BONURA LIKELY TO TAKE OVER TRIBE FIRST BASE DUTIES

Rookie Shows Class at Bat and in Field

Curt Walker, Former Cincy Red Slugger, Gets Down to Hard Work First Day in Camp and Wins Praise of Hoosier Officials, Players.

BY EDDIE ASH
Times Sports Editor

SARASOTA, Fla., March 10.—Impressive performances by Henry Bonura, Curt Walker and Bill Narlesky featured the spring training drill of Johnn Corriden's Indians Monday and early signs indicate that Bonura, the New Orleans Italian, will make good as a slugger and first sacker to replace Pete Monahan, who has held down the initial sack for the Tribesmen the past two years.

Big Henry steps around with ease and the question of his ability to field the position has been removed. Moreover, he looks great at the plate and has a splendid voice to help along the infield pepper. The fans back home are going to approve his style and type. New Orleans papers have wired for information on Bonura's progress and it is evident he is a real somebody in the old home town.

Curt Walker celebrated his demotion to minor league baseball by entering into action in the manner of a rookie. He has no weight to take off and demonstrated Monday that he means to give his best to the Indians, and strive for another chance in the majors.

Walker One of 'Em

Seldom does a player coming down from the big leagues show the brand of spirit displayed by Walker Monday and Manager Corriden and Owner Norman Perry were loud in their praise of the veteran fly chaser. Curt had not played with any of the Indians during his career and reported in the roll of a total stranger, but in one day's workout earned the admiration of the entire squad.

Bill Narlesky made things hot on the infield Monday and when warned to slow down around the third sack stated he kept in shape over winter and was not worried about his arm.

"The work can not be too hard for me" he said, and his actions in scooping up hot shots led the camp observers to believe him. Narlesky apparently is destined to develop into a superb guardian of third base.

Outlook Bright

Altogether, Monday's practice caused the Tribe outlook to go up several points and created the belief the team is going to have much power at the bat. The Corriden pastimers are of the stalwart type this year, and Narlesky is about the shortest athlete among the regulars.

Catcher Tom Angley showed to better advantage Monday and the former Georgia Tech football star is winning the argument about cutting off weight. Furthermore, Tom is crashing the ball.

Pitcher Danny Boone led off on the mound for batting practice Monday, showed to advantage and then became ill. He was compelled to go to his room at once.

Absentees Monday were shortstop Montague, utility infielder Paul Wolfe and outfielders Fitzgerald and Tucker.

Montague, Fitzgerald and Wolfe arrived later and were to take their first workout today. Ollie Tucker is a holdout.

Clyde Barnhart was another standout during Monday's drill and his long drives added to the day's features. Improvement in health is the reason. He cut off too much weight last spring and sapped his endurance.

OWNER NORMAN PERRY waxed enthusiastic over the condition of the squad here Monday, and complimented Manager Corriden for his success in bringing the boys along in the face of wintry weather. The sun was out at times Monday, but a strong and cold wind interfered to some extent.

The first cut in the squad was made today when pitcher Bill Parks drew his release. He finished with the Indians last fall. He was released outright.

Governor Harry G. Leslie plans to visit the Indians Sarasoto training camp shortly, it is said. He will come down from the north accompanied by several winter vacationists.

Len Koenecke, the king of spring training hitters, joined the Tribesmen Monday and cut loose with the same old spring power at the plate. He is the youth who passes out annually when regular games begin. Perhaps this will be his year to make good, but nobody cares to venture a prediction.

Jim Londos, Mat Star, to Appear Here

Jim Londos, Philadephia Greek, one of the leading claimants to the heavyweight wrestling championship, will appear in a local match at Tomlinson hall next Tuesday, March 17, Promoter Jimmie McLemore announced today. His opponent will be named later. In recent appearances in the east and mid west, Londos has drawn record crowds.

Coach Billy Thom of I. U. defeated Tetsura Hygami in Monday's feature bout, when the Japanese was unable to return after the second fall. Eddie Shabbot beat Merle Dolby and Buck Weaver tossed Carl Chaney in other bouts.

DANIELS IS CAPTAIN

By United Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 10.—Norm Daniels, center, who was picked on the United Press all-conference team by Big Ten coaches, was elected captain of the Michigan team for next season after Monday night's game.

