

# STIRRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

SOME suggestions have been put forward in this week's burlesque issue of the Big Ten Weekly for the improvement of basketball. The idea is to make the net sport more like football.

The following rules speak for themselves:

Allow defensive men to tackle any man dribbling the ball.

Cut out all free throws, except that one free throw be granted after each basket, just as a goal is granted after each touchdown in football.

Allow the ball to be kicked, on punts, drop kick or on place kicks.

Play the game out-of-doors. January and February evenings are ideal for basketball, and both the crowd and players would be greatly invigorated.

If this is not feasible, the players should at least wear cleats to prevent slipping when pivoting.

Abolish the jump plays from the top and have the centers pass the ball back between their legs.

Instead of calling signals by having the center indicate with his fingers, require teams to go into a huddle between plays.

Increase the number of officials from two to four, adding a floor judge and head linesman.

Limit the season to eight games, but place greater emphasis on each game, particularly the homecoming affair.

Some of these days you are going to see another name in the starting lineup of the Indiana University basketball team. It is Correll, another Bloomington High School star. That youth is running some of the veterans ragged for a place. He is a great dribbler and a swell shot from far out. Along with it he is plenty husky to stand the gaff.

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The Marion County "basket" tourney is in progress at Tomlinson Hall. Some of the fans bring along their lunches and camp on the scene of the struggles.

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THE western Conference has passed a rule which prohibits coaches and basketball officials from talking before a game or between halves. It is most certainly an splendid idea, but why not go a bit farther and include "after the game," say, for at least an hour.

We aren't kidding about this. Coaches and officials are the best fellows in the world for the most part, but in tight games may get overworked and say things directly afterward which they regret as soon as they have cooled off.

The officials are not always right and neither are the coaches, so both should have a little while to think over the game calmly before discussing it. We would just revive and put into practice the old admonition of counting ten when one is angry.

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Hoosier Corners, Ind. Dear Stirrin': We are all excited about our high school basketball team and believe it should be placed at the top of every "Big Ten" in the State. We have won every game so far this season. The record speaks for itself, but we are the interpreters. Victory is the motto of Coach Scoldem who also should be placed at the top of something or other.

But about our wonderful record—Hoosier Corners has won both its games, defeating Punkin Center, 10 to 9, and overwhelming Squelunk Crossroads, 12 to 8. We have two wonderful basketball sharpshooters on our team, but we will not mention their names on account of jealousy of other teams and the possibility of some big butter and egg men of neighboring towns tampering with the boys.

Watch our smoke. All the team smokes Granger Twist when the coach isn't looking. We will surely be on hand in the State tourney whether we play or not because the boys are good walkers.

Yours for a bigger and better basketball season, including sportsmanship and all those other things we know about by hearsay from reading the metropolitan dailies.

MUTT AND JEFF.

P. S.—We think your column is the best in the country (we don't know much about the city), and always turn to it as soon as we get through reading about the murders.

Thank you, Mutt and Jeff. We are glad you like our column. It is not necessary to censor letters like yours. We always try to be fair. It almost breaks our heart when a team loses. If all games were ties, everything would be lovely.

You probably have a wonderful team, but we would be the last to admit it. Time will tell. Far be it from us to express an opinion.

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BILL INGRAM of I. U. and is "all-Eastern" team will "put on the dog," in the game against all-star West coast team at Berkeley, Cal., on Dec. 26. When the club marches on the field the plan is to wear jackets of navy blue with insignia in old gold. They will be slipped on over the uniform. The coat will be a souvenir for the players and may be used as a smoking jacket.

The name of the school each man represents will be put on the sleeve, while on the breast there will be an insignia consisting of a rising sun with the word "East" above it.

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Some of the smaller Indiana high school basketball teams might combine forces with remarkable results. For instance on the spur of the moment we might suggest Boston and Bunker Hill get together. Another good combination might be Battle Ground and Waterloo. Go as far as you like.

## CITY H. S. FIVES IN EIGHT ENCOUNTERS TONIGHT AND SATURDAY

### COUNTY TOURNEY STARTS

Warren Central and Southport Winners in First Two Games.

