

# Wyoming, Winner Over LIU, Sure of Bid to Tournament

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You can poll the local college basketball coaches today and you'll find agreement on three points: (a) Wyoming is the outstanding team to show on the Garden floor this season, (b) the Cowboys are a certain choice for the mid-March tournament and (c) there ought to be a law — against Milo Komenich.

Sample thumb-nail comments after Wyoming had walloped LIU with ease, 57-42, and Westminster had toyed with St. Francis, 76-48, last night follow.

Clair Bee — We played against men tonight. It was no disgrace to lose. They were the country's best three years ago and still are.

Howard Cann of NYU—What a combination. Komenich and (Ken) Sailors make them about the best I've seen this year.

Joe Lapchick of St. John's—They've got everything and that Komenich really is a Western bad man. He shoots in those left-handed pivot shots from the hip.

Like his wiry, dribbling teammate Sailors, Komenich didn't lose a thing during the war. In fact, he seems to have gained in self-possession and nonchalance which make him almost un'beatable on the court. This six seven Slav, who scored 22 for Wyoming, has the edge over Bob Kurland of Oklahoma A. and M. and Bowling Green's Don Otten among the big men the writer has seen this year. He probably would play even, if not outscore, DePaul's George Mikan.

Komenich not only showed his expected accuracy from the pivot but he hit from the outside with consistency. There was nothing LIU could do against him as Wyoming won its eighth straight.

He played the game with the ease of a fellow slumping into his favorite chair. He took only 14 shots, yet made nine baskets. He controlled both backboards and threw aspirin tablet passes.

## Sailors Able Partner

Komenich had an effective partner in confusion in muscular Sailors, who didn't allow the late LIU zone defense to bother him. Ken literally jumped over it and pushed in three second half baskets to give him 15 points for the game.

The best that can be said for LIU was that the Blackbirds and Bee, who came out of bed following a heart attack, tried. It was hardly enough. Jackie Goldsmith, for example, was held to 11 points, the least number he has scored in a game this year. It was easy to understand why.

Red Rogers, a mustard plaster, dogged Goldsmith after the Blackbird marksman had caught four baskets on 11 first half shots. In the second period Jackie, who generally throws about 45 shots a game and averages 18 points, was able to get off seven shots. He made one.