

SPORTS

State Crown Battle Wide Open Affair

Indianapolis, March 9—(UP)—The scramble for the 38th Indiana high school basketball championship was an open affair today. Most of the title contenders were still "in" and were getting ready for the semi-finals this Saturday.

If the race from now on has been considered an open affair, one thing was certain: there will be four new finalists battling for the Hoosier prep school trophy next week. Marion was the last of the 1947 finalists to be kicked out of the tournament. The Hoosiers were swept off their feet by Little Chester Twp. last Saturday.

The other three finalists of last time—Terre Haute Garfield, East Chicago Washington and Shelbyville—were taken out in the sectional rounds.

Contenders for "big four" berths at Muncie and at Indianapolis were the least experienced ones this year. Portland, Monroeville and undefeated Chester Twp. have never reached the finals. Muncie Central, the host team at Muncie, has made it to the "state" six times.

This was also the first time for Chester and Monroeville to capture regional honors.

But the Central Bearcats have to go all the way back to 1931 when they made the finals and won the cup by beating Greencastle in the championship tilt.

This week, the Bearcats will meet dangerous Monroeville in the second afternoon game.

The real thriller in Muncie's Walnut Street gymnasium is expected to be the contest between Portland and Chester, which clash in the opener.

Lawrenceburg's Tigers are gunning for the title in Indianapolis. Bud Bateman's outfit reached the round of eight here last year by beating Pendleton, 45-41. They never got farther. At night, the Tigers lost to Shelby's eventual

state champs, 44-37.

This time they face a Crawfordville club that has beaten Lafayette Jefferson—one of the best—during the season. In the other bracket are Anderson's 1946 titlists, who have been in the finals 10 times, more often than any other quintet. The Indians have a date with mighty Madison in the afternoon. The Cubs have been victorious in semi-final championship play once.

No newcomers are on deck in the all-powerful Bloomington district. Evansville Central and Bloomington, which have been in the finals thrice, and Jasper and New Albany, who made it once, will be paired in afternoon games.

Peru's Tigers, who moved into this week's round by two narrow, one-point margins, has the role of the underdog at Lafayette. The Tigers, who have never been in the "big four," face South Bend Central in the opener.

Plan Junior Baseball School Here Mar. 17

Hugh Andrews, district junior baseball chairman of the American Legion, today announced plans for a fourth district junior baseball school to be held here.

The school will be conducted Wednesday night, March 17 at 8 o'clock at the Legion home.

The school will consist of 30 minutes of junior baseball film, 30 minutes on the 1947 world series and All-Star games and a question and answer period.

Bill Clarkson, director of Americanism and athletics in the state Legion and a representative of the Ford Motor company, co-sponsors of the school, will direct the school, Mr. Andrews stated.

The school will be conducted for the purpose of acquainting the boys of the community with the American Legion junior baseball program.

All boys of the community who were under the age of 17 on January 1 of this year are eligible to participate in the program and are urged to attend the school.

Mr. Andrews will be assisted by various members of Adams post 43 in staging the school.

William Henry Harrison was serving as county clerk of his home county in Ohio when nominated for the Presidency.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

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"BIG TOWN AFTER DARK"
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FOLLOWING FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS

G.E. "RUBE" WADDELL
GREAT BUT ECCENTRIC SOUTHPAW
OF THE PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS
WHO WAS THE AMERICAN LEAGUE
PITCHING CHAMP IN 1902 AND '05



WHO, EVEN THOUGH HE HAD ONLY A FAIR SEASON IN 47, WON A TOTAL OF 80 GAMES IN THE PREVIOUS 3 YEARS, AND MAY YET BE RANKED WITH THE BEST SOUTHPAWS IN DIAMOND HISTORY

WADDELL FANNED MORE BATTERS THAN ANY OTHER LEFT-HANDED PITCHER—2375. (16 IN ONE 9-INNING GAME).

ON JULY 1, 1902, RUBE STRUCK OUT THE SAME 3 BATTERS IN THE 3RD, 6TH AND 9TH INNINGS (HE RETIRED THE SIDE ON ONLY 9 PITCHED BALLS IN ONE INNING).

HAL NEWHouser, OF DETROIT.

Intramural League Results Announced

The Maroons defeated the Eagles, 20-15, the All-Stars downed the Pistons, 25-11, and the Cats edged the London Bobbies, 23-20, in the lightweight division of the intramural league at the junior-senior high school.

