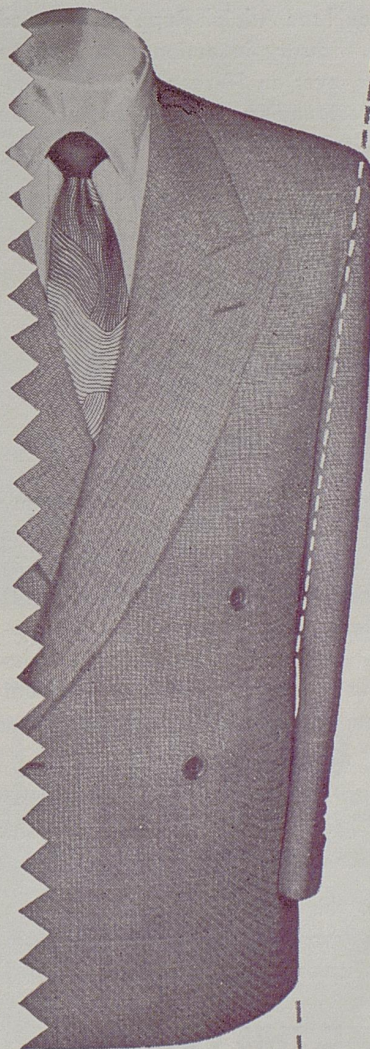
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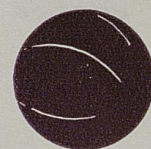
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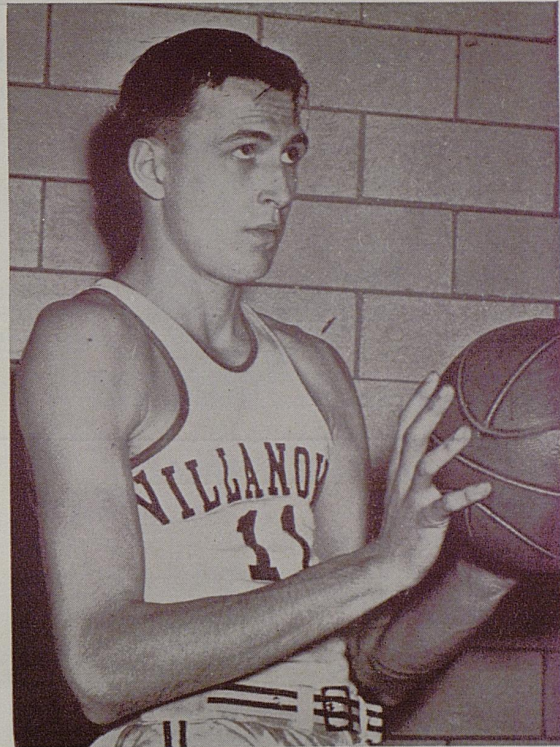
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BROOKS RICCA — Paired with Tom Sabol at the starting forward posts, the husky 6.03 engineering student was Villanova's second best scorer with 215 points. Ricca, who played at Bainbridge Naval Center, handled the center spot as a freshman but moved to forward post when Azrin was used at the pivot. He has plenty of power under the hoop.

TOM SABOL — One of the best backboard recovery artists in the East, Sabol also possesses great scoring power. He tallied 265 points to trail Arizin by two points for scoring honors last season. Tom was credited with 182 points this winter. Big, fast and aggressive, he is rated one of the team's top performers. He's been a regular for three seasons.

JOE HANNAN — The spark of the Wildcat attack, Hannan is every inch a fighter. He's an outstanding set shot specialist and a smart player who can analyze defenses. He was the team's third best scorer with 203 points and rated as one of the country's best foul shots with 35 completions in 44 attempts. Joe is the Main Liners' smallest regular at 6.00.



