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## NOTRE DAME TEAM IN FAST START ON COURT

**'Irish' Basketball Five Show Excellent Form in Early Games—Iowa, on Friday, Strong Foe.**

*By Times Special*

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 16.—Notre Dame's basketball team is threatening to conduct a tour through the ranks of twenty opposing quintets that will make the sporting world forget the expected reverses that the football team met his fall. A 53-26 victory over Armour Institute, a more significant 36-14 triumph over Minnesota and Tuesday night's 30 to 20 win over Northwestern have given the campaign a running start.

Notre Dame plays Iowa at Notre Dame, Friday night. School is dismissed for the Christmas holidays Friday afternoon, but it is safe to say that half the student body will remain for the game Friday night.

### FEAR IOWA

Iowa comes to Notre Dame for the last pre-holiday game with ill omens preceding it. The Hawkeyes served up a defeat to the powerful Wabash quintet Saturday night. The Little Giants are proverbially strong and, unless they are in one of their centennial off-years Iowa has a powerful quintet that will give the Irish a full evening.

Notre Dame is working hard. The team has only been together since Dec. 1 and in spite of the excellent early season showing, Coach Keegan is putting them through a stiff series of scrimmages.

### ON NEW COURT

The development of the team is evidenced in the attendance. Notre Dame is playing on her own court, one of the finest in the mid west. During the South Bend era, when the games were played down town and only a part of the student body could be accommodated, outside interest in the game dropped to almost nothing except reading interest.

But already the team and the new gym have won such comment that the Armour game was played before 3,000 people and the Minnesota game before a crowd that exceeded 3,500.

## I. U. DOWND

**De Pauw Spurts in Second Half to Win.**

*By Times Special*  
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 16.—DePauw University students were jubilant today as a result of the Tigers' victory over the Indiana University basketball team Tuesday night, 33 to 20.

Indiana was leading 12 to 10 at the half but a sensational comeback by the Tigers in the final period could not be halted.

The score was tied at 16 to 16 in the second half, but after Struck came through with a long shot for De Pauw the Tigers were never headed. The game was extremely fast and at times rough. The winners tossed in thirteen points from the foul line.

Bryan of De Pauw got four field goals for the best shooting from the floor. Ward also was a streak of lightning with his sensational dribbling. Sponsler and Krueger of Indiana played good games and got five field goals between them.

## BUTLER BASEBALL CARD

**Local Collegians Schedule Seventeen Games For Next Season.**

Butler has announced its baseball card for next season which at present includes seventeen games. Ohio State, Illinois and Chicago are Big Ten opponents. The Maroons play here April 17. The schedule:

April 19—Ohio State at Columbus.

17—Chicago here.

April 23—Earham at Richmond.

21—Marion at Marion here.

April 24—De Pauw at Greencastle.

May 1—Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.

May 7—Normal at Terre Haute.

May 11—State Normal at Terre Haute.

May 14—De Pauw at Greencastle.

18—Franklin at Dayton.

22—State Normal here.

28—Wabash here.

**LAZARUS REPORTED ILL**

**Must Find Another Opponent for LaBara Dec. 23.**

*By United Press*

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Fidel LaBara, conqueror of the American flyweight champion, Frankie Genaro, will not meet Joe Lazarus in the Christmas fund bouts Dec. 23. Lazarus is reported ill.

### COLE WINS TWO

Sid Cole of Denver defeated two cube experts Tuesday at the Claypool parlor at three-cushion billiards. The visitor won over Vle Sharts in the matinee affair, 35 to 18, and in the evening downed Ben Klein, 35 to 24. Both defeated players are from the State tournament. Cole was to play Murphy this afternoon and O'Connor tonight.

### ROPER SIGNS AGAIN

*By United Press*

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 16.—A two-year football contract with Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa, has been signed by athletic officials at Notre Dame University. Under the contract Drake will meet the Irish Nov. 20, 1926, and Notre Dame will go to Des Moines in 1927.

The thoughts of that climb from nowhere to within one point of victory will be a tonic to drooping spirits in any fray in which the local club happens to be behind.

Lazarus is sick and will not be able to fight LaBara in New York—so telegraph dispatches state. Evidently this is not the age of miracles.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY followers should not feel so bad about the defeat of the Crimson Tuesday night at De Pauw. The Tigers have a real basketball team. They had a strong aggregation last season, but Lady Luck failed to smile in a number of close games.

It is almost the same aggregation this year with the exception of center. Stewart, Ward, Puckett and Struck are veterans, and good ones. Bryan is a newcomer at center who seems to be delivering. If Struck can acceptably fill Tiny Hirt's place at back guard the worries of the De Pauw coach are about over.

At Purdue last week the Boilermakers rambled through the Greencastle outfit, but I. U. found a tight defense had grown up almost over night.

The Midwayers desire games with fast teams in the 16-and-17-year-old class. Call them the Crimson. The Crimson will play the Western Triangles team at the Propylaeum on Thursday night at 8:30. All players are requested to be there by 8 p. m. and ask for Bill Woodsdale or take notice.

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