

PLANS FOR NET TOURNEYS WORKED OVER AT SESSION OF STATE BOARD

High School Basket Meet Entries Set New Record

Secretary Trester Announces 512 of 629 I. H. S. A. A. Members Will Compete in 1921 Court Battles—Indianapolis Assured Sectional and Championship Play—Local Winners in Indiana Regional—Abbot Is New President.

THIRTY-TWO SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS LIKELY

By CHARLES LOGAN.

All entry records for the Indiana State High School Athletic Association basketball championship tournament will be shattered with the eleventh annual meet, which is to be concluded here March 18 and 19 next. This information came to light at a meeting of the board of control of the I. H. S. A. at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis.

Although the association has grown bigger and stronger every year since its organization, this past year has been a bumper one for enrollments and the membership list has now swelled above the fondest expectations of the directors. Permanent Secretary A. Trester announced at the board meeting that 512 entries had been received in the association, against 512 members at this time last year, which shows an increase of 112 schools. The coming tournament will bring in less than 100 entries, together, a competition with last season's mark of 433 was considered a record that would stand for some time.

Statistics show that the Indiana section is facing a problem which is a pleasure, one of staging the championship round of the biggest basketball tournament the country has ever known.

JOINT COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK.

This tournament must not only be conducted successfully, but the teams and fans must be taken care of in better style than either Purdue or Indiana University has ever been able to handle. The joint committee, consisting of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Butler College and Manual, Shortridge and Technical High Schools is already hard at work on plans for staging the tournament, and the joint committee doubtless will be able to do justice to the slogan of "Once at Indianapolis, Always at Indianapolis," which will be carried out.

Forty-six invitations for sectional meets were issued to the members of the board yesterday by Secretary Trester. This breaks another record, but the board would have been hard up if it didn't because there will be 512 entries in the tournament this March. Last season twenty-six districts accommodated all entries, but Trester stated yesterday that it is a certainty that there will be thirty-two sections this year, possibly more.

The entry lists have not yet closed and the already assured number of 512 entries may be raised considerably before the books are closed.

The first six sectional invitations come from cities well scattered throughout the State and all of them appear qualified to handle the play in their respective sections. Seven districts, however, were not included yesterday, but no definite step was taken, as the board was hard pushed with other matters of importance that demanded immediate attention.

INDIANAPOLIS IS SIEVE OF SECTIONAL.

Indianapolis is the only city in the State at this time that is sure of a sectional. The local meet will be staged at the Coliseum and sixteen teams, which have not yet been designated, will compete for the honors.

The district meets are to be held March 4 and 5, the regional play at Indiana and Purdue will be held March 12, and the championship meetings will be fought out on March 18 and 19. The idea of this regional play, as was been previously explained, will eliminate sixteen of the sectional's, thus, with only one game of each so that the physical strain of the championship fights will be decreased.

The board, however, again during the first part of January, to award the sectional and announce the date for the closing of the entry lists. The boundary lines for the Purdue and Indiana regions will also be named at this meeting. Indications at this time point to the In-

ditional.

Pro Gridders on Coast

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Bart Nelson, the old-time lightweight champion, is going to be a referee. The famous Battler has filed his application with the boxing commission to get the necessary permit in a few days.

When the hero of a hundred fights visited the offices of the commission today he expressed absolute confidence in his ability to handle the indicator and call them as they should.

SOFT ONE FOR WELCH.

NEWARK, Dec. 29.—Freddie Welsh, former lightweight champion, celebrated his return to the ring here by stopping Willie Green, Boston, in four rounds. Green failed to come out for the fifth round on the pretense of a wrench. Physicians pronounced him uninjured and the referee declared Welsh the winner.

CHINCH IS WINNER.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 29.—George Washington, the San Francisco, Calif., bantamweight, was given a referee's decision in an eight-round bout with "Young" Jack Dempsey of Memphis here last night.

JACK DEPARTS FOR COAST.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 29.—Jack Dempsey, for the first time Tuesday, officiated as referee in a boxing bout Monday night, arranged as a testimonial to Walter D. Bratz, former local sports editor. More than \$3,000 was realized for the widow and her two children.

FANTAMS MEET TONIGHT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Jack Sharkey and Roy Moore, the St. Paul bantams, will battle for a chance at the crown recently won by Joe Lynch when they meet in a fifteen-round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight.

FITZ SHADES DILLON.

SAFANTON, Texas, Dec. 29.—Young Fitzsimmons of Oklahoma City shaded Jack Dillon of Indianapolis in twelve rounds.

FULTON NOT SATISFIED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Tom O'Rourke, manager of the Fulton, calls attention to the omission of the name of the Minnesota plasterer from the list of heavyweights that Jack Dempsey says he will meet.

"Fulton deserves another chance if Brennan got out," he said. "Fulton is the only heavyweight who had the courage to meet Harry Wills and he wants another crack at Dempsey."

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—Bryan Downey Columbus and George Chip, former middleweight champion, will box ten rounds here January 7. The weight will be 160 pounds at 3 o'clock.

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