

New England DeMolay hoop tourney start Friday in Bath

By DAVE BOURQUE
 BATH — Basketball fans who long for "the good old days" when they could head into a gym and sit for eight hours watching some brilliant basketball being played, will have a chance to do just that tomorrow and Saturday at the Bath Junior High gym.

The New England DeMolay Basketball Tournament will get underway at 6:00 p.m., tomorrow when Wakefield, R.I., takes on East River, Mass. The second contest pits Milford, Conn., against Caribou in a 7:15 scheduled start.

The host Bath cagers take on Somerville, Mass., in the 8:30 tilt with Centerdale, R.I., and Portsmouth, N.H., ending the first day festivities at 9:45. With luck, the gym may be empty by midnight.

This is the initial host role for the state of Maine with Bath being the pioneer in this case. It seems fitting that Bath is the first-time host because the local chapter has been the lone club in tourney history to "retire" the travelling trophy, although Milford could turn the trick with a victory this weekend. The Con-

necticut cagers have won the NE go the past two years with a three year period required for permanent possession of the huge trophy.

Saturday will see the losers of the first two games play at 9:30, the losers of the third and fourth tilt to go at 11:00 a.m., and the winners of the first two play at 1:00 p.m. At 2:30, the final round foes will be determined as the winners of the third and fourth games square off. Saturday morning winners will play for fifth and sixth spot in a 5:30 consolation while Saturday afternoon losers

will go at 7:00 to fill out the third and fourth place teams. The title game is set for 9:30. And if 11 games in less than two days isn't enough basketball for anyone we suggest they travel with the Globetrotters — they play over 250 games a year.

Here is a capsule rundown on each club in the New England:

Wakefield, R.I. — First appearance in the New England — had to pull a big upset at Pawtucket to get into tourney. Two top ranked ball players in Robert

Cavanaugh and Jeff Chase. The former, who stands 6-2, is described by his coach as "probably one of the top five in the state." He averaged 30 points per game for Kingston this winter. Chase is a 6-3 junior college center who is the top rebounder on the club.

When he and Cavanaugh teamed up for Kingston they were state champs three consecutive seasons.

Fall River, Mass. — This is their ninth appearance in the New England with two titles to their credit. Not a big team but extremely scrappy. They averaged 90 points a ball game while holding their opponents to 55. Topped Somerville in the state title game, 69-65. Jack McCrossan and Russ Booth are their top ballplayers with respective heights of 5-10 and 6-2.

Milford, Conn. — With the exception of one starter, this is the same ball club which has captured NE honors two years running. They have good size and are a rugged ball club. In most corners, they are considered the tourney favorites. Ray Rivard is their top ballplayer.

Caribou, Me. — Mike Kelley and John Miller spark this club which lost to Bath last week for the Maine crown. The upstater's promise to look sharper this time as they will arrive in Bath today

ABA-NBA bidding war underway

By TED MEIER
 Associated Press Sports Writer
 An unholy war to sign college players was under way in pro basketball today.

The 22-year-old National Basketball Association announced its first round draft picks Wednesday with Westley Unsell, Tom Boerwinkle and Ron Williams among the top choices.

"I guess we have to enter into an unholy war of going after these players," declared George Mikan, commissioner of the rival one-year-old American Basketball Association.

Unsell, a 6-foot-8 two-time All-American at Louisville, was the No. 1 draft of the Baltimore Bullets in the NBA.

The Chicago Bulls chose the 7-foot Boerwinkle of Tennessee. Withams, 6-3 West Virginia star was picked by the San Francisco Warriors.

None of the three has signed any contract. Each said they wanted to weigh all offers before deciding.

Unsell had been offered \$300,000 over a four year span to play with the Kentucky Colonels of the ABA. Baltimore did not reveal its offer although Buddy Jeannette, general manager of the Bullets, declared, "We're going to leave no stone unturned to sign Unsell to an NBA contract."

Boerwinkle, the No. 1 pick of Denver in the ABA, currently is

playing in the Olympic trials at Albuquerque, N.M. "We certainly don't want to do anything to upset Boerwinkle's chances of making the Olympic team," said Dick Klein, Chicago general manager. "As a result we have had no direct negotiations with the boy."

Williams, drafted by New Orleans of the ABA, said he would like to play with the Warriors. However, he plans to consult with Buckly Waters, his West Virginia coach before making a decision.

The NBA did sign two of its top draft choices. Bill Hewitt, 6-6 Southern California star, signed a three year contract with the Los Angeles Lakers. Bob Kauffman, 6-8 Little All-American from Guilford, N.C., College also signed for three years with the Seattle SuperSonics.