Smiles, Plenty of 'Em

DOWN in the southland, Johnny Corriden's Indians are brushing up for the 1931 A. A. race. With each day, the smiles of camp followers and officials broaden, for the Logansport red-head is molding a team that apparently will pack a hefty punch at the plate. At the top, above, is Norman Perry, left, owner and president of the Indians, with Eddie Ash, The Times' sports editor, only Indianapolis writer at the camp.

Left below is Tom Angley, former Georgia Tech star, swatting out the offerings of Tribe hurlers. Angley is getting his weight down and will be ready to share the backstop duties with Johnny Riddle when the season gets under way. On the left is Bill Burwell, left, vet sinker ball artist, and Johnny Corriden. Why all the smiles? Well, just a short time before this picture was snapped, Bill had signed a contract after threatening to join the holdout ranks.

Tracy Cox Tops Card

Local Feather Flash Faces Dombrowski; Vine to Meet Baxter.

Tracy Cox, acclaimed by local fight fans as the most prominent of Indianapolis fistic artists, goes to bat at the Armory tonight against Soldier Dombrowski of Detroit, and his followers are confident the Brightwood puncher will hold his own with the Soldier.

The complete program for the Legion show follows:

Ten Rounds—Tracy Cox, Indianapolis, vs. Soldier Dombrowski, Detroit; featherweights.

Eight Rounds—Lou Vine, Chicago, vs. Charley Baxter, Louisville; lightweights.

Six Rounds—Roy Nidy, Lawrenceville, Ill., vs. Charley Keefe, Terre Haute; featherweights.

Four Rounds—Carl Ellis, Terre Haute, vs. Red Yeager, Indianapolis; welterweights.

Four Rounds—Frankie Fivecoats, Indianapolis, vs. Billy Cox, Indianapolis; featherweights.

Four Rounds—Tony Qualitia, Indianapolis, vs. Harlan Anson, Indianapolis; lightweights.

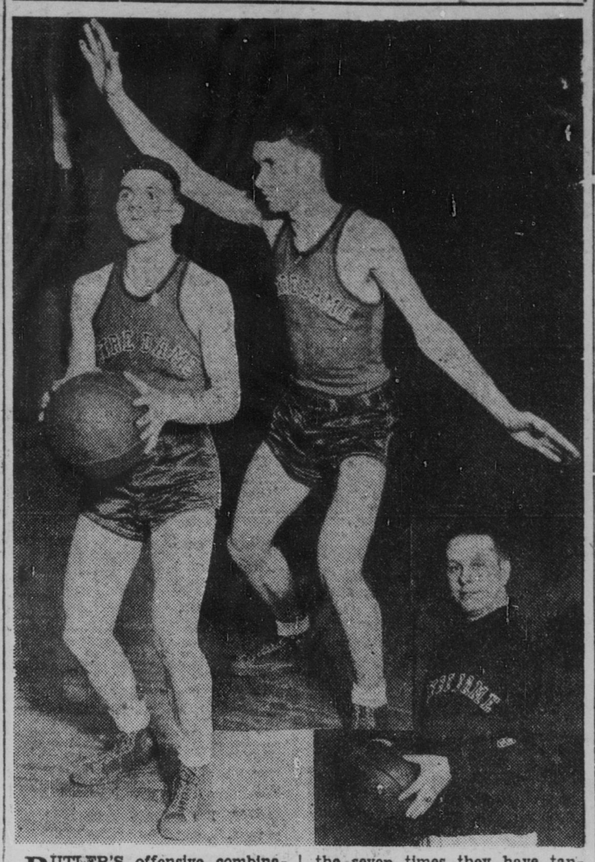
The eight-round semi-windup promises lots of action, with Lou Wine mixing with Charley Baxter. Both these pugs have made fine showings here in previous engagements, and their first meeting looks like a natural attraction. Red Yeager is taking the place of Tony Petruzzi in the top four against Carl Ellis of Terre Haute. Tony broke a hand in his fight last Tuesday night at the Armory. The show starts at 8:15.

Canzoneri Bout Sought

NEW YORK, March 10.—Official approval for a lightwieght championship bout between Champion Tony Canzoneri and Billy Petrolle is expected to be asked at today's meeting of the New York athletic commission.