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Most Points I Game	Harry Boykoff, St. John's, vs. St. Francis, 1947 — 54
Most Field Goals	Boykoff — 21
One Half Score	Boykoff — 29 (2nd half)
Most Free Throws	Mac Otten, Bow. Green vs. City, 1947 — 15 of 17
Team Field Goals	Fordham (41) vs. R. I. State, 1943
Team Free Throws	NYU (27) vs. Baylor, 1948
Most Points One Team	Bowling Green (97) vs. LIU, 1948
Total Points Two Teams	Bowling Green (97) vs. LIU (64), 161, 1948
Halftime Total Points	NYU (54) vs. Georgia (40), 1948 (2nd Half)
Attendance	St. John's vs. Kentucky and L.I.U. vs. Tennessee, Dec. 21, 1946 — 18,493
Total Season	1947-1948 (29 nights) 522,755
Nightly Average	1946-47 (28 Nights) 18,157

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George Mikan (DePaul) vs. R. I. State, 1945 — 53
George Mikan — 21
George Mikan — 32 (2nd half)
Jack Kerris — 12; Loyola, vs. CCNY, 1949
Bradley (41) vs. W. Kentucky, 1949
Loyola (25) vs. Kentucky, 1949
DePaul (97) vs. R. I. State, 1945
Bradley (95) vs. W. Kentucky (86), 1949
St. Louis vs. NYU, 18, 491, 1948
1946 tournament (4 nights) 73,894
Nightly average — 18,473

1948 NCAA FINAL

KENTUCKY (58)				BAYLOR (42)			
G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.	
Jones, lf.	4	1	9	Owen, lf.	2	1	5
Line	3	1	7	Pulley	0	1	1
Barker, rf.	2	1	5	Dewitt, rf.	3	2	8
Groza, c.	6	2	14	Hickman	1	0	2
Holland	1	0	2	Heathington, c.	3	2	8
Beard, lg.	4	4	12	Preston	0	0	0
Rellins, rg.	3	3	9	Johnson, lg.	3	4	10
Barnstable	0	0	0	Strack	0	0	0
				Robinson, rg.	3	2	8
Total	23	12	58	Total	15	12	42

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1. Rhode Island State.....	19	(13-6)	1340	70.5
2. Yale	24	(19-5)	1666	69.4
3. Western Kentucky	28	(25-3)	1942	69.4
4. Illinois	20	(18-2)	1386	69.3
5. Cincinnati	23	(18-5)	1593	69.3
6. Colgate	18	(12-6)	1236	68.7

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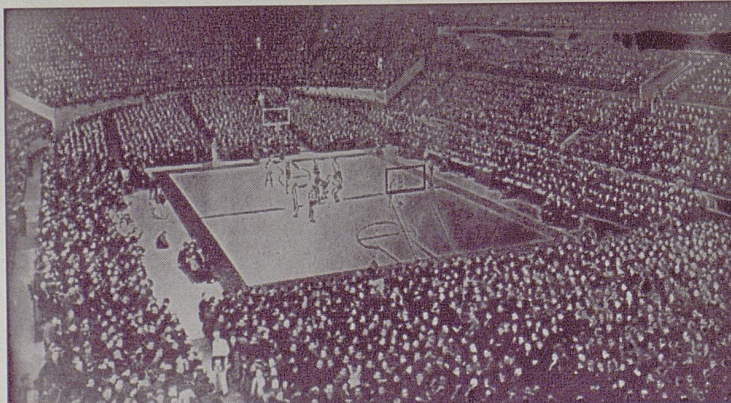
	G.	(W.-L.)	Pts.	Avg.
1. Oklahoma A&M	22	(19-3)	764	34.7
2. Siena	25	(20-5)	1032	41.3
3. Kentucky	26	(25-1)	1099	42.3
4. Wyoming	29	(22-7)	1249	43.1
5. Minnesota	20	(18-2)	867	43.4
6. Washington State	28	(21-7)	1224	43.7

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Al was freshman court coach from 1932 to 1935. He succeeded George Jacobs as head coach in 1936.

Severance, who is magistrate of Treddyffrin, Twp., Chester County, Pa., is married and the father of three sons, Alex, Jr., David and John.

