

STIRRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

Two sophomore football stars of the Big Ten are carrying their scintillating activities onto the basketball court. Molenda of Michigan grid fame made fifteen points for the Wolverines the other night against Pittsburgh University netters. Wilcox of Purdue helped defeat De Pauw and Franklin.

A good football player often is too crude for the clever hardwood court game, but when an athlete is good in both branches of sport he is the ideal type.

It proves he is shifty—which, in other words, means COORDINATION of muscles. Given one wish—that would be the athlete's choice.

LIGHTNING dribble and a bounce pass under the basket—a flash and a swish of the net—two points, that's Wanley of Connersville High School, one of the fastest streaks we have ever seen on the Hoosier prep courts. The little fellow played his first game Friday night against Rushville. He's going to cause plenty of trouble before the season is over.

The horizontal champion, Fred Fulton, assumed his recumbent position some eight or nine times in his fight with Godfrey Friday night in Minneapolis. He called it a night in the fifth round after demonstrating to the fans that he is still the "best" at his own particular specialty.

JIM CORBETT, former heavyweight champ, who is appearing at a local vaudeville theater, gave a short talk at the Indianapolis Athletic Club Friday night in which he said that a set of boxing gloves and a good instructor was one way to use up the surplus energy of the wild youth of today.

Jim is very likely right, but a youth must have the inclination first and his desires seem to run in different channels these days. We are in favor of a law that would permit the use of a lasso to rope in the drug store cowboys. They would have to be dragged into a gym before the process of making men out of them could be started.

The prize fight ring has some "terrible" champions—and list among them Kid Kaplan.

THE county high school basketball fans are worrying. Southport has twice won the cup that is presented to the team coming through the annual tourney at Tomlinson hall. If a team cops the cup three times it obtains permanent possession of the trophy.

Southport is reported to have a strong outfit this season and has a chance to take the cup home "for keeps." The youngsters need not be alarmed, however, because Ross Smith, who presented the original trophy, says if Southport takes the cup another one will be forthcoming.

A GROUP of Rose's Midgets, who appear here next week at a local movie theater, was at the Rushville-Connersville basketball game Friday night. The little fellows' eyes actually bulged out as they watched the players dash frantically about the hardwood court. Ascension was the chief reaction to the great Hoosier sport. The expressions on the "Tom Thumb" countenances were actually ludicrous.

They probably will have great tales to tell back in their native land of the strange customs and games of the Americans. A screaming crowd—teen youths dashing up and down—a round ball bouncing on the floor and tossed through the air—a man in white breeches tooting a whistle—all very peculiar, indeed.

We would have given more than a penny for the thoughts of the midgets as they gazed fascinated at basketball.

Those two great high school basketball teams, Frankfort and Martinsville, stepped on the gas Friday night. It was thumbs down and no mercy was shown. The champs scored 86 points against Columbus. The Artesian City Club counted 53 against Anderson.

Well, anyway, if Purdue did beat the Hoosier A. C. swimmers it took an Indianapolis youth to aid in turning the trick. Johnny Dithmer, a Boilermaker sophomore, carried off individual honors in the meet, taking two first and swimming anchor in both relay events.

It is beginning to look as though Purdue may have the class of the State in college basketball. Jolly came through in splendid fashion at back guard against Frankfort. The defense has been one of Coach Gambert's chief worries.

Other Friday Bouts

CLEVELAND—Bennie Gersche, local featherweight, was knocked out by Eddie Tamm, Chicago, in the fourth round. Tamm, 135, 30, was out-pointed by Tony Ross, Pittsburgh, in ten rounds. Frankie Gardini, Cleveland, defeated Johnny Samson, San Antonio, in ten rounds. Howard Mayberry, Duluth, and Eddie Rosen, Detroit, fought a ten-round draw.

YOUNGSTOWN—Jock Malone, St. Paul, met Eddie Johnson, Toledo, and Dick Evans, Youngstown, in twelve rounds.

DAYTON, Ohio—Mickey O'Dowd, Munson, lost on points to Shifty Dando, Dayton.

DAVENPORT, Iowa—Malcor, California, met Eddie Johnson, Toledo, and Eddie Spears, Chicago, fought a draw with Eddie Callahan, Muscatine.

POST-SEASON GRID

Salem (Mass.) High School, 44; Leon (Tallahassee, Fla.), 7.

MARION COUNTY FIVES WIND UP PLAY IN ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

MORTON VS. TECH TONIGHT

Richmond Meets East Siders at 'Y'—Four Locals Lose Friday.

