

# Hawks Interested in Archie Carroll; Seek Star for Professional Draft

Archie Carroll revealed yesterday that the St. Louis Hawks have contacted him and are seeking to put him up for pro draft after the close of the college campaigns this March.

The rangy 6-6 senior from Redlands, who leads the Aggies in conference scoring, said he heard from the world champion pro cagers early this week, asking about future plans and how he may be

reached at the close of this year. Carroll declared he would like very much to play for the Hawks next year if they wanted him, but added that another semester has thrown the situation into a quandary. "I still have another semester to go after this one," said Carroll, "so I don't really know what will happen if they want me."

The easy going forward, who is nicknamed "Shazam" by his team-

mates because of his deceptive speed, is majoring in physical education and biology, and hopes to find a coaching post—providing he doesn't play for the Hawks.

Carroll, who led the Farmers in both conference scoring and rebounding last year, is in the process of repeating the feat this year. He has hit 192 points in 12 loop outings for an average of 16.0 per game. His total paces Neil Swisher, who set an Aggie scoring record against Texas Monday, by only six points. Carroll is also the Cadets' top rebounder, grabbing 92 in conference play and 167 for the year.

Over the season, Carroll has tallied 324 points—second only to Swisher's 338—for an average of 14.7. In addition to being the Ags' leading rebounder, he is hitting at slightly better than 48 per cent of his attempts from the floor against conference foes, while he maintains a 46 per cent average against the Farmers' 22 opponents this year.

A four year basketball letterman

at Redlands, Carroll is called "one of those good folks" by Smokey Harper—a rare accolade from the Ag trainer. And the 6-6 senior, who operates from the post and forward positions with nifty hook shots with either hand, obtained his nickname from the old comic strip "Captain Marvel." Just as Billy Batson said "Shazam" and there was Captain Marvel, Carroll, with his deceptive speed, seems to be everywhere at once.

## Basilio Wants Fight With Archie Moore

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)—Boxer Carmen Basilio Wednesday entered the Archie Moore sweepstakes.

The former welterweight and middleweight champion said he wants a crack at the light heavyweight king, too.

"If Ray Robinson can fight Moore, why can't I?" Basilio asked a reporter.

Robinson has been negotiating with Jack "Doc" Kearns, Moore's manager, for a light heavyweight title fight.

Basilio has been clamoring for a rubber match with Robinson.

The Eskimo village of Kotzebue, Alaska, holds an annual Fourth of July celebration which includes a beauty contest. The girls striving for the queen's crown don't wear bathing suits. They wear fur parkas.

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## Sports in Brief

Russell Wieder, instructor of the A&M fencing team, said Friday that due to a change in date there is a possibility that the fencing team will be able to go to the 15th Annual National Collegiate Fencing Championship at the U. S. Naval Academy this year.

He received a notice Friday stating that the meet will be held March 27-28. The previous date was March 20-21.

"Since the meet will be held during the Easter Holidays the team will be able to participate in it," said Wieder. The fencing coach emphasized that only with an increase in interest and practice could the team possibly get into shape for the meet.

He concluded by saying that if more interest is not shown, the team will not send in an entry blank that is due March 17.

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Close to 46 Army Cadets are competing for positions on the Army team that will battle the Air Force eleven March 6, in the 12th Man Bowl at Kyle Field. The squad was scheduled to be cut to 33 men yesterday.

The Aggies worked out almost a week without protective padding. John Kingston, 1st Sgt. of C-Armor has been the only serious injury with a broken ankle bone.

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Baseball Coach Tom Chandler has trimmed the baseball team down to 31 men as the season opener draws near March 2.

Chandler's plans for this week include more batting practice and continued work on fundamentals.

Over on the other side of the Kyle Field diamond Jim Smotherman, a varsity player last season, is having a rough time sorting out his freshman baseball hopefuls.

Smotherman is serving as coach until Shelby Metcalf, the freshman basketball coach, ends his season Saturday night against Rice and moves into the head coaching roll for the Frosh.

The freshman team does not have a single scholarship boy on the team.

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The A&M victory, plus the Arkansas loss, moved the Cadets into fifth place in the Southwest Conference while the Razorbacks dropped back into sixth.

## Graham Nominated As Academy Coach

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)—The Coast Guard Academy Wednesday hired a big name—Otto Graham—as head football coach, but stressed it will not "go big time."

Graham was a great football player between 1943 and 1956, when he decided to retire. He was an All-America back at Northwestern University, All-Service at North Carolina Pre-Flight, and All-Professional with the Cleveland Browns.

This will be his first job as a head coach, although he spent a few weeks last August directing a squad of College All-Stars to victory over the Detroit Lions, 1957 National Football League champs.

Graham, 37, also was named athletic director at the Coast Guard Academy.



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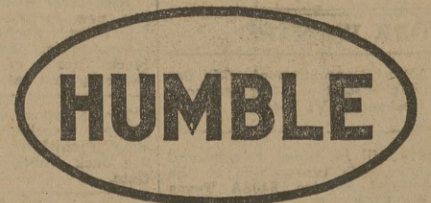
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