

# Tyler Caps First Day Of JC Meet With New Scoring Record

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## Joe Louis Resigns Heavyweight Crown

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., (AP)—Joe Louis yesterday formally resigned as heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

He requested and received permission from the National Boxing Association to sponsor a fight between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott to determine the new world's champion.

The new champion will be crowned at a 15-round fight to be held in Chicago in June.

Louis submitted his formal resignation by letter to NBA Commissioner Abe J. Greene and Flamen B. Adee, president of NBA.

The letter of resignation was presented by Harry Mendel, the Brown Bomber's publicity agent. Louis himself was not present.

Louis notified the NBA that he, Arthur M. Wirtz and James D. Norris had formed the International Boxing Club which will maintain offices in New York and Chicago. It will stage the fight to determine the new heavyweight champ.

Louis said he had obtained the signatures of Walcott and Charles for the heavyweight crown match and that both boxers had agreed to defend their title within 90 days after the June match with either Lee Savold or Gus Lesnevich.

Louis told the NBA that each contestant also agreed in the event he won the title to defend it at least twice a year.

Greene said the proposal had been discussed by him, Adee and Col. Harvey A. Miller of Washington, NBA executive secretary. He declared the NBA "would go



The 1948 Vet Champions for Tennis came from Dorm 14 and the eight man team is posed above for their intramural picture. The front row includes, left to right, Clarence Christie, Guy Tiller, Herman Wyatt, and Lawrence Hagenmann. Top row: Alfred Gibson, George Kennedy, Andy Jarnigan, and Paul Barrios.

## AAC Head Sick Of Grid War

AP Newsfeatures

NEW YORK—If you're a little tired of the pro football "war between the leagues," you haven't got anything on O. O. (Scrappy) Kessing.

Scrappy, new Commissioner of the All-America Conference thinks like almost everyone else that the warfare between his league and the National Football League is sheer madness.

Also like almost everyone in the sports fraternity, he didn't want to get mixed up in the battle. But he did. And this old sea dog isn't used to being at the helm of sinking ships.

"I know the Conference can take it as long as the other league can," says Scrappy. "We've got some very rich men in our corner. Men like Lindheimer, McBride, Topping and Bruell are very wealthy and they have pride."

"We'll operate through 1949 and if all the owners haven't recognized that there's room for two leagues, we'll go another year. Of course, this can't go on indefinitely. Eventually everybody will fold up and then some smart guy will come along and sweep up the pieces and start a new league."

"Pretty soon a second league will come along and we'll have the same thing all over again. But some time, somebody is going to get smart. Pro football will have a set-up like baseball, with two leagues in natural, healthy rivalry and a real world championship game. And what a sell-out that game will be."

"Right now, aside from the terrific expenses, an owner can lose \$300,000 a season in this business very easily, this war also is costing everyone big gates in exhibition games. Imagine a game between the two Los Angeles teams. Or one between Baltimore and Washington. And probably the best



O. O. (SCRAPPY) KESSING

natural rivalry is the one between the New York Giants and Yankees. That game would pack the Stadium any time."

The author of these sentiments is a 58-year-old professional Navy man. He was a scrub athlete in his Naval Academy days, playing most sports and never making the varsity at any of them. He since has been closely connected with sports, especially football throughout a full and active Navy career.

Kessing coached and played on ship teams before the first World War, and after the war he continued to coach football teams when his playing days were over. Scrappy was a wing back, no speed boy, but a hustler.

He returned to the Naval Academy in the late twenties under Admiral Jonas Ingram when Ingram was athletic director. Scrappy held the post of graduate manager of athletics. They made very successful teams, as Navy scored some of its most impressive victories during their regime. The pair also instituted the Navy-Notre Dame series, which, next to the Southern California set, is the oldest regularly played on the Irish schedule.

When Kessing returned to sea duty he was based with the Pacific fleet. Again he coached fleet football teams as well as ship teams in most of the other sports.

"We'd hit port," says Scrappy, "and all the other officers and most of the men would disappear. But a couple of us would get the football players together and we'd practice. Considering the handicaps we worked under, we produced some pretty good teams."

During the war the new AAC commissioner worked with Tom Hamilton, former Navy coach and now Pitt athletic director, on the brilliantly organized Navy V-5 program. Many of the country's finest athletes played in the V-5 pre-flight program at Iowa, North Carolina, Georgia and St. Mary's.

Then Kessing wangled an overseas assignment and spent the rest of the war in action. He witnessed the signing of the surrender on the Missouri. All through the war, when Ingram was subsiding in the Atlantic and Kessing Jap-hunting in the Pacific, the two friends tried to get to (See AAC HEAD, Page 4)

## Softball Team To Hold Tryouts

The Aggie softball team will hold a practice and tryouts Thursday at 5 o'clock on the lighted softball field, Barney Welch, Intramural Director, has announced.

