

# STIRRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

**F**RANKFORT High School, undoubtedly one of the strongest basketball teams in the State, has three rather unusual players on the squad this season. If the word colorful had not been overworked that's what we'd call them. They are individuals who stand out because of physical attributes, personality and skill. They differ from the average.

Shultz at center is a beanpole, the top of which is some six feet four inches from the floor. Sometimes Coach Clegg uses him under the opponents' basket as a sharpshooter at close range, and at other times under the Frankfort basket as a guard, to grab the ball off the backboard with those long, octopus-like arms. He has improved wonderfully since the days he was on the second team—an under-study of Cummings.

Boots, a guard, is another new one. He is of the

more or less stoic type and perhaps one of the sturdies, huskiest players in Hoosier nation. He is a performer that reminds one of Keach of Butler. Tough is the word, and when he comes through center for the tip-off, look out!

He lacks the finish of the others and is somewhat awkward, but his weight and power carry him through for shots in tight games. He'll improve right along.

The tow-headed Spradling is the slick one. His footwork is of the ultra-clever kind that verges on "traveling," and his feints with the ball catch many an unwary guard completely off balance. He handles the ball superbly and is a fine shot both on follow-ups around the basket and from out on the floor.

He fights hard under the basket for tip-ins just like his brother at Butler. His style on the floor makes him outstanding in any game.

And that's the story of Frankfort's colorful trio—a triumphant triumvirate so far this season.

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**Herrin, Ill., is in a new basketball league. How'd you like to be the referee in that town?**

**I**t has been said at different times that high school basketball in the extreme northern part of Indiana was usually a rough game than that played in other sections. We know that in some cases this was true in seasons past. But times are changing.

At Rochester, Saturday night the team from the banks of Lake Manitou played one of the cleanest games in a hard-fought fray lost to Frankfort that we have ever seen. The State champs did not make any intentional fouls, either, for that matter. They are too well coached for that.

But Rochester youths were particularly impressive because of their consistent "playing of the ball" instead of the man, even in the hottest part of the tilt, when youngsters usually lose their heads.

Rochester has no basket "hawks" and does not look like a high scoring team, but has plenty of drive and "breaks" fast when it gets the ball. Fans may see this club at Indianapolis next. Ma J. Powell, former Hanover player, is the new coach at the northern Indiana school.

**W**e see in an account of the De Pauw preparations for Indiana tonight that, "ability to hit the loop, which was so prominent in the clash with Purdue last week, is being slowly ironed out by the 'Old Gold' mentor." The Tigers made only 39 points against the Boilermakers, and lost, 49 to 39. That's Hoosier basketball, for you. Enough baskets were made in that contest for three ordinary games anywhere but in Indiana.

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**MRS. MALAPROP says she is undecided as to whether she will extend a basketball game this winter or not. We were telling her of the sport and the old lady actually turned pale at some of our descriptions. When we told her that hacking was a foul she asked if the players wore armour. "Not even the hams," we retorted, but Mrs. Malaprop didn't even smile and we don't blame her.**

Upon hearing that anyone fouled got a free shot the old soul tossed up her hands in horror and said she thought they at least ought to pay for the admonition. She probably meant ammunition.

Mrs. Malaprop said she knew "Hap" Craigie and had just found out that he had something to do with basketball. She always had thought he was a barber after seeing his white pants hanging out on the line, but later believed he was a traffic cop on account of hearing him practicing with a whistle.

She informed us in confidence that she never thought much of him, because he never pronounced her name right. And, anyway, she didn't see how anyone could be "happily" and anticipate in such a cruel past time.

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**A SUGGESTION to the basketball rules committee: If you must help out the paint companies by changing the lines on the floor each year, here's something that should be done: Make the circle larger in which the centers jump. We don't know just why it is, but most pivot men have huge feet. Those long, gangling youths that tap or tip (either way you prefer) the ball at center have a difficult time crowding their dogs into the present circle. We aren't kidding about this. It's true. Should man be fouled because his legs are bent under too far?**

# SIGNING OF GLEASON EXPECTED TO IMPROVE SPIRIT OF MACKS

## TRAINING IS TRIBE PROBLEM

**Club Negotiates With Biloxi and Hot Springs—Young Smith Due.**

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William Clauer, home secretary of the Indians, underwent an operation recently and is at St. Vincent's Hospital. For this reason Hayward Smith decided to report early and take over the work incidental to preparing for spring training and arranging an exhibition schedule.

## RAMBLERS VS. DE MOLAY

The Indianapolis Ramblers, with a record of eight straight "wins" will meet the De Molay outfit tonight at the C. C. Club gym. First game at 2 p. m. will be between the Ramblers and a team yet to be named while the C. C. Club at 3 will play the Waldron Independents. For games with Ramblers write R. C. Craig, 246 N. Keystone Ave., or call Webster 0555-W and ask for Bob.

