

SPORTS

YELLOW JACKETS TO PLAY CENTRAL

Fort Wayne Quintet To Invade City For Game Tomorrow Night

The Decatur high school Yellow Jackets will meet the strong Fort Wayne Central quintet at the local gymnasium Friday night. Coach Kennedy has been drilling his players hard this week in an effort to perfect a strong combination to battle the invaders. Although the locals have dropped their first four contests, they have been showing improvements and in practice last night they looked good.

The coach has had the greatest difficulty in finding a first class center. Krick, a freshman, is showing promise at the pivot position now and likely will start the game there Friday night. Strickler plays center part of the time, but he seems to work better at his old position of forward and he is needed there. Reynolds has been working as floor guard this week and is making a strong bid for the regular job. Zwick took a turn at that post last night and showed a lot of stuff.

Central opened the season last week-end by defeating Warsaw and Huntington. The Tigers' ten-point win over Huntington last Saturday night was not very impressive, since Huntington was swamped by Logansport on the preceding night and Logansport was in turn walloped by Frankfort, 41-21 a week ago. However, the Central squad is fast and with the confidence inspired by two victories, will be hard to stop tomorrow night.

The Yellow Jacket Reserves will play the Central hopefuls in a return game, prior to the start of the big game. The Central seconds defeated the local reserves at Fort Wayne last Friday night, 24-18, after a hard fight, and the locals are out for revenge. Coach Welborn, of South Side high school, Fort Wayne, will referee the big game.

Preble Panthers Have Fast Teams Booked

The Preble Panthers, who defeated the Zion Reformed church team here Tuesday night in a curtain-raiser to the Decatur Leaders-Huntington game, have games booked with several fast teams in Indiana and Ohio. The team is composed of former high school players, including "Buck" Corson, a star with Kirkland township high school two years ago. Teams wishing games with the Preble quintet are asked to get in touch with the manager at Preble. Games are wanted with Berne, Linn Grove, Ossian, Monroe and Rockcreek. The lineup and summary of the game here Tuesday night was:

Decatur Preble
Beall F Hoffman
Miller F Corson
Fledderjohann C Ehrman
Yager G Smith
Poley G North
Substitutions: Shady for North;
North for Smith; Smith for Ehrman.
Field goals: Beall, 1; Yager, 1;
Hoffman, 5; Corson, 5; Ehrman, 2;
Smith, 2.
Foul goals: Corson, 3.
Referee: Wemhoff.

Berne Athletics To Open Season Saturday Night

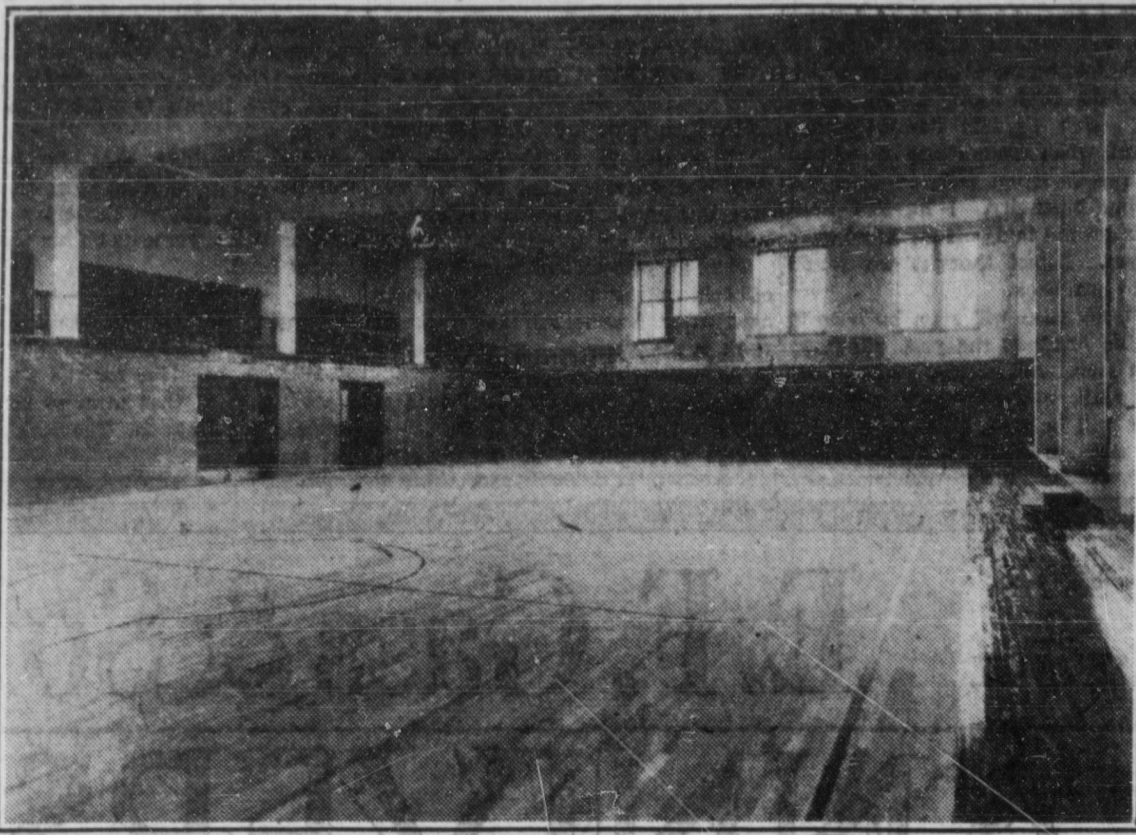
Berne, Dec. 10.—The newly organized Berne Athletic Club basketball team will play its first game Saturday night when it meets the Rockford, Ohio, Reds at the community gymnasium. The game will start at 8:15 o'clock. A preliminary game will be played by the Nussbaum Novelty company's team. The lineup of the Athletics will be selected from the following players: Kessler, Pyle, and Clauser, forwards; Whitehurst, Lowe and Reynolds, center; and Clark, Whiteman and Ellenberger, guards.

