

# Between the Lions

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Once again it's time to select all types of mythical basketball teams so we glanced over the seasonal records and came up with an All-Opponent squad. Since we didn't see every game we had to base some of our selections on scoring totals and scuttlebutt from the players.

Because of the speed of modern basketball which forces most coaches to use nine or ten players we named ten men to our first team. Here goes:

Pos.	Player	School	Hgt.
g.	Bucky Roche	Syracuse	5-10
g.	Harry Moore	West Virginia	6-2
g.	Kent Poore	Army	5-9
c.	John Clune	Navy	6-3
c.	Ernie Beck	Penn	6-4
c.	Ed Miller	Syracuse	6-8
f.	Ed Becker	West Virginia	6-0
f.	Fred Congleton	Rhode Island	6-3
f.	Dick Osborne	Colgate	6-2
f.	Milt Mead	Michigan	6-7

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Tom Craig, Carnegie Tech; Dick Helymün, Penn; Fred Meyers, Army; and Hal Corizzi, Rutgers.

We based our selections strictly on what these opponents did against Penn State so had to exclude such stalwarts as Mark Workman of West Virginia, Mickey Zernich of Pitt, and Dick Hannon of Army. Workman made just about everyone's All-American this year, but only scored 14 points against the Lions in two contests. Zernich, an All-District choice, and Hannon, All-East performer, didn't excel against the Nittanians.



Our mythical starting five would probably be Roche and Moore, guards; Clune, center, and Congleton and Becker, forwards. Roche and Moore were both exceptional ball-handlers and scorers. Roche tallied 18 points in Rec Hall, and gave the Lions many anxious moments. Moore was the sparkplug of the Mountaineers' good outfit.

Clune gets the nod at center over All-East performer Beck. Navy's great second year man hit for 19 against State to outscore freshman Jesse Arnelle. Beck sparked the Quakers to their streak-breaking upset with 13 points in the first half, but cooled after intermission.

Becker was one of the best sharpshooters to appear in Rec Hall all season. He used an accurate corner setshot to rack up 22 points. The Rams' Congleton had 24 points, the most scored against the Nittanians all year.

Poore, the Cadets diminutive guard, displayed excellent set-shooting ability. Miller, Syracuse's giant center, failed to fulfill pre-season expectations. The Lions held him to nine points in Rec Hall but he broke loose with 19 at Syracuse. Osborne was included because of his play in the Red Raiders' thrilling upset of the Lions. He made a tap-in to tie the game, and a layup to win the contest in overtime. Mead, the Wolverine's gangling forward, was a top-notch rebounder and scored 18 points against State in the Steel Bowl opener.

## Meadville, Avalon Seek District PIAA Crowns

HARRISBURG, March 12—(AP)—Meadville's scrappy Bulldogs and unbeaten Avalon go after district titles tomorrow night as the other PIAA basketball contenders take a breather.

Meadville opposes Erie Tech at Erie for the District 10 Class A title while Avalon meets Arnold at Pittsburgh in the District 7 Class B finals. Thirty-four other contenders in three classes are idle.

The remaining 20 quintets eligible for the Class A championship wait until Friday night when a jam-packed schedule offers five district title clashes.

### Bulldogs Surprise

Meadville, with a 15-7 record, pulled the upset of the month-long eliminations Monday night by upsetting defending champion Sharpville, 51-49. The Bulldogs will have to pull more surprises out of their bag to turn back Tech, a team that has beaten them twice this season in close games. Previous scores were 44-42 and 64-60.

Avalon has won 23 straight games to rack up the only unblemished record in Class B. Paced by All-State Ronnie Mayer, the suburban Pittsburgh school is expected to match its achievement of last year in winning the western title. Arnold has downed three sectional champions in reaching the finals but is not expected to be able to keep up with Coach Harry Dennison's well-balanced attack.

### Title Games

Friday night's Class A schedule includes these title games:  
District 1—Chester vs Coatesville at Philadelphia's Penn Palestra.  
District 2—Swoyersville, the defending champion, vs Old Forge at Scranton.  
District 3—Hanover, the South Penn winner, vs Reading's Central Penn Champs at Hershey.  
District 6—Westmont, Tri-County League winner, vs Holli-

## Eight Matmen --

In Illingworth's (6-1) heavy-weight division, Eastern and national champion Brad Glass is the big man with Columbia's Hank Littlefield, Lehigh's Joe Comly and Syracuse's Dick Beyer strong contenders.

### Braves Top Reds

Bradenton, Fla., March 12—(AP)—Backing three Milwaukee pitching graduates with a 15-hit attack, the Boston Braves defeated the Cincinnati Reds, 7 to 5 today before a turnout of 1319.

### It's New Record

No Penn State basketball team ever won more than 18 games in one season until the current year.

daysburg, Mountain League champion at Altoona.

District 7—Unbeaten Washington vs once-beaten Farrell, the defending champion, at the Pitt field house.

In addition, unbeaten Punxsutawney meets Brookville at DuBois and Bradford goes against Kane at Olean, N.Y., in District 9 semi-finals. The title game is set for next Tuesday.

Dark horse Catasauqua meets favored Bethlehem in the District 11 finals at the Penn Palestra in Philadelphia.

All ready for the start of inter-district play next Tuesday are Williamsport, District 4; Somerset, District 5, and Westinghouse, District 8.

## Robinson Will Defend Ring Title

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12—(AP)—Middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson, fighting for the first time since he regained the crown last September, defends his title here tomorrow night in a 15-round go with Carl (Bobo) Olson of Honolulu.

The tap dancing boxing master actually boxed only fifteen rounds while training for this bout but he will go into the ring a prohibitive favorite. Price makers shrugged off speculation as to the outcome with "name your own odds."

