

SPORTS

East Chicago Washington Is Well Balanced

(Last of our stories on the finalists in Indiana's high school basketball tourney.)

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Adequate height, balance and a sticky defense characterize East Chicago Washington's Senators, perhaps the Calumet's best hope in 20 years to win the Indiana high school basketball crown.

Coach Johnny Baratto's boys are determined to win two more games and bring the elusive state title to teeming Lake County for only the second time in 50 years of tourney play.

They'll go against Fort Wayne Central in the second afternoon game of the state finals here Saturday, and if things go their way, take on the Muncie Central-Bloomington winner at night in the championship scrap.

The East Chicagoans have made it to the "state" for the first time since 1947 with semi-state tourney victories over Logansport and Covington last weekend.

It was the first time in three years of being favorites that they crashed through. In 1958, Crawfordsville stopped them, and it was Lafayette in a stunning upset last year.

Senators Are "Battlers"

This bunch has a lot of determination," said the bachelor coach. "They're the best battlers we've had in some time. If they play their normal game Saturday, we'll do all right."

Of course, Baratto added thoughtfully, "a lot depends on who is hitting."

Baratto said this year's Washington crew is entirely different from his state finalists 13 years ago.

"We don't have the pivot man we had in (Ray) Ragelis," he said, "but we're a lot faster. I think we're pretty good on defense, too."

Baratto's West NIHSC champions were fourth in the state in the United Press International coaches' ratings and lost only to Roosevelt and Tolleston of Gary during the season. They avenged the loss to Roosevelt in East Chicago's regionals, 60-58.

"Roosevelt was our toughest game in the tourney so far," said Baratto. "And Hammond Tech and Highland were strong, too."

Against Roosevelt, the Senators forged into a seven-point lead, lost most of it, went ahead again by nine, and lost most of that.

"And we couldn't pull away from Logansport last Saturday, either," said Baratto. "But we played one of our better games offensively against Covington (77-51), and our defense was also good."

Divjak is Standout

Baratto, who compiled a 278-97 record in 16 seasons at East Chicago, usually depends on a seven-man unit. His starting five consists of southpaw Ron Divjak, Jim Bakos, Phil Dawkins, Bob Cantrell and Rudy LaMar. His top substitutes are Darryl Williams and Ruben Rodriguez. Divjak, Bakos and Williams stand 6-5.

"This team's attitude is the greatest I've had," said Baratto. "Their team spirit is terrific."

Baratto's 1947 quintet was axed by eventual champion Shelbyville in the afternoon round of the finals.

"We know Fort Wayne is a good club," he said. "They were in a slump when we had them up for our holiday tourney last December, but they have improved tremendously."

"I just hope we get into that night game."

As the only state finalist still

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Jim Reidenbach Is Named Net Captain

The basketball awards for 1960 were announced today by head coach Paul Bevelhimer. Senior Jim Reidenbach received the captain's star, by a vote of his teammates.

Varsity letters went to seniors Jim Gay, Bob Frahiger, and Reidenbach, who will be the only losses for coach Bevelhimer in building his 1960-61 squad.

Juniors John Cowan, Tom Grable, Stu Knodel, Jerry Rambo, and Ed Nelson, all received their "D" monograms. Denny Bollenbacher, Max Eichauer, Rudy and Ron Kleinknight, are the boys who gained letters.

Freshman awards went to Dave Magley, Dave Beery, Jim Martin, Bill Conrad, Ron Thieme, Steve Gause, Rex Strickler, Rusty Whetstone, Dave Gay, Bob McClure, Bob Ladd, Roger Bixler, Paul Feller, Dan Heller, and David Riegle. Coach Floyd Reed announced the freshman winners.

Lakers Beat Hawks, Even Playoff Series

By GARY KALE
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Bill Russell and Bob Cousy, the long and short of the Boston Celtics, were set to double-team the Philadelphia Warriors again tonight in their Eastern Division finals of the National Basketball Association playoffs.

Minneapolis evened its best-of-seven Western Division final playoff series with St. Louis Thursday night as Elgin Baylor's 40 points rallied the Lakers to a 120-113 victory over the Hawks.

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Muncie Seeks Record Fifth Championship

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The unbeaten Bearcats of coach John Longfellow hope to close out the season with a 29-game winning streak by besting strong Bloomington and the East Chicago Washington-Fort Wayne Central survivor to gain an unprecedented fifth state title for their hardwood-conscious school.

Although Muncie was favored—it was a prohibitive 7 to 1 pre-state tourney choice pick to succeed Indianapolis Attucks as champion—the three-game final was expected to be hard-fought.

Bloomington is 26-1, owns a 22-game winning streak and ranks fifth in the state.

East Chicago's West NIHSC titlists rank fourth, are 26-2 and their nucleus includes three players who measure 6-5. And Fort Wayne Central, 23-5, has been coming fast in recent weeks, rounding into top form in time for the month-long showdown. They were rated 15th at the end of the regular season.

