

**Southern Illinois Still Top College**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Southern Illinois won two more games last week and remained well entrenched at the top of the small-college basketball Top Ten. The Salukis, in the latest Associated Press poll announced Wednesday, received a total of 138 points for 116 for runner-up Kentucky Wesleyan. The leaders beat Washington, Mo., and Northern Michigan last week for a 17-2 record.

Kentucky Wesleyan increased its record to 18-1 by defeating Kentucky State, Northern Michigan and Chattanooga.

Only one other team below the first two remained in the same position last week. That's fifth-ranked Indiana State, 19-4.

Lincoln, Mo., with two impressive victories last week—122-83 over Pittsburgh, Kan., State and 146-76 over St. Ambrose, Iowa—nudged ahead of Cheyney State into third place. Cheyney won three games but slid to fourth.

The Top Ten, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records through Saturday and total points:

1. S. Illinois (12) 17-2 .....138
2. Ky. Wesleyan 18-1 .....116
3. Lincoln, Mo. 23-2 ..... 79
4. Cheyney State 21-2 ..... 69
5. Indiana State 19-4 ..... 65
6. Akron 17-3 ..... 62
7. Grambling 18-4 ..... 38
8. Southwest, Mo. 18-3 ..... 33
9. San Diego State 19-4 ..... 32
10. Howard Payne (2) 21-2..... 22

**Hank Aaron Signs Two-Year Contract**

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Outfielder Hank Aaron has agreed to a two-year contract with the Atlanta Braves, making him the highest paid player in Braves history, the Atlanta Journal said Wednesday.

The star outfielder said he met with Bill Bartholomay, Braves president, and agreed to the pact calling for \$100,000 annually for a two-year period, the newspaper added.

Aaron and Bartholomay met in the latter's Chicago office and worked out the details of the agreement that had delayed negotiations on Aaron's contract, the Journal said.

"I've met with Mr. Bartholomay and I've agreed to terms," the slugging outfielder was quoted as saying from his Mequon, Wis., home. "I'll report for spring training next Tuesday." The Braves are training at West Palm Beach, Fla. He is expected to sign the contract at the training camp.

The new agreement is reported to give Aaron a raise of about \$35,000 over the \$65,000 he earned last season.

**Basketball Scores**

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
By The Associated Press  
Louisville 86, Drake 63  
Hofstra 80, Susquehanna 60  
Amherst 92, Middlebury 79  
MIT 72, Tufts 63  
N. Carolina 79, Maryland 78  
S. F. Austin 73, Tarleton St. 67  
Canisius 93, LaSalle 75  
Youngstown 100, Walsh 64  
Catawba 74, Wofford 64  
Northeastern 70, Brandeis 63

**Spring Sports**

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Tom Holder, Bob Dommel, Jerry Keating in the sprints, and Roger Other top performers should be Jon Beall in the backstroke, Mike Pettit in the breaststroke, Jerry Keating in the sprints, and Rober Byrne in the 200-yard butterfly.

**SOUTHERN** Methodist, coached by Red Barr, is the odds-on favorite to repeat as Southwest Conference champion. Swimming is one of the big sports at the Dallas school and, if the Ponies' basketball squad continues its winning ways, SMU will have three conference championships — in football, basketball, and swimming.

The loss of Colin Dunn and John Wood because of grades has hurt the Aggies' chances. Both of these swimmers were going to help the team a lot this season, according to Keating.

The Aggie Fish face the SMU Colts prior to the varsity competition at 4 p.m. SMU has a good freshmen squad, due mostly to extensive recruiting. The Aggies also have a fine freshmen team, evidenced by the team's first win, a dual victory over Rice and Texas Christian University.

Varsity competition gets underway at 7:30 p.m. on the SMU campus.



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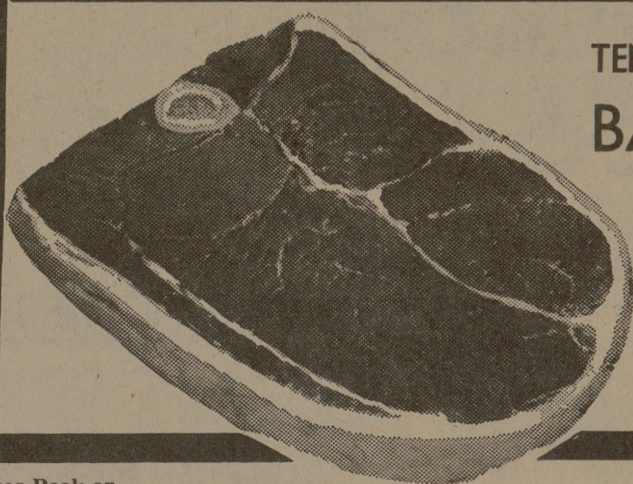
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