

Off the Backboard

By Norman E. Isaacs

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 20.—Some one, somewhere, some one certainly pulled a "fast one" when he spilled that remark about there being no such word as "can't." For today Indiana University and its fair city of Bloomington, taken individually and collectively, are the firm belief that that gentleman responsible for that statement was a hero and a seer. Saturday night the Cream and Crimson of Indiana waved triumphantly over the Gold and Black of Purdue on the local basketball court. And so to 37 was the tune to which the fans clattered.

The Indiana lads proved conclusively that it is not impossible to defeat Purdue. The hitherto undefeated Boilermaker cage outfit only once led the procession, and then but for a brief space.

LEVERTHLESS the lads from Lafayette did exhibit some wonderful basketball and the last four minutes in which 14 points were scored convinced the eye-eyed throng that field goals "by can be 'poured' through the hoop. It was a gallant comeback and some of the best action of the night was displayed in those frantic moments as the two teams raced up and down the court. Purdue voted too much time to the renowned "Ace" McCracken and Lee Strickland, loose many times, scored six field goals and four from the foul stripe.

The delayed offense used effectively by both teams, was effective for Indiana, but fell down from the Purdue standpoint.

BOTH clubs started for openings during the first five minutes of play and nary a field goal was scored. Dale Wells, Indiana floor guard, connected and the scrap was on. The locals amassed a 13 to 3 lead and then slumped. The Crimson performers were tired—and showed it. Purdue ran up to nine points and the locals snapped out of it to run the count to 14. The Old Gold almost caught up this time and the mob was in a frenzy as the count reached 14-13. The Deans, however, mustered up what little was left and pushed the score to 19. The Boilermakers came one field goal closer and there the score stood as the gun went off—19 to 15—for the half.

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PURDUE sputtered at the start of the second period and the gym was in a bedlam as the score hit 21 to 20. The locals got busy once more and ran the count to 29 to 20. From there to 33 to 22. And then, 40 to 23. That ended Indiana's business for the evening. The White-shirted Boilermakers suddenly awoke to the fact that the Hoosiers were seventeen points to the good with but a few minutes remaining. That started the fireworks. Up went the count and Indiana supporters were biting their nails as the Purdue tally swiftly drew closer. Wheeler tossed in a free throw making the count 40 to 37 and the cannon went off followed by a tremendous roar.

Doug Scheid performed at backguard as well as we believe it is possible to play. The Vincennes lad was a nemesis to the Boilermaker men coming in for follow-ups and even the giant Murphy was unable to do much at getting the ball off the backboard while Scheid was in the immediate vicinity.

DALE WELLS demonstrated how well he could guard, while Strickland was contributing his part by throwing in buckets and sending loyal Purduers into tatters. Capt. Babe Wheeler and Murphy also played splendidly for the Engineers and carried the bulk of the Purdue offensive burden. The touted battle between "Stretch" and McCracken failed to materialize. Purdue controlled the tip-off constantly, while the former Monrovia flash was covered closely by the Boilermakers. Taken as a basketball game, it was by far better than the previous encounter at Lafayette, when poor passing and ragged floor work were by-words.

The evening's bookkeeping:

Indiana Purdue
Wells, G. F. T. Wilson, G. F. T.
Strickland, J. G. F. T. Wilson, G. F. T.
McCracken, C. G. F. T. Wilson, G. F. T.
Cochrane, C. G. F. T. Wilson, G. F. T.
Scheid, D. G. F. T. Wilson, G. F. T.
Starr, F. G. F. T. Wilson, G. F. T.
Gillie, F. G. F. T. Wilson, G. F. T.

Totals 13 14 40 Totals 15 7 37
Free throws missed—Purdue, 8; Indiana, 12. Referee—Kearns (Dr. Paul), Umpire—Feele (Indianapolis).

Glen Harmon, star Purdue forward, injured in the game with Illinois early last week, was in a uniform and more or less able to control his limp. He did not play.

The two front teams, led by Wally Middleworth, employ the one-hour style of play and even though devoid of the spectacular, driller, was fairly good. There is more passing and a bit of speedy action 'neath the baskets.

Leslie Reynolds, who captained the High School team in the drive to the State crown last year, was very much in evidence in the front man's game, having on the same team as Leonard (Lefty) Evans, Logansport's star back guard, last year.

The game was put on the "air" by WFBM, Indianapolis Power and Light station. By the standards was at the microphone. The tree was provided by the Washington Bank and Trust Company of Indianapolis.

And we won't hesitate in saying that Purdue and Indiana both should win every Conference game until the end of the season.

MADE FORTUNE

Purline Uzudun, in three years as a heavyweight fighter, is said to have made more than \$225,000, most of which he has today.

Week's Play May Decide Big Ten Basketball Titleholder

Stirk Shines in Tri-State Pin Turney

Ft. Wayne Bowler Leads in All-Events and Doubles Play.

The feature bowling at the Printers' Tri-State tourney over the week-end at the Indiana alleys was provided by Roy Stirk of Ft. Wayne. Stirk took the lead in the all-events with a fine total of 1,802, and with his partner, H. Tellig, rolled into first place in the doubles with 1,209.

