

## TALKING IT OVER

WITH JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Taking it from January to December, in the Gregorian manner, it was quite a year. I mean in sports. A lot of things happened. Most of these have been duly chronicled in detailed resumes. Against a black and white background of type in the daily papers the highlights in baseball, football, tennis, racing, track and field, and prize fighting have been sharply etched by the sports historians.

In several laudatory instances these were boiled down to eighteen or twenty columns of solid reading matter, not counting the full page arrangements of statistical records. It makes thrilling reading, provided you have the time—say a week or ten days—to give to it.

I THINK MY CHIEF CRITICISM AGAINST THE CUSTOM IS THAT FOR ALL ITS GLASSY APPEARANCE OF COMPLETENESS IT IS INCOMPLETE. ONLY THE BETTER KNOWN AND MORE DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED FORMS OF ATHLETIC COMPETITION ARE FEATURED.

WHO was the champion oyster eater of the 1912 season? A champion no matter where you take him and an oyster fiend, who is capable of out-eating a stoutest opponent is deserving of recognition. And yet none of the tabular reviews of the season's championship exploits I have read give this man his warranted place in the sun of publicity.

Too much stress is placed on conventional performances and conventional events. Babe Ruth, you learn from these post-season reviews, had another great season at bat.

BUT THERE IS NO RECORD OF HIS STUPENDOUS NON-STOP EATING PERFORMANCE, WHEN WITH NO HOLDS, HE DEMOLISHED AT ONE SITTING THE BETTER PART OF FIFTY POUNDS OF BARBECUED SPARE RIBS, STARTING FROM ST. LOUIS AND ENDING AT COLUMBUS, O.

AT the finish the great man wasn't breathing at all. These quickly passed, however, when he rang the bell in his compartment

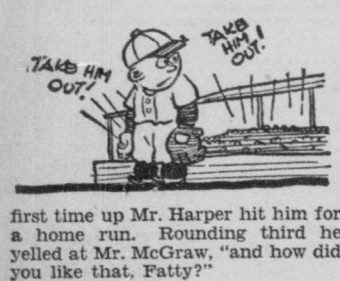


and demanded to know when in the heck they were going to put the dinner on.

A list of the great emotional moments of individual players ought to be included in these reviews. Under this classification would come the three home runs Mr. George Harper of the Cardinals made against the Giants late last September.

MR. HARPER HAD BEEN WITH THE GIANTS EARLIER IN THE SEASON, BUT MR. MCGRAW WANTED BOB O'FARRELL, THE CATCHER, AND A TRADE WAS ARRANGED. "I'LL MAKE THAT IRISHMAN SUFFER FOR THIS," HISSED MR. HARPER.

LATER in the year the Cardinals and the Giants met in a series with the league lead more or less at stake. Mr. McGraw started his pitching ace, Larry Benton. The



first time up Mr. Harper hit him for a home run. Rounding third he yelled at Mr. McGraw, "and how did you like that, Fatty?"

The next time he slammed out another home run. Passing third Mr. Harper yelled: "Where do you get all these lousy pitchers?" And later, Mr. Harper slapped still another ball out of the park and as he did he turned and thumbed his plebeian nose at Mr. McGraw, which was as scandalous as a bus boy talking out of turn to the head waiter at the Ritz.

THOSE WHO WERE IN THE GIANTS' DUGOUT AT THE TIME REPORT THAT MR. MCGRAW EXERCISED COMMANDABLE RESTRAINT OF HIS TEMPER ALL DURING THE ORDEAL AND THAT ONLY ONCE WAS HE SEEN REACHING FOR A BAT.

## DRY LEADER ASSERTS

### CRIME IS ON DECREASE

Prohibition Given Credit for 'Slump' in Lawlessness.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Ernest H. Cerrington, general secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism, in a statement released today, says "the rising tide of crime which once threatened to engulf the nation has become a receding tide under prohibition."

The secretary's statement follows closely that of Prohibition Commissioner Doran, who yesterday took a look at the immediate past and future of enforcement in his report to Assistant Secretary Lowman of the treasury. Outstanding in his report was the statement that no poison liquor deaths had been reported to him during the Christmas holidays.

## Fraternity Demands Dignity

BROOKLINE, Mass., Jan. 1.—"Undignified stunts" have been banned from initiation ceremonies of the Sigma Lambda Phi fraternity by a vote taken at the national convention here.

