

SPORTS

Iowa, Illinois
Nearly Upset
In Loop Tilts

Chicago, Feb. 20.—(UP)—Ohio State's defending champions, who play Illinois Friday night in a desperate bid to retain their Big Ten title, might have been the team to beat today if it hadn't been for two free throws.

Iowa and Illinois, currently running 1-2 in the conference basketball race, survived a "night of scars" last night on the strength of those two points. Iowa defeated Wisconsin at Iowa City, 54-53, to win its eighth victory in nine games and hold first place, while Illinois squeaked by Minnesota at Champaign, 49-48, for its seventh victory in eight engagements.

If those two points had gone the other way to give Wisconsin and Minnesota victories, O. S. U.'s Buckeyes would have been back in a tie for first place with Iowa and favored to retain their title.

They play Illinois Friday and then close out their 1944-45 Big Ten basketball season against Indiana Saturday. The Illinois game is an all important one since a defeat for the Buckeyes would all but eliminate them from championship consideration.

It was a night for comebacks last night as Minnesota and Wisconsin—both second division teams—got blazing hot to almost scramble the Big Ten standings.

At Iowa City, the Hawkeyes barely escaped a torrid last half drive by Wisconsin, grabbing their victory on a free throw by Herbert Wilkinson. Murray Wier, 5-foot, 8-inch freshman forward, however, was the real hero.

Wisconsin jumped to a 12-3 lead when coach Pops Harrison substituted Wier who sparked Iowa to a 29-24 halftime lead. With big Clayton Wilkinson, Dick Ivens and Wier carrying the point load, Iowa took a 53-45 lead with three minutes to go.

Veteran Ray Patterson, however, came to life to lead Wisconsin in a last-second rally which fell only one point short, a free throw which H. Wilkinson scored in the midst of the Badger rally.

Wisconsin's Bill Johnson led the game's scorers with 17 points followed by Patterson, C. Wilkinson and Wier, all tied with 14.

At Champaign, Illinois was all

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Picks Jeffersonville
To Win State Title

By James E. Walters

Indianapolis, Feb. 20.—(UP)—Jasper's Wildcats were the consensus choice of the United Press sports staff today, but Jim Walters rides with the Jeffersonville Red Devils to capture the 1945 Indiana high school basketball champion-

ship. In a rebound and with 30 seconds left, Arnie Lehman drove in for a setup but the Illini stalled the remaining seconds for victory. Each team made 20 field goals while Illinois held a one-point free throw advantage.

Hermesen's 17 points was tops followed by Burmeister with 16.

Standing

Team	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Iowa	8	1	.888	426	362
Illinois	7	1	.875	420	236
Ohio State	8	2	.800	487	409
Purdue	6	6	.500	563	583
Michigan	5	7	.417	507	561
Wisconsin	4	6	.400	442	476
Minnesota	3	7	.300	426	476
Northwestern	3	8	.273	495	488
Indiana	2	8	.200	457	550

*Season complete.

Today's Sports Parade
By JACK CUDDY
(Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.)

New York, Feb. 20.—(UP)—It seems to us that the midnight curfew on entertainment, which goes into effect nationally on Monday, will help boom sports generally.

However, the war-momentum that makes necessary this "request" from mobilizer James F. Byrnes apparently spurs any lingering hopes that racing can be re-opened in the spring.

The only sports enterprises, now carrying on, that would seem to suffer from the curfew are bowling and billiard establishments. Their activities will be forced to cease at midnight.

Betting on sports probably will be increased considerably. Sports like baseball, football, boxing, wrestling and hockey—most of which already are enjoying wartime prosperity—should boom under the new restriction for two reasons: (1) fans who normally "blow" a portion of their spending money in the late spots, like night clubs and saloons, should have more available now for sports; and (2) persons who are denied late entertainment may turn to sports for diversion.

Although there is little similarity between the curfew and prohibition, which was supposed to prevail in the United States from 1920 to 1933, it is recalled that the "golden decade" of sports came during that "dry" period. Speakeasies flourished during that decade; but nevertheless it was much more difficult for the ordinary fan to blow his dough in the "joints" than it has been since repeat.

