

# Gossip From Spring Baseball Camps, Bowling, Boxing, Amateurs and Other Sports

## Indianapolis Athletics Need Earlier Attention

High School Coaches Send Out Appeal for Grade School Competition — Suggest Intercity Competition Under Recreation Department Jurisdiction — Local Schools Also Face Gymnasium Troubles.

By CHARLIE LOGAN.

"What Indianapolis needs is grade school athletics, kindergarten basketball and cooperation other than that of sideline cheering. When this comes, and not before then, Indianapolis will have better basketball, better football, better baseball, better athletic teams, championship teams." This is the reply sent out by the coaches at the three Indianapolis high schools to the question, "What are the schools that have tried in their direction for some time, especially during the last season?

Indianapolis basketball teams and Indianapolis coaches have, at different times, lined up one side and down the other for their failure to cop a State championship, or go big in the State tournaments, or to beat out the "line and a half" small schools, "one-half schools," have been pointed out to the Indianapolis athletics as models.

In some cases there are only boys on the basketball teams, there are in school, yet the team meets with wonderful success. "What's the big reason?" the Indianapolis people ask. "Grade school athletics and public cooperation," the coaches reply.

Take the case of almost any small town, or fairly large town, around the State that turns out basketball teams.

It is almost every instance you will find the youngsters playing basketball and other games almost from the time they are able to walk. The grade schoolers, the ginnies, the ones who use the gymnasiums in these town and they are regular "floor dwellers." If they have twenty minutes between classes, in summer, they are on the basketball court, or out on the outdoor courts that are common in the country.

No real stars are developed, or at least never become developed, in this grade school play, but it has been proven beyond all question of doubt that this training brings to the front what little basket skill a boy has in him. He learns how to handle a ball, how to pass it, how to pass English to the ball, how to handle a ball, how to shoot without falling all over himself. He gets a fair idea of how to turn, dribble, guard and other little things that are necessary in basketball.

**COACH THEN TAKES CHARGE.**

Then when the boy gets out of grade school, comes under the care of the high school coach, and the mentor soon can tell whether or not he is going to amount to anything as a player. If he has the ability, whatever it does not take the coach long to bring it out, with the early training he has picked up by experience, and the boy is soon a star, or at least soon becomes a star.

What about the Indianapolis grade school students? Fully 90 per cent of them never have a chance to put in a good deal of work, or if they have the chance they are not aware of it. Hence, they go into high school as green as grass, in matters of basket ball.

We have the middle of Indianapolis team sends out his call for court material, what does he get? A lot of green, but willing workers, who have to go along and get the education, and the best way he can, teaching practically every youngster under his wing even the smallest little detail of the game. The grade schoolers, the ginnies, the ones who could really coach the grade school gradate of Indianapolis when he first goes out for high school basket ball.

This big difficulty may easily be remedied, so we have to wait until it becomes a great surprise that nobody has noticed or spoken of it before until the local coaches grew weary of being the targets of very few finishing touches.

He's the proposition. At this time practically every community, every parish, in Indianapolis has one or more basketball teams. Basket ball is a found in the basement attics of a great many churches in the city. The youngsters are beginning to use these floors and in a few years a great rise in the caliber of local school basketball is predicted by the local schoolers.

**WOULD ORGANIZE REGULAR LEAGUES.**

Now, the people want to know is why grade school basket ball is not given some attention. They would like to see interclass and intercity leagues organized among the "kids," and educate them as do the high schoolers. There is some sort of a gymnasium in the neighborhood of almost every grade school in the city, and what's to prevent the amateur teams from these leagues, and the playing of these games?

This seems like a task tailored to order for the recreation department. Let the sports committee see to the organization of the sport in the grade schools, the same as they do to the organization of the independent amateur baseball, football and ball teams. Once the thing was started, it would need little push. Youngsters who never gave a thought to the game would be brought around in short time, and the competition would be great.

The competition would make the "kids" hustle, and in working this way for three or four years they would, naturally, learn more or less about basketball, and go into high schools all ready to take the finishing touches from men who know and understand the game, and coaching.

Bertie Black, "Shorty" Manual, and "Tubby" Julius of Shortridge all are willing to do everything they can to get this work started, and they are doing their best to instruct the grade schoolers as they went along.

All that this plan needs to meet with

## Tiger Footballers Plow McKeen Field in Spring Practice

Ambitious De Pauw Candidates Join Last Season Regulars in Workout.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 22—De Pauw's football men and ambitious grid-iron candidates gathered on the McKeen Field yesterday afternoon to hold their first spring practice. Coach Fred M. Walker, recently elected head of Tiger athletics, directed the short-work-out with the greatest nervousness.

Twenty-three suits were issued yesterday afternoon to former varsity men, reserve gridironers and ambitious candidates for the McKeen season. Some of the Tiger grid regulars are all round men and are now interested in baseball or track. These included Slutz, right half; Red Adams, end and McCann, fullback. The others absent were not loitering. Galloway, the star, full back, who won the De Pauw-Wabash clash by his famous drop-kick, "Gally" was called to duty in College at the time of the first encounter by the serious illness of his mother. De Pauw will lose two men by graduation—Walle Welch and Jimmie Claypool, substitute end and center, respectively.

Two years ago the De Pauw team was selected all-state by Indiana sport writers, and next year it is expected to equal, if not surpass, his former record.

For the remainder of the week Coach Walker will stay in Greenfield and personally supervise the daily practices. Thereafter he will come to the Tiger camp once or twice each week to oversee the work. He will actively enter on his work to be held next Friday.

With the exception of the pitchers and catchers, the others are in shape. The Indians are ready for anything now. The athletes are sporting plenty of southern drawl and feel just fit at this early stage.

Shimmins, Kinney and Galloway are the strongest of the machine underlings.

Several important witnesses, including B. B. Johnson, president of the American League, are expected to be called to-morrow before the grand jury.

**TO TWO GIANTS BANGED UP.**

HOUSTON, Texas, March 22—Grand Jury investigating the De Pauw baseball series baseball scandal started last week was resumed Monday when Assistant States Attorney George E. Gorman finished reading the minutes of the last grand jury.

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**THREE TEXAN BOSSES INDIANS WHILE JACK IS AWAY**

BIG FIRST SACKER MAKES CROWLEY NO PLACE FOR THE REST SEEKERS.

**THINGS IN FAIR SHAPE**

By EDDIE ASH, Daily Times Sports Editor.

CROWLEY, La., March 22—With

one thing in mind, the Indians still absent today on their gamblin' tour.

Crowley directed the work of the Indians in the daily training, giving the Indians direction has been in camp a few days, but he did not let his lack of practice hold back the others, and, with the exception of the pitchers and catchers, the others are in shape. The Indians are ready for anything now.

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