

SPORTS

CATHOLIC HIGH
TO PLAY ALUMNIThree Games To Be Played
At D. C. H. S. Gymnasium
Tomorrow Night

The Decatur Catholic high school boys' and girls' basketball teams will play the alumni boys' and girls' quintets at the Catholic high gym tomorrow night. Two good games are expected. In addition to the alumni contests, a feature attraction will be given. It will consist of a game between the fat men and the lean men of St. Mary's Catholic parish. The girls' game will be played first, starting at 6:30 o'clock. The fats and lean men will play at 7:30 and the alumni boys meet the varsity at 8:30 o'clock.

Baseball Enjoys Year Of
Success And Prosperity

By Henry L. Farrell
(United Press Sports Editor)

New York, Dec. 29.—(United Press)—Baseball had another year of success in 1925. The game flourished with hot pennant races in the two major leagues and hot competition in the minors.

The fight the Washington Senators had in the American League to beat off the Philadelphia Athletics and the impressive victory of the young Pittsburgh Pirates over the New York Giants in the National League stimulated interest generally in the game.

It was unfortunate that the world's series was spoiled by beastly weather, but nothing was lost but comfort as the stands were packed for the games and a new record for receipts was established.

The bad weather encountered in Pittsburgh convinced some of the major league magnates that the season should be closed earlier and it was decided to close the schedule next year on Sept. 26 and to start the world's series on Sept. 28 or 29.

The National League owners lined up solidly with eight votes against the early closing but Commissioner Landis voted with the eight American League magnates and it passed.

To avoid the danger of interruption by darkness, it was also voted to start the world's series games at 1:30 instead of 2 o'clock.

The result of the National League pennant race was pleasing, particularly to the fans around the circuit who had tired of the protracted domination of the New York Giants.

The Pittsburgh Pirates had a fine young team and they were deserving champions. They had to fight hard to win and they would have had a harder battle if the Giants had not suffered a distressing run of accidents and bad breaks that almost wrecked the club completely.

The Pirates, however, were also handicapped by a miserable start. The team was not in shape when it returned from the California training camp and it was months before the players got going.

It took a good, game team to win the pennant and even a gammer club to win the series from the Washington Senators.

The collapse of the New York Yankees was the outstanding development of the American League season.

Wally Pipp went so bad that he had to be replaced at first by Buster Gehrig. Deacon Scott slowed up so much that he was traded to the Senators and Babe Ruth's trouble demoralized the club.

The Babe had to be brought home from the training camp on a stretcher and he was in the hospital for weeks in the early season after an operation.

When he did get back into the game he didn't behave and he was finally suspended and fined for insubordination. The club, of course, missed his hitting and the morale of the players was broken by refusal to abide by the training rules.

The surprisingly good showing of the Philadelphia Athletics was as unexpected as the collapse of the Yankees. Mack's youngsters fought it out with the champions until the last quarter of the season when the team fell into a long losing streak.

Excellent pitching by the veterans, Walter Johnson, Stanley Coveleskie, and Dutch Reutter, enabled the Senators to win the championship.

Bucky Harris, the young manager of the champions, made a shrewd move when he picked up Coveleskie and Reutter. No one but Harris claimed them when they were about to be tossed to the minors and if he hadn't obtained them it is doubtful that the club would have won the championship.

Coveleskie and Reutter went bad just before the world's series started and the weakness of the pitching staff

without them was strikingly apparent.

Business generally was good in the major leagues although a decrease was reported from New York, Cincinnati, and Brooklyn.

This caused some surprise as they are three of the best baseball towns in the National League.

New York possibly was fed up on championship teams and Cincinnati hasn't had enough champions and Brooklyn is just Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn fans almost rode Jack Fournier, one of the hardest workers on the club, out of baseball.

Fournier threatened to retire from baseball rather than continue taking abuse from the Brooklyn fans but changed his mind.

BLUFFTON PLAYS
LOCALS TONIGHTTigers Invade City For Bat-
tle With Yellow Jackets;
Three Other Games

Three baseball teams from Bluffton will invade Decatur tonight to meet three local quintets in battle. The Bluffton high school first and second team will play the Yellow Jacket varsity and Reserves and the Bluffton eighth graders will meet the fast stepping grade team from Central. The three local teams are determined to turn in three victories this evening, and the visitors are coming with just as much determination to take home the bacon. The games are sure to be hard-fought and interesting and a large crowd is expected to be on hand.