# Bulldogs Battle Southern Champs in Field House Tonight

## DUNLAP VICTOR AGAIN

Princeton Sophomore Wins Mid-Winter Fourth Consecutive Year.

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 1.—George T. Dunlap Jr., New York, held the Pinehurst mid-winter golf championship for the fourth consecutive year today. Dunlap, 20, and a Princeton sophomore, played the No. 2 course here in 71, one stroke under par, to defeat Forbes K. Wilson of York Harbor, Me., 5 and 3. Wilson is a sophomore at Yale and amateur champion of Maine.

## TOLEDO GETS THOMAS

Giants Send Third Sacker to Mud Hens on Option.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Ferber Thomas, third baseman, has been released on option to the Toledo club of the American Association, officials of the New York Giants announced here.

Thomas came to the Giants from the Boston Braves and was released on option to Buffalo of the International League last spring. He was recalled in the fall.

## Bedford and Columbus in Net Feature

All Reserved Seats for H. S. Clash Sold; Coaches on Hand.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Jan. 1.—Everything was set today for the important high school clash here tonight on the Columbus high school floor when the Bedford five invades this city for its highly heralded battle with the undefeated Bulldogs.

Every reserved seat in the local gymnasium has been disposed of and early today all that remained was a few general admission tickets, which were expected to be grabbed up by eager fans.

A host of leading coaches from many portions of the state and noted sports writers from Bedford, Indianapolis and nearby cities, R. B. Morrison of Indianapolis is to be the referee in tonight's game which starts at 8 o'clock.

## Hudkins May Get Crack at Dundee

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Ace Hudkins, Nebraska Wildcat, may have a chance to win the welterweight championship of the world, Tom McCordle, Madison Square Garden matchmaker, announced.

Hudkins challenged Mickey Walker for a middleweight title bout but Walker failed to respond favorably. He is now seeking a welterweight bout with Joe Dundee of Baltimore. McCordle hopes to match the pair for a February date in the Garden.

## JOEY TAKES ON TOD

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 1.—The Madison Square Garden Corporation of New York City, will handle reservations for the Jack Sharkey-Young Stripling fight here Feb. 27, Tex Rickard announced here. Stripling is planning to fly to New York to watch Sharkey fight K. O. Christner, Cleveland, in the Garden.

## North Carolina Tar Heels Provide Opposition for Indianapolis Five.

### VISITORS RATED HIGHLY

Hinkle to Use Regular Starting Lineup.

Butler's fast-traveling Butler Bulldogs will battle Jimmy Ashmore's University of North Carolina basketball team at the blue and white field house at 8 tonight. The Tar Heels, southern conference champions, arrived here this morning.

The Carolinas have a veteran aggregation and, with Ashmore at helm, are expected to provide dangerous competition for the undefeated Bulldogs, who boast of victories over Pittsburgh, Purdue and Danville.

Although the Hinklemen are in rather good trim and the starting five ready for action, the team will be somewhat handicapped by the absence of Marshall Christopher, a forward. Christopher has been used to ignite the Butler spirit in early games and should he fail to see action tonight he will be missed.

The starting lineup for the Bulldogs is expected to be with Captain White and Chandler at forwards; Hildebrand at center and Hosier and Euge, guards.

Coach Ashmore said the Tar Heels probably would use Hackney and Satterfield at forwards; Cathey at center and Price and Smith, guards.

Incidentally, North Carolina teams have won the southern title four times since 1922 and Ashmore is optimistic over the team's chances this year. Tonight's game will not be broadcast.

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## NAVY CARDS DARTMOUTH

Middles to Play Big Green Nov. 30 in New York or Philly.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Navy and Dartmouth will meet on the gridiron, either in New York or Philadelphia, on Nov. 30, the Dartmouth Athletic Association announced.

The Nov. 30 date was that originally held open for the Army in case the Cadets cared to resume athletic relations with the Navy. Princeton occupied the equivalent date last year.

## WINS INDOOR HONORS

Kendall Cram, Nashville, Takes National Boys' Tennis Crown.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 1.—Kendall Cram, Nashville, Tenn., was national boy's indoor tennis champion today, by virtue of his final round victory over Walter Rothschild, New Rochelle, N. Y., here, 6-2, 8-6.

