

SPORTS

Bloomington Is Big Favorite At Evansville

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Bloomington's Panthers, who haven't made it to the final four in 38 years, were favored today to make their long-overdue bid in this 50th anniversary edition of the Indiana high school basketball tournament.

With a 24-1 record and the one-two punch of Mickey Reeves and Dickie Sparks the best recommendation, coach Keith Rhoades' club must be considered the standout favorite in Saturday's southern semi-state tourney at Evansville.

Although Bloomington won its two Martinsville regional games by less than 10 points apiece, it has romped over five tourney foes by a winning margin of better than 21 markers.

The Panthers, who clash with defending semi-state champion New Albany in the second afternoon game, compiled a 20-game winning streak since Jasper nipped them last December, 61-58. The Wildcats were upset in last week's regionals.

New Albany, which depends on balance rather than individual brilliance, needed a five-game tourney winning streak to pull above .500. First-year coach Floyd Henry's club finished the regular season with an 8-10 mark, and was trounced at Bloomington, Feb. 12, 91-65.

Bloomington, in the final four three times, hasn't made it since 1922 when it lost to eventual champion Franklin, 33-17.

New Albany bowed to Kokomo in last year's finals' afternoon session in overtime, 58-56.

Tell City, eliminated by New Albany in the southern semi-state round last year, and "Sweet 16" newcomer Carlisle clash in the opener. Both were surprise regional winners.

Tell City beat New Albany during the season, 68-54, but the other contenders haven't met. The Marquards, 17-8, don't have a player taller than 6-2, but they cut down favored Evansville Lincoln last Saturday to retain their regional crown.

Carlisle, 27-2, completed the form reversal in the Huntington regional by besting Washington, 35-33. Like Tell City, the Indians

West Golden Gloves Champs Are Named

CHICAGO (UPI) — Cassius Clay, a classy heavyweight puncher from Louisville, Ky., and a pair of Greek-American twins in golden togas from Hollywood, Calif., today reigned as western Golden Gloves champions.

Clay, last year's 175 pound king, stepped up one division to outbox defending titlist Jimmy Jones and win his second crown in two years. Clay weighed 177 pounds to 180 for Jones.

Clay, a lean amateur of six years' ring experience, will head the western Golden Gloves team in its annual title with the champions from the eastern half of the nation at New York City March 21.

The darlings of the Chicago Stadium crowd of 11,159 were Pete and Nick Spanakos, natives of New York City who fight on the College of Idaho team. Together they wrapped up the banner and featherweight crowns.

Pete, the lighter of the 21-year-old twins, belted Darrell Shavano, Denver, to win the 118-pound crown, and Nick bombed Tom O'Shea, Chicago, for three rounds to take the 126-pound diamond.

The Spanakos twins entered the ring in gold and white togas with gold tinsel laurel wreaths on their heads.

Jefferson Davis, a lanky 19-year-old water meter reader representing the honor of Nashville, Tenn., provided closest thing to a knockout when he landed a barrage of solid smashes on Billy Joines in a 34-27 halftime deficit.

In other championship bouts: Humberto Barrera, Fort Worth, Tex., defeated Wayman Gray, Toledo, Ohio.

Brian O'Shea, Chicago, defeated Reggie Davis, Fort Worth.

Ferd Hernandez, Omaha, defeated Mark Burds, Denver.

Leotis Martin, Toledo, defeated James Ellis, Louisville.

Hockey Results

National League

New York 1, Chicago 1 (tie).

Montreal 9, Boston 4.

International League

Fort Wayne 8, Minneapolis 1.

Louisville 5, Indianapolis 4.

are small. Ed Willis, at 6-1, jumps center and Jack Robbins is the only other starter who measures six feet.

Carlisle's regional triumph marked the first time in 13 years that the Sullivan sectional champion also was successful the following week.

Tell City, like Carlisle, has never made it to the state finals.

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Kansas Edges Kansas State To Enter NCAA

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The highlight of the Decatur basketball season will be viewed March 15 at the Decatur high gym, starting at 7:30 p.m. And all the proceeds go for the worthy cause of Little League baseball.

According to commissioner Bob Sullivan, D. (Mouthpiece) Macklin, D. (Pills) Freby, H. (Boss) Zerkel, Dr. H. (Painless) Bohne, and the Rev. R. Ludwig. Others will, unfortunately, join this list.

The talented merchant team will miss the services of Bill Gass, who stole the show last year by scoring the first two points of the game, and then fell, breaking his wrist. Mrs. Gass has relegated William to the bench, where he will assume the role of water boy.

Really Gunning

Secret practice sessions to date show that all four teams will be gunning. And a scouting report shows that shotguns should be used instead of basketballs, because no one seems to be hitting the proverbial broad side of a barn.

An incomplete roster was shovelled under the door of the Daily Democrat this morning, the cowardly refused to present it in person and should provide the large expected audience with a large dose of amusement—if a strong stomach is part of their collective make-up.

For the professional (?) men, with coach D. (Burdette) Custer, the roster shows F. (Deadeye) Reed, R. (Tiger) Doan, W. (Wrong hand) McColl, D. (Tiny) Terhaar, R. (Mr. Clean) Lehman, C. (Christmas) Andrews, C. (Rookie) Abel, J. (Recruit) Butler, P. (Hot Shot) Bevelheimer, A. (Lineman) Lindahl, R. (Lawman)

Dead Center Shot

Howard, who hit 43 homers in the minor leagues last season and is regarded as certain to be a great major league slugger some day, cleared a tree in dead center field, 442 feet from the plate at Vero Beach, Fla.

Howard is trying out for first base with the Dodgers and will force a complete realignment of the team if he makes it. Manager Walt Alston admits it and so does veteran first-baseman Gil Hodges, who could wind up in the outfield or at third base if the big kid comes through.

May's belted two homers in the Indians' intra-squad game while Williams connected for a 380-foot homer on the first pitch served up to him in the Red Sox' game.

Williams, who only a week ago was talking about retiring, showed no signs of his mysterious knee ailment.

Robinson Hits Hard

Frank Robinson continued his heavy spring hitting for the Cincinnati Reds and Al Kaline, runner-up to American League batting champion Harvey Kuenn, took special drills for the Detroit Tigers. Robinson hit two homers and drove in four runs in the Reds' intra-squad game. Kaline, who hit .327 last season, had a special 1 1/2 hour batting drill which he said "would help me get the snap and roll back in my wrists."

Bobby Malkmus, a .300-hitter at Denver last season, hit three singles in the Philadelphia Phillies' first intra-squad game. He is trying out for second base. Outfielder Tom Burgess of the Pittsburgh Pirates singled in his only time at bat to give him seven safeties in eight tries in intra-squad competition.

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