The plentitude of money available for sports in those days was just as important in causing the "golden decade" as were the great performers who featured it—Jack Dempsey, Babe Ruth, Bobby Jones, Bill Tilden, Earl Sande, etc.

U. S. BOMBERS

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they had caught the Germans in the midst of a huge troop movement.

Not a single German fighter rose to challenge the raiders, and some of the American fighters ranged ahead to strafe rail and road traffic as far as Munich.

Nuremberg previously had been attacked twice by the eighth air force.

The number of commercially-hatched chicks produced last October was about one-third less than the number produced in October, 1943.

Victory Bar Reopens
Tomorrow.

Before yesterday's announcement OK the curfew, hope had been increasing among racing men that the Christmas-eve ban might be lifted by spring, permitting the horses to go into their golden gallop again. But the war situation necessitating the curfew seems to blot that hope definitely.

It is true that the curfew was

requested primarily as a means of saving fuel, because of the coal shortage; but Byrnes said he believes it also would help conserve transportation and manpower. He said he was convinced that the public will gladly accept the curfew "in view of the fact that in the period just ahead of us, those in the armed services will be making greater sacrifices than ever before."

Last week, after returning from the Crimea conference, Byrnes said that more men will be in combat during March than ever before. These statements, combined with the drastic curfew measure, leave little hope of re-opening the tracks until the European war is ended, at least. Because, apparently, the momentum of war will be constantly stepped up until that goal is achieved.

Betting has increased tremendously during the past 10 years, and particularly during the war. It seems certain that much money which ordinarily would be spent in the late spots, will be diverted now into betting channels, booming the bookie business throughout the country. Although the horse plants are closed, the public is wagering actively on other sports. Baseball will get a terrific bettingplay when the season opens.

We know of no reason why midnight closing should curtail night baseball, boxing, etc. Rarely have regularly-scheduled night games lasted past midnight; and professional boxing shows never do.

HAGG COMPETITION

By Jack Sords

FOREST
EFAN,
OF THE
BAINBRIDGE, MD. NAVAL
TRAINING STATION, ONE
WHO IS FIGURED ABLE
TO PRESS GUARD
HAGG IN THE TWO-
MILE RUN WHEN,
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THE U.S.

Admittedly, Jeff has the toughest tournament road of any of the major title contenders. Admittedly, it lost to Jasper by a 12-point margin—and on Jeff's own floor.

But that 49-37 Jasper victory

was early in the season and since

the start of the new year, when sea-

son performances really start count-

ing, the Red Devils have not met

defeat. They finished with 16 vic-

tories and two losses.

Jeffersonville's 10-game winning

streak is the hottest thing in major

Hoosier prep cage circles and the

amazing thing about it was that

Bill Gedling missed most of those

games.

A great floorman and fine shot,

Gedling was sidelined early in Jan-

uary by a head injury. For a time it

was feared he was lost for the

season. But he has seen limited ac-

tion in the last two games and

coach Edwin Yskowski expects

to have him ready for full-time duty

when Jeff opens sectional play

against Little Laconia at 9 a. m. Friday.

Gedling's injury, coming as it did

on the heels of the army induction

of Captain Von Hisey, would have

shattered a lesser team.

Jeffersonville, however, had only

begun to fight. Frank (Buddy) Clegg and Bob Scott stepped into

the gaps at guards and on Jan. 11

the Red Devils proved their great-

ness by getting off the floor to

down the veteran-loaded Evansville

Bosse Bulldogs, 26-23. Bosse's de-

fending state champions had a 16-1

lead at one stage of the game.

The Red Devils' biggest weak-

ness, if it can be called a weak-

ness, is that they depend on "Big

Charlie" Meyers for most of their

rebound strength. A speedy, mas-

cular, six foot five inch center, "Big

Charlie" is the brains of the Jeff

club when on the floor and he can

be counted upon for anywhere from

10 to 20 points a game.

None of the other first five men

can reach six feet. But what they lack

in height they make up in clever

ball handling and accurate shooting.

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items should be assessed where

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In the case of churches and

lodges, where they own property,

an exemption from being placed on

tax duplicate must be filed, the

state official explained.

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