

Commodores, Monmouth Tangle In County Meet Opener Next Thursday

The Decatur Catholic Commodores and Monmouth Eagles will do battle in the opening round of the Adams county tournament Thursday, Jan. 10, according to pairings drawn Thursday noon at a luncheon meeting of the principals of the eight county high schools.

Six teams will compete in this year's tournament at the Adams Central gymnasium, with a new innovation of a Saturday night consolation game added to the tournament.

The Commodores and Monmouth will battle at 7 p.m. Thursday, with Geneva's Cardinals tangling with the Greyhounds of Adams Central in the 8:15 p.m. game Thursday.

Hartford's Gorillas and the Pleasant Mills Spartans drew the two byes, and will not play until 2:15 p.m. Saturday, when they will play the second semi-final game.

Thurs. Winners Play
The Thursday evening winners will play at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with the Spartan-Gorilla contest at 2:15 p.m.

The Saturday afternoon losers will play in the consolation match at 7 o'clock Saturday night, with the championship game to be played at 8:15 p.m.

The principals of the respective schools, including Decatur high school and Berne, met Thursday noon. In addition to the draw, plans and arrangements were discussed for the county tourney.

Proposed by principal Byron K. Bunker of Hartford, the consolation game drew the unanimous vote of the six principals whose schools have teams entered in the affair.

Decatur high school does not compete in the tourney, and neither does Berne, who dropped out of the tourney this season to play in the Columbia City holiday tourney which the Bears won last week.

Ticket Sales
Tickets will go on sale at the six competing schools Monday. Season tickets are priced at \$2, and are good for the entire tournament. Single session tickets are priced at 75 cents each.

Rev. Charles Ueber, athletic director at Decatur Catholic, is in charge of the meet. The Decatur

school is host for this year's tournament.

The Decatur Daily Democrat donates the championship trophy. The principals discussed the possibility of presenting a runner-up trophy with the game ball going to the winner of the consolation match. No decision was reached on a runner-up trophy, however. The school sportsmanship trophy will again be presented by Robert Monnier.

Bill Goshert of Warsaw and Jim Lee of Fort Wayne will be the officials for the tourney.

Practice Schedules

Practice schedules at the 2,300 seating capacity Adams Central gym were also set up Thursday. Monmouth will practice from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, and Decatur Catholic from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the same evening. Geneva will practice from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, and Hartford from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Pleasant Mills will hold a practice session from either 8 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, or 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday. Adams Central will use its regular practice time.

Programs for the tournament will be prepared again this year by the Monroe Lions club.

Four Teams To Play In Reserve Tourney

Pairings for a four-team reserve team tournament were drawn Thursday noon by principals of the four competing schools.

Entered in the tournament will be reserve squads from Monmouth, Geneva, Berne, and Adams Central. Games will be played January 7 and 8 at the Berne gym.

The tourney will open Monday at 6 p.m., with Monmouth and Geneva meeting in the first game. Berne and Adams Central will clash at 7 p.m. Monday night. Losers will play at 6 o'clock Tuesday night and the championship game will be played at 7 p.m.

All games will be played in the Berne-French high school gymnasium. Tickets are priced at 50 cents per session.

Semi-State Sites

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Semi-state assignments for the Indiana high school basketball tourney March 16:

Evansville — Winners at Evansville, Huntington Jeffersonville, Terre Haute.

Fort Wayne — Winners at Elkhart, Fort Wayne, Kokomo, Marion.

Indianapolis — Winners at Columbus, Connersville, Indianapolis, New Castle.

Lafayette — Winners at Covington, East Chicago, Lafayette, Logansport.

Winners at the four semi-state centers clash at Butler Fieldhouse Indianapolis, March 23, for the title.

Week's Schedule For Adams County Basketball Teams

Friday
New Haven at Yellow Jackets. Commodores at Monroeville. Geneva at Monmouth.
Saturday
Pleasant Mills at Ohio City, O. Hartford at Crestview, O.
Sunday
Hartford at Geneva.
Bishop Luers at Monmouth.
Auburn at Berne (3 p.m.)

Tourney Sites Are Announced By IHSAA

By KURT FREUDENTHAL
United Press International

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—It's the smallest field in 40 years, but Indiana's 53rd annual high school basketball tourney in all probability will be a record-buster—at least from the standpoint of attendance and receipts.

