

—'Remember State'—

Odds Don't Mean A Thing -- McGuire

By BOB QUINCY
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PHILADELPHIA—Someone mentioned odds just as Frank McGuire was preparing to shovel a spoonful of soup into his hands some face.



Red Smith Home Run King

SARASOTA, Fla.—A fellow put it right up to Bobby Bragan, the muffed, featured, articulate little manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates: "Have you got Home Run Stuart with you? He's the guy we want to see." Bragan said no, sorry, Stuart had played yesterday and hit a home run and today he'd been left back in camp in Fort Myers to sign autographs while the other Pirates came on here to play the Red Sox. Bobby would be glad to bring him along next time, though.

"If he could hit thirty or thirty-five home runs in this league," the manager said, "he'd be the greatest copy you fellows could have. You heard about the remark he made in Lincoln last year, didn't you?" Bragan's visitors said no, they didn't know about that, but they did know a little about Dick Stuart out of San Francisco, twenty-four years old, 200 pounds, author of six-sixty-six home runs last season for Lincoln, Nore., in the Class A Western League.

"Lincoln was one run behind in the ninth and had a man on third, the greatest guy said, 'With Stuart at bat, the runner stole home to tie the score. Stuart backed away from the plate and walked out to the coach on third, who was his manager."

"You didn't send that man home?" he said. "Of course I did," the manager said. "Now the score is tied, why shouldn't I send him?" "With me hitting?" Stuart said, and he didn't smile.

In 141 games with Lincoln, Stuart made 156 hits and batted in 158 runs. He hit more home runs than singles.



BOBBY BRAGAN

"They are favoring you as much as 11 points," a luncheon companion told the North Carolina coach, speaking, of course, of the Tar Heels' 7-30 battle with Canisius tonight in the NCAA Eastern Regionals.

McGuire swallowed the soup and gesticulated with the spoon to emphasize his answer.

"Remember what happened to North Carolina State last year?" he said, answering a question with a question.

What happened to State was a defeat at the hands of this same Canisius after the Wolfpack had gone in as heavy favorites.

"Won and lost records don't mean anything when you get down to this do-or-die stage we are now in," the Tar Heel coach continued. "With so much resting on the outcome, any team is liable to rise up and knock off a favorite."

"The odds don't mean a thing to me now."

And McGuire returned to his soup.

CAROLINA, the only undefeated major college team in the nation, can tie a national record tonight, of 29 consecutive victories in a single season, held by San Francisco.

The team standing in the way of Lennie Rosenbly and Co. is one that likes to control the ball, play for the good shot and then disguise like the devil.

Victory will carry with it the right to move into the Eastern finals here in the Palestra tomorrow night against the winner of tonight's 9:30 duel between Syracuse and Lafayette.

The team winning out here adances into the national tournament with three others at Kansas City next week.

IF THE Tar Heels are right, and they have rarely been wrong.

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THE BEST ... (l to r) Russell Hollers, Tam Shuford, Bruce Hoadley, Eddie Burke and Harry Jones.

JONES CHOSEN FOR NEWS' ALL-STATE

Hollers, Shuford, Hoadley, Burke Named

By RONALD GREEN
Three tall centers, a forward and a guard make up the News' 1957 All-State high school basketball team.

NAMED to the team, which was chosen by The News sports staff from recommendations by coaches, were Russell Hollers of Durham, Eddie Burke of Burlington Williams, Tam Shuford of Salisbury, Boyden, Harry Jones of Myers Park and Bruce Hoadley of Raleigh Needham Broughton.

HOADLEY repeats from last year's team.

The team was not chosen by position, of course, making it possible for the 6-6 Burke, 6-7 Jones and 6-5 Hoadley, all centers, to be selected.

Shuford is a 6-3 forward and Hollers a 5-11 guard.

NAMED to the second team were Doug Albright of Greensboro Senior, Dickie Culler of High Point, Bill Fennell of Wilmington's state Class AAA champions, Lewis Carpenter of East Mecklenburg and Gordon Neville of Chapel Hill.

progress in Sanford. Lewis and his pals upset previously - unbeaten Chapel Hill, 34-50, last night in the opening round of the event. Carpenter scored 22 points and pulled down 18 rebounds.

The third team includes Roy Verhoff of Southern Pines, Floyd Crawley of Hickory, Boyd Dixon of Shelby Fallston, Eion Facion of Kinston and Gaylord Perry of Williamston.

Hollers has been called "probably the best floor man in the state" by one of the coaches he haunted this season, Carroll King of Raleigh.

A sturdy-built three-sport athlete who recently won a Morehead scholarship, Hollers is a deadly shot from outside

and an exceedingly smart team general.

BURKE HAD one of the best scoring averages in the state this season, hitting close to 27 points per game. He also collects rebounds in bunches.

Shuford has been a standout for two seasons with a classy Salisbury Boyden team, both as a scorer and rebounder. He also excels on defense.

Jones led the Greater Charlotte area in scoring with an average of slightly better than

21 points per game. Several colleges have expressed interest in his outstanding play in the area by The News.

HOADLEY is another one who has caught the eyes of a number of colleges. He is also in the 20-point category. Smart, cool and moves well for a big boy.

All five of the first team selections are in town this week to play in the Kiwanis Classic Saturday night at the Coliseum.

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Hides Weakness By Swinging Bat

"It is the sort of guy," Bragan said, "who walks into the park carrying a couple of bats instead of a glove. If anything sends him to Hollywood this year, it will be his fielding, but when he comes into the park he doesn't go to the outfield and start chasing faggots. You have to hunt him up and say, 'All right, lay down the bat now and get out there and catch some.'"

