

# STIRRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

**I**t finally looks as though it has happened. Several threats have been made in the past to take the final high school basketball tournament away from Indianapolis. The plans worked out in a meeting of the I. H. S. A. board of control on Saturday will do away with the big meet that in recent years has been held at the State fairground in Indianapolis.

Although this city will hate to lose the tournament, there is no denying the fact the H. S. board has listed many good reasons for its action. The State board of agriculture boosted the rent this year in the Exposition building at the fairground to \$3,000, plus all other expenses, such as light, heat, etc.

There are many big gyms around the State, and with four additional semi-final tournaments, probably as many people will see the games as attended here when it is all in one big net carnival.

But the biggest argument in favor of the new idea is that it will do away with the physical grind of the two days' play. Whatever may be said against taking the tourney away from this city, one can deny that if the strain the players has been lessened, the board has done something worth while.

It is a misfortune Indianapolis does not have a real high school gym. If the city had a structure worthy of the name it would have an opportunity to stage the final battles.

The capital of this basketball State is one of the most backward in providing facilities for the greatest Hoosier sport. Maybe, now, some will begin to realize it.

**O**NE hears a lot about intolerance these days. It is a favorite expression, but did you ever hear it used in reference to sport? It applies to athletics as well as anything else.

Why is it that we must go to extremes on all questions? Why not strike a middle ground somewhere? The opponents of college football will not be satisfied unless the game is abolished. The opponents of professional football would wipe it off the sport map.

Even Major Griffith, Big Ten athletic commissioner, gets a bit excited while talking about the menace of the pro game and predicts that golf or polo will take football's place if the grid sport becomes commercialized.

There seems to be a place for the collegiate sport, although it might be modified a bit. It may be given too much prominence in some schools.

But there is also a place for the professional. Let's be sensible and think straight. Very seldom is anything all bad or all good. Only in the movies are villains absolutely wicked and the hero and heroine the embodiments of every virtue.

So on the sport stage even the referee may be right some times and the college football hero may have his faults. Just be calm, folks. Don't let your own likes and dislikes warp your judgment. There is something to say on both sides—always. It is so easy to be intolerant in the realm of sports.

**I**NDIANA is over-run with good high school basketball centers. Any direction in which one looks there looms a youth of above the ordinary ability who stands in the little ring in the middle of the court as the game starts.

And in spite of all this great array of pivot men, in our mind, there is one out-standing star right at this time. The youth's name is Whitaker of Martinsville. The Artesian City center is playing the best ball of his career—no doubt about it.

He seems to be in superb physical condition and is displaying around ability hard to beat. He may not be as sensational a shot as some others, but is always in the fray around the basket-battling for close-in shots. Under his own basket he is a bear on defense.

That's what makes him good. He is all over the floor and seems untiring in his efforts both on attack and defense. This seems quite a little praise for any one player but the big boy deserves it.

**T**HE Missouri Valley Conference is stepping out. Football in that section of the land has improved steadily in the past years and now basketball is forging to the front. When a club beats Butler, 30 to 20, even if it is the third game in three nights for the Pagemen, that team is traveling. That's what St. Louis University did Saturday. On the same night Drake defeated Illinois, 20 to 16.

The Hoosier college netters had better be watching their step when Missouri U. comes through this State during the holidays. The Show-Me boys will appear here against Butler on Dec. 29. Missouri won six and lost ten games last season in the Valley Conference.

This is vacation time for the college and high school students—that is, if they don't happen to be basketball players.

**T**HE Central States bowling tournament proved to be kind Santa Claus for the Century Alley five of this city. The squad finished sixth in the meet to draw down \$185 in prize money. Hueber and C. Schott tied for first in the doubles. The deadlock has not been decided as yet. First place is worth \$235. The local pair decided not to go to Cleveland for a roll-off. Hueber also gets \$30 for third place in the all-events.

# INDIANAPOLIS MAY LOSE FINAL H. S. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

## FEATURE BOUT IS PLANNED

Wiggins and Risko in Main Go Here New Year's—Other Scraps.

Steve Harter, Washington A. C. matchmaker, has decided to put on an all-staristic card at Tomlinson Hall New Year's afternoon and he will have John Risko, youthful Cleveland mauler, here to meet Chuck Wiggins in the main go of ten rounds.

Risko is the heavyweight who gave Wiggins a terrific fight some time ago, the outcome resulting in a difference of opinion. Previous to that the rivals met at Ft. Harrison and Risko was disqualified for trying to get away with a claim of foul.

In the second clash the fans were treated to a great exhibition, Risko leading in the early rounds and Wiggins leading in the closing sessions.

