

College Basketball

Indiana 93, Illinois 82.
Purdue 85, Michigan State 74.
Ohio State 97, Wisconsin 74.
Iowa 61, Minnesota 43.
Northwestern 66, Michigan 56.
DePaul 78, Notre Dame 57.
Anderson 67, Kalamazoo 55.
Kentucky 80, Alabama 53.
Georgia Tech 83, Georgia 71.
Niagara 87, St. Bonaventure 77.
Kansas State 99, Missouri 71.
Kent State 97, Miami (O.) 89.
Miami (Fla.) 75, Florida State 73.
Nebraska 69, Kansas 68.
West Virginia 104, George Washington 90.
Cincinnati 73, North Texas State 43.
Auburn 41, Tennessee 38.
Bradley 64, Tulsa 62.
Wake Forest 109, South Carolina 83.
The Citadel 88, Davidson 64.
St. Louis 91, Wichita 78.

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"IT'S STUCK, WHO'S GOING TO GET IT DOWN?"—Gary Habegger and Denny Bollenbacher appear to be trying to loosen the basketball from its lodging in this action shot of the championship game. Waiting for their turn at getting the round object down are, Tom Grabill, Al Townsend, Stan Augsburger (behind Townsend) and John Cowan, (in front of Grabill).
—(Photo by Bob Theobald)

SPORTS

Tourney Notes

By Bob Shraluka

A total of 11 sectionals over the state didn't get to decide who the best team was due to the bad weather, but at Adams Central, the issue in this county was decided—the Bears of Berne!

After waiting through an afternoon game with Hartford, the Bears beat back every challenge of the Decatur Yellow Jackets at night to capture their second sectional championship in a row and third in the past four years.

The Jackets had advanced to the final round by eliminating a band of Adams Central Greyhounds, who were without a doubt the most improved team in the county, in a real wild donnybrook. For any fan allergic to whistles, the Jacket-Greyhound battle was no place to be.

The Bears will now move on to the regional at the War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, with a fine chance of adding more laurels to their already fine season. They will tangle with Garrett's Railroaders, a big, rugged team, also possessing a fine season record. But, the Garrett boys won't have their usual 20-point advantage since they won't be playing on their home floor.

The Decatur Yellow Jackets showed the best shooting percentage of the Saturday games in the only game of the tourney they lost, the championship battle. The Jackets showed a mark of .444 for the night game, but they took only 36 shots and hit 16.

The Bears, however, hit 22 field goals in the night game, firing 50 times for those 22, for a percentage of .440.

The Jackets hit 26 times on 60 shots or a .433 figure in the afternoon, Berne close behind with a mark of .423. The Bears fired 59 times and cashed 25 fielders.

Adams Central connected 25 times in 65 shots for a .385 figure, and Hartford was low for the Saturday contests, hitting only 16 of 54 tries from the field for a .296 figure.

For the two games, the Jackets hit at a .438 percentage, dropping in 42 buckets in 96 shots. The Bears hit at a .431 clip, canning 47 fielders in 109 shots.

Bob "Hooker" Walters, junior forward for the Yellow Jackets, who hit his peak during the sectional, led the "Saturday shooters" with an outstanding .700 percentage from the field in the night game. "Hook" took only 10 shots for his seven fielders in the night affair, practically all of them being "bombs" from the corners.

Four other boys, taking nine shots or more, hit better than .500 in Saturday games. Berne's Stan Augsburger hit on six of nine shots in the Hartford game for a .667 rating, while Rad Schwartz canned 10 of 18 in the same game for a mark of .556. John Cowan of the Yellow Jackets hit on eight of 14 shots in the afternoon battle for a .571 percentage and Claude Striker fired only 18 times for 11 "connections" and a .611 percentage, also in the afternoon.

Others hitting at or near the coveted .500 mark were: Denny Bollenbacher, 5 of 11 in the afternoon; Tom Grabill, 6 of 12 in the afternoon; Dick Habegger, 5 of 11 in the afternoon; Stan Augsburger, 4 of 8 at night.

For the two games, Schwartz hit 17 of 36; Augsburger, 10 of 17; Cowan, 10 of 19; Walters, 12 of 25; Bollenbacher, 7 of 19, and

Grabill, 8 of 20.

Rebounding-wise, Berne had the high team total on Saturday, grabbing 42 stray shots in the Hartford game, 17 offensive and 25 defensive. The Yellow Jackets picked off 10 offensive and 20 defensive rebounds in the afternoon battle, as compared to Adams Central's 19 offensive and 12 defensive "grabs" for a total of 41. Hartford was low in the afternoon with 26 retrieves, 8 offensive and 18 defensive.

Berne's great front line proved the difference at night as they captured 24 rebounds to only 12 for Decatur, that 12 being a tourney low. Berne totaled 16 offensive and eight defensive recoveries, while the Jackets could come up with only four offensive and eight defensive rebounds.

