

Pairings Announced for 2 Regional Tournaments

Manhattan Meets South Champion

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Pairings were announced Thursday for two of the regional tournaments pointing to the National Collegiate basketball championship next month.

At New York's Madison Square Garden in the Eastern regional March 11, Manhattan will face the Southern Conference champion, probably West Virginia, in the first of three games.

Second Game
The second game will send Boston College against the Atlantic Conference champion and the third will pair Connecticut with an at-large team yet to be chosen.

The Atlantic Coast picks its titleholder in the conference tournament next month. At present North Carolina, the defending champion, and Duke are tied for the league lead. Dartmouth has the inside track for the Eastern at-large spot.

In the regional at Evanston, Ill. starting also March 11, Pitt will play the Mid-American champion and Notre Dame the Ohio Valley Conference representative. Tennessee Tech is leading the Ohio Valley parade.

Meanwhile, two more berths in the NCAA field have been clinched.

Big Eight Title
Kansas State captured the Big Eight title, and the accompanying tournament bid, by beating Oklahoma Tuesday night 68-51. San Francisco won the West Coast Athletic Conference crown by edging St. Mary's of California 49-47.

Finals for the major National Collegiate championship will be held March 21-22 at Louisville, Ky. In the small college division of the NCAA, 18 teams have qualified for tournament berths. Fourteen remain to be selected.



BUTTERFLY EXPERT—Tim Jecko, Yale junior, shows perfect form as he prepares for the NCAA swimming championships March 27-29th at Ann Arbor, Mich. Jecko won three individual crowns in the 1957 meet.

Great Heart, Smooth Stroke Wins Titles for Yale's Jecko

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Many experts say that Tim Jecko, 20-year-old Yale junior from Bethesda, Md., ranks high among the current crop of America's hopefuls.

Top Rooters
One of Jecko's top rooters is the usually conservative Bob Kiphuth, Yale's coach and noted producer of great swimmers. He admits the slim, 157-pound, 6-foot-2 Jecko is "very good." From him, that's terrific.

Jecko, the only Yale swimmer to compete in the 1956 Olympics at Australia, hopes the experts are right. He also hopes he'll make the 1960 Olympics and be more valuable to America than I was two years ago." In the 1956 games Jecko helped the 800-meter freestyle relay team qualify, but he wasn't picked on the unit that lost to Australia in the final.

Cough
Handicapped by a bronchial cough in mid-December, Jecko entered the water for the first time in six weeks late in January. He isn't expected to reach his peak this season until late March, says Kiphuth, "when he should be a major factor in national championships." They are set for March 27-29 at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Medley Races
In that meet, Jecko won the 100 and 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley races. The butterfly and freestyle are his specialties.

Tim, who has been swimming in competition since he was 13, credits Jim Campbell, for many years coach of the Walter Reed S. C. Washington, D. C., for "most of whatever success has come my way."

"Campbell got me started and to know what it was to work hard," explains Tim, "and this my name cleared. I made a mistake, and I never denied it, but I feel that four years out of big league basketball has paid for that mistake."

Opportunity
Molinas will get the opportunity at least to plead his case once again, for his application for reinstatement will be heard by the board of governors of the N.B.A. at a meeting at its offices in New York late in March. If they rule favorably, Molinas will be on the roster of some N.B.A. club next fall.

"I am at the prime of my life," said Molinas. "I don't think that my mistake rates a life sentence—I believe my debt has been paid. I sincerely hope Mr. Podoloff and the board of governors will agree."

Anxious
Vic Werz of the Cleveland Indians and Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees were the two hitters who connected for home runs in every American League park in 1957.

Signs
The following season, Molinas signed with Williamsport of the Eastern loop, a fast-moving professional league that established no ban, either against him or against the much more serious violators of basketball ethics—the "Dumpers" and "point-shavers" of the scandals of a few years previous.

Outstanding Record
Molinas proceeded to establish an outstanding record with the Billies. He set a new team scoring record in his first year, and each succeeding year has broken his own record. A tower of strength to his team, he has finished second, first, and third in the league in scoring in three years; has been named unanimously each year to the All-Star team; and once was chosen the league's most valuable player.