Canzoneri has agreed to meet Petrolle at Madison Square Garden, March 27.

They Defend Irish Hoop



BUTLER'S offensive combination will face a hard task tonight in attempting to break through the Notre Dame defense, of which the two guards shown above provide the backbone. Johnny Baldwin (left), sophomore ace, is an important key in the offensive, in addition to his guarding ability. Right, is Bob Johnson, another basket defender, and below, is George Keogan, Irish mentor, whose teams have beaten Tony Hinkle's proteges five of the seven times they have tangled. The rivals tangle tonight at the field house.

POLO STARS ACTIVE

By United Press

ALHAMBRA, Cal., March 10.—Three high-goal international teams will be seen in action at Midwick Country Club this week. Los Pamperos Four of Argentina will meet Laddie Sanford's Hurricanes Friday afternoon, while the Hurricanes play the Midwick polo team Sunday.

Net Rivals Meet Here

Bulldog Quintet Hopes to Avenge Early Loss to Notre Dame.

Largest crowd of the season is expected at the field house tonight when Butler's Bulldogs wind up their 1930-31 cage campaign by taking on their arch rival Notre Dame.

In a previous battle at South Bend, the Irish tossers romped away with an easy verdict and are the only Hoosier quintet holding a win over the Hinklemen this season.

Five of the last seven games played by the rivals have been won by Notre Dame. Coach George Keogan's quintets always have proved stumbling blocks for the strongest teams the Blue could offer.

The Bulldogs, however, hope to wind up their season tonight without a loss on their home court by avenging the serious setback. The contest will start at 8:30, preceded by Butler-State Normal frosh encounter.

Probable lineups:

BUTLER		NOTRE DAME
Withrow	F	Newbold
Miller	F	Crowe
Proffitt	C	DeCook
Chadd	G	Baldwin
Tackett	G	Johnson

Three Teams Share Second

By United Press

CHICAGO, March 10.—The end of the Big Ten basketball season left three teams—Purdue, Minnesota and Michigan—deadlocked for the runner-up position to the championship Northwestern quintet.

In the two final games of the season Monday night Michigan defeated Chicago, 29-15, and Minnesota won from Ohio State, 31-24. Final standing:

	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Northwestern	11	1	.190	396	281
Purdue	8	4	.667	333	276
Minnesota	8	4	.667	353	320
Michigan	8	4	.667	322	255
Illinois	7	5	.583	343	299
Indiana	5	7	.417	300	325
Wisconsin	4	8	.333	340	294
Chicago	4	8	.333	329	377
Ohio State	3	9	.250	281	318
Iowa	2	10	.167	332	367

STANTON, SIKI SIGNED

Reginald Siki, known in wrestling circles as the Abyssinian giant, will see action on the weekly mat card of the Indiana Athletic Club Friday night. Siki, who claims a record of triumphs over a string of topnotchers, will meet Charlie Stanton, California heavyweight.

Stanton has been popular with Cadle fans, having won five or six matches in that ring. Siki and Stanton will meet in the semi-windup on the card. A main go will be arranged.

Raised Stitches Will Have Little Effect on Hitting, Babe Opines

BY BABE RUTH

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—For more than a month everybody I have met has been anxious to talk about the new ball. On the day of our first workout at the training camp I heard a lot more discussion about it. I find that people both in and out of baseball have widely different views on what effect the new ball will have on home runs and on hitting in general.

During the last ten days I have received several letters asking me to say something about it. In answer, I can give only my guesses at this time. In three or four weeks I should be able to furnish a better answer to the problem. Until the pitchers have got into something like normal form it is just guess work to tell what the ball will do to curb hitting.

I find that some people believe the difference lies in the better grip which the pitcher will get, now that the stitches have been raised. Others argue that the ball will be much deader than before.

I CAN'T figure now how the ball can be much different if the only change is in the thread. I am speaking now of the ball which we will have to hit against in the American League. The National League ball should be a little deader, as the cover is thicker. That probably means that there will not be so much yarn as there was last year.