All men who wish to tryout for the team should be out tomorrow night. The team is just organizing and every position is wide open, Barney said.

The Aggie team has a game scheduled with Texas U. on the 11th of March, in Austin.

At the first meeting, Tuesday, only a handful reported, and consequently, no action has been taken to organize.

Nick Etten's league-leading total of 22 home runs in 1944 is the lowest winning mark in the American League since 1919.

## Tyler Scores 93 Points On Frank Phillips Plainsmen

by The Battalion Sports Staff

At the end of the first day of the Texas Junior College Basketball Tournament, Tyler's Apache Junior College team was more than ever the favorite to walk away with the top honors. They set a new scoring record for the two year old meet at 93 points in their game with the Frank Phillips Junior College Team of Borger.

Tyler did not play its first team for more than half of the game in this wide open game. High point man for the east Texans was second stringer Jack Revell with 22 points.

Lamar's Cardinals, the defending champs of the meet were the only ones who even appeared in the same class with the Apaches. In winning over Wharton, the Cardinals were able to pull their starters early in the game also. Both coaches did this to save their men for later contests that will begin to come thick and fast tomorrow.

Following are accounts of the games in the order that they were played.

### Henderson 60—Howard 53

Henderson County Junior College and Howard County Junior College fought an evenly matched game until the final minutes of play when the Henderson Cardinals pulled away to win 60-53.

The two teams were tied up three times in a first half which ended with the Howard County boys pull up from behind to tie it up at 20-20, and then push ahead to a lead of 27-22 when the whistle blew.

Three more times in the second half, the score was knotted up before Henderson's lanky center, Jim McDaniel, pushed in two baskets to give his team a 52-48 lead, with four minutes to play. The Cardinals then lengthened their lead to win by a 7 point margin.

### Lamar 70—Wharton 52

Wharton Junior College found too much height in the Lamar Junior College lineup and the Plainsmen went down in defeat, 70-52. The Cardinals are defending tournament champs, having defeated Tyler Junior College in the tournament finals last year.

Lamar took an 11 point lead in the first few minutes of play and the Cardinals were never headed. Most of the Wharton points were made farther out from the basket as Lamar controlled both backboards.

### Clifton 66—Paris 29

A smooth-working Clifton Junior College team stopped Paris Junior College 66-29 in the third game of the Junior College Tournament. Clifton built up a large lead early in the third period and the Cowboy reserves played most of the final period.

### Paris 29—Wharton 52

Paris began finding the range late in the final quarter and the Dragons cut the Clifton lead to

Moody, c	6	1	1	13
Frederick, B. c	0	0	3	0
Carpenter, g	6	2	2	14
Holst, g	2	2	0	6
Palmer, g	0	0	2	0
Shoptaw, g	3	0	1	6
Carsee, g	0	1	2	1
Totals	29	12	22	70

Half-time score: Lamar 38—Wharton 23.

### Schreiner 60—Amarillo 32

It took a talented Schreiner Institute cage five only seven minutes to turn a close game into a one-sided tilt as they defeated an overrated Amarillo Junior College squad by a score of 60 to 32 in the 4 o'clock tournament game.

Led by their two guards the Mountaineers forged quickly ahead and failed to falter even a little bit the rest of the afternoon. Coach Houston Wheeler sent in his second stringers in the last quarter and instead of giving up some of their large lead they splurged even further ahead.

With the game in process only 20 seconds, quick thinking Jack Straus took a rebound and sank the first marker of the afternoon sending his Schreiner team into a two point lead. Another Mountaineer again converged, making it four to nothing.

This quick lead was short lived as Kyle connected with two free throws and Carter sank a long one to put the Badgers back into the fray. At this point the fast breaking boys from the Institute started connecting and made the lads from the wheat country look sick.

Jimmy Kyle of the Badgers was the best player on the court. Kyle led his team all the way even if it was a losing battle. He repeatedly batted the ball out of opposing players' hands and looked like the only one on the Amarillo team that could get rebound.

The second half was just as bloody as the Kerrville boys continued the slaughter. At the game close the Badgers were at the short end of a 60 to 32 score.

### Allen 73—Tarleton 46

The Allen Academy Ramblers won their initial game of the Junior College Tournament by tripping the Tarleton Plowboys 73-46 in a free-scoring game. The contest was a rough and tumble affair with 63 fouls being called during the game.

The Ramblers jumped into a quick fifteen point lead in the first ten minutes of play. The game was twelve and a half minutes old before the Plowboys scored their first field goal. (See CAGE MEET, on Page 4)

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