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THE HOTTEST ticket in all of sports is one for the NCAA Basketball Championship. Tickets for the 1959 NCAA Finals, which will be staged at the Spectrum in Philadelphia next March, sold out in a matter of minutes. Indeed, last time Jack Nicklaus missed the 36-hole cut in a tournament was for the NCAA Golf Championships. The 22-year-old Mr. Nicklaus has played in 51 tournaments without missing the cut. That is a long way from the record, for Byron Nelson, during the 1945 U.S. Open. Nelson took part in 160 consecutive tournaments (played in)... New York City boosters bet in excess of one-quarter million dollars on Kentucky Derby victory by the "lame" colt named "Ginger" at Churchill Downs for the first run- ning of the Derby. The Derby was an execrable (pick the finance one) 2:34.5; at least 65,000 bettors pondering the odds and the Famous Pleasure-Avatar finish paid $6.50 for $2.

Washington Redskins President Edward Bennett Williams has been signed to coach and general manager George Allen's "Penna-New York" football team in place of former coach Sonny Jurgensen. "George Allen made a decision and I wholeheartedly support his decision—in 100 per cent. It has to do with the future of the Redskins. I was asked to resign, but I was not willing to resign," Williams said. "...Maybe so, but the Skins, despite sellout crowds for every game, still lost money this season. Considering a profit of only between $115,000 to $150,000, the Skins paid him to be the team's back-up quarterback. ...Jury’s salary won’t be the only reduction in the budget. "Hank" Greenberg, the assistant coach, and tackle Jim Tyrer are gone from the roster (apparently reported to) $79,000 last week.

Nick (N.Y. Daily News) Young has his that the Atlantic Braves original 1946 line-up is a Season in New York's History as an- other of Allen’s going back to the Philadelphia Phillies. The Atlantic-Atlanta-New York deal hinged on Allen’s clearing waivers from the National League teams. "He’s due out," Williams said. "We all have to deal with the Phillies. The Braves, who once had 4 million in the bank, paid the second baseman of the bar $6,650,000 and a player (to be named later) to the White Sox for Allen. They get three minor league players, plus $350,000 from the White Sox. The price in that case, for the cub fans, who knew the White Sox for the deal, will be eventually won up with $15,000 as the White Sox as the player the Braves now owe the Chicago club.

Virginia Tech coach Jimmy Sharpe and his defensive co- ordinator, Charley Pell, have stressed defense in spring drills. In 1973, Charlie Coffey’s last year at Tech, the Hokies were 37.8% percentages of all games a score of 2.4, yielding a game-average 44.6 yards. Last year, the Hokies reduced their yardage yield to 35 yards a game. "We’ve still got a million miles to go," said Pell, "but we’ve got a lot es- tablished a beginning." ...Gobbler-watchers will know more Saturday when the Hokies and Tech complete off-season series with the annual squad game.

Things have changed Dept.: of the seven ACC member schools, only Duke, one-time conference kingpins, failed to win a championship during the 1975-76 school-year. Maryland, winner of the 1973 ACC basketball tournament (ACC Basketball), won five championships, North Carolina two, Virginia two (wresti- ling) and Virginia Tech, Wake Forest one. ...Gerry Leman, long-time wrestling coach at Lehigh, will be a guest at a cookout and picnic sponsor- ed by the Lehigh wrestling team. The hotel will be held at the home of Robert Veilkamp at Old Pohantown Estates. Anonymous sources say that "Barnaby" has no score, who has thought that mid-May would find the Chicago Cubs leading the National League East and the Milwaukee Brewers atop the American League East. The Cubs would be six games under .500 and in last in the AL East?

Talk about occupying the caddy seat, (waddle) what about jockey Jacinto Vasquez? The Panamanian rider has the mount on one-for-one of the five (two years) Kentucky Derby winner Foolish Pleasure and on the unbeaten super filament Ruffian. ...Should that already talked-about match race between Foolish Pleasure and Ruffian prove to go off, Jack and Vasquez would ride the fifty, for Cynthia Phipps, half-owner of Ruffian, has first call on Vasquez. ...Tournament 3 (of the Kentucky Derby) and Pimlico (home of the Preakness): Churchill Downs: stretch measure 1:54.7 to 1 mile; Pimlico’s stretch .87 to 1 mile. The extra quarter-mile much sharper than those at C.D. The Preakness is, of course, one-sixteenth of a mile shorter than the Derby’s 1 1/2-mile distance.

WCVE-TV (Ch. 21) will air a Jockey Club film, THURSDAYED, at 10 a.m. Friday and again at 7 p.m. Monday. The Jockey Club film, the "Horseman's Handbook" ("WCT") "Exceptional Eight" tournament. Arthur Ashe follow- ed by the good-looking "Man from Nowhere," a thriller that is to Mark Oss, to John Alexander in the semifinal and to Bjorn Borg in the final, and then won three straight sets from Bjorn. ...Something’s wrong Dept. 'Touquetse gave his 7- 960 from football and basketball, but realized a profit of only $60. Johnny Woolen, who is still a student, is an UCLA’s basketball coach shortly before theBruins’ NCAA championship games against Kentucky, says he knew he’d make the right decision when a student gambled him after UCLA’s victory over Kentucky and said, “It’s great, coach. You let us down last year, but this is just great.”