

## Off The Backboard

BY VERN BOSELL  
"WELL" it is the Head Man speaking, and something just has been mentioned about the annual wrestling match—ole' Backboard vs. the picking of Hoosierdom's next prep basketball champion.

"Don't you think it's about time you were getting in shape for the big leap?" continues the H. M.

"Huh, this is leap year, isn't it?" queries your correspondent, dodging the phone book, shears, and paste pot.

"Smart guy, huh? All right, let's see a list of teams who might win this shindig in March." It's the H. M. again.

Intermission while Backboard scratches head, spits through teeth and jots down some funny figures. Came the down—the "mighty be's." Here they are:

Tech Sheberville  
Mauris  
N. Central Greenacres  
Anderson Washington (East Chicago).  
Alexandria Bedford  
Vincennes Logansport  
Columbus Horace Mann (Gary)  
Frankfort Washington  
Connersville Jeff (Lafayette).  
Martinsville

And that isn't a bit this or that, it's just that the team that look best right now—subject to change.

The Jeffersonville editor who said by the Demons was news probably ran an extra Saturday night. Columbus, 31; Jefferville, 17.

Lebanon, 21; Hammond, 16; Bob Stramann's wants 'em called Hammond Facs.

IT is unfortunate for Tech that Newcastle played humpty-dumpty to Anderson last Friday night. It probably will cause Mr. Orville Hooker's Trojans to be tougher. Whether that will be too tough will be disclosed by Operative 38 later in the week, after a thorough investigation out on the east side.

Just off hand, I am not sure that Newcastle has what it takes to beat Mr. Tim Campbell's boys. They haven't the size, and when the local big boys get their bread hooks on that ball, it's mighty hard to take it away from them. On the other hand, Newcastle has the kind of speed that may have the east sides falling over backward trying to keep up with the Trojans.

It is very possible the Techies will be up top the North Central conference head next Saturday morning. They're tied with Newcastle there now. And if the Trojans should kick 'em down a step Friday night, they might (I said might) get back on even terms again Saturday, provided Anderson can repeat over the Trojans at Anderson.

And Garrett, Frankfort center, gets Backboard the win for the outstanding performance of the week. He scored eight goals and two free throws when the Dogs beat Muncie. All of the goals and points were in the first half of the game in the last quarter, when Frankfort met a cold. And the last two-pointer was saved in the fourth quarter of play with the Dogs one point behind. The score was 20 to 19, Frankfort.

Mr. Norman Werry, dabbler of Duneland, opines that Mr. Frank Cass has been beaten by the dogs when Werry has the east Chicago end. They're about to step up and make themselves known as northern Indiana's best team.

As an afterthought, ole' Backboard is of the opinion that Muncie is not as low as prime, and that they're not so green out at Tech.

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And Southport beat Seymour Saturday, 27 to 22. That's five points better than Shortridge could do. "Waddell," say the Perry township boys. "We'll Lamb-hast these other sectional teams right off the floor and make the regional Shaffer democratic."

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