Risko is a heavyweight and has plenty of weight advantage over Chuck, but the local scrapper thinks he will be able to outpoint the Cleveland. Risko has promised Promoter Harter that he will come here in top shape New Year's and try for a knockout over the Indianapolis light heavy.

Brett Waggoner, Petersburg coal miner, will appear on the New Year's card here against Young Ebene Ruth of Louisville. Ruth flattened Waggoner in one round some time ago and the scrap here probably will be a thriller. It will be a six-round affair.

Louie Epstein, Indianapolis, and Jimmy Stewart, Louisville, will step four rounds in a return engagement. There was a difference of opinion over the verdict in their last meeting.

Harter is arranging other feature matches and his card will call for a total of thirty-eight rounds. Owing to much expense in lining up the various bouts, the prices New Year's afternoon will be \$1, \$2 and \$3.

## ON THE WAY

Alabama Westward Bound for Coast Grid Games.

By United Press Red Grange and Grid Team Hit Southern Trail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—His injured arm greatly improved, Red Grange and his barnstorming Chicago Bears today hit the golden trail to Florida in search of more coin. They will play six games on the present trip, the first being at Coral Gables, Fla., on Christmas Day.

The team is en route to Pasadena, Cal., to meet the University of Washington eleven Jan. 1, in the annual tournament of Roses game. The southerners will arrive at Los Angeles Wednesday, according to present plans.

## BASKETBALL NOTES

Three-I League Increases Team Player Limit.

By United Press SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—Three-I League baseball moguls are en route to their homes today following the meeting of Sunday. On account of the holiness there will be no games on Thursday. For games address Joe Connor, 33 N. Addison St., or call Belmont 0728-W.

Local teams fared well at Liberty Hall over the week-end. The Blue Moon Tuxedo Maroons, 28, beat the Blue Moon Tuxedo of Louisville, 71 to 19, and the Holiday Singers girls defeated the Blue Moon 18 to 14. In a night affair the C. C. Club beat Waldron (Ind.) Independents, 30 to 20. Raiders with the team-raised C. C. S. will play Thursday. For games write H. W. Howard, 1217 Laurel.

ATLANTA, Ind., Dec. 21.—The Harmonie Lodge of P. I. C. C. of Atlanta, Ga., has decided to book two games to be played at Indianapolis immediately after Christmas. Address Louis C. Baker, manager, Aurora, Ind.

The O-Hare 55 defeated the Tuxedo Maroons, 28, for games with the Blue Moon Sants write Kenneth Spillman, 448 N. Harrison Ave., or phone Irvington 1513-W.

The Tuxedo Maroons will play the First United Brethren team at Massachusetts Park Arenas at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Girls' team, 33, will play the C. C. Club, 33, and Bloomington, 18, others noted. Anderson and Frank, 316 N. Oliver St., and Frank, 316 N. Oliver St., or call Irvington 1513-W.

The Commercial City Juniors defeated the Woodside Juniors. For games in the 14-year-old class call Drexel 3264 and ask for William.

## BASKETBALL RESULTS

Saturday Games COLLEGES

Indiana, 35; Wabash, 27; St. Louis, 30; Butler, 20; Drake, 29; Michigan State, 28; Chicago, 21; Drake, 20; Illinois, 18; Indiana, 20; Shurtleff College, 22; Illinois College, 18.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Manual, 30; Rushville, 27; Tech, 25; Richmond, 27; Elwood, 25; Shurtleff, 24; Knightstown, 50; Broad Ripple, 30; Greenfield, 33; McCordville, 20; Cicero, 38; Sheridan, 21; Drury, 20; New Albany, 29; Mitchell, 40; New Orleans, 33; Marion, 30; Roosevelt, 35; Valparaiso, 30; Wilkinson, 31; Westland, 40; Noblesville, 32; Sullivan, 22; Terre Haute, 22; Sullivan, 21.

MARION COUNTY TOURNEY

Southport, 24; Butler, 12 (final). Ben Davis, 21; Beech Grove, 18; Lawrence, 24; Oaklandland, 18; Southport, 30; Warren Central, 22.

WABASH BASEBALL

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 21.—Athletic Director Scholler has announced the following baseball schedule for Wabash College next spring.

April 1, Purdie at Lafayette; April 2, Purdie, here; April 3, Purdie at Lafayette; April 5, Purdie, here; April 6, Purdie at Lafayette; April 8, Purdie, here; April 10, Purdie at Terre Haute; April 20, Indiana at Indianapolis; April 22, State Normal at Terre Haute; April 23, Indiana at Terre Haute; April 25, Butler, here; May 12, Indiana; May 14, De Paul, here; May 15, Indiana; May 26, De Paul, here; May 28, Butler, here; June 1, Indiana; June 4, State Normal, here.

