



RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF August seems a strange time to really think about football on a serious basis, but with the All-Star game last Friday, the cue is extended for the pros to get to work for their season that opens on September 16.

BUT MORE DIRECTLY CONCERNED is the fact that the local high schools and all the high schools of Indiana that play football will be starting their practice sessions on Wednesday, August 15. This is the date set by the Indiana State Athletic Association for the opening of practice. Actual games will begin in the last week of August for many and early in September for the rest.

FOOTBALL ON THE HIGH school level is a good sport. It is a sport in which many can compete, not limiting a team to ten or 15 players, but with a B team schedule, 60 and 70 boys is not too many. Football is a good conditioner sport, perhaps too good for some of the high school boys of today as they seem to be immunized to a little harder effort.

HOWEVER, ONCE IT'S HERE it is here to stay. Looking at the two schools involved directly, North Liberty and Walkerton, we see two different cases. North Liberty, through the backing of a Football Booster's Club and complete cooperation of all concerned, has fielded a good football team in their four or five years. Meanwhile, they have gotten a playing field and a complete line of equipment.

WALKERTON, ON THE OTHER hand, does not have it so good. They didn't go at it with the same vigor and vitality and the results show. The sport has been dropped except on a varsity basis, once again leaving a big vacancy where the kids should be learning the fundamentals and style of play instead of standing on the sidelines and watching the high school boys play. Then when they do get in high school, they are a couple of years behind

and start on the fundamentals and so forth when they should be buckling down to some good hard play.

HOWEVER, SEVERAL things must be considered in this line of thought. One is money. Football is an expensive sport. Two is the future. No one can truthfully say what the future holds in store for either school. Maybe the North Liberty and Walkerton high school buildings will be junior highs in another couple of years. Maybe the Liberty Township students from 9th or 10th grades up will be riding buses into South Bend. Walkerton may be traveling to a new school conveniently located between Lincoln Township and Polk Township, their reorganization companion.

NOW THE QUESTION IS, should we spend money on a football field and maybe not even be able to use it in another year or two? The equipment can always be used, but a properly built field costs thousands of dollars. This has been proven in two cases close to home. Bremen had all the work hired except a very small portion that was donated by heavy duty equipment. Their costs totaled \$22,500. Meanwhile, New Carlisle did all the work themselves except the lights and used the same set-up for leveling the field and still put \$8,500 in their field. However, Bremen has a fine field and New Carlisle an average playing area.

BUT LAYING THIS ASIDE, both Walkerton and North Liberty have varsity schedules again this year. Walkerton, with definitely the weaker and smaller team last year, has two real hurdles on their schedule, Knox and Nappanee. This shouldn't be as they are definitely out of their class in these two games. Meanwhile, North Liberty meets teams more their own caliber, which will give the boys a good competitive game all season long.

THE MAIN THING AT hand now is getting the boys out.

Sure there is a little work involved in football and a few bumps and bruises, but it is proven basically a safe sport with proper equipment and training and certainly one that can lead to many an enjoyable moment and good conditioning for all who participate.

## Pony League Wins Baseball Division Title

The Walkerton Pony League baseball team won the Eastern Division title of the Kankakee Valley Pony League as they compiled an overall 10 and 2 record. This is baseball for boys 12 to 14 years of age.

The Walkerton team will now play off with the Western Division winners, the Kingsford Heights Blue Jays, who compiled a similar 10 and two record. These teams have met once this year with Kingsford Heights winning.

The play-off will begin Friday night on the Walkerton diamond and the series is best two out of three. The Saturday night game will be at Kingsford Heights with the third game if necessary, at Walkerton on Sunday. All games will start at 6:00 p.m.

Bob Gardner and Melvin Divine are the Walkerton coaches. They have taken the former Junior League players and made this a very successful ball team.



QUEBEC CITY, Canada — Joe K. Brown Jr., airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Brown Sr., of Route 2, Walkerton is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid, which visited Quebec City, Canada, July 20.

The visit was made for recre-

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