I am inclined to think that the new ball when properly hit, will travel about as far as the 1930 model. The raised stitches may make the wind resistance greater and hold back exceptionally long drives, but this difference should be slight. As long as the amount of cork and rubber remains the same the ball should be just as lively. Before we leave the training camp I will get the views of several players and tell you whether they think they are getting as much distance as they would have had on the same drive a year ago.

Pitchers should be more effective, I believe, but we also must wait for the real answer to this question. We will know better after their arms get tuned up.

I see that some of the older pitchers look to the raised stitches to help them regain winning form. Perhaps it will. However, if the new ball makes it easier for the old fellows why won't it make the strong young pitchers even more effective.

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"THAT new ball ought to be great for you," Herb Pennock said to me the other day. 'If you want to do more pitching.'

Well, I have no serious idea of taking up pitching again. I did pitch an entire game on the last visit of the Yankees to Boston last September, and I must say I surprised myself in being able to go so long and get by without any serious batting rallies against me. But I have no idea that I could go into the box and do so well as a regular thing. Now and then I might do it but pitchers must work regularly in the big leagues.

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Net Queen May Play in City

Plans to bring Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody, world's tennis queen, to a local court sometime during the 1931 season, were announced Monday by Jack Hendricks Jr., newly elected president of the Associated Tennis clubs of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Wills-Moody's proposed appearance will top a series of exhibition matches to be staged during the summer. Kurt Pantzer was named vice-president; Fisk Landers, treasurer, and Richard Tennant, secretary of the local association, which draws its members from Hawthorne, Woodstock, Highland and Indianapolis Country Club.

Three 1930 Diamond Stars, Now Holdouts, are Reported on Block

BY DIXON STEWART
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, March 10.—Three outstanding stars of the 1930 baseball season—Bill Terry, Carl Reynolds and Ed Morgan—are reported to be on the major league trading block. The three athletes are stubborn salary holdouts and have been threatened with suspension or a change of locale unless they sign contracts at terms offered by their respective clubs.

Terry and Reynolds depend upon baseball for a livelihood, but both are stubborn, and it is likely that they will be seen this year with clubs willing to meet their salary demands. Morgan has outside interests and the desires of his parents and his recent marriage may influence him to quit baseball.

Morgan, after two years in the outfield, was converted into a first baseman last season and became one of the American League's best infielders. He led the Cleveland team in hitting with an average of .350 and clouted twenty-six home runs. When offered a contract this season, Morgan demanded $20,000, and said he would retire to manage his father's box factory in case his terms were refused.

Cleveland has a capable first baseman in Lew Fonseca and is unwilling to meet Morgan's terms.

Terry, generally regarded as the best first baseman in the game, is asking the New York Giants for a three-year contract at $30,000 per season. The Giants have countered with a "final" offer of a one-year contract calling for $22,500.

Suggestions that Memphis Bill will be traded sound ridiculous but in view of previous trades which sent Rogers Hornsby, Lefty O'Doul and Burleigh Grimes to other clubs it would not be surprising to see Manager McGraw lose the man who is needed to make the Giants a pennant contender.

Owner Stoneham is reported ready to trade Terry to any club except the Chicago Cubs. Brooklyn is reported to have refused to trade Terry for Babe Herman, even up, while St. Louis is uninterested in an offer which would deprive them of Jim Mottomley and Douthit. Pittsburgh wants Terry, but not at the Giants' price, involving the sacrifice of Paul Waner in addition to Gus Suhr.

Reynolds, young White Sox slugger, was included with Babe Ruth and Al Simmons in all-star American League outfits last year and now wants a salary in keeping with his ability. The Sox, notoriously a low paying club, have offered Reynolds $10,000 in response to his demand for $25,000.

Reynolds' prospects of getting even $15,000 from the Sox are remote, and he probably will be traded.

TRIANGLES TO MEET

Indianapolis Triangles, prominent local semi-pro road club will hold their first business meeting of the year Wednesday evening at 191 West Arizona street.

With last years lineup intact, Triangles are looking forward to another successful season. Playing the states best clubs last year they closed their season with a record of eighteen victories and four defeats.

Louisville Five Drops Opener

By Times Special

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 10.—Brown Hotel quintet of Louisville, Indiana-Kentucky A. A. U. champion, lost its first start in the national A. A. U. cage tourney here Monday, bowing to Dakota Wesleyan, 44 to 34.