Jack Reynolds Retains Wrestling Championship

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Jack Reynolds, of Bloomington, today retained his world's welter-weight wrestling title after defeating Jim Karsavas, of Boston, in straight falls here last night.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—A football captain for the 1926 season will be elected at the annual gridiron banquet of Purdue university tonight.

Catholic High Gym To Be Dedicated Tonight



The gymnasium in the new Catholic school building will be officially dedicated tonight when the Catholic high school basketball team meets the Gibault Catholic high school team from Vincennes. The gym has a large playing floor, modern dressing rooms and shower baths, and will seat approximately 500 fans.

FIELD GOALS

By MARK M. UPP

Let's dedicate the new gym with a victory tonight, what do you say, Catholic high?

Coach Welborn, football mentor of South Side high school, Fort Wayne, will make two appearances in Decatur as a basketball referee this week. Tonight, he will work the Catholic high-Gibault game and tomorrow night he will blow the whistle in the Yellow Jacket-Fort Wayne Central game. He is rated as a first class official.

COURTESY, ALONE, MAY NOT WIN MANY BALL GAMES, BUT IT SURE WINS FRIENDS.

The Berne Athletics open their season Saturday night in a game at Berne with the Rockford, Ohio, Reds. In speaking of the Berne team, the Adams County Witness says: "Indications are for a rakish team." Noah Webster says rakish means, "dissolute; debauched," and dissolute means "given to vice or dissipation." Opposing teams take notice.

The game between Pleasant Mills and Berne, which was scheduled to be played in the old gym here, has been changed to the Berne floor, Friday night. The Kirkland-Monmouth game will be played on the old gym floor here, however.

Someday's gonna pay for all this stirring around in the Yellow Jacket's nest pretty soon. A Yellow Jacket fights back, you know.

The Huntington Press was silent on the game between the Huntington Athletics and the Leaders here Tuesday night. How Kum Kashi?

Today's Rule: "A player shall not charge in and make bodily contact with an opponent who is one of two opposing players having one or both hands on the ball. Penalty—free try for goal. The offender shall be charged with a personal foul."

D.C.H.S. READY FOR DEDICATION GAME

Capacity Crowd Expected To Attend Catholic High-Gibault Game Tonight

A capacity crowd is expected tonight when the Catholic high school basketball team dedicates its new gymnasium in a game with the fast Gibault high school team from Vincennes. The two teams are considered evenly matched and a hotly contested game is in prospect.

Coach Conter appears to have moulded together a team of as strong a calibre this year as the one that created a sensation in the national Catholic tournament at Chicago last spring, in spite of the fact that three regulars off that team were graduated last spring. This year's team has showed up strong in its first two games, and has handed a defeat to the St. Mary's high team of Huntington and the St. Rose team of Lima, both on foreign courts.

The following lineup likely will start the game for Decatur tonight: Wemhoff and Meyer, forwards; Mylott, center; Voglewede and Captain Gass, guards. Gass and Meyer are the veterans from last year's varsity.

Two preliminary games will be played tonight the first game starting at 6:30 o'clock. In that game, the St. Joseph eighth graders will play the second team from St. Mary's high school, Huntington. In the second game, starting at 7:30 o'clock, the D. C. H. S. girls will play the U. T. D. girls' team from Fort Wayne. Coach Welborn, of South Side high school, Fort Wayne, will referee the big game of the evening.

Connersville — A class of 154 members will be initiated into the local Eagles Lodge on Armistice Day. The new class will bring the total membership here to 1,500.

