

SPORTS

LEO OF CHICAGO WINS NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEET

Defeats Indians In Finals; Fort Wayne Wins Fourth Place

Chicago, March 31.—(UPI)—The Leo Lions added the national Catholic prep basketball championship to their Chicago Catholic league title after defeating a fast Sioux-Indian team from St. Francis Mission, S. D., in an overtime final, 49 to 41.

The Indian team had held the lead through the first half and tied the score four times in the final period but were held scoreless in the overtime period. It was the first overtime period game in the history of the 18-year-old competition.

Messmer of Milwaukee scored eight points in the last two minutes of play to win third place by defeating Central Catholic of Fort Wayne, Ind., 1939 and 1940 champions, 44 to 38. Spaulding Institute, Peoria, Ill., won the consolation title by beating Aquinas, La Crosse, Wis., 42 to 37.

Bill O'Brien, forward of the St. Simon Stock, New York City, team, was chosen the outstanding player of the five-day tournament and received the Loyola University monogram trophy. The all-tournament team, chosen by tournament officials, referees and newspaper men, included:

Centers—Tom Cuny, Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, S. D.; and Don Joyce, Cretin, St. Paul, Minn.; Forwards—Ben Tibbitts, St. Francis Mission, St. Francis, S. D.; Jim Farrell, Leo, Chicago, and Bob Heiny, Central Catholic, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Guards—Don Carpenter, Messmer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jim Caulfield, St. Michael, Union City, N. J., and Henry Baranowski, Leo, Chicago.

Issues Warning On Shooting Of Ducks

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MINOR CHANGE IN NET RULES

Three-Second Offensive Rule To Be Changed Next Season

Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 31.—(UPI)—Modification of the three-second rule to give more liberty on offense will be the principal change in basketball regulations next year, the national basketball rules committee of the United States and Canada decided today.

The committee, in a 14½ hour session, considered many changes, but made only a few, and they were minor.

H. V. Porter of Chicago, secretary, said coaches throughout the country were agreed on the need for standardization of equipment. The committee went on record as favoring replacement of the old, rectangular backboards with fan-shaped boards, and standardization of the molded type basketball.

The three-second rule was changed to permit an offensive player with the ball to operate without restriction in the outer half of the free throw circle, behind the free throw line. However, if a man possesses the ball for longer than three seconds in the area from the free throw line to the end line, the ball still is to be awarded to the opponent out of bounds.

Other principal changes provide for substituting of players at any time the ball is dead, including the time after a field goal is scored, and surrender of the ball immediately to the nearest official by any player guilty of a rules infraction.

Previously, the offending player was required to surrender the ball only in case of a double dribble.

The committee heard suggestions made by the coaches' association at its meeting in New York last week but none was adopted.

Floyd Rose of the board of education, Cleveland, O., was reelected chairman; J. W. St. Clair of Southern Methodist university at Dallas was named vice chairman and Porter was reelected secretary.

BOARD RESUMES

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cards are to be returned, also by mail, and must be returned in time for the results to be tabulated for the next meeting of the directors, Monday, April 7.

The cards will be mailed to a post office box, and will be turned over to special tellers, who will announce the results to the directors. The elected director will serve until January of 1943.

Nominees from whom the new director will be named, are: Al Beavers, Dr. Harold DeVor, Dr. Ben Duke, Harry Grube, John Haltzman, Robert Holthouse, Roy Price and Jesse Sutton.

KIRKLAND PLANS

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provides for a brick, concrete and steel building, which will adjoin the present building on the south, face west. The present building is 62x66, facing the west, and two stories high.

The four class rooms will be 23x35 feet each, providing space for 43 pupils.

The community room, which will be used as an auditorium-gymnasium, will be 84x94 feet, with permanent seats erected on the side. It will seat 1,000 persons, in addition to the space on the stage, where chairs can be placed. The floor space will be of regulation size, 50x74 feet.

The stage will be 20x42.8 feet. On each side of the stage, plans call for two rooms, one for the athletic director, a band room and two

Alley Oomph for Annual Meet



This unusual angle view shows Dorothy May getting in some practice for participation in the 24th annual tournament of the Women's International Bowling Congress in Los Angeles. The winsome Dorothy is entered in the booster division of the W.I.B.C.

auxiliary class rooms.

Under the stage, there will be locker rooms, a manual arts and domestic arts room, showers, toilets and a principal's office.

