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## East Chicago Tourney Most Power Packed

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — It'll be like "old home week" at East Chicago in Saturday's Indiana high school basketball regional tourney—there isn't a stranger among the four contenders.

Possibly the most power-packed of the 16 second-round tourneys includes the same foursome that battled for a "Sweet Sixteen" berth a year ago when East Chicago's Senators beat Michigan City for the title, 92-76.

Powerful Gary Roosevelt meets Michigan City in the opener, and East Chicago collides with Valparaiso in the second afternoon scrap.

Gary's Panthers, No. 2 in the state, won at Michigan City during the season, 67-63. Their chances should be even better on a neutral floor. East Chicago trimmed Valpo by 10 points.

Should Gary and fourth-ranked East Chicago clash for the regional crown, it would also be a return scrap. Roosevelt beat the Senators on their own floor by four points early in January.

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In their regional meeting a year ago, however, East Chicago prevailed, 67-52. An East Chicago-Gary clash for the title should be one of the hottest Saturday night.

Several other interesting battles were shaping up.

At Indianapolis, indications pointed to a third meeting between city foes Tech and Manual. Tech won the city tourney title by besting the Redskins, 54-51, but

### SPORTS BULLETIN

#### NO GAME TONIGHT

Tonight's scheduled final game of the annual Adams County junior high school basketball tourney has been postponed because of heavy snows. The title game, between St. Joseph of Decatur and Hartford Center, was slated for the Pleasant Mills gym. No new date has been determined for the game.

#### Monday Deadline On Commodore Tickets

Monday will be the deadline for purchase of tickets for the annual basketball banquet for the Decatur Catholic high school, which will be held at the K. of C. hall Thursday evening, March 10.

Terry Coonan, coach of Fort Wayne Central Catholic high school, will be the principal speaker. Tickets are priced at \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students, and must be purchased by Monday.

Letter-winners of the Commodores will be announced and plans for next season outlined at the March 10 event.

#### Welterweight Champ Will Defend Title

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UPI) — Welterweight champion Don Jordan will defend his title here in May against the winner of a 12-round bout between Federico Thompson and Benny (Kid) Peterson March 18 in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Jordan's co-managers, Don Nesseth and Jackie McCoy, said Wednesday that a definite date in May for the convention center battle has not been set, pending television arrangements. It may be, however, May 27.

Frank Howard was the impressive slugger for the Los Angeles Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla., while rookie George Coleman attracted most of the attention at the Cincinnati Reds' Tampa, Fla., base. Howard, a 6-foot, 7-inch, 245-pounder, blasted numerous long drives in the Dodgers' morning and afternoon drills while Coleman, acquired from Cleveland during the winter, reached both the center and right field fences during Cincinnati's workout. Coleman is regarded as the "sleeper" in the Reds' Johnny Temple deal.

American League batting champion Harvey Kuenn and the Detroit Tigers were \$7,500 apart after Kuenn cut his original demand of \$50,000 to \$47,500. The club has refused for weeks to budge from \$40,000.

Pitcher Ryne Duren and infielder Andy Carey both balked at the New York Yankees' latest offers while Mickey Mantle balked in Dallas, Tex., and said he planned to wait "for them to call me."

Mantle and the Yankees are believed at least \$8,000 apart.

Rocky Colavito showed up at the Cleveland Indians' camp Wednesday night at Dallas. Manager indicated he wouldn't mind being traded by the Yankees.

"I thought they (the Yankees) might have traded me last year...to the Cleveland Indians," Mickey said. "I don't even know if I'd mind getting traded now or not, the way everything has been going."

Rocky Colavito showed up at the Cleveland Indians' camp Wednesday night at Tucson, Ariz., and "reluctantly" signed for a reported \$33,000. The slugging outfielder, who hit 42 home runs last year, had been holding out for \$37,500.

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