Richard Murphy, Utica, N. Y., and Frankie Shore, Washington, D. C., meet here today in the finals of the national junior indoor championships.

## Welters Set for Ring Go at Armory

Brown and Grace in Good Shape for Tonight's Scrap.

If good condition means a good fight, then tonight's main event at the Armory boxing show should be a whooping success, for Meyer Grace and Norman Brown, the feature contenders, appear to be in the very "pink" of shape. Over the week-end of the two welters concluded their training in local gyms and showed lots of stuff. The complete card for tonight follows:

Ten Rounds—Norman Brown, Chicago, vs. Meyer Grace, Philadelphia; 117 pounds.

Eight Rounds—Ehrman Clark, Indianapolis, vs. Lon Lovelace, Terre Haute, 125 pounds.

Six Rounds—Indiana, vs. Carl Erick, Terre Haute, 120 pounds.

Six Rounds—Allen Watson, Indianapolis, vs. Joe Lynn, Princeton; 121 pounds.

Four Rounds—Tommy Knapp, Clinton, vs. Spencer, Indianapolis; 136 pounds.

"Socks appeal" seems to be the predominating feature of tonight's Legion program, with boys reputed to be hard hitters engaged to show their prowess. The punching ability of Brown is fresh in the minds of fans because of the recent performance of the Chicago boy here.

Taken all in all, the sport at the Armory tonight may be anything but ladylike. The weigh-in was at 3 this afternoon and the show tonight will start at 8:15.

## Wabash Pointed for Notre Dame

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Following a long rest because of the flu epidemic, the Wabash college basketball team has resumed its practice in preparation for the contest with Notre Dame here Jan. 9.

Coach Pete Vaughan was pleased at the return to the squad of Bowman, former Wingate high school star, a great prospect for a regular berth.

## FRANKFORT IS ELIGIBLE

Everett Case's Quintet Plays Lebanon at Home Tonight.

FRANKFORT, Ind., Jan. 1.—Frankfort high school basketball team, suspended until today by I. H. S. A. A. will open its season tonight here against the last Lebanon five.

Everett Case has lined up a powerful squad here and many coaches and critics are expected to be here tonight to watch the Frankfort team's maiden encounter of the season.

## DUVALL KIN IN BUSINESS

Claude Wilson Is District Manager for Novelty Company.

Claude Wilson, nephew of former Mayor John L. Duvall, today announced his employment as district manager for the California Novelty company. The firm will be known as the Wilson Sales company and have offices at 720 Union title building.

Wilson's post as safety board clerk was abolished by the Slack administration Jan. 1 as an "economy" move. He was one of the few active Duvall administration workers remaining at city hall. Wilson was formerly deputy city controller and confidant of Duvall.

## TO RESUME DRILLS

Indiana Central Netmen to Report to Coach Good Wednesday.

The Indiana Central College basketball team will report to Coach Harry Good Wednesday to resume intensive practice sessions for the Greyhounds' clash with De Pauw on Jan. 8. The squad is expected to be in great condition after its long rest.

## TO DEDICATE GYM

Capacity Crowd Expected to Witness Brazil-Greencastle Fray.

BRAZIL, Ind., Jan. 1.—A capacity crowd is expected to mill its way into the new Brazil high school gym here Wednesday night for the dedication game with Greencastle. The Tiger Cubs have a brilliant aggregation and a hard game is expected.

## PREPARE FOR TECHNICAL

Chet Hill Works Kokomo Netters for Hard Game.

KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 1.—Coach Chester Hill is sending his Kokomo high school basketball team through some stiff workout in preparation for its North Central Conference battle with the strong Technical team at Indianapolis Friday night.

## DESIRE NET GAMES

Rhodius Community House team has access to a gym and wishes to book games with strong city and state teams playing in the 16-18-year-old class. Call Belmont 0418 and ask for Kenneth.

\$6,000 Necklace on Floor Under Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 1.—Manager Leonard Scrivens found a \$6,000 pearl necklace on the floor of his store, after a customer had walked in without noticing it.

## 14,000 Miles, No T

FITCHBURG, Mass., and Mrs. George V. Tex, have arrived 14,000-mile tour duty were not obliged to

## It's Mr. and Mrs. Barratt



Fred Barratt, center on the Ohio State University football team last fall was married in Lansing, Mich., recently, to Miss Martha Kirt. Barratt will return to Columbus to his studies, while Mrs. Barratt will live with her parents in Detroit for the present.