"He can hit, but if he is an outfielder like that I've seen, then I can't stomach him, no matter how he hits. I'm not sure he's as bad as all that in the outfield. He can throw better than Richie Ashburn, say, or Wally Moon, and he can run a little. He isn't exactly a truck-horse, though he isn't fast."

"It's the sort of guy who will make a catch to end an inning and will come in knowing he isn't likely to blow it, but that's all right. So he'll stand in front of the dugout, swinging two or three bats, to show the fans how a real ball player handles that stick."

"This isn't new," a man said. "For fifty years Connie Mack talked about it. 'They show you their strength,' he used to say, 'and hide their weakness.' The hitter never practices fielding; the fielder never practices hitting."

"Stuart is sure of himself," said Les Biederman, of the Pittsburgh Post, "but he isn't obnoxious about it. He just knows he can hit a long ball. He's played in two exhibition games so far and hit home runs. Yesterday he struck out, grounded into a double play and then hit one over the centerfield fence. He told me that one day last year he struck out four times, then hit a home run his fifth time up. Since then he's never struck out."

—This Guy Mantle, Who's He?

THERE was a day a gale was blowing in from left field and I mentioned it to him. "Shucks," he told me, "one day last year there was such a wind that every ball hit to left would be blown back to the shoetop. My last time up, I hit one that cleared the left field fence by thirty feet, and afterward the pitcher for the other team came into our club house. The pitcher told me he wished the wind hadn't been blowing, because he'd be interested to know how far that ball would have gone."

"That's the sort of guy he is. He is simply lost in simple honest admiration of his own hitting."

When Stuart was starting his first exhibition with the Pirates, Lee Walls, the outfielder, cuffed him on the shoulder and told him to go out and belt one to the customers.

"There's a nice guy," Stuart said. "I'm trying to take his job away from him, and he wants me to hit one and look good."

Walls overheard him and came back. "I don't," he said, "there is more to this game than swinging that bat. You have to use a glove, too, and that's why we'll be reading about you this year in Hollywood or Columbus."

Stuart was unimpressed. "Walls is a nice guy," he said. "If he could hit like he he'd be making \$20,000 a year."

A few days ago Les Biederman got a copy of his paper with the story he had written about Stuart. He tore the page out and brought it to the rookie. Above the story was a picture of Mickey Mantle.

"Hey," Stuart protested, "what's the idea of putting his picture over my story?"

He folded the paper across the middle, so he could read about himself without having to look at Mantle, who hits only 52 home runs.



MICKY MANTLE



BATTLE DRESS . . . applied by UNC's Joe Quigg (left) to Bob Cunningham.

Clippers Regain Form

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Les Binkley may have been deprived of his first shutout of the season last night by one of his own teammates.

The Charlotte Clippers' goalie was imperforable in an 8-1 victory except at one point when New Haven's Ron Rohmer caught him lying flat on the ice and shot the puck over him for the losers' lone goal.

Binkley was knocked down by one of his own defencemen in the mad scramble in front of the net.

As much as he wanted that shutout, Binkley couldn't be anything but happy with the outcome. The win, in which the



BINKLEY SINNETT

regular season champions finished their old farm, squandered the playoff series between the two teams at 1-1. New Haven took the first game Tuesday night, 4-3 in overtime.

The series now moves to Charlotte for a Sunday afternoon (3 p.m.) game.

Doug Adam moved within seven goals of the Eastern Hockey League record when he rammed in his 68th and 67th tallies of the season. They earned from 15 to 10 feet away.

Biber O'Hearn, league scoring champion, collected one goal and one assist. Stan Warecki, Bill Sinnett, Jim McNulty, Gerry Sullivan and Rick Hogg also scored.

The Clippers' defense, in spite of its crucial blow to Binkley, was sharp. Les had to stop only 24 shots.

Warecki and Adam had Charlotte ahead, 2-0, when Rohmer connected after 12:42 of the first period. McNulty struck right back with a goal after 18:59.

MATE SPOILED LES' SHUTOUT

Wareski and Adam hit in the second period and then, in the third, Sinnett, Hogg and Sullivan added their markers.

THE CLIPBOARD—The Clippers are scheduled to land at Charlotte's Douglas Airport this afternoon around 6 o'clock. They'll enjoy a well-deserved day of rest tomorrow.

Yvan Houle, who didn't make the New Haven trip due to an injury, is expected to see action Sunday. \$4,000 general admission tickets go on sale at the coliseum box office tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Box office opens Sunday at 1 p.m. "The tickets are going fast," says relations director Bob Elmer says, "but there's still

JIM HAMILTON NAMED TO NAIA HALL OF FAME

KANSAS CITY—More honors were handed to Lemor Rhine coach Jim (Faggy) Hamilton here today when he was named to the NAIA Hall of Fame. Hamilton, who directed the Bears to an undefeated conference season only to lose out in the NAIA playoffs, was selected for his playing career at Pittsburg (Kan.) State.

Hamilton, a former Charlotte American Legion baseball coach, is taking a year's leave of absence after this season to work on his doctorate degree.

Named to the Hall of Fame with Hamilton were Harry Gallatin, a Northeast Missouri grad and New York Knickerbocker star; and coaches J. C. Reinhardt (Southwest La.), Stuart Clark (Highlands), and Paul Gross (Fl. Hays State).



HAMILTON



ALL IN SPORT

"There may be some doubt about who caught it, but Phil bet there's no argument about who's gonna fry it!"