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Evansville Bosse May Be Tough Again In '63

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Don't be surprised if Evansville Bosse again is one of the top contenders for the Indiana high school basketball crown in 1963.

The new champs, on paper, at least, give every indication of fielding another tough crew. They lose sharpshooter Gary Greger and Trester Medal winner John Wilson from their starting five, but Coach Jim Myers will have a tremendous nucleus back—Ken Rakow, Gene Lockyear and Jerry Southwood.

All three had a mighty hand in bringing Bosse its third state title last Saturday.

Madison and East Chicago Washington won't be too badly off, either, but Kokomo, the 1961 champ and other tourney finalist this time, will turn over a new leaf.

Cox Is Back

Kokomo's Wildcats had only one junior on their tourney squad—6-1 Erwin Cox. He was the unlucky lad whose foul with 37 seconds left gave East Chicago its final opportunity to turn defeat into victory in Saturday's afternoon finals—and Eddie Perez promptly came through for the Calumet area powerhouse.

Kokomo's biggest loss, of course, will be 6-7 Jim Ligon, the mainstay of Coach Joe Plat's quintet.

Madison also loses its No. 1 player—Larry Humes—along with Gail Good and Gary O'Neal. But Coach Bud Ritter has Howard Humes, Larry Cheatham, John Perry and Ed Sudlow back—enough to carry on.

Classy Bobby Miles will be missing at East Chicago, as will John Blanchard, Perez and Bob Kragulac. But 6-8 Rich Mason, speedster Bernie Rivers and Willie Askew will return.

Watch Anderson

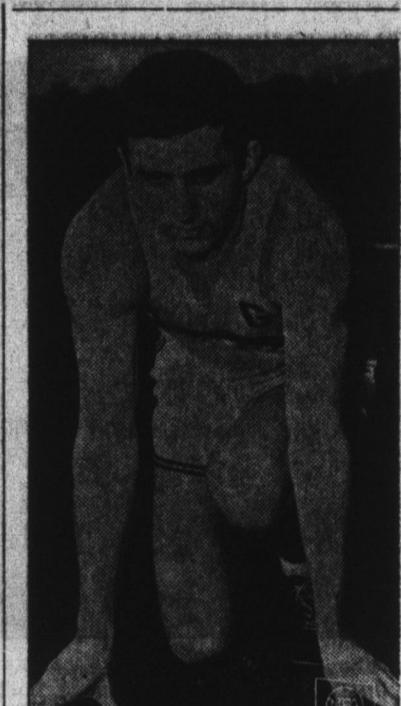
There'll be many other toughies, of course, and their coaches already were busy mapping plans.

Watch out for Anderson, for instance. First-year coach Ray Estes did a tremendous job with a starting outfit that included four sophomores—among them Steve Clever and Eddie Fuller. Football star Tom Seal will be gone, but the Indians will be loaded with talent.

Rex Mundie and North will again be tough in Evansville, a sure sign that the Pocket City sectional next February will be as rugged as this year.

And with many additional consolidations in the making, thus reducing the starting field, it's a cinch more small-town toughies will bid for the crown in future years.

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OVERCOMES HANDICAP—James R. Macfadden, Hollywood, Calif., was named "1961 Athlete of the Year" by the American Athletic Association of the Deaf. Jim starred in track and football while attending Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C.

NIT Resumes Play Tonight In Two Games

NEW YORK (UPI) — St. John's and Bradley, two seeded teams, are favored to win tonight and advance into the semifinal of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden.

St. John's is the heavy choice over Holy Cross while Bradley is a slight favorite over Duquesne in quarter-final games. The winners then will meet Thursday night after Dayton plays Loyola of Chicago on the same program.

The Redmen, rated No. 1 in the East, have won the NIT championship three times while the Braves from Peoria, Ill., have captured two titles. Both teams drew first round byes in the current tourney.

Foley HC's Star

St. John's will be out to stop Holy Cross' high-scoring Jack (The Shot) Foley, who scored 34 points in the Crusaders' 72-71 opening round victory over Colorado State.