Four local high school teams will play tonight with Technical the only squad appearing in Indianapolis. The Green and White five will meet Morton of Richmond at the Y. M. C. A. The Richmond team comes here after turning in a victory Friday night over Newcastle, a club that has defeated Tech.

Other games tonight are Manual at Rushville, Shortridge at Elwood and Broad Ripple at Knightstown.

Shortridge Saves City

On Friday night Shortridge saved the Indianapolis schools from complete annihilation when the north siders defeated Seymour, 36 to 34. The game was close all the way. Shortridge led at the half, 19 to 16. Christopher and Holt starred for the winners.

Manual lost to Greenfield at the south side gym, 30 to 20. Manual led at the half, 12 to 10, but could not keep up the pace. Masten tossed seven baskets for the winners. Hargrave of Manual made three from the field.

Hickman Does Well

Technical was defeated at Crawfordsville, 41 to 32. The local five made plenty of points, but failed to hold the Athenians. The score at the half was 25 to 16 in Crawfordsville's favor. Tech came back strong in the second period with Hickman tossing in points but could not hold the pace. Cummings was best for the winners and Hickman starred for Tech.

Cathedral opened the season at K. C. auditorium, losing to Huntington Catholic, 36 to 29. Cathedral could not get started and was behind at the half, 26 to 8. The "Irish" staged a great comeback in the second period, but could not overcome the big lead.

Broad Ripple lost a rough contest to Carmel at the Ripple gym, 34 to 22. The suburban club led at the half, 12 to 10, but could not hold the advantage.

END OF IT

Rockne Says He Never Intended to Leave N. D.

BY United Press SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 19.—Lafayette stood revenged today for last season's defeat at the hands of Franklin. The Boiler Makers Friday night dropped Griz Wagner's powerful Baptist combination by a score of 32 to 24.

Purdie led 12 to 11 at the half and increased this margin in the second period.

Gant of the visitors was so closely guarded he made only one field goal. He tossed in five free throws however.

Spradling led the Purdue scoring with five from the field. Scott of Franklin got four. Wilcox led the Boiler Makers in the latter stages of the game.

AT INDIANA

Crimson Ready for Invasion of Wabash Five.

BY United Press BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 19.—Coach Dean's Crimson basketball team is ready for the invasion of Wabash tonight.

Stung by the unexpected defeat administered by De Pauw, Dean has been working his crew hard in preparation for the coming of another State college foe.

ROSE POLY DEFEATED Indiana Central Five Beats Engineers by One Point.

Rose Poly of Terre Haute went home from Indiana Central College today taking with it the short end of a 28 to 27 basketball score. The game was hard fought throughout with Indiana Central leading 16 to 9 at the half.

Kaiser Victor

BY United Press MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Pee-wee Kaiser, St. Louis bantam, defeated Johnny Rosen of Ontario in eight rounds here Friday night.

KLEIN WINNER Ben Klein defeated Clyde Martin, 50 to 32, in the State three-cushion billiard tourney at Coopers' parlor, Friday night. It was Klein's last game in the meet.

Ralph Heath of Noblesville was elected captain of the 1926 team.

BOYS' PREP BANQUET

Ralph Heath of Noblesville Elected 1926 Grid Captain.

The Boys' Preparatory School held its annual football banquet Friday evening in the school dining room.

Letters and sweaters were awarded the following: Heath, Lewis, Kellin, Adams, Fulton, Craig, Forey, Daniels, Smith, Blake, Crawford and Wiggin.

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Frankfort, 34; Terre Haute, 27.

Franklin, 34; Indianapolis, 27.

Marion County, 17; Wabash, 16.

Notre Dame, 17; Iowa, 16.

U. S. Maryland, 40; W. and L., 23.

Indiana State Normal, 36; St. Viateur, 26.

MARION COUNTY TOURNEY

Warren Central, 36; Action, 11.

Southport, 17; Valley Mills, 15.

Oaklanden, 18; New Augusta, 25.

Hoover Grove, 23; Chatfield, 18.

Ben Davis, 22; West Newton, 17.

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Morrisland, 32; Arlington, 23.

Shortland, 28; Kempton, 6.

Sharon, 25; Terre Haute, 21.

Dugger, 33; Lyons, 20.

McT. Comfort, 2; McCordville, 0.

Oleman, 25; Salem, 20.

Greenbush, 42; Hopewell, 17.

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Kentucky, 31; Remond, 10.

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