



FIELD GOALS

By MARK M. UPP

Catholic High Plays At Delphos Tonight

Coach France Conter and his Catholic high school basketball team will go to Delphos, Ohio, this evening to play the St. John's Catholic high school team of that city. The St. Joseph eighth grade team will accompany the D. C. H. S. quintet and play the St. John's high school seconds. The locals are confident of bringing home two victories. Catholic high will play the alumni team at the local gym next Wednesday night.

Babe Ruth Plans More Hits, More Homers And Less Fat Next Season

New York, Dec. 26.—(United Press)—More hits, more homers, more happiness and less fat is the 1926 program that Babe Ruth has set out for himself.

The Babe, tiring of putting on weight raising chickens on his New England estate, has abandoned the country and is getting himself in shape for another baseball campaign in a gymnasium here.

He is doing two hours on the road in the morning and three hours in the afternoon in rowing machines, on the hand ball court and the ring.

"I weighed 226 pounds when I left the farm, and I'm down to 215 pounds now," the Babe said. "That still sounds like a lot of weight for a ball player but its getting solid and I'm a good sized fellow."

The Babe did not take offense when it was talked that his bosses at the New York Yankee office had decided that the aged players and the fat players on the club could not spend two weeks at Hot Springs in the spring with all checks paid.

"It isn't the dough," the Babe said. "If I thought that it would do me any good, I'd pay my own freight and go down there for some baths and some golf. The trouble is that the fellows who go down there try to do too much in a few days."

"I loafed around all last winter and thought I could take a few hikes and a few baths and get myself in shape. I tried to do too much and broke down and I know the reason now."

"My legs went bad on me last year and I know that I didn't play any real baseball. The fellows told me that the only way I could keep the dogs working was to keep using them and I've been using them all winter."

"I went up with Eddie Collins and the fellows into the Canadian woods and I had to ride on a truck horse for a couple of days but after a week or so I was able to outkick any of the boys in the bunch."

"But the old eye is still good and the arm is all right and I think I can hit a few of them out of the park next season if the old dogs stand up under me and I'm getting them in shape to stand."

The Babe looks to be in splendid condition and he is certainly trying. The threat that the bosses were said to have made about his new contract apparently had turned the Babe from a gentleman farmer into a serious laborer.

Accidentally Shot

Milford, Ind., Dec. 26.—George Graf, 30, was badly wounded when a bullet from a gun, being cleaned by Omar Baumgartner, struck him in the side.

Was your stocking well filled?

We trust that everybody had a merry Christmas and will be in a good humor for the remainder of the basketball season.

We want to acknowledge the receipt of a beautiful greeting card from Bobby Starr, conductor of the column, "What the Stars Say" in the Frankfort Morning Times. Right back at you old man in heaping quantities.

The Decatur Yellow Jackets finally won a game last night, having defeated Angola at Angola by a score of 26 to 23, and at the present writing we have nothing to throw at Mark M. Upp. In fact, we're expecting to be the recipient of some choice holidays remarks.—Rip Offs in the Bluffton News.

The Ossian eagles must have been greatly imbued with the Christmas spirit Wednesday evening. They presented a neat gift to the Liberty Center team in the form of a 41-8 victory.

Washington Catholic high looks to be the best rival of the Decatur Catholic high five for the state parochial school honors again this year. The Washington outfit walloped Cathedral high of Indianapolis Wednesday night, 20-12 after Cathedral had licked Gibault at Vincennes, 27-23 on the previous night. But then, St. Marys Catholic high of Huntington licked Cathedral at Indianapolis recently and Coach Conter's quintet had little difficulty in downing St. Marys at Huntington in the first game of the season, 28-13. Washington and Decatur Catholics do not meet this season.

Will Wynn liked our write-up and comments on the Berne-South Side game. We aim to please, Will.

The Bluffton Tigers, after pepping up and trouncing the Warren Lightening Five, Saturday night, fell before the Lancaster Bob Cats Wednesday, at Bluffton, 23-20. The Tigers have been defeated by no less than three Wells county teams this season, namely, Lancaster, Rockcreek and Liberty Center. But the Tigers aren't as bad as their record might indicate, so you may expect a battle royal when they play the Yellow Jackets here next Tuesday night.

Out of Bounds remarks:

"After all of these wallpings received this year, crowds of Huntington, places the Vikings in the honorable mention list in the state big ten. If that's the way the thing is figured, we submit eight Wells county teams for honorable mention this week and nominate the Decatur Yellow Jackets to head the top of the column. Their record is almost as good as that presented thus far by the Vikings. The Vikings have been lost so long on the stormy sea of opposition, it looks like they are ready to grab at anything that looks like land. The Vikings should have made a discovery before this, however. The discovery that they can't beat title ten timber."

