

STIRRIN' the DOPE

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Big Ten Prospects

THE Big Ten basketball season does not get under way until January, but just a glance at things on dope gathered from pre-season contests and reports from the various schools may shed a little light on how the clubs are stacking up.

Right off the bat it looks as though Indiana University will be a serious contender for highest honors just like the Crimson team was last year when it finished tied for second place with Illinois.

In fact the two runners-up of last season seem to be outstanding clubs at this particular moment. Of course any prediction at this time as to how the clubs will finish is foolish. Sophomore stars unknown to us, and sometimes practically so to the coaches, may change the complexion of things entirely.

It does not look as though Ohio State, 1924-25 champions, can expect to repeat with five varsity men missing. Captain Seifert and Cunningham are the only members of the title team who will be back. Cameron, Shaw and Miner of the regulars are gone.

WEALTH OF TALENT

Both Indiana and Illinois have a wealth of material. The Illini have practically all of their men back. I. U. loses Parker, Alward and Logan. The last named will be missed the most, but with the veterans Krueger, Sponsler, Beckner and Winston ready to go why should Coach Dean worry?

Michigan must be considered right up near the top. The Wolverines' only serious loss is Haggerty, one of the best forwards in the Big Ten for three years. A flock of "M" men are preparing for the hard court season under Coach Mather's guiding hand.

Captain Doyle, center or back guard, and Cherry, the dribbling fool floor guard, are sure of jobs. Besides a great array of veterans, those two great sophomore football stars, Molenda and Oosterbaan, will be out for positions. It is said both made excellent records in high school basketball.

SHIFTING AROUND

Purdue is shifting around these days in an effort to find a combination. Coach Lambert probably will get a smooth-working machine together out of some promising men, but right now the Boilmakers, always dangerous, can not be ranked with I. U., Illinois or Michigan.

Coach Taylor of Minnesota has a bunch of veterans back, including Captain Rasey, a great forward. Weiden at center also is a player of two years' experience. One can hardly leave the Gophers out of the picture as a real threat.

Minnesota pries off the Western Conference basketball lid in a game with Wisconsin at Madison on Jan. 5.

Coach Barry at Iowa would like to have Santa Claus leave a couple of forwards in his stocking to replace Janse and Laude, two sterling snipers. The team may be somewhat unbalanced.

BADGER CHANCES

Wisconsin doesn't seem to have a great deal this year and Coach Meinwald again may find himself down near the bottom of the heap—something strange for him. The Badgers finished ninth last season.

Northwestern has its last year's players back, but that doesn't say much, as the Purple tossers finished with an average of .333 in eighth place. A couple of promising sophomores, however, have raised the hopes of the Evanston five.

Chicago won only one game in 1924-25 and the team will be entirely rebuilt by Coach Norgren. Reports from the Maroon camp state that the sophomore material is the most promising in years. We'll have to wait and see. Captain Alvey, center, and Abbott, forward, are back.

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A. J. F. W. MOORE, graduate treasurer of athletics at Harvard, who caused quite a commotion by recommending that Harvard enlarge its stadium or rebuild, made what we would call a dirty crack at some of the collegians who have been giving him the razz and at the same time sponsoring a crusade against present day intercollegiate football.

The harassed major, at a luncheon, was reported as saying: "HAVE NOTICED THAT MOST UNIVERSITIES HAVE NOTHING TO SAY WHEN THE TEAM IS WINNING. WHEN THE TEAM IS LOSING THEN THE DISCUSSION ARISES AND SPREADS."

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DENIALS EXCHANGED IN ROCKNE RUMOR

AMATEUR GRIDDERS PERFORM

Acmes and Triangles to Settle Rivalry Tangle at Rhodus Sunday.

The final game of the football season in Indianapolis will be staged at Rhodus Park Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock when the Ferndale Triangles clash with the Acme A. A. s., two strong amateur grid aggregations.

Each team has a large following and the park is expected to be crowded for the struggle. In a previous battle a scoreless contest was staged. Bad weather prevented the rivals meetings last Sunday.

It is a big scrap for the west side and there has been much discussion all week concerning the two youthful outfit. The Triangles have announced their starting line-up as follows:

Left end, Sid Donaldson; left tackle, E. Purdie; left guard, Bob Suhr; center, George Oberle; right guard, H. Stevens; right end, C. Jenkins; right tackle, C. Woodward; quarterback, C. Jenkins; left half, C. Bernhard; right half, H. Siegle; full back, C. Jenkins; halfback, C. Jenkins; wing, C. Jenkins; boot, E. Schroeder; McCallum, Green, Scott, M. Jenkins.

The Acmes will use their usual line-up, it was announced today.

Thinking local griddiers had stored their togs for the season, the park board removed the goal posts at Rhodus Park, but hastily had the uprights and cross bars returned and placed when advised that the Acmes and Triangles still had an argument to settle.

EARLHAM IN VICTORY

Quakers Trim Indiana Central at Basketball, 43 to 22.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 12.—Earlham today was celebrating its basketball victory over the Indiana Central outfit Friday night. The Quakers won by a score of 43 to 22, after showing a speedy offense and a stone-walled defense.

S.S.T. BOXING

Paetz Lines Up Bouts for Next Wednesday.

Matchmaker Paetz was in Terre Haute today digging up talent for the amateur boxing show to be given in the South Side Terrene gym next Wednesday night. Paetz is also negotiating with boxing directors at Ft. Harrison for entries.

Opponents are being sought for the Indiana Central Athletic Club, and for Harold Holley, Jack Sellers and Kid Howard of the Turners.

Charles Scone of the Fairbanks-Morse A. C. will meet Leon Estle in one of the scraps. Estle weighs 160 pounds. Another Fairbanks entry is Fred Bocock, who will mix with Bill Reiter of the Turners in the 119-pound class.

The Lauter, A. C. will be represented by Fred McIntyre, who has been selected to meet Fred Robinson of the Turners. The boys weigh 135 pounds.

It was announced the Brightwood A. C. will have several boys in the show.

SURPRISED!

Butler Nosed Out by Manchester Five, 32-28.

Butler's basketball team today left Indianapolis for Urbana, Ill., where the Bulldogs meet Illinois, following a surprise defeat here Friday night at the hand of Manchester College by a score of 32 to 28.

Manchester led Butler all the way, holding a 14 to 10 edge at the half. It was an early season upset in State college net circles.

TECHNICAL FIVE LOSES

Newcastle H. S. Beats Indianapolis Lads on Court, 32-26.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 12.—The Newcastle High School Trojans were happy today following a 32 to 26 net victory over Technical of Indianapolis Friday night. Newcastle led, 15 to 7, at the half.

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