



By **Eddie Ash**

Landis Decision May Set Bad Precedent

He Let Crowd Umpire the Ball Game

A READER wants to know what would have happened in Detroit during the final world series game if the fans had continued to bombard the field with missiles even after Ducky-Wucky Medwick had been removed from the game, or if Marvin Owen, Tiger third sacker, who was Medwick's adversary, had told Judge Landis he was as much to blame for the trouble as the Cardinal left fielder. In that event Landis probably would have removed Owen along with the hard-sliding Red Bird.

Now if the crowd had remained disorderly and had continued to litter the field with bottles, buns, papers and fruit after Chick Fullis had taken Medwick's position in left field, it would have become necessary to forfeit the game to St. Louis. The home crowd always is held responsible for interfering with the progress of a ball game.

The score of a forfeit in baseball is 9 to 0, and there was a coincidence at Detroit. The Cardinals were leading 9 to 0, when the Tigers went to bat in the sixth inning Tuesday at the time play was held up more than fifteen minutes by the missile-tossing spectators.

JUDGE LANDIS took the shortest cut home under the circumstances when he banished Ducky Wucky from the game "to prevent bodily harm to himself and to prevent a riot." The score was lop-sided in St. Louis' favor at the time and the banishment of Medwick "satisfied" the fans, and the loss of Medwick was of no consequence to the Cardinals. They were far out in front. But what if the game had been close?

It is said the umpires saw no reason to banish Medwick. The rumpus at third base was an every-day thing to them. Nobody was hurt and it was just another "near fight" in a hard-fought series. It is difficult to imagine what might have happened in the event the game had been close and the umpires had been compelled to forfeit the contest to the visiting club (the Cardinals) on account of interference on the part of the home crowd. It probably would have resulted in a wild riot and a national tragedy.

As a matter of fact it is said Harry Geisel, umpire in chief, of Indianapolis, had his watch out and was on the point of declaring a forfeit when Judge Landis intervened. The Judge "got out" of that one oked, but how about the next one?

ESTABLISHING a precedent to please a baseball crowd may collect a fatal toll in the future, however. In other words the Tiger fans "got away with murder" last Tuesday. The fans umpired the ball game. It may lead to more riots than all of the police in any city can handle. It may pave the way for the home fans to help their home club. If the home boys are on the short end just start throwing things at the main cogs in the visitors' lineup and force their banishment. Boo and throw, hold up the game and get that home run hitter out of there. He is beating our team!

JUDGE LANDIS divested the world series umpires of the authority to banish obstreperous players or fine them. All the arbiters can do under his regulations is to "recommend" punishment. If the learned Judge is wise, it is this column's opinion that before another year rolls around it would be smart to give the umpires the same authority in a world series that is theirs during the regular season. There are four of them and one Landis.

The Detroit incident is loaded with dynamite to baseball. Once a crowd gains the upper hand by precedent it's hard to tell when and where disgruntled rioters will stop. Very little ignition is needed to turn an average baseball crowd into a mob unless the crowd is made to realize its behavior will result in the forfeit penalty to the home team.

A SIDE angle to the 1934 world series that caught the eye of some fans was the odd nicknames of the members of the competing teams. For example, Jo-Jo White, Ripper Collins, Lippy Durocher, Ducky-Wucky Medwick, Dizzy Dean, Daffy Dean, Dazzy Vance, Sweet William Hallahan (or Wild Bill when out of control), Schoolboy Rowe, Goose Goslin and Mickey Cochran, and, as one Hoosier fan was heard to say, there's Hank "Greenburg."

PECULIAR as it may seem, the very fact that Purdue and Notre Dame both lost their opening contests may make Saturday's battle between the two Hoosier rivals just that much more of a thriller. Playing against southern foes that were much further advanced in the season, both the Boilermakers and Irish looked more impressive than the scores indicated, and the two elevens will be set for a "last ditch" stand to redeem lost prestige. They clash at South Bend tomorrow.

Minus the services of Duane Purvis, one of the spark plugs of the attack, Purdue still showed a lot of latent ground gaining power against Rice. The Boilermaker backs, led by John Drake and Jim Carter, gained 170 yards in 48 attempts on running plays from scrimmage for an average of slightly better than 3.5 yards a crack. Purdue's eleven will not lack for ardent support in the Notre Dame battle. The justly famous Purdue military band, noted for its "alphabet" drills, will be on hand to supply musical inspiration.