Coach Joe Lapchick of St. John's says, "Maybe I should tell my five guys to cover the other four guys on Holy Cross and let Jack Foley roam. After all, he's going to score 30 to 50 points anyway no matter what we do."

Foley averaged more than 33 points a game as runnerup to the nation's top scorer, Bill McGill of Utah, this season.

Depend On Ellis

St. John's will depend on 6-10 Leroy Ellis to provide it with rebounding and scoring strength.

Lapchick said he plans to use rugged Willie Hall or Kevin Loughery on the stringbean Foley.

Bradley, representing the tough Missouri Valley Conference, will rely on All-America Chet (The Jet) Walker in trying to avenge an early season loss to Duquesne.

Backing up Walker, the Braves have 6-8 Dick Peterson and 6-5 Ed Wodka.

Willie Somersett, a 5-9 bundle of energy is the eye-catcher for the Iron Dukes, who downed Navy, 70-58, in the first round. Duquesne's tallest operatives are 6-6 Clyde Arnold and 6-6 Paul Benec.

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Birdie Hopes To Get Braves Back In Front

BRADENTON, Fla. (UPI) — Birdie Tebbets has jumped from the front office to the field—and maybe into the frying pan—in an attempt to get the Milwaukee Braves back to the top of the National League.

He could do it, but the odds are against it.

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Bobby Nichols Wins At St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UPI) — Bobby Nichols shot a near record 64 Monday and collect \$2,000 his first tournament victory on the PGA tour since turning pro in 1960.

The 25-year-old golfer from Midland, Tex., came from behind to nose out another Texan, Frank Boynton of Corpus Christi, by two strokes to win the \$2000 St. Petersburg Open with a four-round 272. His 64 was eight under par.

Nichols displaying brilliant iron shots, missed breaking the course record at the Lakewood Country Club by a single stroke. The record is held by a number of pros, including Ben Hogan.

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Yankees Take 9th Straight Win Of Spring

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The New York Yankees and the Cincinnati Reds, last year's World Series rivals, are headed in opposite directions on the spring training trail.

The Yankees have gone unbeaten in their first 9 exhibitions while the Reds have won only 3 of 10 tuneups, lending some support to those experts who claim Manager Fred Hutchinson's crew will have plenty of trouble defending the National League championship this year.

At this stage of their training last spring, the Yankees had won only one of nine games and Manager Ralph Houk was worried. Now Houk is smiling and the rest of the American League managers are worried, for the champs are winning most of their exhibitions with "fringe" players.

Bob Turley, Gary Blaylock, Hal Stowe and Frank Carpin shared the pitching Monday as the Yankees blasted the Milwaukee Braves, 10-4, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Of the four hurlers, only Turley probably will be with the club on opening day.

Marty Doubles, Triples

The big right-hander, hampered most of last season by a sore arm, worked the first two innings against the Braves, giving up a pair of scratch hits but no runs.

Roger Maris' double and triple and Bobby Richardson's three singles paced New York's 14-hit attack.

The Reds, meanwhile, dropped a 5-4 decision to the St. Louis Cardinals at Tampa. The Cards scored their first two runs without the benefit of a hit off Jim Maloney, who doled out seven walks in the first three innings.

Curt Flood's double and a single by Ken Boyer accounted for the Cards' winning run in the sixth. Frank Robinson hit a two-run homer for the Reds.

The New York Mets, like the Reds, also can't win for losing. The new National League entrant suffered its fifth straight defeat, 10-4, to the Baltimore Orioles.

Brooks Robinson, who had tripped to open the fifth inning, scored the only run when shortstop Eli Chacon made a hurried, wide throw to the plate after fielding an Etchebarren's difficult bouncer.

Dodgers Win Seventh

The Washington Senators almost blew a 15-0 lead in scrapping to a 15-12 victory over the Chicago White Sox. The Senators gained their big lead with the help of homers by Pete Daley, Dale Long and Chuck Hinton before the White Sox erupted for six runs in the eighth and another half-dozen in the ninth.

The Los Angeles Dodgers took over as the National League's best spring training team by downing the Kansas City Athletics, 4-1, for their 7th victory in 11 games. Blanked over the first seven innings, the Dodgers