Big Four A. A. of Cincinnati, with five Indianapolis players in the lineup, came through with an upset win over Oklahoma City Boosters, one of the early favorite, 30 to 24. Holz and Roberts set the pace for the winners. South Side Turners, another Indianapolis team, will get into action later.

MORENZ TOP SCORER

MONTREAL, Quebec, March 10.—With four games remaining, Howie Morenz, Canadians center, today appeared assured of top scoring honors in the National Hockey League with 47 points.

Loughran Aims at Return Go With Sharkey in Schaaf Tilt

By United Press

NEW YORK, March 10.—Tommy Loughran, Philadelphia boxing master, will resume his campaign for recognition as a worthy heavyweight title contender in a ten-round bout with Ernie Schaaf of Boston at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

A victory will place Loughran in the center of the title scramble and pave the way for a return match between the Philadelphian and Jack Sharkey. Defeat will relegate Tommy definitely to the ranks of the "dime a dozen" class.

Loughran unquestionably is one of the best of present day boxers, and although he never has shown any real punching ability many, judges of ring men, including Jack Dempsey and former featherweight champion Johnny Kilbane, believe he has the ability to become heavyweight champion.

Tommy received a setback in his first heavyweight division fight when he was knocked out in three rounds by Jack Sharkey. The extra poundage added after retiring undefeated as light heavyweight champion slowed Loughran's footwork and he was unimpressive in bouts with numerous second raters.

During recent months, the Philadelphian has trained down to 185 pounds and has staged a sensational comeback. He hopes to win a return match with Sharkey and regards the Schaaf match as his big opportunity. Schaaf is Sharkey's protege, and it is believed that a Loughran victory over Ernie would influence Sharkey to abandon his temporary retirement to avenge the defeat.

News From Big League Training Camps

MONDAY'S EXHIBITION SCORES

St. Louis (N), 4; Philadelphia (A), 3.
Boston (N), 10; Brooklyn (N), 2.

GAMES TODAY

New York (A) vs. Boston (N), at St. Petersburg, Fla.
Philadelphia (A) vs. St. Louis (N), at Ft. Myers, Fla.

By United Press

AVALON, Catalina Island, Cal., March 10.—The Chicago Cubs, eighteen players at least, got a lot of batting practice Monday in defeating Joe E. Brown's movie baseball team, 19 to 1. The game was funny, if not close.

Brown, not scheduled to bat in the ninth inning, paraded to the plate anyway with the announcement, "Brown batting for exercise." He got a hit, one of five permitted by Sheriff Blake and Bud Teachout. Powers, pitching for Brown's nine, allowed thirteen hits in three innings, so the Cubs loaned Montague to the visitors to finish the game.

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PASO ROBLES, Cal., March 10.—Paul Waner, outfielder, was expected to arrive at the Pittsburgh Pirate training camp here today. He still has not signed, although expected to do so. Twenty members of the Yannigan squad narrowly escaped injury Sunday when their bus ran into a flock of 1,700 sheep, killing 45, on their way to Monterey for a practice game, it was learned upon their return.

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CLEARWATER, Fla., March 10.—The Brooklyn Robins were scheduled for a long batting drill against left handed pitching today in preparation for Wednesday's game with Cincinnati. Left-handers, long an enigma to Brooklyn teams, were the contributing cause in Monday's 10 to 2 defeat by Boston and Manager Robinson hopes to overcome the weakness by intensive drills.

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TAMPA, Fla., March 10.—Possibility that rookie first baseman Mickey Heath may be lost to the Cincinnati Reds furnished additional worry today for Manager Dan Howley. Heath was secured from Hollywood in exchange for Marty Callaghan and Pot Crawford. Crawford since has retired and if Judge Landis follows a precedent set Monday in his ruling that the Reds must return outfielder Rodgers to Baltimore because catcher Gooch who was sent to the Orioles in exchange has retired, Hollywood may regain Heath's services.

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 10.—Jim Levy, Rookie shortstop, was injured Monday when hit on the elbow by a batted ball. The blow raised a bump on Levy's arm but the young recruit expected to resume work today with the Browns.