Eddie Hornberger, local crack, is in second place in the all-events with 1,785, followed by Herman Bohne, another local boy, with 1,776. J. Votol is fourth with 1,774.

In the singles event Packwood of Cleveland came through with a great 245 in his last game to take the lead with 641. Heyol of Cincinnati was next with 638. Roy Stirk has 631 for third place, while Eddie Hoffstatter and F. Alexander, local boys, are fourth and fifth, respectively, with 613 and 608.

The four-man event shows the Centennial Press team's 2,368 still high, although this total was threatened several times during Saturday and Sunday play. Bohne's Artists reached second place when they turned in a total of 2,316. In third place the first outside team in this event appears, the Press Assistants No. 45 of Cleveland having 2,275.

The Slater Printing of Louisville is fourth with 2,256, and the Indianapolis Star fifth on 2,243.

Doubles and singles events featured Monday's schedule, with a sprinkling of four-man events here and there.

State Amateur Event This Week

The State independent amateur basketball finals tourney will be staged at Tomlinson Hall, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Thirty-two sectional champions, decided in various parts of the State recently, will compete in the title event here.

The State Auto Insurance team captured the local independent sectional honors by walloping the Central "Y" five in the final game Saturday. Northwestern will be at Michigan and Minnesota at Purdue.

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A. A. U. Boxers Battle for Titles in Bouts at S. S. Turner Hall

Drawings for the city and county A. A. U. championship boxing tournament to be held tonight at the South Side Turner hall were to be made late this afternoon after the thirty-five entrants had weighed in. Final arrangements have been made and officials in charge of the tour-

ney today announced that everything was in readiness for tonight's "simon-pure"istic program which will start at 7:45.

Title winners in each of seven classes will receive a silver ring with gold mitt emblem. All bouts will be three, three-minute rounds, with

an extra round in the event the judges rule the fight a draw. The complete list of entrants:

12 Pounds—C. Landigan, Herb Aiken, Paul Smith, Terre Haute, unattached; Mack Budd, Fairbanks-Morse.

138 Pounds—Carl Antropius, L. Davidson, Eddie Hart, Indianapolis, unattached; Al Birch and Finley Thornton, Fairbanks-Morse; Starres, S. Johnson, and E. Everhart, unattached.

140 Pounds—Albert Cohen and Albert Hausman, Turners, Bill Lutz, unattached; S. J. Johnson, Fairbanks-Morse.

133 Pounds—Alva Callahan, unattached; Eddie Unger and Claude Watson, unattached.

147 Pounds—Ivy Amon and Max Smith, Turners; Joe Shaeffer, Fairbanks-Morse; Eddie Unger and Claude Watson, unattached.

150 Pounds—J. D. Strahl, Butler University, and Herbert Marsh, Turners.

The officials for tonight's scraps are:

Ed Clemens and Ed Zimmerman, judges; Paul Jordan, timer; Henry Sangston, announcer; M. M. Johnson, S. Johnson, Dr. Byron Sander, examining physician, and Arthur Paetz, chairman.

Final Standings:

COLLEGE
Pittsburgh, 24; Notre Dame, 22; Indiana, 40; Purdue, 17; Wisconsin, 21; Ohio State, 18; Northwestern, 41; Minnesota, 36; Michigan, 27; Cornell, 24; Muncie, 20; Normal, 19; Manchester, 41; Evansville, 35; Hanover, 12.

Cathedral (Indianapolis), 32; St. John's (Shelbyville), 29; St. John's (Newark), 38; St. John's (Cincinnati), 18; Action, 32; Bowles, 22; Broad Ripple, 32; Reitz (Evansville), 40; Garfield (Terre Haute), 38.

South Bend, 32; Elkhart, 26; Muncie, 43; Mount Carmel, 36; Warren Central, 38; Corydon, 15; Jefferson, 29; Franklin, 28; Jefferson, Fairbanks-Morse, Terre Haute, 37; Peru, 29; Bloomfield, 56; Scotland, 35; Evansville, 41; Manchester, 38; Westfield, 35; Fisher, 19; Salem, 23; West Baden, 17; Marion, 41; New Haven, 11; Southport, 40; Scottsburg, 25; Memorial (Evansville), 46; Bonville, 24; Elkhart, 25; Vincennes Reserves, 24; Chardon, 32; Jefferson, 30; Gas City, 30; North Manchester, 22; Alexander, 47; Alumni, 37; Center Grove, 42; Center, 42; Center Grove, 48; Colfax, 40; Connersville, 40; Aurora, 30; Aurora, Seconds, 20; New Alscare, 20; South Bend, 32; Elkhart, 26; Anderson, 38; Marion, 34; Decatur Catholic, 46; Terre Haute, 45; Decatur, 29; Portland, 29; Center, 37; Center (Ft. Wayne), 22; Anderson, Catholic, 17; Ft. Wayne, 24; South High (Lima), 23; Central (Ft. Wayne), 46; Warsaw, 20; Delphi, 35.

Drawings for the Central Christian tournament for teams in the 125-130-pound class will be held Saturday night at the Central Christian Church, Indianapolis. Two more teams are requested to enter and managers are requested to call Maurice Campbell, Manager, or me today. The English Ave. Boys' Club and Lauter Boys' Club will start at 7:30. A dance will follow the game.

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