#### Today's Schedule

9:30 A. M.—Acton (11) vs. Warren Central (36)  
10:30 A. M.—Valley Mills (15) vs. Southport (17)  
2:00 P. M.—New Bethel vs. Oakland  
3:30 P. M.—New Augusta vs. Lawrence  
5:30 P. M.—Castleton vs. Beech Grove  
8:30 P. M.—West Newton vs. Ben Davis

Warren Central and Southport were the first two winners in the Marion County High School basketball tourney today at Tomlinson hall. In the opener Warren Central had no trouble eliminating Acton, 36 to 11. Limbach of the winners tossed in eight field goals and Ferguson made five.

The second game between Southport and Valley Mills was hard fought all the way and kept the fans in an uproar. Southport finally came out on top, 17 to 15, after a close guarding struggle. Hildebrand was high point man for the winners and Schutte for the losers.

None of the five Indianapolis high schools, Shortridge, Manual, Technical, Cathedral or Broad Ripple are represented.

On Saturday morning second round contests will be played. The semi-final battle will take place at 3 p. m. Saturday and the championship struggle at 8 p. m.

#### County H. S. Summaries

**MORNING GAMES TODAY**  
Warren Central (36) vs. Acton (11). Limbach 8, Ferguson 5, Schutte 4, Hildebrand 3, Green 2, Jolly 1. Referee—Norris.  
Southport (17) vs. Valley Mills (15). Schutte 4, Hildebrand 3, Green 2, Jolly 1. Referee—Norris.

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### Champions



Jack Dempsey Holding Fidel La Barba

**B**EFORE invading New York, Fidel La Barba, flyweight title holder, worked on the Coast with Jack Dempsey and he got in top-notch condition while training with the heavyweight champion. There was much amusement for the fans when pugilism's largest and smallest kings got together in a playful sparring work-out.

### RINK EVENTS

Two-Mile and Half-Mile Roller Races Saturday.

Four speed boys will compete in the State amateur two-mile roller skate finale race at the Riverside rink Saturday night as a result of elimination events held Tuesday and Thursday.

Frank Davis, Harold Justus, Ford Carlin and Roy Golden will struggle for the distance laurels. The half-mile title event also will be held Saturday night.

Davis covered the two-mile distance Thursday night in 6 minutes 58 seconds. He recently won the one-mile championship.

State half-mile, one-mile and two-mile champions will compete against the champions at Cincinnati in January.

### FRANKLIN VS. PURDUE

College Basket Feature at Lafayette Tonight in State Circles.

**LAFAYETTE**, Ind., Dec. 18.—A defense to stop the much-talked-of short passing game of the Franklin Baptists is the aim of Coach Piggy Lambert of the Boilermaker crew for tonight's contest.

Purdue is hoping to obtain revenge for last year's overtime defeat at the hands of Franklin.

### Basketball Notes

The Postal Telegraph basketball team defeated the Western Triangle in a loosely played game, 41 to 36, teams playing in the 14-to-17-year-old class and having extra men added to each team after 5 p. m. and ask for Bill Arrows and Y. P. C. Juniors take notice.

The Second Baptist Midwits desire games with teams playing in the 13-14-year-old class. For game contact 1144-K after 7 p. m. and ask for Ernest.

**RAH! RAH! RAH! HARVARD!**  
By United Press  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 18.—For the first time since basketball was renewed here, Harvard defeated Dartmouth, 38 to 22. The teams are coached by brothers, Ed and Lou Wachter.

### Net Action Galore Offered Local 'Prep' Fans as All Teams Engage in Struggles.

Eight games over this week-end is the big basket program mapped out for Indianapolis high school squads. Four local teams play here tonight, while Tech goes to Crawfordsville. Greencastle comes to the Manual gym, Seymour is at Shortridge, Carmel at Broad Ripple and Cathedral opens its season against Huntington at K. C. Hall.

On Saturday night three teams go out of the city for competition. Manual is at Rushville, Shortridge at Elwood and Ripple at Knightstown.

Technical has been a disappointment so far and the club will try to redeem itself at Crawfordsville. Coach Mueller has been working hard to perfect a combination that can score some points. Some of the best net performers also played football and have been a bit slow in getting used to the hardwood.

**South Siders Improve**  
Manual also is showing improvement. The varsity squad was cut to eleven men this week. From competitive scores Rushville appears to be a harder nut to crack than Greencastle.

Seymour is likely to prove a troublesome foe for Shortridge. Manual managed to down the southern Indiana team only after a last half rally. The north siders, although not as strong as last season, have turned in creditable performances with McNight and Christopher showing well.