Don't be too hard on 'em, Outta. The Vikings may surprise you ere long. They hardly deserve the high rating, yet, though.

Today's question and answer: "Q—How many substitutes may be used in a game? A—No limit."

"Peculiar thing about these Huntington and Logansport teams. Take a bunch of kids out of the local grade schools and they could wallop any Logansport high school football team. Take any bunch of grade school kids from Logansport and they would probably drop a Huntington high school basketball team with ease."—Crowds in the Huntington Press.

Crowds must be sorta down in the mouth. Wonder if he will put the Vikings in the honorable mention list next week.

Coach Conter will take his Catholic high team to Delphos, Ohio, tonight to play the St. John's Catholic high school team of that city. The Decatur boys should win, unless Delphos has a trick gym.

The Yellow Jackets have a tough time ahead of them next week. Kennedy's men must play three games next week, two of them with their most bitter rivals, the Bluffton Tigers. The Tigers come to this city for a game on Tuesday evening. On Friday evening, New Year's night, the Yellow Jackets go to Columbia City for a contest and on Saturday night, they invade Bluffton for another battle with the Tigers at the Cheery street inclosure. If the locals emerge from those three conflicts with three victories to their credit they will have accomplished a man's size task. Two wins out of the three starts could not be sneered at, but make it unanimous, gang.

The Yellow Jacket Reserves go to Liberty Center on Thursday night, to play the Liberty Center Seconds.

Three regulars and two substitutes from last year's Catholic high team which played in the National Catholic tourney, in addition to other former D. C. H. S. stars will be on hands to show this year's Catholic high team how the game is played at the Catholic high gym next Wednesday night. It ought to be a hot battle.

The Muncie Bear Cats aren't going so good lately. After being swamped by Kokomo, the Bear Cats took a 46-32 drubbing at Martinsville Wednesday night. Watch 'em about tournament time, though.

"Funny thing about these basketball families. In Huntington, we have

the Kreighbaums, Petries and Buchers at Lafayette live the Crowes, and so on. Decatur goes the list one better. In a recent game between the Decatur Catholic high-school girls and the St. Mary's H. S. girls team, the Decatur lineup revealed the names of several prominent basketball families. Included in the list were a Miss Christen and a Miss Holthouse. The big brothers and little brothers of these girls will be found on the Decatur Catholic high squad and also on the junior high team of the Adams county capitol.—Crowds in Huntington Press.

BASKETBALL IS BOON TO HEALTH

State Medical Association Issues Statement Regarding H. S. Athletics

Athletics are of undoubted value in building up the health of high school students according to a bulletin on "High School Basketball and Health," issued today by the Publicity Bureau of the Indiana State Medical Association.

"Athletics, of course like all other things, can be overdone and hence should be subject to strict regulation," says the Bulletin. "In order that no misunderstanding may exist as to the attitude of the medical profession of Indiana in its stand on high school athletics as conducted in the state, the Publicity Bureau of the Indiana State Medical Association issues the following statement on the view of the profession in regard to high school athletics in general and high school basketball as played in this state in particular."

"At the convention last September of the Indiana State Medical Association, an organization composed of 3,000 of the leading physicians and surgeons of the state, a resolution was adopted urging that county medical societies make an active study of high school athletics in their territories with a view of collecting data accurate enough to warrant a fair deduction as to the effect of competitive athletic contests upon the health of boys of high school age."

"Some fifteen years ago, following the abolition of football by the Indianapolis high schools, competitive sports were dropped by almost every high school of the state, but it was like capping Mt. Vesuvius or stopping the flow of Old Faithful, the famous geyser in Yellowstone Park. When the flow of athletic energy was stifled in football, it cropped out in a thousand other places, more energetic, more expressive, more active than ever before in the form of basketball. Thus the high schools of Indiana took up basketball and have developed this game into such a high standard of competitive sport that the annual high school basketball tournament in Indiana now ranks among the great events of the state."

"Basketball supplies the need of a winter and early spring sport. It can be played the whole year round. It can be played indoors and out. It is an inexpensive game. The only equipment needed is two hoops, places to hang them, a basketball and a bunch of Hoosier youngsters. This has made it possible for the cross-roads school to have a basketball team along with the biggest, most heavily endowed school in the country. High school basketball has developed a community pride, and one of the greatest benefits of the game is the creation of a demand for high school buildings and school gymnasiums. Before the days of basketball, taxpayers were loath to see money spent for new school equipment but nowadays when John Smith, rich, conservative, an opponent of civic improvements, sees his home team captained by Johnnie, Jr., got defeated by a rival that is better because it has a modern gymnasium in which to practice and play, John Smith, Sr. becomes instantly transformed into a rabid ad-

vocate for the best school facilities obtainable and better school equipment means better health.

