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The College Basketball Book

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BOOK

>> WISH YOU WERE THERE

Yale 32, Penn 10

MARCH 20, 1897 • YALE GYMNASIUM, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

The Elis and Quakers meet in what is considered by most historians to be the first intercollegiate game played with five players a side. It is also thought to be the first time a fee is charged to attend a basketball game, as 800 fans pay 35 cents each for a ticket.



creator of the jump shot, goes coast-to-coast for the game-winner at the buzzer—only to have it disallowed. The refs rule that St. John's had called time after making the game-tying basket with :05 left, capping a furious comeback from eight points down in the final two minutes. The Cowboys prevail in OT, though, to stake their claim as undisputed champs.

Temple 60, Colorado 36

MARCH 16, 1938 • MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Looking to crown a true college basketball champion, the New York Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association invites six teams to participate in the first National Invitation Tournament. Owls MVP Don Shields scores 16 points in the title-game rout of the Buffaloes, whose second-leading scorer, with 10 points, is future Supreme Court Justice Byron (Whizzer) White.

< Okla. A&M 43, North Carolina 40

MARCH 28, 1948 • MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Bob Kurland (*with ball*), the 7-foot star for coach Hank Iba's Aggies, puts on a show in his final collegiate game, scoring 23 points to lead A&M to the first repeat as NCAA tournament champions. The first

dominant big man in tournament history, Kurland scores 72 of the Aggies' 139 total points in the NCAAs.

Wyoming 52, St. John's 47 (OT)

APRIL 1, 1943 • MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

To raise money for the wartime Red Cross, a game is arranged between the winner of the NCAA tournament, Wyoming, and NIT winner St. John's. Making his final appearance before starting a two-year stint in the Marines, Ken Sailors of Wyoming, the player often credited as being the

Oklahoma 55, Texas 54

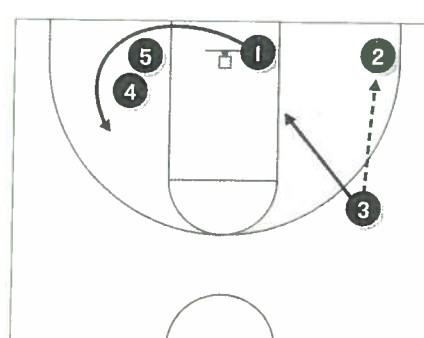
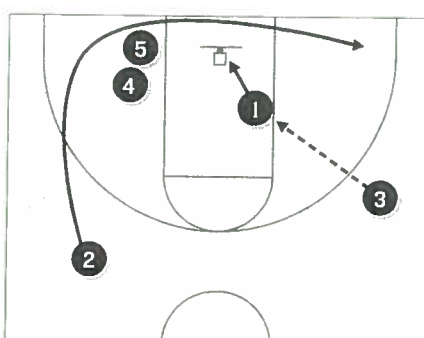
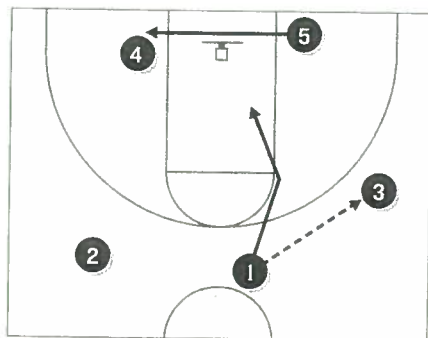
MARCH 22, 1947 • MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, KANSAS CITY, MO.

Ken Pryor, who had missed the previous two seasons while in the Navy, takes his only shot of the 1947 NCAA tournament, with seven seconds left in the semifinal, and it is huge. He banks in a two-handed set shot to send Oklahoma to the title game against Holy Cross.



GAME CHANGER NAT HOLMAN THE GIVE AND GO

Coach of CCNY for 37 seasons before his retirement in 1960, Holman built this ingeniously simple attack with snappy passes and strong screens. The point guard (1, left) delivers the ball to a forward (3), then cuts hard to the goal for a return pass (middle). Meanwhile, the shooting guard (2), having curled around picks on the baseline (middle), is also ready to receive a pass (right). If the defender on the forward (3, right) sloughs off him, the forward will have an open shot.



PASS CUT ——— 1: PG 2: SG 3: SF 4: PF 5: C