Elwood is not the strongest in the State, but is far from the weakest, and Shortridge must step out Friday and Saturday if it doesn't want the short end of the scores.

**First for Cathedral**  
Cathedral, the last of the local schools to start, will take on Huntington Catholic at K. C. Hall. Cathedral won from this club twice last year, but is likely to be somewhat ragged in its opening scrap with an entirely new team on the court.

A guess as to Cathedral's starting line-up would be: Gerlach and W. Carver, forwards; Fitzgerald, center; Tynan and Yeazel, guards. The squad consists of eleven men.

Broad Ripple will try to offset some of its earlier defeats by victories over Carmel and Knightstown.

### Week-End College Tilts

**TONIGHT**  
Franklin at Purdue.  
Iowa at Notre Dame.  
Miami at Richmond.  
De Pauw at Evansville.  
Butler at Lombard.  
Rose Poly at Indiana Central.

**SATURDAY**  
State Normal at St. Vistor.  
Wabash at Indiana U.  
Ohio at Kent.  
Butler at St. Louis U.

**MEYERS WINS**  
By United Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Johnny Meyers, world's middleweight champion, successfully defended his title Thursday night by beating Bobby Byland of Minneapolis in two falls. Meyers was booed by the crowd for throwing Byland from the ring during the first fall.

**BUTLER CLASS GAMES**  
Sophomores, 13; Freshmen, 12. Seniors, 21; Juniors, 14.

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### LOCKE IS GOOD IN 2 SPORTS

Nebraska Man Makes Track and Football Mix in Effective Manner.

**By NEA Service**  
LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 18.—To be a star in track and football is somewhat out of the ordinary nowadays. For the two sports as a rule don't mix.

Track celebrities, especially sprinters, hardly can afford to take a chance on playing the gridiron pastime, for an injury might possibly render them unserviceable for work on the cinders.

True, there are exceptions to the football-track rule. One of the most outstanding, perhaps, is Gordon Locke, sensational sprinter of Nebraska University and captain-elect of the 1926 thin-clad team.

**"Doubles" Well**  
Locke not only twinkles in the dashes on the track aggregation, but he's a pretty nifty footballer, too. Fact is, he was one of the stars of the 1925 Cornhusker eleven.

Locke can turn the century and furlong events in close to record time. He's one of the fastest sprinters Nebraska ever has boasted. Obviously, his great speed makes him an especially valuable asset on the football team. A good dodger and clever in an open field, Locke is extremely hard to bring down once he gets under way.

**Among the Failures**  
Two other middle western stars who tried the grid game within recent seasons didn't meet with much success. They were Charlie Brooks, Iowa, and Dan Kinsey, Illinois, both hurdlers. Kinsey received an injury which for a time threatened to put him out of track. Others also have failed.

Track team coaches, generally speaking, don't like to have their star sprinters and hurdlers go in for football. And they usually discourage it.

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### Colored 'Y' Netters in Field

The colored branch Y. M. C. A. is putting a basketball team in the field after a lapse of two years. All of the old stars are back trying for positions. Bryant, Jackson, Baxter, Ziegler, Edelen and Dicks are a few of the old men.

In a practice game the team defeated Greencastle Tigers, 30 to 13, twelve local men being used. A youngster, Louis Southern, was the outstanding player, making seven baskets.

The colored "Y" Big Five will stack up against the Kokomo Ace team tonight at the local gym. This is expected to be a hard game as the team captained by Edward Ray of Kokomo is hard to beat. Ray, in his last game, made fourteen baskets. There will be a curtain raiser.

The day following Christmas, the team will journey to Cincinnati to meet the Excelsior Club, headed by De Hart Hubbard of broad jump fame. Hubbard has quite a record as a basket player and is rated a fast forward.

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### FEATHER CROWN BATTLE

Champion Kaplan Slight Favorite in Bout With Babe Herman Tonight.

**By United Press**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Louis (Kid) Kaplan, the stocky little Connecticut fighter, who received the world's featherweight crown on a platter from the New York boxing commission, will defend the championship in Tex Rickard's new garden tonight against Babe Herman, the California challenger.

They are scheduled to go fifteen rounds to a decision and Kaplan was a six to five favorite today in the betting to retain his title.

There was some question whether Kaplan could make the weight and be himself, but the inspectors of the commission reported that they were both under weight and in good condition.

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