

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Mr. Pete Hurley came over to my table and spoke as follows: "Say what is all this stuff I am reading in the sports page about abolishing the flying wedge?"

Very foolishly I started out to tell Mr. Hurley about the flying wedge in football and its use.

"Why at the people of today do not know and care at all about the flying wedge?" entered Mr. Hurley. "I am sure that it has been waiting on tables around Broadway for a great number of years."

"You may be right," I said, "but I played on the greatest flying wedge team that I ever knew."

"I was surprised to find that Mr. Hurley had never played any football or that he had ever gone to any school that was devoted to either higher or lower education."

"The fact is," went on Mr. Hurley, "that the flying wedge is not the flying wedge. It is the wedge from Jack's old place in Sixth Avenue, and I wish to state that it was a very good piece of business even in those times."

Mr. Hurley said back to that hilarious Broadway team that it was possible for one place such as Jack's to have all the elements of a flying wedge, and it seems that it was a definite relation on between the modern man and the boy who wind up at Jack's."

At that time, Mr. Hurley was a broad shouldered, tall, athletic man, and because of these physical traits and because of these elements of a flying wedge, he was elected to the captaincy of the team that had the distinction which entitled him to serve as the captain of the machine.

Those who criticized the flying wedge as being a break by playing on the floor, that Purdue figures to win by ten points any way you figure, and that Purdue has a break by playing on the floor.

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PURDUE FAVORED OVER INDIANA IN NET CLASSIC

Hoosier Rivals Open Big Ten Title Battle

Brilliant Form Shown in Pre-Conference Games Gives Boilermakers Edge in Tilt at Lafayette Tonight; Wooden and Suddith Feature Fray.

BY NORMAN E. ISAACS

Hoosier college basketball tonight reaches its first climax of the 1931-32 season with Indiana and Purdue scheduled to clash at Lafayette in the season's Big Ten opener for each team. Literally speaking, the affair probably will be similar to a fourth of July celebration, only noisier.

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Boilermakers Show Power

Everything figured in, however, can lead only to one conclusion, that Purdue will win. The Boilermakers have displayed tremendous strength in their early games, while the Crimson, on the other hand, have shown just slightly more than mediocrity.

Purdue should win, but by no stretch of the imagination, can any one see a ten-point margin in the offing. That is, of course, unless the Boilermakers go "hog-wild."

Indiana probably will be kept up for the struggle much more than the Engineers and Purdue will run into some mighty fancy basketball players, regardless of what the downstapers' season record says.

Two Standouts

Sally Suddith, he of erstwhile Martinsville fame, is the key man of the Indiana team, just as Johnny Wooden, who also hails from Martinsville, is the trigger of the Purdue drive. Both are the slashing, hard-dribbling, tricky type and are both basket snipers of marked ability.

The teams probably will line up like this:

INDIANA: Tucker, P.; Dickey, C.; Suddith, G.; Zeller, G. PURDUE: Eddie, P.; F.; Dickey, C.; Suddith, G.; Parmenter, G.

BATTALION FACES FELDMAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Bat Battalino, bus champion of the featherweights, will defend his crown against Lew Feldman, promising young New Yorker, at Madison Square Garden Friday night. Battalino was favored in the scrap, scheduled for fifteen rounds.

Scrap With Adgie Will Be Redman's Fourth for Legion