

767 PREP QUINTETS READY FOR NET SECTIONALS

Field Will Drop to 64 in Week-End Play

Forty-one host teams favored to survive Tests Friday and Saturday; Many brilliant battles predicted in other centers.

BY DICK MILLER

Secret practice sessions were in order this week as 675 contenders for the twenty-first annual Indiana High School Athletic Association basketball championship smoothed their defensive and offensive play for the sectional tournament action Friday and Saturday.

Only sixty-four teams will survive the two-day elimination struggles at the sixty-four centers. The entry list this year is only one more than 1931, eight teams failing to get their blanks in before the deadline.

Dealers have figured that in forty-one of the sixty-four centers to name the sectional champion is but a matter of writing down the name of the host team in the winner's space. Most of the sectional action is carded at the county seats, and the edge, if the tournament is in doubt, naturally shifts to the entertaining five.

Outside the list of forty-one, many hectic battles for title laurels are predicted. Martinsville is hoped to come through at Bloomington and Terre Haute, the city champions, but remains the title choice in that section.

Wingate Is Threat

Rensselaer carries a shade at Brook, while Wingate looms as a big threat to Crawfordsville. Central of Evansville's pocket city superiority appears doomed, with Bosse and Reitz as the title threats. All but Wayne teams are in the lower bracket in that sectional and South Side or Decatur is favored. The Gary play is a wide open affair, with several good teams clashing in the first round. None of the Gary teams mix until the second round.

Proebel of Gary and Washington of East Chicago, two powerful foes, are probably second-round foes and the winner is conceded the edge to win the sectional.

Nappance Gets Nod

Although Central of South Bend is favored by some in the Goshen sectional, Nappance, recent conqueror of Washington (East Chicago) in the Northern Indiana conference title tussle, looms as the likely survivor. Elkhart is another strong team in that district.

Winner of the Tech-Shorthridge game with the east sides favored, is the top choice in the local sectionals. Washington and Southport also rate as dangerous threats.

Petersburg has the shade at Jasper, and Jefferson, small but speedy, is favored to come through at Lafayette. Linton gets the nod from some at Lyons, but the home-town boys also are worrying about Switz City. Solisbury, the real favorite, failed to get under the wire with its entry blank.

Bedford, Jeff Favorites

Versailles is the chief hope at Milan, but Batesville also rates highly. Bedford is the probable victor at Mitchell and Jeffersonville probably will be the survivor at New Albany. Fowler tops the field at Oxford. French Lick is regarded as a standout at Paoli, and Oakland City is the favorite at Princeton, where Owensville also is regarded dangerous.

Rising Sun will battle Vevay at Rising Sun, and Logansport is figured "in" at Royal Center. Columbus and Shelbyville both are rated as state title contenders, but one of them will be eliminated when they get together in a sectional battle. The writer favors Co-

lumbus. Tipton gets the call at Sheridan, and Wiley of Terre Haute is looking for trouble from Bedford, the city champions, but remains the title choice in that section.

VALPO DROPS TILT

By Times Special

VALPOURSO, Ind., March 3.—Valparaiso university netters dropped a rough and tumble hard-wood battle to St. Viator college here Wednesday night, 25 to 23.

The invaders held a 16 to 12 at half time.

Down the Alleys

BY LEFTY LEE

A season of brilliant scoring was climaxed by Johnny Fehr while rolling in the Indianapolis League

Wednesday night, the Coca-Cola leadoff starting his 723 series with a perfect 300 count. We have been telling about the "gap" that robbed this and that bowler of a perfect game during the season, so it will be refreshing to hear that old lady luck played a large part when Fehr reached the heights, his all-important final ball carrying a high hit that looked like a sure 3-10 split. The first eleven strikes were in that old pocket, however, and his final heave had plenty of "stuff" to bring the A. B. C. gold medal award and a check for \$25 from the Pritchett Recreation, on whose alleys this game was rolled. Congratulations, Johnny.

Carl Minnoch rolled in the Uptown League, was close to a new city record 771 pins, falling for him in the three games rolled on the night. The Coca-Cola team, with three bowlers, Voller Brothers, Trule and Wheeler Lurch, the Coca-Cola team, in a three-game series of 300 to take the lead, and won this loop.

Underwood Transfer, Union bowlers, Bill and Al Barnes, were victors of two out of three over Coffeyville Coal, St. Philip, A. C. Fall.

Keiths, Riley 7277, Berkell Players, in a Gala Revival of "The Music Master" featuring Milton Byron.

MATINEE WED., THURS., SAT.

NIGHT, 60c, 35c, 25c; MATS, 35c, 25c

NEXT WEEK—"LAFF THAT OFF"

Greentree Stable Enters Six in Derby, All Long Shots

BY THOMAS H. NOONE
United Press Racing Editor

NEW YORK, March 1.—Mrs. Payne Whitney's Greentree stable, winner of last year's Kentucky Derby with Twenty Grand, leads the 1932 nomination with six candidates. Four colts, a gelding and a filly comprise the list.

Curzantine, a Dominant-Marcabito colt, has the best record of this number. In eight starts last year he won twice, placed twice and finished third on three occasions. His victories were in the Grab Bag handicap at Saratoga and an unimportant overnight event. His earnings were \$5,350.

A powerful looking bay with a diamond-shaped, blazed face and a white stocking right hind leg, Curzantine weighs 1,050 pounds and measures slightly more than twelve hands in height. He is regarded as Bill Brennan, his trainer, as the best Derby timer of this uncertain lot, but is regarded as no better than a 300-to-1 chance in the winter books.

Semaphore, a Pennant colt out of Fresnay that got away to a good start as a juvenile is Brennan's second choice, but is quoted at only 100 to 1 by betting commissioners. An aristocratic looking fellow with beautiful white and chestnut colorings, he is easily the best looking

So this is spring training! You think 38-year-old Bing Miller might have outgrown his leapfrog days. But here's proof that he hasn't. Bing and Mickey Cochrane, below, got up this little game the other day at Ft. Myers, Fla., where the American League champion Athletics are conditioning for 1932.

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