

Krueger Leads Tribe Attack in 1924—Nurmi in American Debut Tuesday

BIG CATCHER DRIVES IN MOST RUNS FOR INDIANS

Official Averages Show Locals Third in Team Batting—Slicking Leads League in Sacrifice Hits.

In the official 1924 American Association batting averages released today Ernie Krueger of the Tribe was revealed as the real ace of the attack with a batting average of .339 and a record of having driven in the most runs for the locals with 128 to his credit. Hodapp's per cent in not so many games was higher at .343. Otto Miller, as a pinch hitter, had a .377 mark.

Edie Slicking led the league in the number of sacrifice hits with 48 and crossed the plate the greatest number of times for the Tribe by scoring 115 runs. Krueger was only two runs behind his mark with 113.

The Indianapolis club was third in team batting with an average of .296. Milwaukee led the league, with .299, and Louisville was second, with .297, just one point above the Indians.

The averages of other players besides those mentioned were as follows: Rehg, .325; Allen, .321; Christenbury, .320; Brown (who went to Brooklyn), .328; Slicking, .320; Jones, .301; Schmandt, .288; Fitzsimmons, .288; Eller, .273; Whelan, .269; Bailey, .264; Morton, .263; Blessing, .261; Burwell, .247; Campbell, .241; Hill, .167; Niles, .160, and Petty and Smith fighting for the cellar, .122 and .077, respectively.

Bell in Front

Among the individual records Lester Bell of Milwaukee, young shortstop, was the virtual leader with a percentage of .365. There were several above him, but they were not in nearly so many games.

Neu of St. Paul with .363, Earl Smith of Minneapolis with .352, Murphy of Columbus with .350, and Dressen of St. Paul with .347, were other leaders.

Bell tied with Christensen for scoring the most runs at 145, and was second to Elmer Smith of Louisville in total bases. Dressen of St. Paul led in the number of runs driven in with 151. Elmer Smith drove in 132. Haas of the Saints with an average of only .293 showed himself good in the pinch with his bludgeon counting 100 runs.

Neu Chief Burglar

Johnny Neu of the Saints led the base stealers with 55. Rehg led the Indians in this department with sixteen thefts.

Elmer Smith of Louisville was the leading home-run hitter, with 23. Reb Russell, Indianapolis resident, playing with Columbus, smashed out 25. Branon of Kansas City specialized in three-baggers with 22. Earl Smith of the Millers was the doubles king with 64 two-ply swats.

Gazella of the Millers received 107 bases on balls. Tex Covington looked 'em over for 84 free tickets. The pitchers feared Bumby Brief of K. C. and Smith of Louisville as is told in the story of the bases on balls given them. Brief got \$1 and Smith \$2. Christenbury of the Indians made 'em pitch and walked 74 times.

Dixon's Record

Dixon of St. Paul, who has been sold to St. Louis Brown, seemed to be the batter who could not or would not get out of the way, and he was struck by pitched bats twenty-one times, which is quite a record in itself.

Alex McCarthy of the Brewers was hard to strike out, with only ten whiffs in 118 games. Slicking only fanned 23 times in 653 times at bat, and Rehg went back and got a drink only fifteen times out of 349 trips to the plate.

BIG TEN OPENS SEASON

Minnesota at Iowa in First Conference Basket Game.

By United Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Jan. 5.—The Big Ten conference basketball season will get under way here tonight when Minnesota plays on the local hardwood.

BIG LEAGUE OPENERS

Major Schedule Makers Announce First Games of Season.

By Times Special

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 4.—In order to avoid the double-headers that have been numerous late in the season the new drafting of the major league schedules for 1925 calls for the opening of the league April 14 and the close Oct. 4, according to the schedule committee of the National and American Leagues, in session here.

The opening dates for the two leagues were announced as follows:

National League—Pittsburgh at Chicago; St. Louis at Cincinnati; New York at Philadelphia; Boston at Washington; American League—Cleveland at St. Louis; Chicago at Detroit; Boston at Philadelphia; Washington at New York.

GRAND CIRCUIT MEETING

Stewards of Harness Racing Association Gather in Cleveland.

By Times Special

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 5.—The annual session of the stewards of the Grand Circuit, harness racing association, met today and Tuesday. The rules committee held a preliminary meeting Sunday.

The stewards may discuss the rule changes favored by the American Trotting Association in addition to completing the 1925 schedule.

City Three-Cushions

STANDING Won. Lost. Pct.

Roberts (45)	4	0	1.000
McGraw (45)	3	1	.750
Lewis (45)	2	1	.667
Rowan (45)	1	1	.500
Cook (45)	1	2	.333
Shane (45)	1	3	.250
Dunn (45)	0	4	.000
Quinn (45)	0	4	.000
Cooper (45)	0	4	.000

College Net Card

TONIGHT—Shane vs. Gray.

TUESDAY—Pauw vs. Marquette at Madison.

Wednesday—Wabash vs. Franklin.

THURSDAY—Notre Dame vs. Indiana at Bloomington.

FRIDAY—Indiana vs. Ohio State at Columbus.

HAGERSTOWN Net Meet

HAGERSTOWN, Ind., Jan. 5.—The Hagerstown High School basketball tournament will be held next Saturday on the local floor. Eight teams are entered. The final game will be played Saturday night.

WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday—Shane vs. Gray.

Tuesday—Shane vs. Cooper.

Wednesday—Robert vs. McGraw.

Thursday—Shane vs. Rowan.

Friday—Shane vs. Quinn.

MATINEES—Shane vs. Quinn.