This year, in his fourth season of exile from big league basketball, he is averaging 32 points per game for Williamsport, ranks second in the loop in scoring, and has continued through his fine all-around team play to spark the ball club.

Suspension
During the term of his suspension, Molinas has completed law school and has been admitted to the bar of New York State. Before he was admitted, a thorough investigation of his character was made, and his actions in the betting affair and the consequent suspension were taken into consideration. It was judged that his act was not of



JACK MOLINAS

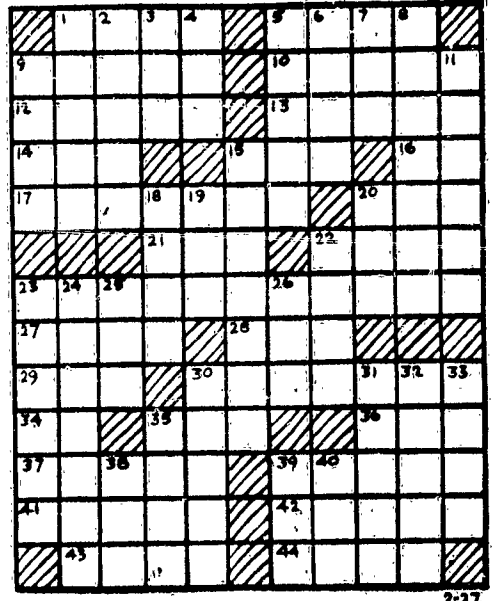
such grave nature as to preclude him from practice. "Why then," he asks, "should it bar me from playing after this long a suspension?"

Molinas is desperately anxious to return to the N.B.A.

"I love what I'm doing now, the practice of law," he remarked. "I also love basketball. And I want

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| 10. Smith's block | 6. Aftershock | 25. Fate |
| 12. Beginning | 7. Yellow bugle | 26. Epoch |
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| 17. Colored spots | 15. Taunt | 34. Canvas shelter |
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| 22. Winged, as birds (her.) | | |
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| 27. Sound a horn | | |
| 28. Coin (Swed.) | | |
| 29. Plaster | | |
| 30. Shade of red | | |
| 34. Pronoun | | |
| 35. Asian ox | | |
| 36. River into English Channel | | |
| 37. Lassoer | | |
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Horse Falls, Destroyed At Bowie

BOWIE, Md., Feb. 26 (AP)—Two thoroughbreds fell and one of them had to be destroyed today at Bowie race course. The track has been in bad shape since a 16-inch snowfall Feb. 15.

Twice the remainder of the program was almost called off, but it was finally completed. Whether there will be racing tomorrow is in doubt.

Face Race
Bernard fell in the face race, breaking his left shoulder, and was destroyed. Jockey Charles McKee was not hurt and came back to ride in the third. The spectacular fall occurred at the three-sixteenth pole.

In the seventh race, Battle Over, one of the choices, fell in the identical spot of Bernard's accident. Battle Over struggled to his feet and galloped on behind the field. Jockey Sidney Cole was shaken up but otherwise uninjured.

Second Race
Two other horses stumbled badly in the second race on the deep, holey track but did not fall.

Stewards conferred after the first-race fall, decided to permit the program to continue and said they would "declare the track unsafe" if there were another fall. They studied the situation again when Battle Over went down, and decided to finish anyway.

RPI Accepts Bid to College Tournament

TROY, Feb. 26 (AP)—Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has received and accepted a bid to the NCAA's college-division basketball tournament, the school announced today.

Thus RPI joins Brandeis, St. Michaels and Adelphi in the northeastern competition of the tournament, which begins March 7.

Willis J. Steison, athletic director at Swarthmore College and chairman of the college division of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn., issued the invitation.

Paul Graham, RPI director of athletics, said RPI had cancelled its two remaining games, with Albany State Teachers and Harpur College, in order to participate. In whipping Williams 55-45 Tuesday, the Engineers brought their records to 14-4, the finest in the school's history.

The site for the northeastern playoff has not been decided. The regional winner will take part in the finals at Evansville, Ind., March 12-14.

The NCAA sponsors two basketball tournaments, the college and university divisions. "Name" basketball schools participate in the latter.

Best punter of footballs in Syracuse University history was Avatus Stone. His 96 punts during the 1950-51 campaign averaged 30.7 yards.