## 16 Exhibitions for Cleveland

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 1.—Sixteen exhibition games have been arranged for the Cleveland Indians for the spring training trip, it was announced here. The first contingent, including the battery men, will report at the spring training camp at New Orleans, March 1, and the remainder of the squad on March 11. The schedule:

March 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 30, 31, New Orleans at New Orleans; April 2 and 3, New York Giants at New Orleans; April 8 and 9, Brooklyn at New Orleans; April 11 and 12, Birmingham at Birmingham; April 13 and 14, Cincinnati at Cincinnati.

## PLAY TWO CONTESTS

Shortridge Meets Tipton Friday; Take on Delphi Saturday.

The Shortridge high school basketball team, elated over its fine showing against the powerful Technical five, will face two opponents over the week-end. Friday night the Blue and White will move to Tipton and Saturday night return home to play Delphi.

The squad is in good shape. Bullett, regarded as the Shortridges' most effective player, has been going big in practice.

## I. U. Is Favorite Over Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 1.—The Indiana university basketball team, co-champion of the Big Ten conference, here for its game tonight with the University of Pittsburgh quintet, reigned a slight favorite to win tonight's fracas.

The Hoosiers, led by Dale Wells, have one of the smallest basketball teams in the nation and have been improving rapidly since the opening of the season.

## WILDCATS WIN EASILY

EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 1.—Northwestern defeated Penn State, 41 to 17, in a basketball game, Monday night. Five thousand saw the game.

## GARDEN TO SELL 'EM

Ducats For Sharkey-Stripling Encounter Handled in Big City.

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## Off THE BACKBOARD

By NORMAN E. ISAACS

AND may old King Basketball grant every one of you the utmost in happiness during 1929, and may every shot you take be a field goal.

Backboard is ushering in the new year with a group of letters. Let's hope you get a "kick" out of every one. Here goes:

Dear Off-The-Backboard—Just a few lines to tell every one what a well-informed Hoosier basketball fan should know.

Hurray! At last there is a team within our no-man city upon which the smaller towns can vent no hostile play. It has won the city title. Won seven games in eight. It's gonna have 12 more fights. With the team I'm ravin' about is TECH. Tim Campbell is the coach. And when the season's thru, you'll find Tech's name above reproach.

Thanks very much for the boosting you have given the Green and White in the past. It's quite positive you'll have just as much to talk about in the future.

THE TALKING MACHINE.

A VERY CHEERY YOUNG FELLOW IS THE YOUNG MAN; A 1924 GRADUATE OF TECHNICAL.

Dear Backboard—Thought I would drop you a few lines telling you my opinion on a certain little team near here and am giving you what I consider the best in the state at this writing. Sure, I'm for Martinsville. The Martinsville Pioneers have ten straight victories, are plenty good and deserve to be classed with the ten strongest. Here's my Big Ten.

Dear Backboard—So far this season I have had no reason to pick an argument with you because the column has been rather fair. Although Tech has defeated Manual I still am a true, fighting Manualite. Manual hopes to pull a sur-

prise and win the sectional, but we want to tell you Tech has a great team and the team that knocks 'em off will have to be plenty hot. If we can't beat you we'll be for you, Tech!

A FIGHTING MANUALITE.

SOBRY ABOUT THE ARGUMENT PART. WE'LL TRY TO START A LITTLE SETTO PRETTY SOON.

Dear Backboard—We have a rip-tearing team down here that is going to go places and do things before the season is over. Although we've been slowed up by the flu we intend to be back and traveling by tournament time. Here's my "Big Five": Bedford, Martinsville, Columbus, Muncie and Crawfordsville. THE KITTEN.

Dear Backboard—Crawfordsville, according to my belief, has one all-star player, Don Haffner, center. He has a record which backs this statement, even to a Greenacres fan. Cville's basketballers in seven games had scored 129 field goals. Of this number, Haffner had registered 56 goals, an average of eight a game. A FAN.

MORE ON THAT YOUNG "HOT-SHOT."