A crowd of possibly 7,000 is expected to account for gate receipts approaching \$75,000 at the Civic Auditorium. The match will start at 8:30 p.m., (PST), (11:30 EST). It will not be televised or broadcast.

Net proceeds will go to the Damon Runyan Cancer Fund. Robinson is donating his share of the purse, less one dollar, to the fund. Promoter William P. Kyne also is contributing his profits.

Although Sugar Ray's preparations for the title defense have been as light as a butterfly's kiss, neither he nor his handlers seemed concerned. The champion's extracurricular activities have included luncheons, television and radio appearances. In between, he worked out briefly.

## Art Houtteman Back to Bolster Detroit Staff

LAKELAND, Fla., March 12—(AP)—Young Art Houtteman, returning to baseball after a year in the army, hopes to pick up where he left off in 1950.

When Houtteman marched off to service, he was rated one of the best pitchers in the game. A 19-game winner for Detroit, he helped keep the Tigers in the race until the final days of the season.

Without Houtteman, the Tigers collapsed last season. Nobody hit. Nobody pitched. Nobody made the double play. The club staggered home a well-beaten fifth, 25 games behind the Yankees.

Manager Red Rolfe counts on the exhibition games to scrape off any rust that might have developed on the 24-year-old right-hander's arm.

"Artie could be our best pitcher," said Rolfe. "He's the slump-breaking type, a guy who can throw a shutout once in a while."

Houtteman worked out at home in Detroit with pitcher Ted Gray during the winter. Since Jan. 15 he has been in Lakeland with Dizzy Trout, Virgil Trucks, Joe Ginsberg and Gray.

## Dayton, Duquesne Impress NIT Crowd

NEW YORK, March 12—(AP)—There's every indication that the National Invitation Basketball Tournament is going to the D's—which doesn't mean dogs—when top-seeded Duquesne plays La Salle and third-ranked St. Bonaventure clashes with Dayton in tomorrow's semi-final games.

Off their performances so far, the Dukes, beaten only once this

season, and the unheralded Dayton Flyers are the most impressive teams in the tournament. But nobody is conceding them certain victories, especially since steady-going Al Bailey of Duquesne hurt his right knee in Tuesday's game against rugged Holy Cross.

### D Teams Look Best

Bailey was treated today, after keeping ice packs on his knee all night to reduce the swelling. He wasn't able to work out this afternoon, but is expected to play tomorrow though his efficiency may be impaired. Jim Tucker, the tall center, also limped a bit after the game but suffered nothing worse than a bruised shin.

Although the "D" teams have looked best so far, Coach Eddie Melvin of St. Bonaventure summed up the general feeling when he remarked: "The nice thing about this tournament is that the teams are so even. In past years there usually has been one stand-out, like Kentucky, to take the edge off it."

### Rather Play Warriors

Coach Ducey Moore didn't think Duquesne looked like a top-ranking team when it had to come from behind to beat Holy Cross, 78-68.

"The boys were a little nervous," he explained. "It was one of their poorer performances and

they'll probably be a little better."

La Salle, which beat Seton Hall and St. John's on the way to the semi-finals, lost to Duquesne during the regular season—a beating which prompted coach Ken Loefler to moan: "I'd rather play any team than Duquesne—even the pro Philadelphia Warriors."

Unseeded Dayton, a dark-horse finalist in last year's tournament, has turned in a couple of impressive victories over New York University and second-seeded St. Louis. St. Bonaventure, a tired looking team toward the end of the season, barely pulled out a 70-69 decision over Western Kentucky after leading by as much as 17 points.

Melvin points to that in justification of his anyone-can-win theory.

### 16 Straight

"We had one good quarter against Western," he argues. "If we can put four of them together—as we were doing early in the season—we can win. We haven't given up hope."

The Bonnies, who won 16 straight before losing to Duquesne, lost four of their next seven regular-season games. But only one of those was played on their home court.

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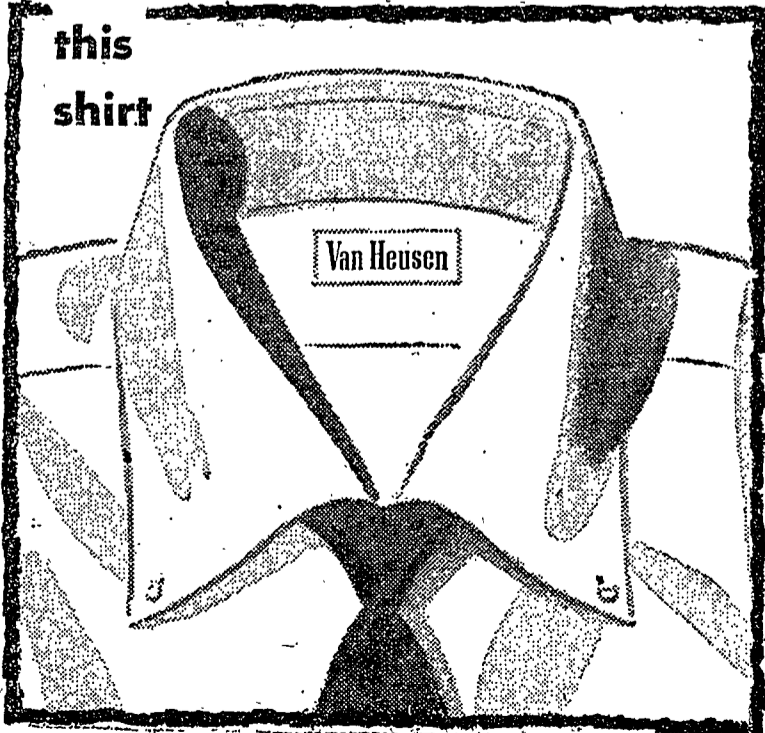
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