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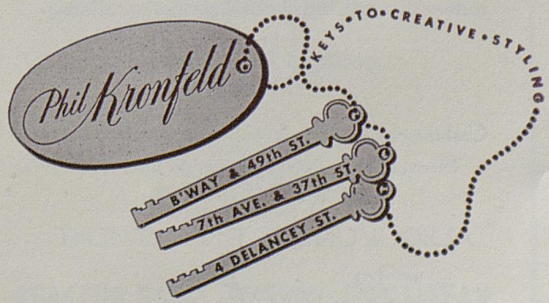
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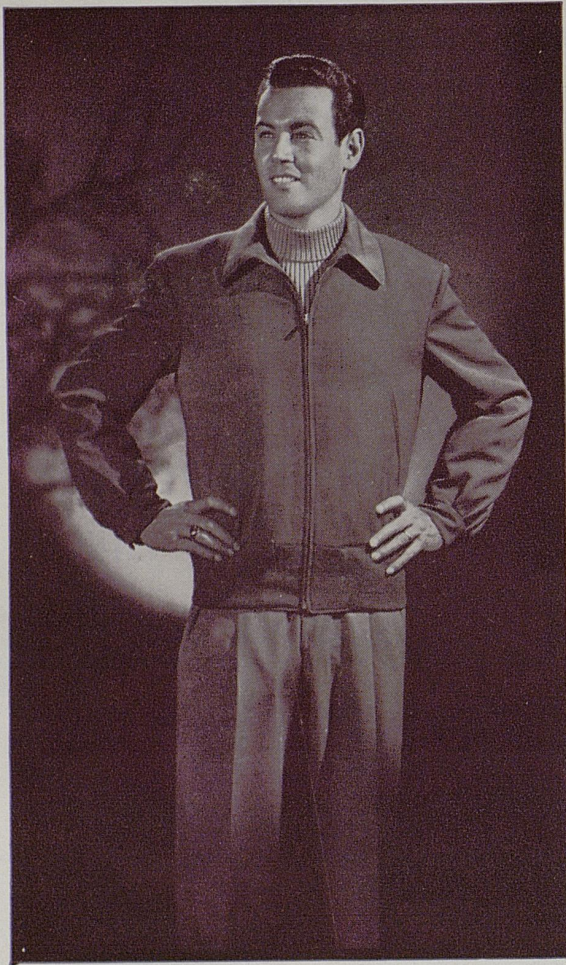
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TED ANDERSON — Native of Sycamore, Ill. During the 1946-47 season he was the high scorer of the Yale freshman team and a year ago won a regular varsity berth as a sophomore. However, in the third game of the season he received a wrist fracture and was idle until the very end of the campaign. Ted's the fastest man on the squad. His high point performance this year was 27 points scored against Stanford in a game at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. He is 20 years old, six-feet, two-inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. Ted is a junior.

TONY LAVELLI — Team captain and the nation's leading scorer. Just recently he was named to the Associated Press All-America team and the Look Magazine All-America team. He prepared for Yale at Somerville (Mass.) High School and Williston Academy. Entering Yale during the war-time period, Lavelli played as a varsity regular while a freshman. He holds every Yale and Eastern Intercollegiate League mark (high single game, high single season, high collegiate career etc.) and this season scored 1,929 points, 58 more than the previous modern major college high of 1,871 set by George Mikan. His single game high this season was 52 against Williams. He is 20 years old, six-feet, three-inches tall and weighs 185 pounds.

DICK JOYCE — The squad's tall man. Joyce is the team's rebound expert and has averaged just a shade under 10 points per game. He saw only limited service as a freshman and last year, when a sophomore, he was stricken with pneumonia at the beginning of the season and missed many games. He prepared at Mamaroneck (N.Y.) High School and also played briefly while he was in service with the Camp Perry Naval team. He is 21 years old, six-feet, five-inches tall and weighs 194 pounds.