"Too high compliment cannot be paid to A. L. Trester, permanent secretary, and the other officials of the Indiana High School Athletic Association for the determined manner with which they have upheld the best American athletic traditions in enforcing the strictest rules of eligibility and sportsmanship in all high school basketball games played in Indiana. Although the enthusiasm runs to a fever pitch and Indiana is suffering from a chronic attack of basketballitis, if the health of the players is properly looked after there is nothing serious to fear from the game. Athletics are only harmful where they are overdone or where persons in unfit condition take part to excess."

"Athletic exercise tends to stimulate a sluggish heart, improve an inactive digestion and remove some functional disorders which can be improved by no other method. Nutrition is better. Blood is drawn from tired brain and congested conditions of the abdominal organs are relieved. The pernicious influence of a sedentary indoor life is largely due to lack of exercise. Hence, high school children should have the proper amount by means of games under the proper supervision, which usually is the case where competitive athletics are enjoyed in Indiana. The damage to health by indoor life with the attending sluggishness of the body and its organs can be overcome by proper exercise. No better preventative of disease than exercise exists for high school pupils, and there is no more important department in the schools than the gymnasium. Muscular exercise is a valuable preservative of health and has a remarkable effect upon the principal functions of the body."

"No boy or girl should be allowed to take part in competitive sports unless he or she has had a thorough examination by a physician which in many cases is required. High school athletics, as anything else, can be overdone, but if the high school authorities take the proper precautions in not allowing boys to overdo and if they insist upon a thorough physical examination for every boy who takes part in competitive sports, no reason seems to exist for the abolition of basketball as played in Indiana."

Yellow Jackets To Play Three Games Next Week

The Decatur high school basketball team has a hard schedule for next week. On Tuesday night, Bluffton comes here for a game. On Friday night, the Yellow Jackets go to Columbia City for a contest and on Saturday night they play a return game at Bluffton. The Yellow Jacket Seconds have three games next week, also. They play two games with Bluffton, on the same evenings that the first teams meet, and on Thursday evening they go to Liberty Center to play the Liberty Center Reserves. The biggest crowd of the season is expected to fill the D. H. S. gym Tuesday night when the Bluffton Tigers invade the Yellow Jackets' nest. Decatur and Bluffton teams have been rivals for many years and the rivalry is as great as ever this year. The teams appear to be about evenly matched this season and a great battle is expected.

Lewis Meyer, of Indianapolis, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Clara Meyer.

Fort Wayne Caseys To Play Bluffton Phi Delt

Bluffton, Dec. 26.—Announcement was made last evening that the manager of the Bluffton Phi Delt basketball team had signed the Fort Wayne Knights of Columbus to play a game in this city on Monday evening, January 4.

The Phi Delt will play their first game of the season at Wapakoneta, O., on December 29. The locals will have a good lineup to meet the Caseys in this city and a large crowd is expected to turn out to see this game.

WELLS COUNTY STANDING

	W.	L.	Pct.
Rockcreek Dodgers	10	0	1.000
Lancaster Bob Cats	7	1	.875
Union Center	4	2	.666
Liberty Center	6	4	.600
Ossian	6	5	.546
Bluffton Tigers	6	8	.429
Petroleum Zippers	3	6	.333
Chester Cented	2	8	.200

Red Grange Is Thrown For A Financial Loss

Miami, Fla., Dec. 26.—Red Grange was "thrown" for a financial loss, by his failure to fill more than half of the Coral Gables Stadium here yesterday. A crowded stadium had been the financial goal of the game

between Red's Chicago Bears and the Coral Gables Collegians.

Less than 5,000 fans saw the football financier lead his team to a 7 to 0 victory over the Coral Gables men.

Red displayed flashes of his old time form. During the second period he dashed ahead with the ball for 18 yards. In the same quarter Grange plunged one yard off tackle for the only touchdown scored during the game. In the final period Red electrified the fans when he broke loose and ran 45 yards before he was downed.

Former Goshen Telegraph Operator Dies In Ohio

Goshen, Ind., Dec. 26.—Word was received here today of the death in Cleveland of Allen Paine, for 25 years manager of the Western Union Telegraph office here. Paine was deaf to all sounds except the clicking of telegraph instruments. He went to the Cleveland office from Goshen ten years ago.

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featuring Tom Tyler.

10c—20c—25c

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"THE FIGHTING HEART"

A Wm. Fox Attraction featuring George O'Brien

A heart-warming romance of Main St. and Broadway and of a fighter who tried to train on champagne.

"CHEAP SKATES" a good comedy.

15c—35c

TONIGHT—"THE DESERT DEMON"

A thunderbolt thriller featuring Buffalo Bill, Jr.

10c—20c—25c

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