STATE WINNERS

Frank Davis won the half-mile race at Riverside rink on Saturday night and Ford Carmain took the two-mile event. The races were billed for the State titles at the two distances.

## Boys' Prep Netters Prepare for Games



Thompson, Fulton, Pinkus and Shearer.

## COUNTY CUP

Southport Wins Trophy by Third Victory in Meet.

Southport High School has the cup. The basketball team of that school won the Marion County tournament at Tomlinson Hall on Saturday night by defeating Ben Davis, 24 to 12. It was the third time Southport has won the meet, and with three victories permanent possession is obtained of the cup presented by Ross Smith.

Southport jumped off to an early lead in the final contest and held the advantage throughout. Ben Davis came back strong in the second half, but could not overcome the early lead of the winners.

Hildebrand, Southport center, who starred throughout the meet, was high point man for the victors. Gladson was best for the losers.

Indiana high schools did not participate in the tourney.

Indiana University coach, Stricken With Pneumonia, Resting Easier.

By United Press PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Charles A. Stoneham, president of the New York Giants and the Polo Grounds Boxing A. C., was reported today to be in the market for a Dempsey-Wills heavyweight championship fight on July 4.

No comment could be obtained today at the office of the club, but it was suggested that the club was willing to promote any big matches for which there was a public demand.

Stoneham was reported to have

made to Dempsey, through a western representative, an offer of \$500,000 flat or a liberal percentage of the receipts. The end offered Wills was not made known.

TIM LOWRY IS HONORED

Northwestern Grid Captain Voted Most Valuable in Big Ten.

By United Press EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 21.—Northwestern rejoiced today in the honor bestowed upon its football captain, "Fighting Tim" Lowry, who has been voted the most valuable player to his team in the Big Ten Conference.

Football coaches, officials and sports writers were polled, and the Chicago Tribune will give Lowry a silver football, symbolic of the honor which last year went to Red Grange.

SOCER RECORD

By United Press NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 21.—Archie Stark, star center-forward for the Bethlehem team and the leading scorer in the American Soccer League, last year, made a national record for professional soccer by scoring five goals, Bethlehem beating Newark, 5 to 0.

HOOT SHORTRIDGE played while Elwood made two field goals although he should have been out of the contest on four personal fouls. The official allowed only one of the goals at the time, but later reversed the ruling.

Broad Ripple went to Knightswood and was defeated, 50 to 30.

Three sample schedules were submitted to the club owners, and these will be voted on by mail.

Jack Again Agrees to Fight

By United Press LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Jack Dempsey agreed today to post \$250,000 as a guarantee he will step into a prize ring in 1926 and defend the world's heavyweight championship.

Floyd Fitzsimmons, Indiana promoter, will put up a like amount,

it was decided in a conference with the champion, and Dempsey will meet Harry Wills in a ten-round exhibition encounter at or near Chicago in September, 1926.

Dempsey and Fitzsimmons came to this understanding today after a week of negotiations in connection with articles of agreement already signed for the title bout with Wills, the reigning challenger.

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TURKEY WINNERS

Seth Klein and Wending tied for first place in the singles event of the turkey shoot at the Indianapolis Gun Club Saturday with 97 targets out of 100. Wending, Young, Patterson and O'Mara tied in the handicap with 23 out of 25. McIntire won the doubles with 21 out of twelve pairs. Burford, Wending, Klein, Denison, Patterson and McIntire won turkeys.

Wending participated in his final meet as a college athlete in the National Collegiate at Chicago last summer. And after many years of competition, it appears that Legende's record-breaking mark of 25 feet, 6 1/2 inches, made in the 1924-25 season, will be beaten.

Wending was in school, but the ebony-hued star won up his collegiate career with a record of 100 per cent. And he is a regular hero. For his last 100 record, he hung up a new record, 26 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

And so doth he realize one of his greatest ambitions.

STATE CUE MEET

Only three matches will be played in the State three-cushion billiard tourney at Coolers this week because of Christmas. Curtis and Jones meet tonight, Rubens and Martin on Tuesday, and Cooler and Bosson Wednesday. Ramsey is leading the procession at present with Curtis in second place.

NATS A JINX

Garland Buckeye of Cleveland, the heftiest pitcher in the majors, in his major league debut last year, beat every club in the American League at least once, except Washington. He lost to that team twice.

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