ART FITZGERALD — Has been correctly described as the backbone of the Yale team. He played as a regular halfback with the Yale football team for three seasons and was the quarterback of the East team in the East-West game on New Year's Day, 1948. He is a sure ball-handler, a fine passer, an excellent man at setting up a play, and does some exceptionally fine work under the boards. He is 22 years old, five-feet, ten-inches tall and 170 pounds. His home is in Ridgefield Park, N. J.

FERD NADHERNY — Like Fitzgerald, plays both basketball and football. On the gridiron he is a hard-running fullback who, with Levi Jackson, has helped Yale to many victories. Ferd played basketball as a freshman and again his sophomore season, sometimes as a regular and other times as a reserve. Last winter he was the runner up to Tony Lavelli for scoring honors. Nadherny has considerable hustle and is one of those lads who is giving it an extra hard try for a full forty minutes. A junior, Ferd is 21 years old, six-feet tall and weighs 190 pounds.

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Coach Harry Combes, of Illinois, with his star performer Captain Dwight Eddleman (right), the Illini's leading scorer this season with 301 points in 22 games.

Dwight Eddleman, Illini captain, is the famed all-around star of three sports, football, basketball, and track. Dike played with the Illini frosh cagers in 1943 before entering service. Back at Illinois early in 1946, Eddleman played the last two games of the cage season. He saw only infrequent service as he divided his time between track and the cage sport and played behind the Whiz Kids in 1947. But last season he came into his own on the basketball court, scoring 277 points in 20 games and ranking fourth in Big Nine scoring with 179 conference points. Only Andy Phillip's 305 points in 1943 surpasses Eddleman's 1948 one-season total in Illini history. This season he totalled 301 points in 22 games and 144 in 12 conference contests.

Eddleman's career has been fabulous. He has earned four track awards at Illinois, and last spring finished second in the Olympic high jump at London. He also has three football letters, and for three years has been one of the nation's top punters with averages consistently over 40 yards. He's won his third basketball letter this season.

Eddleman had a colorful prep career at Centralia, Ill., high school, where he scored 969 points in the 1941 basketball season, a prep scoring record at that time, and next season made 834 points in leading Centralia to the state title.



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Villanova's Arizin Ranked With Season's Best Centers

By DAVID EISENBERG, N. Y. Journal-American

Naturally, since Villanova is competing in the NCAA basketball championships, it has the first and most important ingredient necessary for a winning team. We mean an outstanding center, without which only the New York schools were able to mass-charge into postseason competition. Need we remind you that the same four local institutions were victims of the greatest mass eviction since the pre-rent control days.

Villanova's center is the smallest of the many fine pivot men already seen in the National Invitation tournament which preceded this one. He is Paul Arizin, and the top of his locks are only 6 feet 3 inches above the soles of his feet. Even Paul Unruh, the talented Bradley center, is an inch taller.

But none of the centers is a better shot-maker than Arizin. He's good, and the 542 points he scored while Villanova was winning 22 of its 25 games this season, are proof.

Paul has already been seen once by the New York public. He led Villanova to a 40-39 victory over Manhattan at the 69th Regiment Armory last January, scoring 20 points. That was quite a total, especially when you consider that Coach Al Severance had him riding the bench for virtually all of the last five minutes because four fouls had been charged against him.



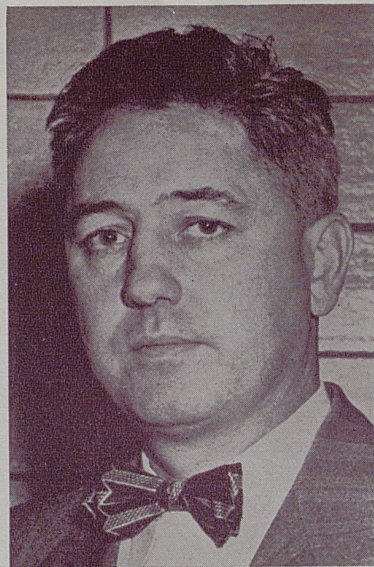
Brooks Ricca

Basketball New Sport to Arizin

Most remarkable about Arizin is that basketball is virtually a new sport to him. He never played high school basketball, but when he reported for the Villanova team he made it from the start, in his sophomore season. In two years he scored 809 points. He and his teammates have played together for two years, and they have another season ahead of them. Next best man to Arizin, is Brooks Ricca, who also is 6 feet 3 inches tall.