And since it takes money—a lot of it—to run the state's schoolboy athletic program, it's a cinch school officials from the IHSAA on down are just waiting for the dough roll in.

The records appeared virtually assured if only because 3,221 more seats are available from the sectionals to the semi-state tourneys. The IHSAA late Thursday also announced nine tourney site changes—seven on the sectional level and two regional—but most of them were routine.

However, Terre Haute bagged a regional for the first time in at least 30 years—for the first time in the memory of IHSAA officials. That regional was held in Martinsville last year.

Use New Gym
First-round changes were Clay City to Spencer, Clinton to Rockville, Covington to Williamsport, Franklin to Whiteland, Knox to Winamac, and Portland to Hartford City. Warsaw has the only new high school gym being utilized.

The other regional switch was Greencastle to Covington.

The IHSAA, as previously advertised, said a field of 639 was expected to start firing Feb. 27 for the title won by Evansville Bosse last time. The total is 21 less than last year, thanks to consolidations and discontinuance of schools. It is also the smallest since 1923 when 596 teams competed.

Only three schools were listed as first-time participants—Evansville Harrison, Muncie South and Hammond Gavitt, which was a modified school last year and thus ineligible to compete.

Total seating capacity for the 85 tourneys was announced at 479,707, compared with 476,486 last year when 1,535,256 fans forked over \$1,044,850 to watch the month-long grind.

Capacity Up
The 64 sectionals have a seating capacity of 297,431, compared with 296,109 a year ago; the 16 regionals 121,060, compared with 119,203, and the four semi-states 46,273, compared with 46,231.

There was no change in the state finals seating capacity at the Butler Fieldhouse here—still 14,943.

So each sectional has a minimum of eight teams, 10 schools were transferred to different tourneys. They were:

South Whitley and Sidney, from Columbia City to Manchester.

Stendal and Spurgeon, from Huntington to Boonville.

South Caston, from Logansport to Peru.

Rochester, from Plymouth to Peru.

English, from Salem to Tell City.

Greenfield, Hancock Central and Vernon, from Greenfield to New Castle.

Hockey Results

National League
Montreal 4, Boston 1.
International League
St. Paul 6, Port Huron 3.

Pro Basketball

NBA Results
New York 123, Syracuse 115.

Stan Musial, Al Kaline Sign 1963 Contracts

By United Press International

The St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers have shelled out \$122,000 for two players and consider it a "steal" because the men who will receive the money are Stan Musial and Al Kaline.

Musial, amazingly fit and looking much younger than 42, signed his 22nd contract with the Cardinals for a reported \$70,000, the same salary he made last year. And the 28-year-old Kaline, who was given a raise by the Tigers, signed his 11th contract with them Thursday for an estimated \$52,000.

The Boston Red Sox also signed four of their key players in pitcher Dick Radatz, shortstop Ed Bressoud, outfielder Lou Clinton and catcher Bob Tillman.

Just Ran Mile

Musial rather startled newsmen who showed up at the Cardinals' offices for his signing by revealing he had just come in from running a mile "just for exercise" and that he might even decide to play again in 1964 if he hits .300 this year.

Stan the Man batted .330 the past season. Among other records he needs only three more extra base hits to tie Babe Ruth's record.

Only four pounds over his usual playing weight of 180, Musial said he thought he "can play 100 games easily" this year.

And if his hitting stands up, he said "I would think of playing" again the year after this one.

Cardinal owner August A. Busch, Jr., repeated there would be a job for Musial in the club's front office after he hangs up his spikes for good.

Kaline was as happy over his contract as Musial was over his. "Considering the circumstances," said the Detroit outfielder, "it's the best I've ever had."

Refers to Collarbone
The circumstance Kaline undoubtedly referred to was the broken collarbone he suffered while making a diving catch to save a game at Yankee Stadium last May 26. He was out of action almost two months but he still batted .304 and hit 28 homers.

"My arm feels as good as it ever did," Kaline said. "In fact, it might be stronger because I worked harder this winter to get it in shape."

Kaline said that a couple of fingers on his right hand were numb even at the end of the season, "but on our trip to Japan the hand started coming around again."