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FORT MYERS, Fla., March 10.—Gabby Street's St. Louis Cardinals held a two game to one lead over the Philadelphia Athletics as the 1931 "little world series" resumed competition today in their five-game spring series. Three rookie pitchers subdued the world champions Monday as the Cards batted out a 4-to-3 triumph. Today's game will be played at the Athletics camp with the fifth and final contest at Bradenton, March 16.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 10.—Boston's Braves are well started toward their annual "grapefruit circuit" championship. The Braves walloped Brooklyn, 10 to 2 Monday, and hope to make it three in a row by downing the New York Yankees today. Ed Brandt and Bruce Cunningham stopped the Robins Monday while McKechnie's sluggers pounded three Robins hurlers for fourteen safeties.

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 10.—With the return of seasonable weather, Manager Donie Bush planned to stiffen training work for the Chicago White Sox today. The Sox broke even in exhibition games over the week-end and Bush hopes to have his club in top form for Saturday's game with the New York Giants.

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WINTER HAVEN, Fla., March 10.—Barney Friberg's team defeated a scrub nine, 8 to 5. In an exhibition game at the Philadelphia Phillies camp Monday. Fred Koster's triple in the sixth accounted for the winning runs.

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PENSACOLA, Fla., March 10.—An epidemic of colds and muscular stiffness depleted the Boston Red Sox squad today and Manager John Collins announced a holiday for Wednesday. The players will spend the day resting and fishing.

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BILOXI, Miss., March 10.—With the entire squad in camp and under contract, Manager Walter Johnson today started preparation for the Washington Senators' exhibition game against Baltimore Thursday. Jackie Hayes, utility infielder, signed his contract Monday to complete the roster.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 10.—George Pipgras, New York Yankees' pitcher, has been forbidden by his physicians to start training until April 1. News of Pipgras' loss was accompanied by Manager Joe McCarthy's announcement that Joe Sewell and Werber will replace third baseman Lazzeri and shortstop Lary in today's practice game with the Boston Braves.

News of Local Ten Pin Pastimers

BY LEFTY LEE

Meridian League games featured the Packard team's two-game win over State Highway, Packard, practically composed of beginners at the start of the season, and accustomed to losing each series, scored a 953 to 947 to take the rubber in this match. Other games were one sided. Showalter Duco, Indiana Bell and Burke Cadillac tallied three from Edie Battery, Wash Rite Laundry and Northwestern. Six hundred totals were. Smith, 624; Cooper, 610; Edwards, 605, and Lenferty, 604.

A 380 doubles will be the attraction at the Illinois alleys Saturday and Sunday. This play is open to all, combinations under the 380 mark receiving two-thirds between their average and 380. An entry fee of $1.35 per man, which includes bowling, covers expenses. You can bowl as often as you like but must change partners each time. The winning combination will be rewarded with a guaranteed purse of $60.

Race Johns is busy lining up the girls for the 170-scratch singles sweepstakes to be rolled on the Pritchett alleys, March 14, 15, 21 and 22. In addition to cash awards, merchandize prizes will be awarded. The Roberson Coal Company has already donated a ton of coal, and a complete list of special prizes will be available later in the week. Play will consist of three games across alleys No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Twelve local teams will leave for St. Louis Friday night to attend the Knights of Columbus national tournament. Local teams roll on Saturday and Sunday. Teams entered are, Moran Trucking, W. Berling, captain; Scott Trucking, Frank Lauck, captain; White Furniture, L. Dugan, captain; Penn Coal Company, J. Kirkhoff, captain; K. of C. Council No. 457, F. Thompson, captain; Beams Bowling alleys, T. Lenahan, captain; Block Optical, P. Kernel, captain; Pinnerup Grocery, J. Finneran, captain; Pitman Rite Coal, D. Deery, captain; McDaniel Tilley Cards, W. Sargent, captain; Boren Insurance, E. Kuhn, captain, and Big Four Route, J. Corcoran, captain. These teams are going with the firm intention of not only collecting their share of the prize awards, but bringing the 1932 meet to Indianapolis.

Entries for the 900 scratch women's team sweepstakes, to be rolled on the Illinois ginning to arrive. This event which guarantees a purse of $100 to the winning team, will be open to all teams of the city rolling in league play. A team can roll more than once, but must make a change of at least two players in their line-ups. An entry fee of $8 per team will be charged, which includes bowling. All entries should be mailed to Annetta Crane, in care of the Illinois Bowling alleys.