As a team, Villanova impresses the observer with its ball handling savvy. Its offensive pattern is a deliberate one. Although lacking a very tall center, the Wildcats have enough height to win their share of the rebound battles, what with Tom Sabol joining Arizin and Ricca as 6 feet 3 inch players.

Joe Hannan and Leo Wolf complete the starting array, with Sherwin Raiken, also considered one of the regulars because he plays so much. Ricca and Hannan followed Arizin as point-scorers during the regular season, with 215 and 203 points respectively.



Al Severance

Villanova, for a while, was one of the nation's few unbeaten teams, winning its first 12 games. Its streak was halted by Duquesne. Loyola of Chicago and Bowling Green were the other teams to beat the Wildcats, the losses coming on one trip of four games.

Second Appearance in NCAA Tourney

This is Villanova's second appearance in the NCAA tournament. It competed in the 1939 event at Philadelphia, which was the first one ever held by the NCAA. Villanova defeated Brown, 42-30, in the first round, but lost to Ohio State, 53-36, in the Eastern Regional final.

Although the Villanovas were underdogs against Kentucky, the two schools are already tied in nicknames, both being known as Wildcats. Villanova also has the edge in official titles, its coach, Alexander G. Severance, being a real judge where Adolph Rupp can only call himself a Kentucky Colonel.

Severance, in private life, is magistrate of Tredyffrin Township, of Chester County, Pa.

PAST NCAA CHAMPIONS

1948 — KENTUCKY — Defeated Columbia, 76-53; Holy Cross, 60-52; Baylor, 58-42.

1947 — HOLY CROSS — Defeated Navy, 55-47; CCNY, 60-45; Okla., 58-47.

1946 — OKLA. A&M — Defeated Baylor, 44-29; California, 52-35; and No. Carolina, 43-40.

1945 — OKLA. A. & M. — Defeated Utah, 62-37; Arkansas, 68-41; and New York Univ., 49-45.

1944 — UTAH — Defeated Missouri, 45-35; Iowa State, 40-31, and Dartmouth, 42-40.

1943 — WYOMING — Defeated Oklahoma, 53-50; Texas, 58-54, and Georgetown, 46-24.

1942 — STANFORD — Defeated Rice, 53-47; Colorado, 46-34, and Dartmouth, 53-38.

1941 — WISCONSIN — Defeated Dartmouth, 51-50; Pittsburgh, 36-30, and Washington State, 39-34.

1940 — INDIANA — Defeated Springfield, 48-24; Duquesne, 39-30, and Washington State, 39-34.

1939 — OREGON — Defeated Texas, 56-41; Oklahoma, 55-37, and Ohio State, 46-33.

BEARD, GROZA AND JONES BIG THREE OF KENTUCKY CATS

RALPH BEARD — Everybody's all-American . . . The colorful, gum chewing, little guard probably has garnered more honors than any modern collegiate basketball player . . . True Magazine's poll of the National Association of College Basketball Coaches resulted in the selection of the 21-year-old senior as player of the year for the second straight season and named him to their 1948 all-American team . . . New York Sports scribes called the Louisville flash the most valuable player to appear in Madison Square Garden two years ago . . . Saw action in the Olympic Games as a member of the U.S. basketball entry . . . He's a ball-hawking specialist . . . He also is a long-shot artist . . . Last year, he hit 36.27 per cent of his shots—one of them a 52½ foot heave which broke a 10 year distance record in Alumni Gymnasium . . .