Basketball Takes Stage On College Sport Program

By Edward C. Dorr
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Chicago, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Basketball, second of college sports, has taken its place on the sporting program and is headed into one of its most successful seasons.

The physical impossibility of handling immense crowds around an indoor arena; the lack of panoramic effects that accompany vast throngs; the absence of a chill, crisp wind that puts fire into the players and enthusiasm into the spectators are about the only factors that keep basketball from a place of equality with football in the hearts of amateur sport fans.

These factors, of course, are enough, and it is doubtful if the indoor game will ever approach football in its appeal to the lovers of physical combat. But basketball is making rapid strides among the colleges, principally in the middle western institutions, and it is no longer an uncertainty that this game comes second only to football.

From the spectators' standpoint, perhaps, there is not quite the thrill in a basketball game that there is in a gridiron contest, but from the player's viewpoint, the indoor game is even more strenuous than football.

Take Jimmy Paterson, for instance. Paterson was captain of the Northwestern University football team two years ago and one of the best full-backs that the Evanston school has had in recent years. He was also a guard on the basketball team for three years and held a record of holding his man to one basket for an entire season.

"Football, of course, will continue as the leading sport," Paterson said, "but for sheer physical endurance there is nothing like basketball."

"Training requirements for football were hard enough but they were nothing like basketball. Those of us who played football until Thanksgiving Day and then went out to join the basketball squad invariably found that we were far behind those who had

been practicing basketball during the autumn months. We didn't have the wind. We were solid and tough but we couldn't keep going at top speed like the other fellows. It took nearly a month of practice to catch up and I, for one, was afraid I wasn't going to make the first team in my senior year because my football training hadn't prepared me for basketball."

Paterson's experience has had many parallels. Basketball, as it is played these days, demands strength almost equal to that of the football line plunger, the speed of a sprinter; the endurance of a long distance runner; the ability to twist and pivot of an open field runner on the gridiron—and the natural qualifications peculiar to basketball (dribbling, passing, and a keen eye for the basket).

Indiana And Notre Dame To Meet On Gridiron, Nov. 6

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 10.—Indiana and Notre Dame today signed a contract for a football game, November 6, 1926, at South Bend. Z. G. Clev-

ger, athletic director at Indiana University, made the announcement after a conversation over long-distance telephone with Knute Rockne, director of athletics at Notre Dame. Notre Dame will play a return game in 1927 at Bloomington.

The 1926 football schedule for Indiana now is complete. It calls for two games with Northwestern. The schedule follows:

October 2, Indiana vs. DePauw, at Bloomington; October 9, Indiana vs. Kentucky, at Bloomington; October 15, Indiana vs. Northwestern at Northwestern; October 23, Indiana vs. Wisconsin at Wisconsin; October 30, Indiana vs. Northwestern at Bloomington; Nov. 6, Indiana vs. Notre Dame at South Bend; Nov. 13, Indiana vs. Mississippi Agricultural College at Bloomington; November 20, Indiana vs. Purdue at Lafayette.

Indiana and Notre Dame have not met on the football field since 1920, when the Crimson gave Rockne's mighty eleven a great scare. It was only through the stellar playing of the late George Gipp that the Rockmen finished in front. Gipp died shortly after the game, of pneumonia. In the ten games between the two schools Indiana has won four, Notre Dame five and one ended in a tie.

Berne and Pleasant Mills To Play At Berne Friday

A change has been made in the location for the basketball game between the Berne and Pleasant Mills high school teams Friday night. The game will be played at Berne, instead of in the old gym in this city, as was originally scheduled.

Champion Vaulter Coming

New York, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Charley Hoff, world's champion pole vaulter and Norway's greatest athlete, will sail for the United States on Dec. 30 to compete in the big indoor track meets, according to information received by the A. A. U.

Penn Star Is Ineligible

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Al Kreuz, star Pennsylvania fullback and leading candidate for the 1926 captaincy, has been declared ineligible for further competition in football. The athletic committee ruled that one year he played with Kalamazoo college was in collegiate competition and not prep school service.

GRANGE ABOUT READY TO QUIT

Star Is Bending Under Burden Of Trying To Live Up To Reputation

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Bending under the burden of trying to live up to a reputation and disillusioned by the life of a great public hero, a worn and haunted Red Grange was here today trying to keep going on his dash for a fortune.

As Jack Dempsey and Babe Ruth had learned before him, Grange is beginning to know that the penalty of fame is "thumbs down" when a star doesn't deliver and that the public expects much of a hero when he is being paid for it.

Veteran football trainers, watching Grange try to play eight games in 17 days and attempt a schedule of 31 games in little more than two months, predicted that it could not be done and it begins to appear that it cannot be done.