First Tigers, Second Reformed No. 3, First Y. M. C. and Pleasant Run won three games from Carrollton Avenue Second Reformed, Misfits and St. Pauls, as Immanuel and First Owls took two from Trinity and Barracas, during the Reformed Church League play on the Pritchett alleys. H. Schoch hit for games of 228 and 259 after a 181 start to total 668 and lead the field. Jacobs rolled 645; Held, 613, and Werhoft, 601.

But two contests were rolled in the Indianapolis Auto League. Madden-Copple and Eisemann Service taking the odd game from R. V. Law and G. & J. Tire. Koepper starred in this series, games of 198, 181 and 231 giving him a total of 610.

Real scoring featured the South Side Business Mens League play on the Fountain Square alleys, nine of the eighteen games rolled being over the 1,000 mark. Carson Bros. led with a total of 3,048 on counts of 1,009, 1,032 and 1,007. Thomas Shoes, Kasper Furniture and Carson Brothers won two games from Ellis Barbers, Heidenreich Florists and Madison Avenue State Bank. Rutch McAllen led the individuals with a total of 656, Sullivan rolled 645; Williams, 632; Landis, 641; Obergfell, 634; Bennett, 623; Meyer, 616, and Holy, 611.

Indianapolis Star League play found the Mailer No. 10 team bowling to their season's long "jinx," Mailer No. 1 team, losing the entire series, the second game by a margin of two pins. Stereotypers and Circulation also lost three to Linotype and Operators. Lee Carmin added to his heavy individual lead when a total of 619; Finnigan rolled 611; Chryst, 606, and Lutz, 603. In a postponed series Mailers No. 1 took two games from Stereotypers.

Basketball

Arrangements have been made with the Fifth Third Union team of Cincinnati for a two-game series with the Fletcher Trust Company team.

The Cincinnati team, 1930 champions and 1931 runners-up in the American Institute of Banking League of that city will arrive in Indianapolis Thursday afternoon and play the Fletcher Trust team at 9 p. m. on the Penney gym floor.

At 7 p. m. the Indianapolis Flashes 130-pound team will play a curtain-raiser with Flanner & Buchanan quintet. The Flashes are entered in the 130-pound national tournament at Ann Arbor, Mich., in April.

At 8 p. m. the S. S. T. girls will meet Marmon girls in a preliminary game.

The following week the Fletcher Trust team will travel to Cincinnati and meet the Fifth Third Union Trust squad in the return event.

Three games are on the program at the new Southport high school gym for Friday night. At 7, Edgewood girls play Real Silk girls, followed at 7:45 by Cardinal Stars vs. St. Philips Juniors. At 8:30, Black Diamonds and St. Philips A. C., two of the leading quintets in this district, clash in the feature.

Teams desiring to enter the Irvington tournament must be registered by Wednesday, it was announced today. Call Bob Gladden, Irvington 2708.

Off the Backboard

By VERN M. BOXELL

SURPRISED? You could brush us over with a feather. Not a letter—not even a gripe. No congratulations for the victors, no razzberries for the losers. Alibis, not a one. It's a funny world, this land of basketball. Here we were all set with an extra waste basket for sour grape contributions, and the poor w. b. must go hungry.

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Even in the far coners of A. L. Trester's domains, bronx cheers and alibis appear unknown things among the losers, while the victors have taken their triumphs as a matter of course. Shelbyville, Crawfordsville and Anderson even congratulated their conquerors! What a change over a few years ago, when such happenings would have meant a fight in any country.

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Of course Hazzy Silverburg is singin' 'em, still. He never stops. What a great little publicity man that guy would make for California—writing about Florida. Hazzy's latest effort was to pick Bourbon—it will be more talked about at the state tournament than anything else. Hazzy, you slay us!

