

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—Sicking 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.

Eddie Sicking led the league in the number of sacrifice hits with 45 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 .284. 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, .335; Allen, .331; Christensen, .329; Brown (who went to Brooklyn), .326; Sicking, .320; Jones, .301; Schmandt, .298; Fitzsimmons, .283; 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.

Ball 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.

Neun of St. Paul with .353, Earl Smith of Minneapolis with .352, Murphy of Columbus with .350, and Dreesen 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. Dreesen of St. Paul led in the number of runs driven in with 151. Elmer Smith drove in 132. Heas of the Saints with an average of only .298 showed himself good in the pinch with his bludgeoning 100 runs.

Neun Chief Burglar

Johnny Neun 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. Rehg, Russell, Indianapolis resident, playing with Columbus, smashed out 25. Brannon 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 tossed Bumpy Brief of K. C. and Smith of Louisville as is told in the story of the bases on balls given them. Brief got 81 and Smith 82. Christensen of the Indians made 'em pitch and walked 74 times.

Dixon's Record

Dixon of St. Paul, who has been sold to St. Louis Browns, seemed to be the batter who could not or would not get out of the way, and he was struck by pitched balls 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 113 games. Sicking only fanned 23 times in 653 games 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 Basketball 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 season here.

The opening dates for the two leagues was announced as follows:
National League—Pittsburgh at Chicago; St. Louis at Cincinnati; New York at Boston; Philadelphia at Brooklyn.
American League—Chicago at Detroit; Boston at Philadelphia; Washington at New York.

GRAND CIRCUIT MEETING

Stewarts 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

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Roberts (48) 0 0 0.000
Hodapp (45) 0 0 0.000
Lewis (45) 0 0 0.000
Rogers (45) 0 0 0.000
Shane (50) 0 0 0.000
Harg (45) 0 0 0.000
Cooper (45) 0 0 0.000

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday—Shane vs. Ray.
Tuesday—Shane vs. Cooper.
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Friday—Shane vs. Cooper.
Saturday—Shane vs. Cooper.

Hagerstown Net Meet

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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. ERNIE 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.

The Butler basketball team returned home Sunday after their successful road trip to prepare for the Notre Dame game Friday night at Tomlinson Hall.

Ohio State, the only Big Ten team to defeat Butler in four games, saved Big Ten circles from a total eclipse by defeating the Pagemen, 34 to 25.

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 23. 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.

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Official A. A. Batting Averages in 1924

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Milwaukee	171	600	683	1003	170	2343	259	110	82	127	507	50	511
Louisville	169	582	679	843	1728	2368	295	90	82	127	507	50	511
Indians	170	579	650	888	1715	2353	298	87	59	127	507	50	511
Columbus	168	587	650	1007	1714	2400	298	86	60	127	507	50	511
Minneapolis	168	585	662	1015	1700	2314	354	0	113	121	124	85	577
St. Paul	168	582	679	898	1722	2387	295	95	82	127	507	50	511
Toledo	167	583	693	890	1678	2338	290	121	44	170	129	630	40
Kansas	168	581	810	936	1685	2408	311	107	66	208	81	452	59

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 Malloy refused to perform the ceremony.

This is the second time the wedding has been halted, the bride experiencing a change of heart in the first instance.

HUNTER VS. HENDERSON

Three-Cushion Billiard Match in State Tournament.

Tonight's game of the State three-cushion billiard tourney in progress at Harry Cooler's pagers will be between Hunter and Henderson.

The tournament will be suspended Tuesday and Wednesday when Edward J. Horan, leading champion of Belgium and Jacinto Vargas, South American champ, meet in afternoon and night exhibitions.

Stove League Wood

JOHNNY BASSLER of Detroit and Muddy Ruel of Washington are regarded as the two most valuable catchers in the American League. Each has an entirely different style. Ruel is flashy with plenty of "pop." Bassler is easy going, methodical, yet both get results.

Johnny Hawkins, captain and quarterback of the 1924 University of California football team has been signed by the St. Louis Browns. Hawkins will graduate in February and report to the Browns in March.

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NOTRE DAME ON HOMEWARD TRIP

Crowley Remains for Few Days in Hospital.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 5.—Jimmy Crowley, mainstay and one of the famous "four horsemen" back field of Notre Dame, was recovering in the St. Francis Hospital today from what was termed here as a nervous breakdown which he suffered Saturday on the train bringing the squad from Pasadena, Cal.

His condition probably will not permit him to leave with the team for South Bend today.

Physicians say a few days rest is all the Irish player needs.

Stuhlreher, who broke an ankle, and Corney, two of whose ribs were broken, will return with their teammates.

Chicago Wrestling Bout

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Bobby Bylund of Minnesota and Johnny Meyer, former middleweight champion, clash in a wrestling bout here tonight. A match with Lou Talaber, present champion, will be arranged for the winner.

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The Screen and Stage Star
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GREAT OLYMPIC STAR AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Finland's Pride, Called Greatest Runner in World, to Compete in Mile and 5,000 Meters Races.

By HENRY L. FARRELL

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Paavo Nurmi, Finland's Olympic star and the greatest runner in the world, will make his American debut Tuesday night in Madison Square Garden, when he will compete in two events on the special program arranged by the Finnish-American Athletic Union.

Nurmi will run in the mile against American competition and in a special 5,000 meters event he will be opposed by his great rival, Willie Ritola, a fellow Finlander who was developed as a runner in this country.

The facts behind Ritola's sudden decision to withdraw from the mile event and save himself for the longer distance are not known, but it is believed