Layden Starting on Way for 69-Yard Run



WHEN NOTRE DAME BEAT STANFORD, 27-10 AT PASADENA. LAYDEN STARTING ON HIS SENSATIONAL SIXTY-NINE-YARD RUN FOR THE SECOND TOUCHDOWN OF THE DAY. THIS WAS THE HIGH POINT IN A GAME REPLETE WITH THRILLS. ERNE NEVERS, FULL BACK OF THE CARDINALS, TRIED A PASS FROM THE TWENTY-ONE-YARD LINE. CROWLEY KNOCKED IT AWAY FROM THE WAITING STANFORD MAN'S ARMS INTO REACH OF LAYDEN, WHO GRABBED IT AND OUT-DISTANCED THE FIELD FOR A TOUCHDOWN. CROWLEY, AFTER BLOCKING THE PASS, SPILLED TWO STANFORD MEN. HE CAN BE SEEN ON THE GROUND IN ABOVE PICTURE, FEET TOWARD CAMERA.

BUTLER RETURNS AFTER VICTORIES

Locals Win Three Games on Road Trip.

HARRY GREB'S TROUBLES

Marriage of Middleweight Boxing Champ Again Postponed.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Harry Greb, middleweight boxing champion, who was scheduled to be married to Miss Louise Walton, actress, again was balked Sunday night. Neither bride nor groom had received permission for the marriage from their diocesan authorities and Father Maloy refused to perform the ceremony.

The Butler reserves handed the Bradford (Ohio) Y. M. C. A. a 74 to 20 defeat, while the rest of the team continued to Kansas where they played the fast Kansas City A. C., finishing them up 29 to 28. The Butler five completely baffled the Lombard team Saturday night emerging with their third straight win, 41 to 23.

STRANGLER' TO EUROPE

Wrestling Champ Says He's on His Way Jan. 16.

By Times Special

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 5.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, world's heavyweight wrestling champion, will defend his title here Thursday night in a finish match with Wayne Munn, former University of Nebraska football star.

Win or lose, Lewis has announced that this will be his last match in the States for months, declaring that he will leave on Jan. 16 for Europe.

TURNER NETTERS BUSY

Four Games on Schedule This Week—Defeat Luthers.

The South Side Turners basketball team went on a rampage Sunday and trounced the Lutheran Redemers, 67 to 40. The Turners got many under the net shots with their short passing game. L. Smith of the Lutherans dropped in ten long field goals by sensational shooting.

The Turners have a busy week ahead. The schedule follows: Tuesday at Plainfield; Thursday at St. Anthony Y. P. C.; Saturday, N. G. U. College; Sunday, Fairbanks.

DO YOU KNOW Basketball?

Questions

1. When does a substitute player automatically get the team his five players on the floor to make a game legal?

2. Is it reasonable to believe this mark will never be bettered? commented a giddy young thing with the Florida Sextette.

POP G. GEERS, known to the public as the "Sphinx of the Sulky," drove Heavy Hoofs, by Gosh out of Air, a mile in three minutes flat.

"It is reasonable to believe this mark will never be bettered," commented the Racing News.

JIM JEFFRIES quit his job in the boiler factory after a reprimand by the foreman for reading the Police-Gazette. Jeffries was making \$1.25 a day and getting thirty minutes for lunch. It was a hard blow.

BERT E. COLLYER informed his betting clients that Gue Fleet in the third at Saratoga couldn't possibly lose. It was the beginning of Mr. Collyer's long career as a humorist.

DIXON BRINGS PRICE

Former Indian Catcher Sold to St. Louis Browns.

By Times Special

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 5.—A deal involving \$35,000 in players and cash was closed by R. J. Connery, new owner of the St. Paul baseball club of the American Association, that brings Pat Collins, catcher; Norman McQuillan, third baseman, and Raymond Kolp, to the Saints, in exchange for Leo Dixon, catcher of local club. Besides these players St. Paul will have the use of Cedric Durst, another out fielder, and one other player, not yet selected, for the 1925 season.

Dixon was obtained from the Indianapolis club of the American Association, met today and Tuesday. The rules committee held a preliminary meeting Sunday.

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FIVE YEARS AGO

ACK DEMPIESEY, who made a

clown of the man Willard, is certain to be a popular champion.

Dempsey likes to fight and promises to defend the title as often as possible.

JUDGE LANDIS has been ap-

pointed dictator of baseball and the fans are assured there will never be a repetition of the scandal which involved the White Sox in 1919.

FOOTBALL MOGLS at their an-

nual meeting approved the forward

pass in toto and agreed the game as it now stands will need no further changes.

Saturday Net Scores

COLLEGES

Butler 41, Lombard 28.

Davidson 30, Hobart 21.

Princeton 39, Ohio State 26.

Colgate 34, Cornell 28, Toronto 19.

Pennsylvania 29, Yale 17.

Cornell 14, Buffalo 13.

Cornell 14, Princeton 10.

North Manchester 48, Muncie Nor-

mal 12.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Shortridge 26, Technical 22.

Martinville 37; Stivers (Dayton, O.)

Monrovia 37; Brazil 30.

Brazil Seconda 29; Greenfield Sec-

onda 18.

Clay City 30; Bloomfield 24.

Bloomfield Grade School 18; Bloomfield

Seconda 4.

West Newton 51.

Watson 32; Pierceton 24.

Bloomfield 26; Green 21.

Bethel 14; Plymouth 8.

Bethel's Ford 20; Rochester Seconda

12.

Brownsville 54; Linton 15.

Greenfield 29; Elwood 20.

Anderson Seconda 25; Elwood Sec-

onda 6.

Kendallville 19.

Jefferson 33; Dupont 15.

Louisville, 35; two overtime periods.