Tall and talented Rod Schwartz the tourney's leading scorer with 60 points for an exact 20-point average, also led the field in the rebounding department. The big veteran pulled down 29 stray shots in the three games in which he played, 15 of them offensive and 14 defensive.

Adams Central's Dick Habegger and Dick Smith, also of Berne, were right behind Schwartz. Habegger had 10 offensive rebounds and 16 defensive, including the one-game high of 16, for a total of 26, in only two games, while Smith had 26 "grabs" also, 13 off each board.

Decatur's Denny Bollenbacher, five to seven inches shorter than those mentioned above, also hit the 20 mark in rebounds, capturing six offensive and 14 defensive rebounds in three games for a total of 20.

Others in twin figures in the rebound department in total games were: Ininger, Berne, 19; Nussbaum, Berne, 17; Cowan, Jackets, 16; Jerry Hirschy, Adams Central, 16; Knittle, Adams Central, 15; Grabill, Jackets, 15; Walters, Jackets, 15; Striker, Adams Central, 15; Blythe, Commodores, 12; Death, Pleasant Mills 10.

Bob Theobald, Decatur high school senior who has been taking pictures at the games for the Daily Democrat, was "doubled up" Saturday night when Larry Anspaugh put in his usual appearance, taking pictures of the two remaining teams before the fracas got underway. Larry didn't have any trouble in getting the boys to smile, as a "few" of the fans were hollering that famous word, "Cheese."

Berne's biggest lead in the championship encounter came with four minutes left on the ball game when they owned a nine-point margin, 43-34. Decatur's only lead was with 5:42 left in the third stanza when Bob Walters scored off a perfect pass from Al Townsend to send the Jackets in front, 27-26.

The Bears' Gary Habegger did a fine job in holding Yellow Jacket Tom Grabill in the evening contest. He held Grabill to five points after the senior guard had scored 26 and 22 in his two previous games.

Max Eichenauer of the Yellow Jackets was probably disappointed before the night game even started. The fine quarterback of the Jacket quintet sprained an ankle in the afternoon and spent most of the warm-up period getting it worked on. He played the first period but had to be jerked, even though he was against it, as he was limping noticeably. Another junior, Al Townsend, did a terrific job in Ike's place

Sectional Scores

At Adams Central
Decatur 75, Adams Central 70
Berne 56, Hartford Center 39.
At Fort Wayne
Fort Wayne South 56, Huntertown 38.
Fort Wayne Central 58, Leo 46.
Fort Wayne Central 46 (final).

At Churubusco
Garrett 62, Fremont 57.
Angola 63, Butler 47.
Garrett 62, Angola 43 (final).

At Kendallville
Avilla 79, Wawaka 46.
Kendallville 55, Ligonier 45.
Kendallville 63, Avilla 46 (final).

At Bluffton
Petroleum 58, Hoagland 57.
Bluffton 71, Ossian 61.
Bluffton 43, Petroleum 30 (final).

At Portland
Dunkirk 84, Portland 66.
Redkey 43, Bryant 41.
Dunkirk 70, Redkey 58 (final).

At Columbia City
Milford 68, Claypool 50.
Columbia City 66, North Webster 46.
Columbia City 71, Milford 63 (final).

At Huntington
Huntington 76, Huntington Twp. 63.
Roanoke 38, Warren 36 (two overtimes).
Huntington 57, Roanoke 56 (final).

Big 'en Standings

Ohio State... 12 0 1.000 1021 756

Purdue... 9 2 .818 783 728

Iowa... 8 2 .800 661 583

Minnesota... 6 6 .500 776 786

Indiana... 5 5 .500 755 746

Northwestern... 5 6 .455 704 773

Illinois... 4 6 .400 766 808

Wisconsin... 2 8 .200 695 778

Mich. State... 2 10 .167 874 968

Michigan... 1 9 .100 637 744

though, making some beautiful passes.

The Jackets did a real good job of "trying" to defense Rod Schwartz, but even then they couldn't really put the clamps on the big boy. Rod performed throughout the sectional as he has all year, and for three years past, sensational. He scores the right bucket, at the right time, snares the right rebound at the right time, and can pass off with the best of them. When the Bears need some points to pull them through, Rod's the guy to whom they throw the ball. Here's hoping the talented center, and the whole Bear team, can play their best ball yet at the regional Saturday and come through with one more championship. Go get 'em Bears!