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The sporting fraternity of the nation will listen to radio broadcasts of the struggle. A victory for Georgia Tech will give the Atlanta team one of the best claims in history to a mythical national championship. Success for California will establish almost without doubt that far west football exceeds the brand played in all other sections of the country.

Native sons have placed California a 10-to-8 favorite over Tech.

## Local Bowling Gossip

BY LEFTY LEE

Pete Miller is still on top in the St. Phillips sweeps, which will close this Friday's schedule. One hundred and one entrants already have rolled and one more for the 640 mark are posted. It would not surprise us to see one of two "700" totals as the drives are in fine shape for pin getting. In the women's division, Mrs. Crane is on top with a score of 538. There are room for a few more entries on the 1 p. m. 5 p. m. and 7 p. m. squares. If you wish to bowl call Ch. 124.

Sheehan and Schutte were the winners in the "300" doubles at the Illinois alleys Sunday with a score of 1,211. Forty-seven teams called in this event, which was officiated by Woodard and Durbin in their usual efficient manner.

The Illinois alleys will stage a "200" scratch singles event next Sunday. Those drives have been getting a nice play over each week-end and a large entry can be expected for this event.

Mrs. Davis and E. Tomlinson were the runners-up to Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Slater in the "UP-TOWN ALLEY" "MERRY WIDOW" event. THE WINNING TEAM HAD A TOTAL OF 580 PINS FOR THEIR THREE GAMES.

Clarence Myers assumed the lead in the "100" classic at the Uptown alleys today with a total of 683. From now on Clarence will call number thirteen his lucky number as this was the score he had when he received his scores were 213, 214 and 243. Myers was sent to George Meeker with a count of 642. Seven squads will take the drives in this event today in the effort to get in on the prize list offered.

Some real pin spinning will be the order of things at the Pritchett Recreation alleys today when the second annual New Year's classic will be rolled. Our tip to the rollers is to wait until the Silver Flash star has been putting his pin smashing pin in the pocket with great

regularity lately. Every squad in this league will be using vinyl pin-headers, who are capable of winning if they are right.

You boys with the smaller average want to remember the 180 event at the bowling game locally and deserves a nice large entry.

At the Indiana today the "950" team event will hold the attention of the bowling crowd. The 180 event at the bowling game locally and deserves a nice large entry.

ANY LOCAL BOWLER WHO PASSES THROUGH ANDERSON AT ANY TIME SHOULD BE SURE TO LOOK OVER THE LAY OUT INSTALLED BY BILL BEAM. ANDERSON BOWLERS FORMERLY WERE DEBACED BECAUSE OF A LACK OF A PLACE TO PRACTICE, BUT WITH THIS NEW ESTABLISHMENT WILL LOSE THEIR ALIBI, AND AT THE SAME TIME FEEL PROUD OF THEIR NEW HOME DRIVES.

Chicago Basket Leader Rated As Maroon's Finest Athlete.

Virgil Gist, captain of the Chicago basketball team, is rated as the outstanding athlete at the university.

In addition to being a good basketball player, he is the national collegiate record holder for the half-mile and its good at distances from 220 yards up.

## GIST A GREAT RUNNER

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## American Basketball League in Midst of Thrilling Title Race

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NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The advent of the New Year finds the American Basketball League in the midst of one of the most fiercely contested races in its history.

Only four and one-half games separate Cleveland, in first place, and Trenton, in seventh. The Paterson (N. J.) quintet seems to be the only team of the eight that is definitely out of the running.

The 1928 half of the current basketball season has been an exceptionally brilliant one for the league. Attendance records have been broken in several of the league cities and interest around the circuit has shown a steady increase.

The standing of the teams at the end of 1928:

	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	13	7	.658
Pt. Wayne	10	7	.588
Chicago	9	9	.500
Rochester	8	9	.471
Brooklyn	8	7	.533
New York	7	9	.438
Trenton	6	8	.429
Paterson	2	13	.154

## LES BREAKS HAND

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Les Mariner, Chicago heavyweight boxer, fractured his hand in sparring Monday. He will not be able to fight for three weeks, his trainers announced.

## Monday Basketball

COLLEGES

Northwestern, at Penn State, 17, Illinois, 38; Washington (St. Louis), 29, Cincinnati, 30; Georgetown (Ky.), 21, Oakland City, 30.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Central (Pt. Wayne), 38; Huntington, 31, Rochester, 31; Minerva, 15.