



sports round-up

LARRY'S MUSIC BAR is the new champion of the Municipal Basketball Association "A" League for boys of high school age. But winning the title was nothing new to several boys on the classy squad coached by Jefferson Recreation Center director Joe Haynes.

It was the third straight year that the West Las Vegas combine came out on top in the "A" League, but the team performed under the colors of Ed Fountain's Canada Dry dealership in the previous two years.

Larry's did it the hard way this time around, defeating Mirabelli & Conlon Insurance in a playoff game, 39-37, after trailing at the half by six points, 22-16. Both teams finished the regular season with 7-1 records.

Mirabelli and Conlon went into the playoff with two earlier two-point victories over Larry's, one of them in an exhibition game on the Harlem Globetrotters program. And it looked for a while as though the insurance team was going to make it three straight in the first half of the big game when the Music Bar five was cold from the floor due to rushing its shots.

But the Haynes team, paced by Curtis Lattimore's 15 points, came back strong in the second half to outscore its rival, 23-15, and earn an assortment of trophies donated by the Las Vegas Recreation Department.

Haynes said Captain Gene James was a real inspiration to his teammates throughout the season in addition to being high scorer. Haynes also paid tribute to the fine all-around play of Henry Dunson but said the championship was largely due to a good team effort.

Squad members in addition to James, Lattimore and Henry Dunson were Johnny Hal, Tom Watson, Herbert Burns, Buddy Yates, Eddie Taylor, Darnell Galvin, Quincy Bolden and Lewis Dunson.

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WITH TWO MORE years of collegian eligibility left, Silas Stepp of Nevada Southern University already has earned himself a niche in the local school's basketball Hall of Fame.

Sophomore Si, who has set five NSU cage records and tied a sixth in his two seasons at center for the Rebels, was the recipient of high honors during the past week.

Repeating his unusual achievement as a freshman, Stepp was named to the Little All-American team of the Associated Press for 1964. The 6-foot, 5-inch native of Oak Grove, La., also was selected on the All-Pacific Coast team of United-Press International, which includes stars from large and small colleges.

After acquiring honorable mentions on both nation-wide squads through his sophomore year, Si undoubtedly will be seriously considered for even higher ratings during his final two seasons at the Maryland Parkway institution.

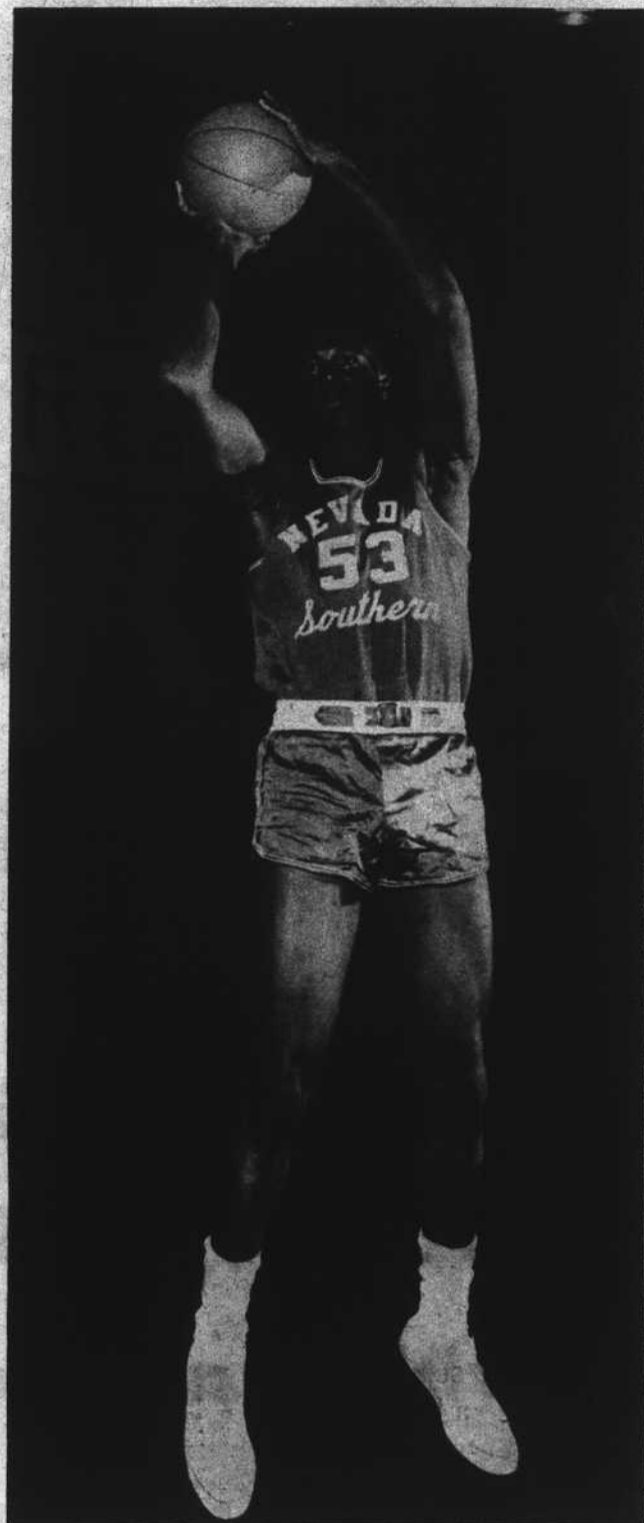
The Associated Press poll of 83 sportswriters and sportscasters accorded All-American recognition to 60 players on small colleges throughout the nation. Among those selected, only 11--including Stepp--were from the Far West. Three of the latter played on teams that met NSU during the past season. They were Bill Nicholson of the University of Nevada at Reno and Lou Smith and Paul Scranton of Cal Poly at Pomona.

STEEP WAS ONE of the few small college players to make the INS All-Pacific Coast squad. Included among the latter were the following boys who played against NSU: Bob Donlan, Nevada; Smith, Cal Poly; Shaw Croft, San Diego State; Ken Renaud, Los Angeles State; Ed Fisher, LaVerne; Bob Sell, Occidental, and Gene Stroup, Los Angeles Pacific.

A modest young man who works part-time for the Las Vegas Recreation Department, Stepp expressed pleased surprise at his selection on the AP and INS all-star squads.

"I thought I played better basketball this year than last," Stepp said, "but I didn't think I would make the Little All-American team again because our 19-7 didn't look as good as last year when we won 21 and lost only four. I'm very grateful for being picked again by the AP and making the INS All-Pacific Coast.

"This year I didn't shoot so much be-



SILAS STEPP
Awarded National Honors

cause we changed our style under our new coach, Ed Gregory," Si continued. "But I think I learned a lot that will help me later. I was particularly happy about improving my foul-shooting."

Coach Gregory was the first to congratulate Stepp on his new honors and predicted he would achieve greater heights during the next two years.

"IT'S JUST GREAT," Gregory beamed. "It's a real honor for Silas, the team and Nevada Southern. It couldn't happen to a more deserving player. And I hope he can attain a higher rating in the next two years because he's the kind of a player who works hard to improve himself. He has a fine future."

Stepp scored 450 points during the past season to eclipse the NSU single-season mark of 447 he set as a freshman. His two-year output of 897 points also is a school record. His other records include 131 successful free throws, set during the 1962-63 season when he averaged 69 per

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