In addition to the three games mentioned above, the D. C. H. S. girls will play the alumni girls this evening. The first game will be the grade team game, starting at 6 o'clock. The girls' game will be next, beginning at 6:45 and the second teams will meet at 7:30. The big game likely will get started about 8:30 or 8:45 o'clock. Ford Griffith, of Auburn, will referee the main go of the evening.

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Football Season Of 1925
Most Interesting In History

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New York, Dec. 29.—(United Press)—Dartmouth and Michigan, Red Grange and Oberlander made the 1925 football season the most popular and the most interesting in the history of the game.

Attendance records were shattered wherever there was a stadium large enough to provide a record and Columbus entertained the largest number of paid spectators when \$3,000 sat in the Ohio State-Illinois game in which the great Grange finished his college career.

The rise and fall of Grange was not only the big news event of the season but one of the most dramatic of all stories.

Facing the chance to make a half-million dollars by professional activities, Grange broke down after joining the Chicago Bears, a professional team.

He tried to do something that experienced trainers say never can be done. He tried to play four and five games a week and broke down so badly that he had to call a halt.

When he turned professional he was showered with more than \$50,000 for various games and stunts and he was in a way to make a millionaire of himself as long as he could keep his hold on the public.

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This statement was significant in that no teams that tried it, could find a defense for the great forward passing combination of Oberlander to Tully with which Dartmouth swept the gridiron.

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This defeat meant very little, however, as the field was ankle deep in

New Memorial Hall For Women At I. U.



Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 29.—The new Indiana University Memorial Hall for Women, recently constructed at a cost of \$450,000, was formally dedicated with impressive ceremonies on November 20, the day preceding the dedication of the new Indiana Memorial stadium. The new dormitory for women is one of three war memorial buildings to be constructed from a fund of \$1,600,000 now about subscribed by alumni, students, and friends of the University. Mrs. Virginia Meredith, of Lafayette, trustee of Purdue University, was the principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies. She spoke on "Our Indiana College Women." Other speakers on the program were Dr. Agnes E. Wells, dean of women at I. U.; Mrs. Sanford Teter, member of the I. U. board of trustees; and President William Lowe Bryan, of Indiana University.

and Northwestern got the chance for a field goal on a fumble.

Northwestern failed to make a first down and gained only 11 yards in the entire game.

The prominence played by the forward pass in winning a large number of important games started the conservatives complaining again and asking for a change in the rules.

One suggestion with merit was a proposal to make a ball free when it leaves the passer's hand and allow it to be recovered by either side if it happens to be knocked down.

Glenn Warner, Knute Rockne, Tad Jones, Fielding Yost and other leading coaches defend the open game and give it the credit for the surprising development of interest in the game.

After the death of Walter Camp it was thought that the vogue of picking All-American teams might pass but there were a greater number published than ever before.

Edward K. Hall, chairman of the football rules committee, condemned the practice because of the stress that it makes on individual players.

The boys who are named on any of the important teams, however, will not bother about criticism as they win the honor—if any.

Increasing interest developed during the season in the professional game even before Red Grange left his "77" at Illinois and joined the Chicago Bears.

The games in New York were well patronized but with one season as a foundation it is impossible to say whether the crowds came out of curiosity or were really interested in the game.

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Big Ten Track Meet To
Be Held At Iowa City

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 29.—(United Press)—The western conference will hold its annual outdoor track and field meet here May 28 and 29, according to an announcement by Dr. Paul E. Bellinger, director of athletics. Iowa City was selected after a mail vote of directors of the conference.

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Crowley Is Reappointed
Head Coach At Columbia

New York, Dec. 29.—(United Press)—Charlie Crowley, former Notre Dame and Harvard star, who started to put Columbia back on the football map last season, has been re-appointed head coach for two years at a reported salary of \$15,000 a year.

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Bluffton Man Wins
State Checker Title

Muncie, Dec. 29.—Charles Turner, of Bluffton, won the annual state checker tournament held at the Y. M. C. A. here Monday. W. Decker, of Richmond, finished second. The play was under the point system with two moves restricted.

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FIELD GOALS
BY MARK M. UPP

Tonight's the night. Bluffton will be in town.

