

**TALKING IT OVER**  
WITH JOE WILLIAMS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 13.—Two curiosities walked into the lobby of the Princess Martha Hotel Sunday where the Yankees are billeted and the attendant excitement was so intense the local constabulary threatened action to preserve the cherished Sabbath calm. In the order of their appearance and seemingly relative importance, they were as follows:

Curiosity No. 1—Stanley Coveleskie, a spitball pitcher. Curiosity No. 2—Jake the chimpanzee.

Mr. Coveleskie came in walking on two feet in an upright position, while Jake bounded in on all fours in a bent-over posture as if looking for a cigar-but or a fugitive quarter. It should be stated that Mr. Coveleskie is a right-handed spitballer. Had he been a left-handed spitballer he would have been bounding along on all fours, too. It was not easy to decide which created the greater excitement—the spitballer or chimpanzee.

It was the first time some of the younger Yankees had ever seen either a spitballer or a chimpanzee. By the rules of the game spitballers have been barred for ten years. The few ancient survivors who are still in the game are hanging on by special dispensation.

MR. COVELESKIE came in from Mr. Hot Springs, Ark., where he had been taking his winter bath, and was more or less expected. Jake came in escorted by one Mr. Foley, a local realtor, to whom the chimpanzee is more than a pet, but how much more I am unable to state.

The hotel lobby was lined with athletes at the time. They had thrown themselves into chairs ready to begin an arduous day of conscientious sitting and yawning. Jake walked the length of the lobby inspecting them with a pair of quizzical eyes.

I am distressed to report that he did not appear to be unduly impressed, although there was a tense moment when he paused near the outstretched feet of Mr. Pat Collins, the catcher, as if intending to discuss worldly matters with him on terms of social equality.

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# State Finalists Make Earnest Preparations for Tournament

## Turners Lose in A.A.U. Net Meet at K.C.

Rushville Elks Survive Opening Round of Court Competition.

**BULLETIN**

*By United Press*  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 13.—Rushville Elks of Rushville, Ind., advanced to the third round of play in the National A. A. U. tourney here today by defeating Yankton (N. D.) College, 45 to 23.

*By United Press*  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 13.—Two upsets featured the opening round of the National A. A. U. basketball tournament. The Ke-Nash-A Team, Kenosha, Wis., rated a strong contender for the championship, was defeated, 27 to 24, by the Liberal Lions of Liberal, Kan., and the Goodyear Tires, Akron, Ohio, were defeated, 31 to 30, by the Rushville (Ind.) Elks.

The Lyons Independent, Indiana amateur champions, won their first game by dropping Phillips University, 32 to 28. The South Side Turners of Indianapolis lost to the Southwestern College Club of Winfield, Kan., 48 to 23.

Another Indiana team, the Jeffersonville Elks, bowing to the Dallas A. C., 43 to 23.

## Merely Chatter

BY NORMAN ISAACS

THE baseball feud between Davy Bancroft and Earl Smith may reach a "head" this season. Last year "Ollie" took a swing on the former Brave manager and laid Davy away cold. For that Earl was "soaked" \$500 and a thirty-day suspension.

It was learned from an ardent Indianapolis baseball fan the other day that Bancroft had filed suit for \$15,000 damages alleging an "unprovoked assault." And every time "Ollie" steps into Ebbets Field at Brooklyn or the Polo Grounds in New York he has old "John Law" on his back.

Last year, so it is understood, Owain Bush was forced to sneak "down." The Pirates have eleven games at each of the parks—Ebbets Field and Polo Grounds—and Earl may be forced to miss all twenty-two tilts—because of Davy's suit.

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## They Look Good to Logansport



Sixteen Premier Teams After Indiana Scholastic Cage Crown.

**SATURDAY TICKETS SOLD**

**Friday Tickets Still Available, Announcement.**

**BY DICK MILLER**

Sixteen premier high school basketball teams over the State, survivors of the sectional and regional tournaments the past two weeks, settled down to earnest work today, preparing for the finals tournament and the crowning of the seventeenth State scholastic champion at the new Butler University field house Friday and Saturday.

Most of the teams, weary from regional struggles, were given a day of rest Monday and lectured by coaches. Opponents in the first games, known, and imaginary versions of the opponents to be met in the progress of the tourney caused coaches to set forth the various styles of play to be used in the various games. Every detail of preparation will be carefully covered this week.

The fifteen final tourney games will be broadcast to fans over the State by The Indianapolis Times over the Indianapolis Power and Light Company station, WFBM. Blythe and Tommy Hendricks will be at the microphone.

Fred R. Gorman, Technical High School, in charge of ticket sales, announced that all Saturday tickets have been sold. Many fine Friday seats still are available. Fans will be able to obtain Friday tickets by communication with Gorman.

K. V. Ammerman, manager of the tourney, was busy Monday getting the new regulation high school floor laid out. He checked the added reinforcements under the temporary bleachers around the edge of the floor where 5,000 rooters supporting the sixteen finalist teams will sit, and arranged for the large army of press correspondents that will "cover" the games.

The opening day's schedule calls for several thrilling games if advance dope is to be used as a gauge.

Delphi, coached by Paul Lotsief, formerly of Franklin, showed up strong at Marion and may upset Anderson. Fans will watch the Mark Wakefield-coached Central of Evansville team in their struggle with Muncie. The latter team, doped by many to win the State title, faltered in the regional games.

## Tonight's Program at Armory

Ten Rounds—Jock Malone, St. Paul, vs. Bobby Williams, New York; 166 pounds.

Eight Rounds—Jack Kane, Chicago, vs. R. O. Victor, Cincinnati; 110 pounds.

Six Rounds—Young Hopwood, Indianapolis; vs. Frankie Jones, Indianapolis; 155 pounds.

Six Rounds—Billy Cain, St. Louis, vs. Eddie Roberts, Indianapolis; 112 pounds.

Four Rounds—Eddie Marshall, Clinton, vs. Lon Lovelace, Terre Haute; 126 pounds.

## Risko Wins Verdict Over Jack Sharkey

Contestants in Heavyweight Scrap Put Up Unsatisfactory Showing.

**B FRANK GETTY**

*United Press Sports Editor*

NEW YORK, March 13.—The heavyweight elimination tournament conducted by Tex Rickard for the purpose of finding a logical challenger for the championship of the world today had resulted in the elimination of all the contestants.

Johnnie Risko of Cleveland, stumbling block of the unlimited division, outpointed Jack Sharkey of Boston in Madison Square Garden last night, but the manner of his victory was such that every one concerned is at a loss to name an opponent for Gene Tunney in June.

Risko, born in throughout the fifteen-round fight, while the judges' decision in a bout which might have been awarded to either man, or called a draw without injustice. But even if Sharkey had won the nod of the officials, the situation would have remained the same.

There were no knockdowns in last night's affair, nor was either Sharkey or Risko in distress at any time. It was a fight of body punches, in which Risko, who struck often, forced Sharkey constantly to cover up and hang on. Once or twice the Bostonian staggered Risko with heavy lefts to the jaw or savage rights to the heart and stomach, but Johnny took no notice of the blows and kept eternally forcing the fighting.

**TO UMP ON COAST**

*By United Press*  
LOS ANGELES, March 13.—Louis Kells, former Notre Dame football star and for the past two years a baseball umpire in the Western League, will officiate in the Pacific Coast League this season.

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