

Schoolboy changes his mind

LEWISVILLE, Tex. (AP)—Paul Rice, one of the most highly sought schoolboy running backs in the nation who had signed a Southwest Conference letter of intent to attend Southern Methodist, announced Tuesday he is going to Southern California.

Rice was at the Rose Bowl game in which Ohio State was defeated by USC and met former Trojan Heisman Trophy winners O.J. Simpson and Mike Garrett.

"I am definitely going to USC," said Rice, who will begin attending classes in February because he graduates at midterm.

Rice said, "SMU runs the Wishbone offense and I'm not used to it. The Power I is what I've been doing since I've been playing football."

The USC attack this year featured Anthony Davis out of the Power I formation.

Rice said, "I like Dallas but Southern Cal has been my team for a long time. I've wanted to go there since junior high."

SMU officials said they wouldn't give up on trying to sign the 5-foot-11, 190-pound Rice, who reversed his field after a Dec. 20 telephone talk to Trojan Coach John McKay.

Rice said he is going to the West Coast Saturday to start getting into physical shape.

He was a schoolboy All-American his junior year on a team that reached the state finals but did not receive as high a recognition this season on just an average team that didn't win its district.

East wins All-Star tilt, 108-102

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Walt Frazier, the silky-smooth New York guard, popped in 30 points and a determined East virtually negated the opposing team's giants en route to a 108-102 victory over the favored West in the National Basketball Association All-Star Game Tuesday night.

Frazier, starting in his sixth consecutive All-Star Game, drilled in 10 points in the first period and 12 in the third quarter when the East appeared to pull comfortably ahead 83-73 before having to withstand a belated West rally in the closing minutes.

His 30 points were the most in an All-Star game since Rick Barry's 38 in the 1967 contest. For his performance, Frazier won the game's Most Valuable Player award.

While the Knicks' captain was killing the West with his bullseye shooting, the underdog East's tough defense held the West's three towering centers—7-foot-3½ Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, 6-11 Bob Lanier and 6-10 Sam Lacey — to a total of 15 points.

Nate "Tiny" Archibald of Kansas City-Omaha and Barry, of Golden State, led the West scoring. Archibald finished with 27 points and Barry, a fraction of a percentage point ahead of Buffalo's Bob McAdoo in the NBA scoring race, collected 22.

John Havlicek of Boston added 16 points for the East and McAdoo scored 11.

After the East's third-period blitz, the winners widened their margin to 12 points midway through the final period and still were ahead by 10 at 101-91 with four minutes remaining.

Then the West began its charge and cut the deficit to four points in the closing seconds before Frazier completed the scoring by sinking two free throws with eight seconds to go.

The East got hurt early when starter Elvin Hayes of Washington, one of the league's top rebounders, was forced to the sidelines after only 5½ minutes suffering from flu and bronchitis. He insisted on playing and came back in the second half, but was ineffective.

The West, meanwhile, lost starter Spencer Haywood of Seattle early in the third period, also because of flu.

Intramurals set deadline

Entries close the day after classes resume for three post-holiday intramural contests on campus.

Sign-up deadline is Tuesday (Jan. 21) for competition in handball singles, flickerball and free throws.

Actual play begins a week later on Jan. 27-28.

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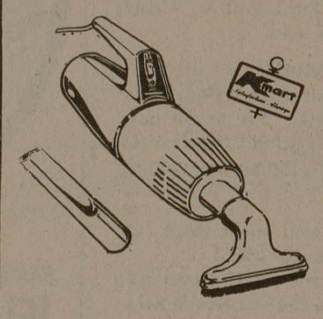
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