

AAU, NCAA Can't Agree On Terms For Track

There's no peace in the track world between the NCAA and the AAU. The college group has refused to agree to a settlement proposed by a U.S. Senate group. It had been suggested that the AAU should sanction all international and open domestic track meets and the NCAA handle meets limited to full-time students.

But the NCAA now says it wants no part of such a ruling, thereby periling the selection of members for the U.S. Olympic team.

It appears now that the Senate may now step in and write a settlement into law, which both the NCAA and AAU must follow.

RICHES In the way of a half-million dollar contract have come to Peggy Fleming, the figure-skating Olympic champion. She has turned professional and will tour with one of the leading ice shows.

EX - HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION Joe Louis, recovering from an operation in Detroit, told reporters that Negro athletes would make a serious mistake if they didn't represent their country in the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico City.

Louis also rapped Cassius Clay for not entering the army. However, the Brown Bomber still considers Clay the world's heavyweight champion.

MICHIGAN STATE'S Duty

Daugherty has been named to coach the East in the annual Shrine East-West football game next Dec. 28. John Pott of Indiana and Tom Cahill of Army will assist him.

This will mark the fourth time Daugherty has coached the East.

ZIP: PAUL NASH, 20, of South Africa, has equalled the world record in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10 seconds flat.

BOBBY HULL, the high-scoring forward of the Chicago Black Hawks, says he'll seek a spot in the Canadian Parliament when he wraps up his hockey career.

Puck, Cage Playoffs On TV Sunday

Hockey and basketball collide on the television screens of the nation Sunday.

The playoffs for the National Hockey League will be carried on Channel 7 at 2 p.m., while at the same time Channel 2 airs the playoff struggle between the New York Rangers and Chicago Black Hawks.

The final round of the Greenboro Open, final event for the Masters, is slated for Channel 4 at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Channel 9 also will present National Hockey League playoff games Tuesday and Thursday night while the Detroit Tigers make their first TV appearance next Saturday on Channel 2 when they host Chicago at Tiger Stadium at 2:15 p.m.

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observing sports

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It's amazing what "old" bodies can do in sports. Like 40-year-old Gordie Howe of the Red Wings and Bill Russell, 35, of the Boston Celtics.

At ages when each should be slowing up, they continue to amaze those they play with, play for and the sports world in general.

Howe has just ended his 21st season for the Wings. With 92 points — 39 goals and 43 assists — he finished third overall in league scoring. It was his best scoring campaign in a decade and the demise of the Wings certainly wasn't his fault.

Meantime, they've been saying around pro basketball that Russell "on the way down." If he certainly showed anything but that in helping the Celtics out the Pistons in the recent Eastern Division playoff semifinals.

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SPEAKING OF THE Pistons, a question asked, 10 times a day centers around whom the team may protect in the forthcoming expansion draft.

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After losing one player to either Milwaukee or Phoenix, an established team may protect an eighth man. From any others on its list, it may lose two more.

Pistons Bag Center

The Detroit Pistons have plucked themselves a center in the National Basketball Association's college draft.

Their No. 1 choice is Otto Moore, who stands 6-11, and starred for three seasons at San Francisco State in 1967.

Moore was one of 14 players—one a team-plucked by NBA members in a special first-round, pre-draft selection conducted last Monday.

The rest of the draft will be held on May 8 in New York. Moore averaged 20 points and 20 rebounds in his career at San Francisco and the Pistons considered him the best of the senior college centers in the country.

He has expressed a desire to play with the Pistons and just when he reports to the team will hinge on whether he makes the Olympic team.

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THE TROTTERS are enjoying some big nights at the Wolverine Raceway's current meeting at the Detroit Race Course.

After being literally buried in snow the first two nights, the horses have come booming back to perform before crowds which have been waging at a near record pace.

It's funny about the people who run the race tracks. Publicist Bill Kofender keeps insisting that we come out for "a good evening of fun."

But neither Bill, nor his colleagues, will offer any sure-fire bets.

MANY YOUNGSTERS inquire about attending a basketball camp. We'd like to recommend the one that Dave Bing of the Pistons will stage in Pennsylvania this summer.

For information, just send Bing a note, care of the Pistons, 202 Michigan, Detroit, 48226.

BASEBALL COMES BACK to the television channels next Saturday. Most of the Tiger Saturday games will be carried on Channel 7, plus several night attractions and others on Sundays.

The game-of-the-week series begins next Saturday on Channel 4.

When baseball specifies the game-of-the-week, it means just that. Two years ago, the NBC network ignored the American League in the final six weeks of action.

Last year, it was all American League and no National League in the home stretch.

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