FINISHING TOUCHES

Adams Central took a long warm-up in the afternoon—the Decatur and Adams Central cheerblocks were really going at it before the Jacket-Greyhound battle trying to outyell each other—Adams Central failed to score until 4:50 left in the first period when Jerry Hirschy connected on a free throw—that was also their first rebound as Hirschy was bringing the ball down when he was fouled—the Jackets got the one and one at 1:24 of the first period—at 6:46 of the second quarter every Jacket regular had a personal—at 1:59 of the second period, every Jacket regular had two personals but Walters who had three—Grabill didn't score until the closing seconds of the second period in the afternoon when he canned two jumpers in a row, one just before the gun—he then scored the first two buckets of the third period for eight straight points—at 3:51 of the third period in the afternoon game, three Jacket regulars had four personals and the other two had three—Bollenbacher was the only Jacket to foul out though, leaving at 3:41 of the final period—Adams Central hit the first three buckets of the fourth period to put them back into the ball game—Claude Striker pumped in 12 points in the final period of the afternoon game—Stu Knodel's two "jump shot" free throws with 26 seconds iced the afternoon battle—Hartford didn't score until the 4:23 mark of the first stanza against Berne—after all the fouls called in the first game in the afternoon, there wasn't a personal called until 3:10 left in the first period of the second contest, and that was the only foul of the quarter—Hartford didn't commit a personal until 5:13 of the second stanza—the gym was packed to the rafters for the evening battle—Berne hit four of their first five shots at night—Berne called two times consecutively with 2:50 left in the final game—coach Bruce Smith sent a full team in with 15 seconds left in the championship encounter—SEE YOU AT THE COLISEUM!

Pro Basketball

Saturday's Scores
Philadelphia 139, Cincinnati 120.
Boston 122, St. Louis 109.
Sunday's Scores
Los Angeles 121, Philadelphia 116.
Boston 113, Detroit 99.
Syracuse 138, New York 110.
St. Louis 148, Cincinnati 122.

Hockey Results

National League
Montreal 3, New York 1.
Toronto 2, Detroit 2 (tie).
Chicago 7, Boston 2.
International League
Minneapolis 6, Omaha 5 (overtime).
Muskegon 3, St. Paul 1.

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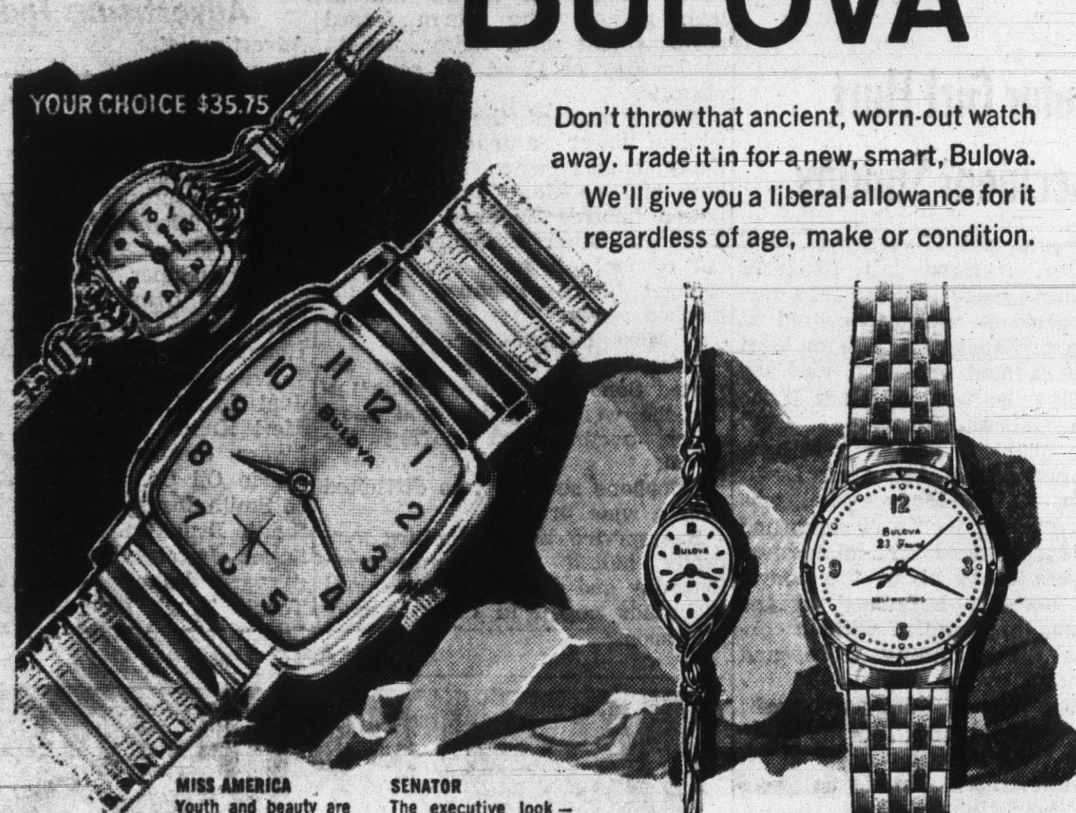
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