The strain of travel, the annoyance from a pestering public and the burden of his fame has worn Grange down so much that he was unable to do a thing in Boston yesterday and he was forced to listen to the first chorus of razzberries from disappointed customers.

Not only Grange but the entire Chicago team has been worn down and some of the players are grumbling that the management is forcing them beyond the limit.

Grange said in New York earlier in the week that he had to make the money while the making was good and he apparently allowed his managers to go the limit in accepting offers without realizing that there was a limit.

Reports were here today that the former Illinois star was so fed up with the dash for the dollar that he was about to be satisfied with what he had, quit the game and return to his studies.

New York, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Bucky Harris, manager of the Washington Senators, announced he has signed a contract to manage the Coral Gable club in the Florida winter league and that he would eke \$7,000 for three months work.

Chicago Takes Steps To Hold World's Fair

Chicago, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Chicago has taken its first step toward the possible consummation of a world's fair to be held here either in 1934, the centennial of the city's incorporation as a village or in 1937, the hundredth anniversary of the incorporation as a city.

Mayor Dwyer took the initiative yesterday when he recommended to the city council that the fair be held.

ACKER IS ELECTED FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

Star Halfback Selected To Lead D. H. S. Grid Warriors Next Fall

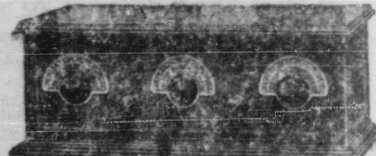
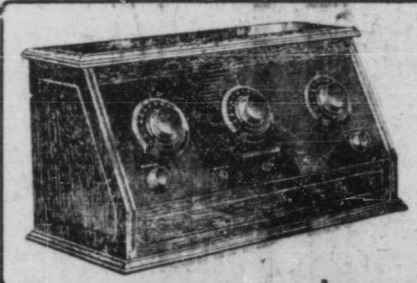
Robert "Red" Acker, star halfback, was elected captain of the Decatur high school football team for next year, at a meeting of the letter men held yesterday evening. Acker is a junior this year. He was one of the mainstays of this year's eleven. He succeeds Joe Bebout as captain.

Coach Marshall has certified thirteen players for major football letters and eight for minor letters. The letters have been ordered and will be given out as soon as they arrive. Those who will receive major letters are: Captain Bebout; Captain-elect Acker, Strickler, LeBrun, Myers, Dierkes, Reynolds, Robert Zwick, Bogner, Baumgartner, Covault, Brown and Anderson. Minor letters will be awarded to the following players in recognition of their services as substitutes and in practice: Macklin, Bell, Frisinger, Lankenau, Kiess, Harold Zwick and DeVor.

Of the thirteen players receiving major letters, only four will be graduated next spring. They are Strickler, end; LeBrun, center; Myers, tackle; and Bogner, fullback and tackle. Robert Zwick, end, may be graduated next spring also, it being possible for him to finish his course in three and one-half years. Macklin is the only one of the eight players receiving minor letters who will be graduated. With this many players left next fall, Coach Marshall will have a strong nucleus for a team.

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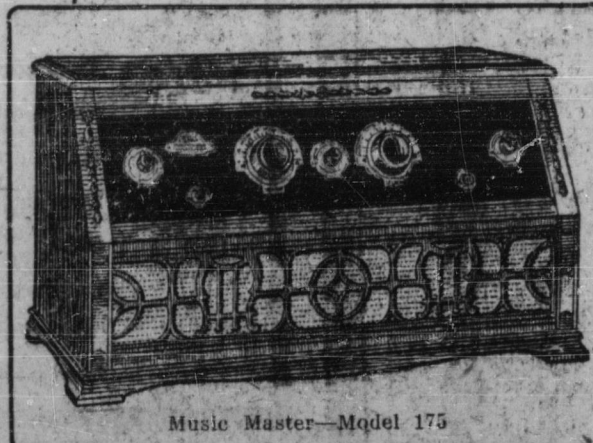
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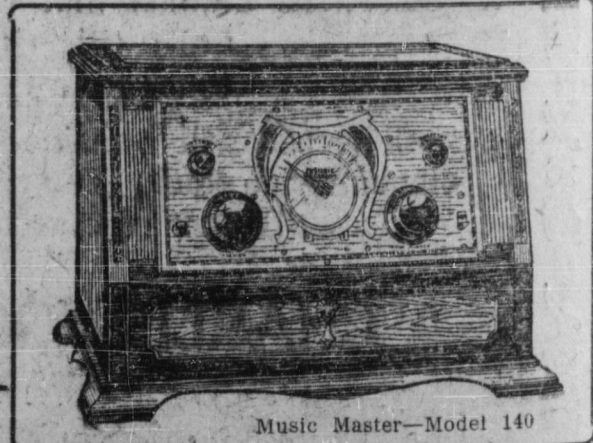
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