ALEX GROZA — Biggest man on the Wildcat team, Al towers 6' 7" and tips the scales at 220 pounds . . . He is the brother of Lou "The Toe" Groza, famed Cleveland Browns place kicker . . . Leading scorer last year with 488 points and also this season with 602 . . . Big Al is a great re-bound man and a real specialist in the pivot position . . . He was voted the outstanding service player in the nation while in the Army in 1945 . . . Hailing from Martins Ferry, Ohio, the 22-year-old Kentucky center was a unanimous selection for all-American honors in his sophomore year, made virtually every honor team last season and was voted the most valuable player in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament at Madison Square Garden last winter.

WALLACE JONES — Known familiarly to fans in three major sports as "Wah Wah," Jones is without doubt one of the greatest all-around athletes ever to play at Kentucky . . . He's been an all-Conference man at end on the Wildcat football team, serves as the star twirler of the U.K. varsity baseball nine, and holds down forward or center posts on Kentucky basketball squads . . . As a school boy in Harlan, Ky., he established a new national scoring record in four years of high school competition by dunking 2,398 points in the net . . . Steady and cool even under the greatest game tension, Wah Wah delights his followers with his special brand of overhead long shot from the side of the floor . . . He's also a terror under the boards where his terrific spring and near-perfect timing allow him to control the boards.

NATIONAL SCORING LEADERS

Player, Team	G.	FG.	FT.	Pts.	Avg.
1. Lavelli, Yale	24	189	167	545	22.7
2. Arizin, Villanova	22	172	133	477	21.7
3. Vandeweghe, Colgate	18	147	89	383	21.3
4. Giermak, Wm. & Mary	30	257	118	632	21.1
5. Boryla, Denver	28	189	184	562	20.1
6. Senesky, St. Joseph	21	165	85	415	19.8
7. Groza, Kentucky	26	187	134	508	19.5

Courtesy NCAA Bureau

1949 NCAA SEMI-FINAL BOX SCORES

YALE (67)

	G.	F.	P.
Anderson, lf	7	5	19
Johnson	0	1	1
Lavelli, rf	10	7	27
Osborn	1	0	2
Joyce, c	4	1	9
Fitzgerald, lf	1	3	5
Nadherny, rg	2	0	4
Upjohn	0	0	0
Totals	25	17	67

ILLINOIS (71)

	G.	F.	P.
Eddleman, lf	5	1	11
Osterkorn, rf	5	5	15
Green, c	4	2	10
Kersulis	3	1	7
Erickson, lg	1	3	5
Sunderlage	7	1	15
Anderson	2	0	4
Foley	2	0	4
Marks, rg	0	0	0
Totals	29	13	71

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KENTUCKY (85)

	G.	F.	P.
Jones, lf	0	4	4
Hirsch	1	0	2
Line, rf	9	3	21
Barnstable	2	1	5
Day	1	0	2
Groza, c	12	6	30
Beard, lg	0	3	3
Barker, rg	6	6	18
Totals	31	23	85

VILLANOVA (72)

	G.	F.	P.
Ricca, lf	6	2	14
Raiken, rf	3	0	6
Purgatorio	2	0	4
Arizin, c	11	8	30
Weglicki	2	1	5
Dolan	1	0	2
Decker	0	0	0
Wolf, lg	0	2	2
Hannan, rg	3	1	7
Crossin	0	2	2
Totals	28	25	72

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1948-49 SCHEDULE OF GARDEN BASKETBALL

1—Thursday, December 2
N. Y. U. defeated Baylor, 67 to 47.
St. John's defeated Tennessee, 67 to 45.

2—Saturday, December 4
Bowling Green defeated L.I.U., 97 to 64
CCNY defeated Brigham Young, 70 to 57

3—Monday, December 6
Colgate defeated N.Y.U., 64 to 63
*St. John's defeated Denver, 55 to 53

4—Thursday, December 9
LIU defeated Arkansas, 56 to 42
So. Methodist defeated CCNY, 62 to 56

5—Saturday, December 11
St. John's defeated R.I. State, 67 to 50
N.Y.U. defeated Georgetown, 70 to 59

6—Tuesday, December 14
CCNY defeated Brooklyn, 79 to 58.
Okla. A. & M. defeated LIU, 46 to 38.

