

Off The Backboard

BY VERN BOXELL

INDIANAPOLIS teams are in the spotlight again this week. Cathedral and Shortridge are going to settle their annual dispute tonight at Butler fieldhouse, and there probably will be plenty of red hot argument before a final decision is reached. With Jack Berns, flashy forward, apparently out of action, Shortridge's chances have been hurt. This Catholic title-defending gang of Joe Denehart's is getting tougher every day.

Tech goes to Connersville, where they'll have plenty of entertainment trying to subdue the pesky Spartans. Manual invades Tipton, where the Redskins hope to renew their winning streak at the expense of a real "dark horse" contender, while Washington entertains Thorntown on the west side.

With Shelbyville an early season sensation, at Shortridge, and Newcastle, state champions, at Tech, the local liberals are getting two choices dishes Saturday night, too.

Two highlights of tonight's state program sends Logansport to Frankfort and Peru to Newcastle. This Tiger-Trojan armament will determine who is the better really is.

Other feature struggles will be Bloomington vs. Bedford, Brazil's journey to Vincennes, Franklin's invasion of Columbus, Greencastle vs. Terre Haute, and Washington's tussle with Central of Evansville. Martinsville's argument with the Mackens and Shreveport and Lebanon's battle with the improved Wildcats at Kokomo.

Have you a little axiom in your home? One of the best known axioms in Hoosier scholastic basketball is that you can't beat a good team three times hand running.

Logansport humbled Kokomo twice this season. In the third meeting last week, Kokomo reversed the order.

Tech has bowed to Shortridge twice this year. Well, what do you think?

One of the youngsters who thrilled Indiana 15,000 at the fieldhouse last March is still doing it. He's L. Stut of Winamac, who has been averaging more than ten points a game. His brother graduated last year.

Brazil has a pair of youngsters, one a freshman and the other in the eighth grade, who already have six-foot mark and seem to be both excellent players. They're brothers and the name is Allen. They couldn't be—no, Gracie only lost one brother.

Delphi sees better days ahead. White-man, Oracle star for the past two years, will rejoin his veteran teammates before tournament time. He has recovered from a severe cold.

New Castle hopes to have a brother act next year. Marvin Huffman, who is winning acclaim in his freshman year, will be joined by another brother next season. Trojan foes have had plenty of trouble the last five years with the Huffman family. Vermon was tough enough. What will happen with two in the lineup?

JOHN ADAMS, Vincennes mentor, gets a hard jolt. He loses Charley Jordan, star guard and sparkplug, on the Monday following the sectional tournaments. And does that cause loud and long weeping in Washington?

Gene Maze, Earlham's six-foot, five-inch center who is leading Indiana collegiate scorers with 128 points, also is a member of the debating team. Oh, so that's how he does it—talks 'em out of points. So far, he's all been on the affirmative side in all hardwood arguments—Earlham hasn't lost a game in eighteen starts.

Place that Anderson-Shelbyville charity struggle at Anderson on Feb. 7 in your "Game-of-the-week" list. This one should stack 'em in.

Frankfort is doing some grade A worrying about its sectional. Michiganaville, with its best team in years, has little trouble popping over small time foes and the rest of the Indiana Frankfort Times believes they may be the Hot Dogs some anxious minutes.

Marian also is being bothered by a county rival, Jonesboro. The Zebras have punched over fifteen triumphs in a row. Could this be another Cleo?

Solomon, big center, who pastured with the Indiana team, has moved to the Auto where he's a real star. With the Spartans title-forsure behind him this year, your correspondent is beginning to doubt that old saying that Solomon was a wise guy.

They can't agree on this Froehel team up north—it must be the lake water. One of the duneland scribblers says the Blue Devils are one of the best teams in that district in many years. A hometown Gary commentator sticks the heading "Heads Are Swelling" on a recent Froehel box score and then proceeds to explain that the big Froehel boys are slipping plenty.

Ab. something new in basketball. Indianapolis coaches and substitutes sat on the floor during the last half of the recent game at Waveland. The bench did a humpy-dumpy. You can't blame the bench for folding, if you have seen some of these coaches ride 'em.

Four Remain in Miami Net Play

By United Press

MIAMI, Jan. 27.—The first four seeded stars still were in the running as they took a breather today before Saturday's semi-final round of the Miami Biltmore all-south tennis championships.

Bryant Grant Jr., Atlanta, will meet Cliff Sutter, New Orleans, while George Lott, Chicago, takes on Gregory Mangin, Newark.

Sutter defeated Berkeley Bell, Austin, Texas, 6-2, 7-5; Mangin defeated Dr. Eugene McAliff, New York, 6-4, 6-2; Lott whipped Carol Turner, Miami, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2, and Grant defeated Jay Cohn, Chicago, 6-2, 6-3 in Thursday's play.

OAKS DROP HANOVER

By United Press

OAKLAND CITY, Ind., Jan. 27.—After trailing through the first period, Oakland City defeated Hanover, 30 to 23, in a basketball game here Thursday night.

Hanover started the scoring and led 15 to 14, at half time. A rally led by Shappell, Daubenspeck, Hollen and Thomas shortly after the second period started, put Oakland City out in front.

Hanover used two full teams.

I. U. ATTENDANCE UP

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 27.—Attendance at the first five basketball games at Indiana university showed an increase of 1,106 over the same number of games last year, L. L. Fisher, ticket manager, announced today.

Wynne May Take Berth

Auburn Mentor Boomed for Michigan State Grid Job.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The vacant chair of the gridiron for professors of football at Michigan State and the University of Chicago are due to be filled shortly.

Out of the clouds of rumors which have filled East Lansing and the midway atmosphere lately, Clark Shaughnessy of Loyola (New Orleans) is mentioned as the successor to Amos Alonzo Stagg at Chicago, and Chet Wynne of Alabama Polytechnic is the latest to confer over the Michigan State position, vacated by Jimmy Crowley.

Wynne's connection with Michigan State is, apparently, more definite than Shaughnessy's connection with Chicago. The former Notre Dame star conferred Thursday with Spartan officials at East Lansing. Thomas Metcalf, Chicago's new athletic director, broke his silence at Iowa State, where he is finishing his term, and admitted that Shaughnessy is one of four coaches being considered.

Two Yankees in Canadian Meet

By United Press

MONTREAL, Jan. 27.—Two Canadians and two Americans were competitors today at the Canadian covered courts tennis tournament swing into the semi-final round.

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With thirty-three outstanding players entered, play opened today in the first round of the state ping pong title tourney at L. S. Ayres.

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