Ample space for storing janitor's supplies and portable seats and stage equipment will be provided.

Notice of the intention to issue the \$47,000 in bonds is printed in today's paper. The law provides for the hearing of objections on the bond issue.

The members of the advisory board are: John Borne, O. V. Dilling and Wilmer Warthman.

Kirkland high school has an enrollment of 100 students. With the consolidation the school will house approximately 250 pupils.

Roop Funeral Rites Are Held Saturday

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Fishing—America's Leading Pastime

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FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Lulu Shaffer Dies This Morning At Irene Byron Sanitorium

Mrs. Lulu Shaffer, 48, former Decatur resident, died this morning at 8:30 o'clock at the Irene Byron sanitorium near Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there for the past 18 months.

Mrs. Shaffer was born in Illinois on January 18, 1893, the daughter of Jacob and Jennie McBride. She was married to Dick Shaffer on November 26, 1912.

Surviving besides the husband, are a son, Richard, six brothers and a sister. She had lived near Fort Wayne in Allen county for four years after residing in Decatur for 10 years. She was a member of the local United Brethren church.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence, north of Fort Wayne, and 10:30 o'clock at the Cedarville church near there. Burial will be in the Monroeville cemetery. Rev. G. T. Rosselot, of Decatur, will officiate.

OTTO SMITH, JR.,

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coroner asserted.

"He was a kind of a daredevil," Miss Walliman asserted, "and was giving us a little demonstration of his flying ability."

Plane Nose Demolished

The nose of the plane, a 26-horsepower Aeromac C-3, was completely destroyed. The motor was shattered into fragments and only the hardness of the dry ground kept it from being buried.

The instrument panel and cockpit was also a mass of twisted wood and metal. Scattered blood stains on the panel and the twisted right door of the enclosed cockpit evidenced a bleeding head injury that the pilot suffered.

Smith was born in Monroe township 23 years ago to the day he died. He attended school at Kirkland township later and was graduated from Kirkland high school in 1936.

In recent years he had resided on route two, Fort Wayne with his wife, the former Alice Baumgartner of Berne, and son, Carl David. He had been employed at the Rea Magnet Wire company.

Father Killed in 1927

Otto Smith, Sr., father of the victim, who was known for his daring as a stunt flyer, lost his life in a Montpelier plane crash in 1927. The elder Smith was stunt flying at a high altitude when the plane nosed down and plunged to the earth.

Art Smith, Fort Wayne's "bird boy" and probably the most illustrious of the trio, was a cousin of the elder Smith. He, too, was killed in a plane crash.

Flying Since 1938

The victim had been flying since March, 1938 and soloed in January, 1939. He received his instructions from O. B. McVey, who had been taught by Smith, Sr. Young Smith held a flying permit from the Smith-Baer field at Fort Wayne and a student permit from the civil aeronautics authority. Fort Wayne fliers asserted that he was one of the best young pilots in the city. He owned the plane, which he purchased about five weeks ago, and kept it at the Means airport.

Surviving, besides the widow and son, are the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Smith of Fort Wayne.

After his death, the body was taken to the Yager funeral home in Berne. It will be removed from there to the residence of the father-in-law, Joseph Baumgartner, east of Berne, Tuesday morning where it may be viewed until time for the funeral services.

Funeral Wednesday

The services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Baumgartner home and 2 o'clock at the Cross Reformed church in Berne. Burial will be in the M. R. E. cemetery beside the grave of his father.

First Fatal Crash

This was Adams county's first fatal plane crash. Although a number of residents of the county have taken to the air, only "minor cracks" have occurred on local soil.

Smith's plane, a yellow-colored job, was sighted flying over Decatur by many persons, as he was enroute to the Wulliman home.

After the crash hundreds of curious sightseers and souvenir hunters flocked to the accident scene. Some over-enthusiastic spectator clipped the fence around the Wulliman farm in order that he might more easily enter the field and get close to the wrecked plane. This opening was an invitation to hundreds more to climb through.

Sheriff Ed Miller, who was called, shortly after arrival, ordered the plane removed to prevent further destruction of the Wulliman farm. Volunteers aided the sheriff in righting the plane and pushed it several hundred feet west near the Wulliman barn. This prevented further damage to the fence and trampling in the Wulliman field but was no blockade to sightseers.

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