7—Thursday, December 16
Texas defeated N.Y.U., 58 to 57
Bradley defeated Manhattan, 81 to 72

8—Saturday, December 18
LIU defeated Kansas St., 63 to 60
Kentucky defeated St. John's, 57 to 30

9—Monday, December 20
NYU defeated Georgia, 83 to 72
LIU defeated Georgia Tech, 74 to 60
* Overtime.

10—Tuesday, December 21
St. John's defeated Iowa State, 71 to 47
CCNY defeated Oklahoma, 53 to 51

11—Thursday, December 23
Butler defeated L.I.U., 63 to 54
Colorado defeated NYU, 68 to 65

12—Monday, December 27
N.Y.U. defeated Yale, 76 to 67
L.I.U. defeated Rice, 69 to 66

13—Tuesday, December 28
C.C.N.Y. defeated Miami (O.), 72 to 55
Utah defeated St. John's, 66 to 57

14—Thursday, December 30
*San Francisco defeated CCNY, 54 to 51
W. Kentucky defeated LIU, 83 to 58

15—Saturday, January 1
NYU defeated Connecticut, 70 to 51
Duquesne defeated LIU, 64 to 55

16—Tuesday, January 4
*CCNY defeated St. John's, 58 to 56
Geo. Washington defeated Man., 71 to 63

17—Thursday, January 6
NYU defeated No. Caro., 72 to 48
LIU defeated No. Caro. St., 65 to 61

18—Saturday, January 8
City Col. defeated St. Joseph's, 60 to 53
Loyola (chi.) defeated St. John's, 58 to 55

19—Tuesday, January 11
St. Louis defeated LIU, 58 to 47
CCNY defeated W. Virginia, 64 to 50

20—Thursday, January 13
NYU defeated Syracuse, 68 to 45
*Temple defeated St. John's, 81 to 79

21—Tuesday, January 18
Holy Cross defeated Manhattan, 65 to 54
DePaul defeated St. John's, 61 to 58

22—Wednesday, February 9
Manhattan defeated N.Y.U., 59 to 56
Canisius defeated St. John's, 59 to 48


23—Thursday, February 17
*Niagara defeated City Coll., 66 to 64
LIU defeated Seton Hall, 57 to 53

24—Thursday, February 24
St. John's defeated NYU, 71 to 64
Manhattan defeated LaSalle, 62 to 53

25—Monday, February 28
Notre Dame defeated NYU, 71 to 66

26—Thursday, March 3
Manhattan defeated City Coll., 44 to 43
Muhlenberg defeated L.I.U., 62 to 54

27—Tuesday, March 8
NYU defeated CCNY, 65 to 52



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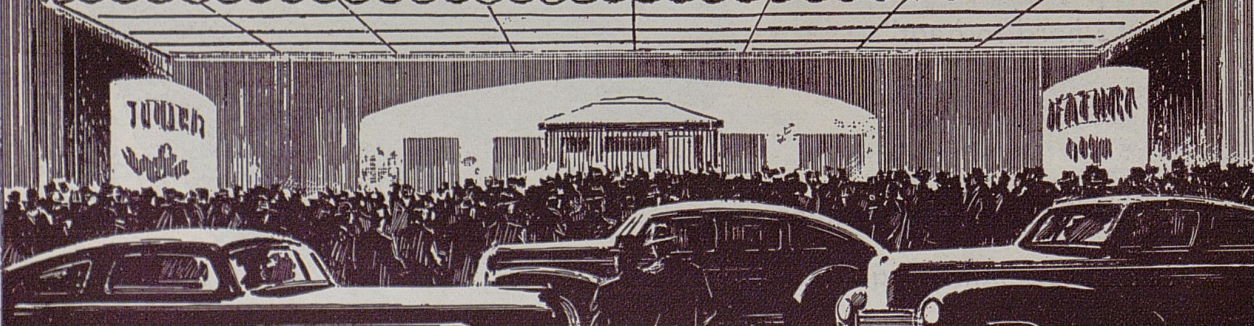
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