The Red Sox' signings were announced during the first showing of the World Series' movie in Boston. Among the viewers was Giant pitcher Jack Sanford, who lives in Duxbury, Mass.

Purdue Coach Foresees Tough Season Ahead

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UPI)—Purdue, lacking height and minus All-America Terry Dischinger, is playing more pattern basketball to get the job done this season.

Even so, coach Ray Eddy indicated the Boilermakers will have a tough time matching last year's 17-7 record and third-place finish in the Big Ten.

Still, he said he was "well pleased" with the team's pre-conference play, which ended Wednesday night with an 89-79 victory over Drake and a 5-4 record.

"I thought the record might be 4-5," said Eddy, "but the boys have done an exceptional job—especially against Drake."

With nothing but 14 conference foes plus Notre Dame left on the schedule, it could be a long, cold winter, said Eddy.

"We don't have a big man to get the ball off the boards," he said. "For the past three seasons we pretty much depended on Dischinger getting the job done for us. Without him, we are forced to go to more pattern basketball."

Center Tom Pritchard is Purdue's tallest starter at 6-6, and that's not very tall in these days of skyscraper rebounders.

"We just don't have it in the height department, but we hope to offset this with speed and shooting," said Eddy.

In nine games, Purdue's shooting from the floor has averaged about 46 per cent, and that should be good enough to win most

Regional Sites

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Regional assignments for the Indiana high school basketball tourney March 9:

Columbus — Winners at Columbus, Greensburg, Madison, Whiteland.

Connersville — Winners at Connersville, Milan, Rising Sun, Rushville.

Covington — Winners at Crawfordsville, Greencastle, Rockville, Williamsport.

East Chicago — Winners at Chesterton, East Chicago, Gary, Michigan City.

Elkhart — Winners at Elkhart, Plymouth, South Bend, Warsaw.

Evansville — Winners at Boonville, Evansville, Princeton, Tell City.

Fort Wayne — Winners at Adams Central, Angola, Fort Wayne, Kendallville.

Huntingburg — Winners at Huntington, Sullivan, Vincennes, Washington.

Indianapolis — Winners at Anderson, Brownsburg, Indianapolis, Southport.

Jeffersonville — Winners at Bedford, Jeffersonville, Salem, Seymour.

Kokomo — Winners at Carmel, Kokomo, Manchester, Peru.

Lafayette — Winners at Clinton Central, Kentland, Lafayette, Zionsville.

Logansport — Winners at Logansport, Monon, Rensselaer, Winamac.

Marion — Winners at Bluffton, Hartford City, Huntington, Marion.

New Castle — Winners at Muncie, New Castle, Richmond, Winchester.

Terre Haute — Winners at Martinsville, Spencer, Switz City, Terre Haute.

Reserve Team Meet Here On Saturday
The Decatur high school will be host to a four-school reserve team tourney at the Decatur gym Saturday morning and afternoon. Decatur will play Hartford City at 9:15 a.m., followed by Portland and Bluffton.

The consolation game will be played at 1:15 p.m., followed by the championship tilt. Admission will be 25 cents per session.

Commodores To Sell Tickets On Monday
County tourney tickets will go on sale at Decatur Catholic high school Monday at 7 p.m. Rev. Charles Geber, athletic director, said this morning.

Tickets will be sold at the school office Monday evening, and during school hours Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets, priced at \$2 per session ticket and 75 cents for single sessions, will also be on sale at the Knights of Columbus lodge.

Adams Central Site Of Sectional Meet
The eight Adams county high school basketball teams will meet in the sectional tourney at the Adams Central gym the last week in February, according to tourney sites announced Thursday night by the Indiana high school athletic association.

It will be the ninth year in a row for the sectional to be held at Adams Central. The local sectional has been a strictly Adams county affair since 1940 after construction of the new Decatur high school. The Berne Bears are defending sectional champions, having won for the last three years.

games.

"Overall, we have better shooting and that's probably a good thing," said Eddy. He figured in some games his boys will get only one shot at a time at the basket, mostly from the outside.

Eddy has balanced shooting, led by junior guard Mel Garland, who is averaging better than 20 points, including a season high of 30 against Drake. Sophomore Ron Hughes is hitting around 15 a game and soph. Rod Hicks and junior Phil Dawkins about 10 apiece.