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SCORE one for Jeffersonville, making them one up over New Albany. Under the picture of a crowing rooster, the Jeffersonville News carries a front-page story headed "Crowing Is in Vindication of Our Assertion. Katterjohn, New Albany Principal, Assailed Local High School Basketball Team to Eliminate Most Dangerous Contender. He Can Now Join Us in Watching the Procession Go By." This was followed by a long story ha-haing New Albany for losing to Corydon in the sectional. If you're a stranger in these parts, New Albany reportedly lodged the complaint against the Red Demons, which resulted in the ousting of Jeffersonville from the I. H. S. A. A. Jeffersonville evened the count by canceling a spelling match with New Albany. Results, Jeffersonville one up.

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Some of the wise boys who make those annual "dark horse" predictions are boosting the stock of Horace Mann and Connersville. They're remembering what the Horsemen from Gary did a couple of years ago. According to the duncland scribes, Coach Crown has brought his charges along slowly for the tourney and now they're under full steam, title bound. It's hardly fair to call Connersville a dark horse. The Spartans always are dangerous at tourney time.

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Pete Jolly scouted the Newcastle sectional. Wonder why?

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'Tis said that Mickey Davison, Muncie Bearcat (our Muncie) star, may not play against Newcastle in the regional, due to an eye infection. Early in the season it was appendicitis. Please, Pete, say it ain't so!

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Mickey scored forty points in the three sectional games, or parts thereof, in which he participated. You can see that Pete and Backboard are going to need Mickey in that game next Saturday. Is there an optician in the house?

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Wouldn't it be funny if Vincennes beat Washington. It would be a calamity if Newcastle crocked Muncie!

Fights and Fighters

AT CHICAGO—Joey Freeman, 130¾, won a ten-round decision from Babe Ruth, 126, Louisville, Ky., here. Phil Ross, 156, Chicago, knocked out Dean Spencer, 159½, in the sixth round of the semi-final.

AT PITTSBURGH—Steve Smith, 129½, Bridgeport, Conn., defeated Johnny Datto, 124½, Cleveland, (10); Mickey Duris, 141, Johnstown, defeated Billy Holt, 145, Pittsburgh, (8).

AT BROOKLYN—Pete Albino, 153½, Italy, defeated Joe Taffe, 149, Bay Ridge, (4); Billy Donohue, 160, New York, defeated Eddie Hultgren, 157, Ray Ridge, (6).

AT MANCHESTER, ENGLAND—World bantamweight champion, Al Brown, 123½, Panama, knocked out Willie Farrell, 122, Winlaton, England, (3).

AT HOLYOKE, MASS.—Frankie Carlton, 135, Jersey City, N. J., outpointed Roland Le Cuyer, 133¾, Holyoke, in ten rounds. Art Chapdelaine, 135, Springfield, won a ten-round verdict over Johnny Brennan, 124½, Trenton, N. J.

AT SALEM, MASS.—Bobby Brown, Lowell middleweight, outpointed Steve Ketchell of Lowell in eight rounds.

AT FALL RIVER, MASS.—Frankie Hennessey, 137½, Fall River, won the decision over Young Lefty, 142, also of this city, in ten rounds.

AT BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Midget Wolgas, Philadelphia, recognized in some states as world's flyweight champion, gained a ten-round verdict over Pinky Silverberg.

AT LOUISVILLE—Henry (Young) Firpo, Louisville middleweight, easily defeated Mickey Fegor of Donora, Pa., in ten rounds. Elmer Bezenah, Cincinnati junior middleweight, decisioned Howard McLain of New Albany, Ind., in ten.

WRESTLING RESULTS

AT NEW YORK—Jim McMillien, 214, Illinois, defeated Sandor Szabo, 200, Hungary; Dick Shikat, 218, Germany, defeated Paul Jones, 208, Texas.

MILITARY CAGE LEAGUE NOTES

In Military Athletic Association games played at Ft. Harrison last Friday, Eleventh infantry defeated Officers' team, 28 to 12. Eleventh infantry is leading the Military League, winning nine and losing none. Officers are second winning eight and losing two.

Another feature game was betwen the Sixteenth division naval reserves and the Third field artillery. Sixteenth division winning 39 to 23. Sixteenth division won the championship of the Fourth battalion naval reserves, and will represent the battalion in a tournament at Chicago March 28, by the Ninth naval district, to determine the district's championship.

Eleventh infantry now is playing in the Fifth army corps tournament being held at Ft. Harrison and is leading this tournament by two decisive victories over Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

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