Maroons	FG	FT	TP
M. Ladd, f	1	1	3
P. Merriman, f	0	0	0
M. Lister, c	2	1	5
C. Jones, g	2	0	4
C. Smiley, g	4	0	8
M. Johnson, f	0	0	0
Totals	9	2	20

Eagles	FG	FT	TP
R. Strickler, f	2	1	5
D. Johnson, f	1	1	3
J. Thompson, c	0	0	0
M. Smith, g	2	2	6
Gaunt, g	0	1	1
P. Johnson, f	0	0	0
Totals	5	5	15

All Stars	FG	FT	TP
R. Smith, f	1	0	2
Bollinger, f	1	0	2
C. Cottrell, c	0	0	0
B. Lennhart, g	0	0	0
F. Isch, g	6	6	18
K. Runyon, f	0	0	0
Odle, g	1	0	2
Totals	9	7	25

Pistons	FG	FT	TP
Busse, f	3	0	6
Egley, f	1	0	2
C. Somers, c	0	0	0
J. Doan, g	1	0	2
R. Johnson, g	0	1	1
Callow, f	0	0	0
McGill, g	0	0	0
Totals	5	1	11

London Bobbies	FG	FT	TP
Kitson, f	2	0	4
McDonald, f	0	0	0
Lobsiger, c	1	0	2
D. Smith, g	2	3	7
Durbin, g	3	1	7
Totals	8	4	20

Cats	FG	FT	TP
Macy, f	1	0	2
Cole, f	0	0	0
Daniels, c	6	0	12
Totals	7	0	14

Reds Take Honors In Junior Tourney

The Reds copped the finals in the Decatur Junior high school basketball tournament, defeating the White Sox, 33-17, after eliminating the Yankees in the semi-finals, 31-17.

Yankees	FG	FT	TP
Reidenbach, f	2	1	5
Thompson, f	0	0	0
Engle, c	3	3	9
Metzer, g	1	1	3
Andrews, g	0	0	0
Gilbert, f	0	0	0
Totals	6	5	17

Reds	FG	FT	TP
Foor, f	3	0	6
Roe, f	4	0	8
Gaffer, c	7	1	15
Conrad, g	1	0	2
Ritter, g	0	0	0
Lobsiger, f	0	0	0
Yoder, g	0	0	0
L. Andrews, g	0	0	0
Totals	15	1	31

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Foor, f	5	0	10
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Gaffer, c	8	1	17
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Ritter, g	0	0	0
Lobsiger, f	0	0	0
Yoder, g	0	0	0
Andrews, g	0	0	0
Totals	16	1	33

White Sox	FG	FT	TP
Isch, f	1	2	4
Brunner, f	0	2	2
T. Cole, c	2	0	4
Lawson, g	1	0	2
Schieferstein, g	2	1	5
Blackburn, f	0	0	0
Nelson, g	0	0	0
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Lansing, Mich., March 9.—(UP)—President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey league today named Billy Taylor of the New York Rangers and Don Gallinger of the Boston Bruins as the players allegedly linked with gambling on hockey games.

He ordered the expulsion of Taylor from hockey for life and the indefinite suspension of Gallinger.

Officials Named For Semi-Finals

Indianapolis, March 9.—(UP)—The Indiana high school athletic association today announced the following officials to serve at the four semi-final high school basketball tournament sites Saturday:

At Bloomington—Marvin Todd, Jack O'Neal, Jim Crowe and George Bender.

At Indianapolis—C. N. Phillips, Walter Thurston, William E. Pointer, and Clyde Castle.

At Lafayette—Paul Bateman, Roland Baker, Ray Lackey, and W. N. Reimann.

At Muncie—Dean Malaska, Allen Klinek, G. P. Silver and Robert Hoffman.

Stay Of Execution Is Granted Killer

Shelbyville, Ind., March 9.—(UP)—Robert Austin Watts, condemned killer of an Indianapolis housewife, today was assured he would not die in the electric chair on May 10.

Though the plea of Watts' attorneys for a new trial was denied yesterday by Shelby circuit judge Harold G. Barger, the judge was required by state law to issue a 90-day stay of execution.

Watts was convicted in January and sentenced to die following a two-and-a-half-week trial here. He was found guilty of the sex slaying of Mrs. Mary Lois Burney in her northside Indianapolis home last November.

Adams County Men Named Directors

Berne, March 9.—Henry Rumble and Ivan Truser of this community were elected directors of the rural electrification membership corporation at the annual stockholders' meeting held at Portland. The organization embraces all of Jay, Blackford and Randolph counties and parts of Adams and Wells counties.