The other No. 1 choices in the NBA draft were Don Smith, 6-8 of Iowa State by Cincinnati, Otto Moore, 6-11 of Pan American by Detroit. Charley Paulk, 6-8 of Northeastern Oklahoma by Milwaukee. Gary Gregor, 6-7 of South Carolina by Phoenix. Don Chaney, 6-5 of Houston by Boston. Skip Halicka, 6-1 of South Carolina by St. Louis. Shaler Halahon, 6-5 of Utah State by Philadelphia and Bill Hosket, 6-7 of Ohio State by New York.

Bouchard leads Dragons

Brunswick track prospects brighter

By DAVE BOURQUE
 BRUNSWICK — A young Brunswick High track team, which took their lumps last season, may be ready to give a few lumps of their own this year.

The Dragons, who have virtually the entire team coming back, have been working out at the Hyde Cage on the Bowdoin campus for approximately two and a-half weeks and are now ready to start their outside work — weather permitting.

Probably the biggest plus in the Dragon scheme of things is the return of two outstanding pole vaulters in Pete Beaudoin and newly-elected captain Dan Bouchard. The pair did well enough to qualify for state competition last year and promise to top their marks in the coming months.

Assistant Coach Dunk Logan looks for some pretty high weight performances this season from the likes of Richard Caron and Richard Porter in the discus, Ron Colby and the aforementioned Bouchard in the javelin and a number of shot put prospects. Logan said that Juniors Tim Bear, Jim Hester and Steve Laskey should come along in the shot.

Coach Don Green looks for big things from sprinters Paul Murray and Woody Johnson and thinks that Dave Farrar is a fine 440 man. The half mile will be handled by Bob Nesbitt



DAN BOUCHARD — a speedy sophomore Returnees in the mile and two mile include Andy Johnson and Jim Leavitt. Leavitt was one of the

better cross country runners in there are a number of other top give the Dragons a boost in a department that is usually a headache.

Besides ohnson and Nesbitt, there are a number of other top-notch sophomore prospects from last year's fine freshman team. Green said, "We had a good frosh group last year." The Brunswick mentor is obviously looking for some points out of his soph.

All in all, it looks like a good year if everything falls into place for the Dragons. The team is young with many underclassmen dotting the roster but the important thing is that these underclassmen have had a year of "meet experience" and should be better for it.

The Dragons open their season at South Portland on April 16 with a 1:30 start against the Riots. The remainder of the schedule follows:

April 16 — Bates
 April 24 — Lewiston
 April 30 — Waterville and Rumford
 May 3 — at Cony
 May 9 — Edward Little
 May 11 — Southwestern
 Maine Relays at Westbrook
 May 16 — Westbrook
 May 21 — at Portland
 May 25 — Andy Valley Championships at Bates
 May 28 — at Morse
 June 1 — State Championship Meet at South Portland
 June 7 — New England at Bellows Falls, Vt.

Cheevers in goal for underdog Bruins

MONTREAL (AP) — Gerry Cheevers will be in the goal tonight as Boston's underdog Bruins open their Stanley Cup playoff series with the powerful Montreal Canadiens.

"Goaltending is one of the most important factors in any playoff series," Coach Harry Sinden said in announcing his choice. "Both Gerry and Eddie

Johnston are in fine shape, but I decided on Cheevers because he has played more games (47) than Eddie (28)."

The hustling Bruins, most of them with no prior Stanley Cup experience, are decided underdogs to the Canadiens. But Toe Blake, coach of the National Hockey League's East Division

champions, isn't so sure. "I've been in enough playoffs to know anything can happen," said Blake, who has led Montreal to seven Stanley Cups in 13 seasons.

The last time the Bruins were in the playoffs was nine years ago and Johnny Bucyk is the only member of the current

team still around from that playoff squad. Some others, such as high-scoring center Phil Esposito, have had Stanley Cup experience with other teams.

Sinden expects a tough, hard-hitting series, and he also expects the Canadiens to try to capitalize on their vaunted speed.



BATH REC DEPT. TROPHY WINNERS — These youngsters were presented trophies by Bath Rec Director Arthur Tainter for their success in the first skating competition held by the department this winter. Back row — left to right — Janice Craig, Carol Perow, Bonnie Johnson, Suzette Wyres, Jeff Footer, Kim Johnson and Oscar Johnson. Front row — Nicky Pono and Danny Moore. (Dave Bourque photo)

National Hockey League Playoffs
 Semifinals
 Today's Games
 East Division
 Boston at Montreal, 1st game of best-of-7 series.
 Chicago at New York, 1st game of best-of-7 series.
 West Division
 St. Louis at Philadelphia, 1st game of best-of-7 series.
 Minnesota at Los Angeles, 1st game of best-of-7 series.
 Friday's Games
 No games scheduled.

BRUNSWICK BOXER IN FIRST FIGHT
 BRUNSWICK — Look out Portland — another Bath-Brunswick boxer with no experience is on his way to the Expo.

Danny Keenan of Brunswick is fighting the first rounder. Keenan's experience? It's his first fight. He told the Times-Record "all I know is I'm fighting."

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