Seek First Title

Of this foursome, only East Chicago is still looking for its first state crown. The Senators are in the state finals for only the second time and hope to become the second team to win top honors for the Calumet. Hammond Tech did it 20 years ago, and the area's last "final four" representative Gary Roosevelt, lost to Attucks in the championship game five years ago.

It'll be a "first" for the coach of the winning team, however, for none has ever helped cut down the nets in spacious Butler Fieldhouse.

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All-Awards Banquet Held At Monmouth

Nearly 185 people attended the all-awards banquet at the Monmouth school, Monday evening. Following the carry-in dinner, John Rosier, toastmaster for the evening, introduced Phil Eskew, superintendent of the Huntington schools, who was the main speaker for the evening. He presented a challenge to both students and parents to put forth their best efforts.

Thirty-seven awards were presented by the teachers: Don Elder, Jim Arnold, Mr. Gerig, Mrs. Herderhorst, and the principal, Mr. Rix.

Students receiving athletic awards were: Waldo Bultemeier, Richard Bultmann, Dan Bierberich, Eugene Bultmann, Michael Carr, Jack Miller, Roy Fuhrman, Loren Bierberich, Richard Bierberich, Don Brown, Dennis Braun, Jim Dave Singleton, Roger Spencer, Brien, Lonnie Buick, Carl Miller, Leroy Boerger, Don Busick, Kenneth Holter, Dave Caston, Kenneth Hockmeyer, and Tom Peck.

Cheerleading awards were presented to Joyce Busick, Roslyn Bultemeier, and James Fuhrman.

Band awards were received by Ann Seaman, Linda Kruetzman, Lila Kruetzman, Kent Girod, David Caston, Kenneth Fuhrman, Janene Linker, and Janet Shaffer.

Maxine Thieme and Marlin Blahey received dramatic awards. Shirley Bierberich received a Betty Crocker award, and Margaret Boerger was recognized as the Monmouth School DAR Girl and Adams County DAR Girl.

May Be Hobbed

While Mickey's current plight wasn't judged too serious, there is always the possibility the knee may hobble him more this year than in the past—and that's what has the Yankees worried.

Manager Casey Stengel fully realizes that in order for the Yankees to bounce back from their surprising third-place finish last year they will need a healthy Mantle in their lineup every day.

Thus far this spring, the former champs have looked woefully weak at the plate—scoring only seven runs in losing three of their first five exhibition games. They collected only two hits in a 3-0 loss to the Chicago White Sox Tuesday and were limited to three safeties in a 1-0 victory over the Washington Senators Wednesday.

Clubs Enjoy Break

The Yankees, along with seven other clubs based in Florida, enjoyed a break in their training grind Thursday when a heavy rain washed out four exhibition games.

However, in sunshiny Arizona the Cleveland Indians downed the Chicago Cubs, 4-3, on Rocky Colavito's fourth home run of the spring and the San Francisco Giants scored an uphill 4-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

The Kansas City Athletics set back the Baltimore Orioles, 3-2, in 10 innings at Miami and the White Sox edged the Senators, 1-0, at Sarasota as rookie pitchers Ed Hobaugh, Gary Peters and Stover McLain combined in turning in a one-hitter.

Describes Bell Hop

The bell hop, described by Walker as "about 18 years old, six feet tall, and black haired," appeared at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the hotel room shared by Walker and teammate Al Saunders. He bore a glass of orange juice for each from coach Chuck Orsonb.

Walker downed his glass immediately. Saunders didn't.

Walker began feeling ill "about seven o'clock." By game time at 7:30 p.m., he was suffering from cramps and diarrhea. He was in and out of the gams several times, playing only 26 minutes but scoring 27 points. After the game he was nauseated.

Despite his absence for 14 minutes, Walker shared star billing in the Braves' triumph with back-court ace Mike Owens, a red-haired speedball who devastated St. Bonaventure's vaunted "nervous press" defense.

Owens eluded the harrying Bonnies front-line defenders and invariably passed to the "loose man" deep downcourt. The Braves couldn't stop the Stith brothers from topping their 52-point per game average with 54 (34 for Tom, 20 for Sam) but the Bonnies petered out after trailing by only 61-59 with 9:30 remaining.

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Admit Poor Play

Providence reached the final with a 63-62 win over second-seeded Utah State in a contest both sides admitted was poorly played. The Friars fell into their old habit of blowing leads, this time 10 points, before five points by Jim Hadnot in the last 2:12 paced the win.

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Mantle's Knee Is Worry For New York Yanks

By TIM MORIARTY
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Although they won't admit it, the New York Yankees are becoming increasingly concerned over Mickey Mantle's chronic knee trouble.

The slugging outfielder pulled up with a badly inflamed right knee at the Yankees' St. Petersburg, Fla., training camp Thursday and was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

"There are no bone chips but the knee is inflamed and there is some fluid in there," said Dr. Sidney Gaynor, the team physician, who advised Mantle to "take it easy" for a few days.

Mantle had trouble with the same knee since the 1951 World Series when he ripped the inner cartilage so severely he had to undergo an operation. Additional leg trouble and shoulder miseries handicapped him last year, when he had his most disappointing season with the Yankees, hitting only .2