

Grandstand Views



NBA's Golden Hour--'54 Playoffs

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Talking with George King is always a pleasure, because the ex-Syracuse Nat star brings back memories of professional basketball's golden hour—the 1954 championship playoffs.

King, the assistant coach at West Virginia, was in town last weekend when the Mounties beat the Lions in their annual Rec Hall thriller, 75-73.

Jovial George who walks around with a smile on his face all the time, is a sophomore in the coaching racket after a distinguished pro career with Syracuse and Cincinnati.

The former national scoring champ from Morris-Harvey spent four of his five pro seasons with the hustling Nationals and ended his playing days in 1957 with the Royals.

King is best remembered for his last second steal and foul shot which gave Syracuse a 92-91 win over the Fort Wayne Pistons in the final game of the 1955 playoffs.

He also was an important member of the 1954 Syracuse squad which must go down in sports record books as the most courageous team ever assembled.

After a second place finish in regular season play, King and the Nationals pulled the biggest upset of the season beating the New York Knicks and Boston Celtics in a round-robin playoff to gain the finals against the Minneapolis Lakers.



King

How they did it was amazing because three of their top stars—Dolph Schayes, Earl Lloyd and Paul Seymour—all were wearing casts and Wally Osterkorn, one of the top defensive stars had a severe charleyhorse.

The oddsmakers figured the Lakers, with Messrs. Mikan, Mikkelsen, Pollard and Martin, would breeze past the crippled Nats in four straight. But Al Cervi's crew had different ideas.

The Nats, swathed in bandages, dropped the first game to the Lakers, 79-68, and the odds soared upward for a clean sweep.

In the second game, the Nats bounced back for a 62-60 upset. But it was a costly victory because King, one of the backcourt starters, bounced off George Mikan and came up with a broken wrist.

Eagles Sign Baughan

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles yesterday announced signing of Max Baughan, 222-pound Georgia Tech centerline backer to a National Football League contract.

Eagles General Manager Vince McNally also said he had signed Bill Lapham, 240-pound Iowa center.

The Nationals made quite a scene when they took the floor for the third game. Four men wore casts and Osterkorn could just about run. They lost that one, 81-67.

That should have been the end of the story but Syracuse decided to rewrite the script.

The bandaged brigade fought back in the fourth game for an 80-69 win as the injury list increased Bill Gabor, the only healthy backcourtman besides rookie Billy Kenville, was carried off the floor with a knee injury that ended his career.

That brought King back to the starting lineup, cast and all, and the Lakers took a 3-2 lead in the series with an 84-73 win.

By this time the whole basketball world was watching and waiting to see if the Nats could tie it up. The game was in Minneapolis but Syracuse's cast-iron defense held the Lakers to six points in the third quarter and they won 85-83.

Then came the most dramatic championship game in NBA history. Gabor was on the bench and the Nats started Schayes, King, Seymour, Red Rocha and Osterkorn. Rocha was the only healthy one and when he got fired in came the crippled Lloyd.

The game went right down to the wire before Minneapolis rallied to pull it out by seven and crush the hopes of the Nationals. Apparently the Lakers had never heard of Cinderella.

Hildebrand Gets Grid Job at Wake Forest

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Billy Hildebrand, officially became head football coach at Wake Forest College when the Board of Trustees unanimously approved his appointment and gave him a three year contract.

His promotion from assistant had been regarded as a mere formality. He succeeds Paul Amen, who announced his resignation Tuesday to enter the banking field after four years as Wake Forest head coach.

Brothers to Climb Rope

Penn State's 1960 gymnastics team has a brother act in rope climbers, Bill and Bruce Fosnocht. They hail from Shillington, Pa.

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DuMars Drops Notch to 11th In National Cage Scoring Race

Despite 23 and 24 point performances last week, Penn State's Mark DuMars has dropped from 10th to 11th place among the nation's scoring leaders.

DuMars, who won't see action again until Jan. 23 when the Lions play Pitt, has scored 239 points in ten games for an average of 23.9 points a game.

Al Butler of Niagara moved into DuMars' tenth spot with 250 points in 10 ball games.