Garland, Hughes, Pritchard, Dawkins and Bob Purkhiser comprise the starting unit and all will be back next year.

All told, Eddy plans to use 8 or 9 players a game, with the strategy built around setting up screens for good shots. The system worked well for Purdue against both Butler and Drake.

Eddy figured Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio State will be the top threats for the Big Ten title and his boys get a crack at one of these four in their home loop opener against Wisconsin Saturday. He wouldn't predict how his club will finish—except that it'll be a tough season, "but we'll surprise someone along the line."

DHS Wrestlers Score Shutout At Manchester

Decatur high school's wrestling team romped to its third win of the 1962-63 season Thursday evening, pinning a 60-0 "shutout" on Manchester, at the latter's gymnasium.

The match was all Decatur, as all twelve local wrestlers pinned their Manchester opponents in the convincing display of power.

The "shutout" win was even more convincing than the 35-5 score by which Decatur whipped Manchester here two weeks ago. Only one of the Decatur winners, Manny Ybarra, needed all three periods in which to pin his opponent.

3-1 Record
The win gives Decatur a three win, one loss record for the current season. Next Thursday, January 10, they will tackle their toughest opponent of the year, as coach Gary Glessler's lads entertain rugged Muncie Central at the Decatur gym.

The Decatur team is also entered in the New Haven four-way invitational tourney, to be held Saturday, January 12, at the Bulldog gym.

Mark Corral, 95-pounder, got the Decatur team off on the right foot Thursday evening, when he pinned Carter of Manchester with only 11 seconds elapsed in the second, two-minute period.

Tom Arnold of Decatur gained "sweet vengeance" in the 154 pound division when he needed only 55 seconds to pin Howard of the host school.

Arnold Quick Victor
Arnold was the only Decatur wrestler who failed to win in the first meet with Manchester, but quickly erased that memory Thursday evening, ending his match quickly for his varsity win.

Dave Adams, second man on the mat for Decatur, needed only 1:27 of the first period to pin his opponent, and Alan Kalver went in to the second period, but used only 30 seconds in the period to pin Ron Banculla.

Gary Myers pinned his opponent with only 38 seconds gone in the second period, and then Ybarra built up a commanding lead in points before pinning Ben Bumgardner with 1:37 remaining in his match.

Kenny Hill of Decatur pinned Spacy of Manchester at the 1:14 mark of the second period, after Neil Butcher had pinned his opponent with only 18 seconds gone in the second period.

Sam Baumann made quick work of Manchester's Ream, pinning him in only 55 seconds. Arnold then duplicated Baumann's feat in his class.

Decatur's Deane Lehman needed the first period and 53 seconds

of the second period to pin Clevenger of Manchester, and Larry Reinking needed only a minute and a half to pin Smith of Manchester.

Hazelwood Winner
Big Steve Hazelwood once again put the "icing on the cake" when he pinned Whitlsey of Manchester in only 38 seconds. Hazelwood had pinned the same opponent in only 36 seconds in their previous match. He thus has pinned the same opponent twice in two matches, requiring only a total of one minute and 14 seconds. Summary:

95 pounds—Corral (D) pinned Carter (M), 0:11 of second period.

103 pounds—Adams (D) pinned Howard (M), 1:27 of first period.

112 pounds—Kalver (D) pinned Banculla (M), 0:30 of second period.

120 pounds—Myers (D) pinned Inman (M), 0:38 of second period.

127 pounds—Ybarra (D) pinned Bumgardner (M), 1:37 of third period.

133 pounds—Butcher (D) pinned Voigt (M), 0:18 of second period.

138 pounds—Hill (D) pinned Spacy (M), 1:14 of second period.

145 pounds—Baumann (D) pinned Ream (M), 0:55 of first period.

154 pounds—Arnold (D) pinned Howard (M), 0:55 of first period.

165 pounds—Lehman (D) pinned Clevenger (M), 0:53 of second period.

180 pounds—Reinking (D) pinned Smith (M), 1:30 of first period.

Heavyweight — Hazelwood (D) pinned Whitlsey (M), 0:38 of first period.



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