

SPORTS

Boilermakers Tough Again This Season

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI)—Purdue's football team, two deep, is as good as last year's team, Coach Jack Mollenkopf said today. The Boilermakers will be tough for the Big Ten again.

Last year Purdue, with a two-platoon system in which each team played half of each period, was beaten only by Wisconsin and tied by Ohio State and Indiana in a nine-game schedule.

"We've got Bernie Allen at quarterback on the No. 2 unit," Mollenkopf said, "and he's as good as (Bob) Spoo, so I think we're equal."

Other losses were negligible, except for tackles Gene Selawski, a 245-pounder, and Mollenkopf discounted the importance of a lighter line because "Selawski was our only big boy last year."

Defense Matches 1958

Defense was the Boilermakers' main threat last season, best in the Big Ten and second best in the nation, and Mollenkopf said "I don't know why we shouldn't be as good on defense as last year. We've worked unmercifully in a lot of heat, hard workouts and twice a day. This time last year our team was further advanced than we are now, but we should be just as good."

Mollenkopf has veterans for every first team position, and he has only three sophomores on the second team, all earning their position on merit. In the top line he has ends Dick Brooks and Len Jardine, tackles Jerry Beabout and Dale Reims, who finished on the first team last season, guards Emory Turner and Ron Malton and center Sam Joyner.

"They're sturdy dependable players," he said, "and all of them have developed from third or fourth team to get their jobs. We're smaller at tackles, but these boys finished on the first two units as good defensive backs. And on the first team, we'll have good offensive chances with Ross Fichtner at quarterback, Len Wilson and Joe Kulbacki at halfbacks, and Bob Jarus at fullback."

Blocking is Weak

The second team backfield includes Allen, halfbacks Jim Tiler and Clyde Washington and fullback Jack Laraway. Laraway and Jarus rate about even. Tiler is classed as Purdue's most likely breakaway back, and Washington is a solid hard hitter.

But Mollenkopf complained that "we haven't found our offense yet. We haven't got enough blocking. We've probably given out more plays than any other two teams, and our potential is as good as our offense."

Tickets Here For College Grid Game

A limited number of reserved seat tickets for the Valparaiso-Omaha Wesleyan football game will be available at the Holthouse Drug store through Saturday. This college game will be played at Zollner stadium in Fort Wayne Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.

Elaborate plans have been made for dedication of the stadium for use by Concordia high school, including the lighting of a torch from a pep meeting at Valpo Friday night, which 100 of the college freshmen will run to Fort Wayne.

Junior High Teams Play Friday Night

The purple-shirted Colts and the gold-shirted Rams will run through final junior high football sessions this afternoon in preparation for the intra-squad game, preceding the Decatur-Auburn game Friday evening. The young Jackets will start at 6:30 p.m., while the varsity toils at 8 p.m.

Competition for starting slots on both junior high squads still runs high as many as three boys are battling for starting roles at each position. Tentative line-ups will be chosen from the showings in today's tune-up drills.

Good Small Boys

The young football aspirants are learning that size is not the dominant factor in selecting a good football player for a starting assignment as the smaller boys are showing good speed and savvy in the usually rough line play. The carrying out of specified assignments is always a determinant factor in making the final choice also.

This afternoon the two squads will meet head-on in an abbreviated scrimmage as the coaches will align the teams for kick-off drills and each squad will run through four or five plays against their Friday night opponents. This will allow them the chance to see what to expect on Friday and also give a little taste of what the game is really about.

Will Choose Starters

The best boys of Friday's game will be chosen by the coaching staffs as the starters for the games against New Haven and Columbia City junior highs. The first clash is slated for Sept. 21 here at 7 p.m. against New Haven, a team which has the knack of dishing out a pretty good shellacking, especially against Decatur.

The consolidated team then will work out as a unit for the New Haven and Columbia City games, only to return to separate teams for the remainder of the year, playing pre-varsity games at Worthman field.

Parents, friends, relatives, and interested fans are urged to attend these games, especially Friday's, to view their young hopefuls.

MINOR League Results

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Louisville	97	63	.599	
Minneapolis	95	67	.586	2
Indianapolis	86	76	.531	11
St. Paul	81	81	.506	16
Charleston	77	84	.478	19 1/2

Western Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Omaha	83	78	.516	—
Fort Worth	81	81	.500	2 1/2
Denver	76	86	.469	7 1/2
Dallas	75	87	.463	8 1/2
Houston	58	104	.358	25 1/2

Wednesday's Results

Fort Worth 1, Louisville 0. Indianapolis 8, Dallas 4. Houston 4, Charleston 2. Minneapolis 10, St. Paul 9. Denver 8, Omaha 7.

Today's Games

Cincinnati at Chicago, 2. St. Louis at Milwaukee. Pittsburgh at San Francisco. Philadelphia at Los Angeles, night.

Friday's Games

Cincinnati at Milwaukee, night. St. Louis at Chicago. Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 2, night.

Philadelphia at San Francisco, night.

Wednesday's Results

New York 4, Kansas City 0. Cleveland 3-4, Baltimore 2-1. Chicago 5, Washington 1. Detroit 3, Boston 1.

Today's Games

Kansas City at New York. Cleveland at Baltimore, night. Chicago at Washington, night.

Indians Hang To Slim Hope For Flag Win

By MILTON RICHMAN

United Press International

Never say die because that

Cleveland club everyone said was

dead is beginning to show signs

of life.

"Who says we're dead?" snaps

manager Joe Gordon. "I certainly

don't feel that way."

Apparently, neither do veteran

Jack Harshman and rookie Jim

Perry. Each turned in a fancy

five-hit effort in a 3-2 and 4-1 twi-

night sweep over the Orioles

Wednesday night that ran the In-

dians' latest winning streak to six

games and boosted them within

4 1/2 games of first place.

The Indians won the opener in

the ninth inning when centerfielder

Willie Tasby played George

Strickland's single into a base-

circling "homer" for a three-base

error. In the ninthcap, Rocky

Coyle's six-inning double scored

Minnie Minoso and broke a 1-1

tie. Cleveland added two more

insurance runs off loser Skinny

Brown in the seventh.

Graff took 13 New Haven bat-

ters by the strike-out route and

drove in four runs as he added a

home run and triple to add insult

to injury. Ory Reed assisted in

the nine-hit attack, getting three

for three, including a double.

Simpson had 10 strike-outs for the

losers, but lost the duel to the blaz-

ing Graft.

In the second contest, McCoy's

opening tilt in the Decatur

softball tournament, turning back

the bids of New Haven and Grover

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Mirror Inn team as they blanked

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