## BOWLING MATCH

**NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 15.—The Noblesville bowling team defeated the Century Reserves of Indianapolis on the local alleys Monday night by the score of 2,647 to 2,662. Murray of Noblesville turned in a total of 642 for the winners, while Moxley was the best for the visitors with 573.**

## ARMY BOXER

**Becker to Meet Sellers at Amateur Show.**

Soldier Becker of Company K, 11th Infantry, amateur heavyweight champ of the post, has been matched to meet Jack Sellers of the Turners in one of the ten bouts constituting the amateur boxing show to be held in the South Side Turner gym Wednesday night.

Becker's entry was sent by Lieutenant Porter, who is enthusiastic over the trooper's boxing and shooting abilities. This bout is expected to share interest with the match between Charles Scone of the Fairbanks-Morse Club and Leon Ertle of the Turners.

Henry Ormer of the Indianapolis Athletic Club has been matched to meet Elmer Howard of the Turners at 150 pounds.

Wednesday's show will be at popular prices and with the added attraction of a battle royal is expected to pack the Turner gym.

## GOPHERS DEFEATED

**MILWAUKEE, Wls., Dec. 15.—Marquette University's basketball team, playing in almost mid-season form, downed Minnesota University, 28 to 17 at Marquette gym here Monday night.**

## CITY THREE-CUSHIONS

**Mitchell defeated Houseman Monday night in the city three-cushion billiard tourney at Board of Trade parlors, 50 to 34, in a long drawn out match of 108 innings. Mosher and Carter met tonight.**

## CORNELL CAPTAIN

**ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Emerson Carey, Hutchinson, Kans., star guard of the Cornell varsity, was elected captain of the 1926 football team.**

## Fights and Fighters

**NEW YORK Dec. 16.—Bob Fitzgerald, a lightweight, and Bud Gordon, midweight, are out of the ring. Bud Gordon, in a twelve-round decision from Jack Rapport, New York.**

**NEWARK, N. J.—Bob Fitzgerald, a lightweight, knocked out Gordon, in a twelve-round decision from Soldier Buck, Louisville.**

**NEW ORLEANS—Joe Glick, New York, New Orleans' heavyweight, knocked out Johnny Dunn, in the sixth round, when the referee stopped the contest to save Dunn.**

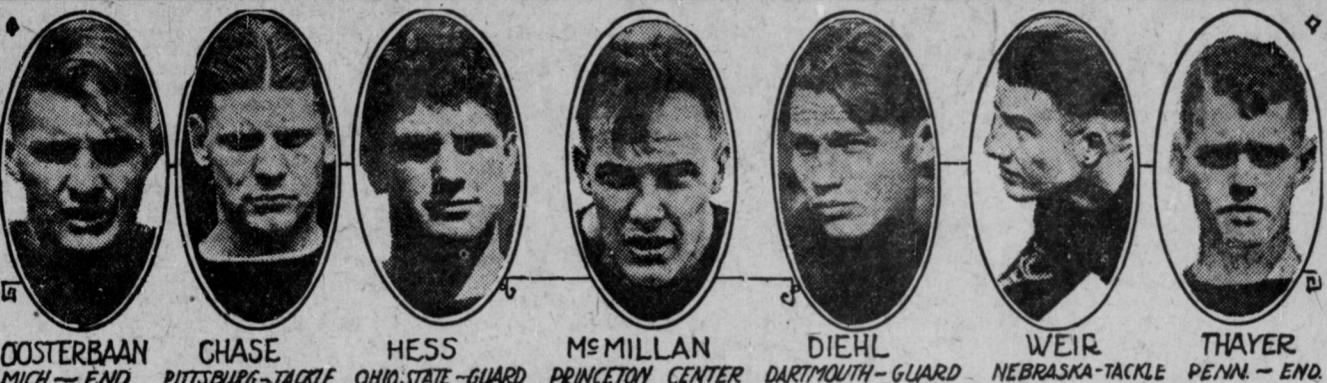
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**NEW YORK—Edmund Todd, British middleweight titleholder, arrived here Monday. He will meet Harry Grib, world's middleweight champion, at Vernon Gym, Jan. 15.**

## COLLIER'S ALL-AMERICAN GRID TEAM



## PITCHER BURWELL WEDS

**LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 15.—William Burwell, mainstay pitcher of the Indianapolis (American Association) Club, and Miss Virginia Munson of this city were married here Monday.**

**When in the majors Burwell was**

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**ns in the first period, one in the**

**second and one in the third. Goal**

**was kicked each time.**

**Grange appeared without band-**

**ages on his injured arm, but it was**

**swollen and it did not seem possible**

**the former Illinois dash could play**

**very soon.**

**The crowd was rather small and**

**disappointed the promoters. Many**

**did not believe Grange would be**

**present and came in late when they**

**knew Red was on hand.**

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