The Big-O, Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati, saw his average dip below 40 points a game for the first time this year, but still leads in scoring with 458 points in 12 games. That's an average of 38.2.

Tom Stith of St. Bonaventure, who had two 40 plus outbursts during the Holiday festival in New York, is second to Robertson with 292 points and a 29.2 average.

The sixth, seventh and eighth spots are held down by Terry Dischinger of Purdue, Jerry West of West Virginia and Bob Duffy of Colgate, all Penn State opponents.

Dischinger, a sophomore, had 25 points against the Lions when Purdue beat the Nittanians in Bloomington, Ind., 63-54, last month.

West, everybody's All-American, scored 34 and 26 points in his two showings against the Lions. The Mounties won both games,



MARK DuMARS
... 11th in country

West hit for 40 Wednesday night 104-74 in Morgantown, and 75-73 Saturday in Rec Hall.

in the Mountaineer's 102-81 triumph over Virginia. That wasn't included in the statistics released yesterday by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau.

Temple's Bill Kennedy, who had 21 against Penn State in the Keystone Classic, is 16th in total scoring with 303 points in 13 games.

His 29-point performance against Villanova Wednesday isn't included.

Penn State statistics show that Wally Colender is the team's second highest scorer with 158 points in ten games. He had 23 in his last two outings against West Virginia and Bucknell.

Gene Harris has 88 points to rank third in that department but he's first in rebounds with 105.

Penn State has a 4-6 record after ten games, but the Lions have won three of their last four, losing only to West Virginia 75-73.

Name	G	P	F	R	Avg.
Mark DuMars	10	92	65	239	23.9
Wally Colender	10	58	42	158	15.8
Gene Harris	10	37	14	88	8.8
Jake Trueblood	9	29	14	72	8.0
Paul Sweetland	10	24	19	65	6.5
John Phillipa	6	0	0	18	3.0
Frank Shea	6	4	2	10	1.4
Fred Eisele	5	2	0	4	1.0
Mel Ramey	5	2	0	4	0.8
Dick Dibert	4	0	0	0	0.0
Don Wilson	1	1	0	2	2.0
Bill Saul	1	0	0	0	0.0

Basketball Scores

NBA	Collegiate
Syracuse 119, St. Louis 118	Kings 85, Lincoln 80
	Harpur 69, Wilkes 64
	Hiram 74, Case Tech 65
	Delaware St. 89, Howard 87
	Clemson 87, Furman 85 (2 ot)
	St. Lawrence 90, Clarkson 76
	Florida St. 72, Tampa 67
	Gettysburg 57, Delaware 47
	East Carolina 103, Guilford 88
	Florida A&M 128, Fort Valley 77
	W. Virginia Wesleyan 102, Morris Harvey 98
	Augustine 79, Fayetteville St. 54
	Westminster 92, Waynesburg 81

Basilio Wants Rematch

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Carmen Basilio said he wants a return crack at Gene Fullmer for the NBA middleweight title and expects to get the chance.

The plucky ex-Marine from nearby Chittenango also is considering paring to 147 pounds and taking on Don Jordan for the world welterweight crown. He is in daily training.

Graham's Stayin'

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP) — Cmdr. Otto Graham wants everybody to know that he has "no desire to leave Coast Guard Academy" where he is the head football coach.

The latest offer to move came from the University of California. Graham said he told the university's officials that he was satisfied with his position here.

Lion Grid Interceptions

Penn State's 1959 football team ranked eighth nationally in interception-return yards with 301 yards on 22 interceptions. Quarterback Richie Lucas led the team with five interceptions and 114 yards.

Edwards Coaches Frosh

Bob Edwards, No. 3 scorer on Penn State's 1958-59 basketball team, and a letterman for three seasons before his graduation last June, is serving as an assistant to head coach John Egli this year.

Dawson, Nagler Sign

CLEVELAND (AP) — Quarterback Len Dawson and end Gern Nagler, obtained by the Cleveland Browns last month in a trade with the Pittsburgh Steelers, signed contracts with the Browns.

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