According to the attitude taken by the Bluffton scribes, it is useless to play the two games between the Bluffton Tigers and Decatur Yellow Jackets this week. We'd almost wager that they have figured up Bluffton's season percentage with both of the games credited as victories for the Tigers. According to the officials of both high schools though, the two games will be played as scheduled.

This little poem
So silly and solemn,
Is just put in
To fill up the kolumn.

We have seen the above ditto in two or three columns without a by-line attached, already, so rather than take the chance of giving the credit to the wrong author, we will leave off the credit line.

The Liberty Center Seconds trounced the Marion high school reserves at Liberty Center Saturday night, 40 to 20. The Yellow Jacket Honeys n' y's the Liberty Center reserves there Thursday night. Out of bounds, of Bluffton, issues the following warning: "Those Liberty Center seconds turned in a fine victory by wallopin' those Marion high school seconds at Liberty. Those Decatur Yellow Jackets reserves had better take warning."

Looks like the Tigers were due to turn in two wins this week. They play the Yellow Jackets at Decatur Tuesday night and will wallop them again in this city on Saturday night."—Out of Bounds.

The two Berne columnists evidently are enjoying their Holidays to the fullest extent this week. Neither had a line in yesterday's papers.

"Navy Bill" Ingram, Indiana University's football coach, is vying with Knute Rockne, Notre Dame's mentor for publicity honors. Navy Bill took a team of All-American football players out to San Francisco to play the western All-Americans Saturday, his team losing, 6-0. Ingram received column after column of publicity on that stunt during the last few weeks. That football game in San Francisco was hardly ended Saturday, before the press wires started to get hot with stories that the Indiana grid boss was considering an offer to become head coach at the U. S. Naval Academy. And the wires are still carrying stories on the matter.

Looks as though the Crimson Personal, we would like to see in grand remain at the state university.

Coach Rippe, of Bluffton, will not be with the Tigers here tonight. He has not returned from his home in Laramie, Wyo., where he spent Christmas. Assistant Coach Coolman will have charge of the team here tonight.

Today's question and answer—"Q—If the contesting teams have shirts of the same color, what shall be done? A—The home team should change. If the game is on a neutral court, it shall be decided by the officials after consultation with those in charge."

The Delphos, Ohio, Herald says: "The bat" which was waged at St. John's auditorium Saturday night by Decatur Catholic high and St. John's cagers might well be compared with a battle between a heavyweight and a lightweight in theistic arena." The writer of the above item gives the decision to Decatur in every round.

The Delphos paper also says that the St. John's team played its best game of the season Saturday night.

Games this week include: Tuesday night—Bluffton at Decatur; Wednesday—D. C. H. S. vs. alumni; Thursday—Yellow Jackets Seconds at Liberty Center, Cutler at Lancaster; Friday—Decatur at Columbus City, Catholic high at Fostoria, Ohio, Montpelier at Chester Center, Ossian at Union Center, Petroleum at Liberty Center; Saturday—Decatur at Bluffton, Hartford township at Lancaster, Union Center at Roanoke.

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P. B. Hebble made a business trip to Fort Wayne this morning.

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SEATS ON SALE
FOR CASEY GAMECARDBOARDS FOR LEADERS
GAME WITH PROFESSIONAL
LEAGUERS BEING SOLD

Reserved seats for the basketball game between the Decatur Leaders and the Fort Wayne Knights of Columbus, to be played here next Tuesday night, January 5, went on sale today. The reserved seat board has been left at the Daily Democrat office and seats may be secured there. Reserved seats are selling for 65 cents each. Single admission will be 50 cents. All seats on the south side of the high school gymnasium will be reserved.

The Caseys have been finding the going hard in the American Professional Basketball League this season and the Leaders are pepped up to give them another defeat when they visit this city. The Fort Wayne team will bring a group of well-known basketball stars to this city, including the great Homer Stonebraker, who is probably the most widely known player ever produced in Indiana.

USE LESS RUBBER
PLEA OF HOOVERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE
SEEKS CO-OPERATION IN
BREAKING MONOPOLY

Washington, Dec. 29.—(United Press)—The United States would be demanding \$8 a bushel for wheat and 75 cents a pound for cotton—if this country were to follow the example of Great Britain in boosting the prices of their rubber monopoly—Secretary of Commerce Hoover said today.

Hoover, in an interview with newspapers, voiced an urgent plea for the cooperation of the American people in "Hooverizing" rubber.

"Our job is to use as little rubber as we can," he said. "It is not our job