sociation announced first round pairings for the National Basketball Championships Wednesday, but Ivy League participation remained a contingency.

NCAA officials said the Ivy League, would be allowed to participate, provided its member schools accept the NCAA's 1.6 minimum grade standard for

### Verdict In On Alcindor-Astounding

LOS ANGELES (AP) - After 17 games of college freshman basketball, the verdict is in on 7-foot-1 Lew Alcindor and the decision is almost unanimous. He

The high-rise center from New York City, coveted by a hundred lleges last year before he chose JCLA, has averaged 33.7 points and 21 rebounds in leading his team to 17 consecutive victories most by margins of 50 or 75

Opposing coaches describe him as a younger combination of Wilt Los Angeles. hamberlain and Bill Russell.

UCLA coaches shield him from ewsmen and seem reluctant to omment on his exploits on the grounds that too much fanfare would be a disrupting influence on an 18-year-old.

But other experts look on in

Varsity Coach Marv Harsham f rival Washington State told a eporter: "Unfortunately I saw he UCLA freshman play last night. What can you say? Alcindor is simply great. He can hold you off with one hand and put the ball in the basket with

Former Boston Celtics' star Bill Sharman took a couple of ooks and pronounced Alcindor ready for National Basketball Association play right now. Sharman says he could be worth \$100,000 a year.

His team's games have been almost entirely against junior ollege teams, made up of freshmen and sophomores, and the winning scores are invariably over 100 points.

In one game Lew made 21 field goals in 23 tries. In another it was 17 out of 20.

### Ag Wrestlers Win Meet From SFA

The Texas Aggie wrestling eam won its third intercollegiate meet by downing Stephen F. Austin, 28-19, in a recent match. The Aggie team members are lerry Saad, George Hollwedel, Danny Ruiz, Phillippe Bohn, Mike Waldrop, John Davis, Bruce Dav-

and Tommy Ward. Coach Russell K. Wieder's Agie wrestlers will host South-Western Louisiana in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 2 p.m. Saturlay. The meet will be held in the wrestling room on the second floor of the coliseum.

s, Fred Lenzey, Chuck Witlock

All interested students who wish to participate in wrestling are urged to register in the colieum any afternoon between 5

National Collegiate Athletic As- pressed opposition to the 1.6 level. They said no outside agency, such as the NCAA, should determine academic standards for a school. The 1.6 scholastic average is based on a scale in which 4.0 is the highest possible score.

AGGIE BASEBALL COACH

Tom Chandler will pilot the

Aggie baseball team for the

eighth year this season.

Chandler and his base-

ballers will open the season

Friday in San Antonio

against Fort Sam Houston,

but inclement weather

might force postponement of the game. The Aggies will also play Trinity University in San Antonio Saturday. They will play their home opener Wednesday against St. Mary's of San Antonio

**Keglers Capture** 

First Place Title

bowling team in the recent re-

gional Association of College

Unions Games Tournament in

The five-man team dropped

960 pins to shade the Texas

Longhorns by 40. Individually,

the Aggies' John Taylor finished

third with a 198 average for nine

Team members Taylor, Rich-

ard Rasmussen, Bob Brandt, Per-

ry Kinder, and Fred White re-

ceived individual plaques for

Baton Rouge, La.

their performance.

First place went to A&M's

Two conferences, the Southwest and Western Athletic, drew byes in the March 7-8 first-round pairings. As a result, the Western Athletic first round site was eliminated, with its representative going to the West regional semifinals at UCLA March 11.

Because of the two byes and the elimination, a doubleheader of four at-large teams will be played at Wichita State March

Regional semifinals and finals will take place March 11-12, with the national semifinals and finals being played at the University of Maryland, College Park, March

First round sites are at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.; the Palestra, Philadelphia; Kent State, Kent, Ohio; and Wichita State, Wichi-

The regional semifinals and finals will be played at North Carolina State, Raleigh; University of Iowa, Iowa City; Texas Tech, Lubbock, and UCLA,

At-large teams were named Wednesday. They were unbeaten Texas Western, with a 20-0 record: Colorado State University, 12-6; Loyola of Chicago, 20-2; Providence, 21-4; Dayton, 18-4; Houston, 19-4, and Oklahoma

Texas Western, ranked third in The Associated Press poll, plays Oklahoma City in a first round game at Wichita March 7. The winner will be one of the four participants in the March 11 regional semifinal and will meet the Missouri Valley Conference champion.

The other game will match the Southwest and Big Eight Confer-

An at-large team will replace the Ivy League entry if its data does not meet the 1.6 require-

The maximum bracket of the tournament is 25 teams, 15 of which will be conference cham-

The first-round pairings:

East regionals: At VPI, March 8, Middle Atlantic state champion vs. Providence; at the Palestra, March 7, Southern Conference vs. Yankee Conference. The Ivy League will play Syracuse at the Palestra March 7, or at VPI March 8, if Pennsylvania wins the Ivy League championships.

Mideast regionals: At Kent State, March 7, Mid-American Conference vs. Dayton; and Ohio Valley Conference vs. Loyola of

Midwest regionals: At Wichita State, March 7, Texas Western vs. Oklahoma City; Southwest Conference draws bye.

West regionals: At Wichita State, March 7, Colorado State University vs. Houston; Western Athletic Conference draws

Champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Southeastern Conference, the Big Ten, the Missouri Valley, Big Eight, Athletic Association of Western Universities and the West Coast Conference also skip first round competition. They play in the regional semifinals.



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# Kentucky Still Holds Top Spot

The streaking Kentucky Wildcats show no signs of slowing down and relinquishing their solid lead in the Associated Press major-college basket poll. They need to win only three more games to complete an unbeaten | 10. regular season.

Kentucky lifted its record to 22-0 Monday night by trouncing Mississippi 108-65. The Wildcats play Tennessee Saturday and March 5, and then Tulane in the season finale March 7.

In the latest poll based on games through last Saturday, Kentucky drew 38 first-place votes and 396 points. Fourthranked Chicago Loyola and seventh-ranked St. Joseph's of Pennsylvania were the only other teams named to the top position in the balloting by 40 regional

Duke held second place and there was no change either in the next three positions as Texas Western, Chicago Loyola and Vanderbilt ranked third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

Providence's loss to Rhode Island dropped the Friars three notches to ninth and enabled three other teams to advance one position. Kansas climbed to sixth, St. Joseph's to seventh and Nebraska to eighth. Michigan remained in 10th place.

The standings are: Kentucky

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