THE 98% WRONG CLUB	
Notre Dame, 13; Purdue, 10.	Okla., 7; Texas, 0.
Temple, 16; Indiana, 0.	Iowa, 14; Nebraska, 6.
So. Calif., 13; Pitt, 6.	Syracuse, 19; Cornell, 6.
Indiana St., 19; Rose Poly, 0.	Harvard, 14; Brown, 0.
Defiance, 13; Earlham, 0.	Cal. Tech., 7; Duke, 3.
Stanford, 14; Northwestern, 7.	Lou. State, 7; Ala. Poly, 0.
Michigan, 16; Chicago, 7.	U. of Wash., 13; Oregon, 0.
Mich. St., 14; Car. Tech., 3.	U. of W., 27; Wabash, 0.
Yale, 20; Penn., 0.	Illinois, 7; Ohio St., 6.

Butler to Try for Third Gridiron Victory Tonight

Big Central Normal Eleven Out for Honor of Being First to Cross Bulldog Goal; Game to Be Here.

With all but one regular available, Butler university's Bulldogs expect to bank up their third football victory of the season when they entertain Central Normal in Fairview bowl here tonight at 8:15.

Ladies again will be admitted free on payment of 10 cents federal tax. A large crowd watched the Bulldogs trounce Franklin, 25 to 0, last week. Butler's goal line to date has been uncrossed, although Ball State scored two safeties in losing, 13 to 4, to the locals in their opener. Luther Martin is the only Bulldog regular reported unable to play tonight. He will be replaced at right half back by Ralph Simpson.

Coach Tony Hinkle is expected to order a hard running and passing attack against the big Central Normal eleven, which boasts several players in the 200-pound class. Coach Leitman of Central has reported four of his regulars, Mallery and Kronewitter, ends; Seudder,

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NEW UPSETS LIKELY IN MAJOR FOOTBALL

Pitt, Stanford Seem to Have Hardest Jobs

S. C., Northwestern After Revenge; Purdue and N. D. Watched.

BY THEON WRIGHT

United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Still jittery from last week's debacle, a score of important football teams pick up their gridiron tools tomorrow and move into new fields, with several of last Saturday's survivors having an excellent prospect of being planted in Boot Hall before the sun sets.

The two principal targets and possible victims of hangers from last week will be Pitt Panthers and Stanford on the Pacific coast. Pitt, unbeaten this year, entertains a highly-irked collection of young men from Southern California, who were plastered last week by Washington State in the worst beating they have suffered since the late Knute Rockne's last great team knocked them off, 28-0, in 1930.

Northwestern, beaten last week, invades Stanford stadium at Palo Alto, thirsty for some sort of redress of their grievances. The Cards, although tied by Santa Clara, have not been beaten this year and are favored to win.

Temple Gunning for J. U.
Two beaten Giants clash in the Midwest—Purdue and Notre Dame. They were two of the most eminent victims of last week's tornado. Indiana, victim of Ohio State's ponderous crusher, leaves Big Ten environs for Philadelphia, where they try out Pop Warner's tricky eleven at Temple.

This tilt will be the Old Fox' ordeal by fire as far as Temple is concerned; he has had a year to build and apparently some sturdy stock with which to manufacture a football team. A win over Indiana will establish Temple definitely in national football.

Only two games affect Big Ten standings—Chicago and Michigan, and Illinois and Ohio State. The Wolverines, although upset last week in another of the upheavals, should take the Maroons and the Buckeyes ought to wrap up Bob Zuppke's Illini.

Oregon and Washington clash in the major Pacific Coast Conference game, with the Webfooters, co-champions last year with Stanford and U. S. C., expected to win. U. S. L. A. meets Montana at a thriller. California will tackle what should be a setup—Alonso Stagg's little College of the Pacific, but Pacific held Troy to a 6-0 win and coast fans expect anything.

Important Southern Tilts

In the south five Southeastern Conference games are on tap. Alabama State, champion last year, meets Mississippi State after an easy one with Sewanee last week. Louisiana, tied by Southern Methodist in an excursion outside the circuit, comes back for a league meeting with Alabama Poly. Tulane meets Florida, Tennessee and old "Miss" collide, while Georgia Tech tackles Duke, champion of the Southern Conference. Georgia also crossed the line to play North Carolina.

Vanderbilt moves into Cincinnati for a night game. Arkansas, southwestern champions, will tangle with Baylor, the runner-up last year, in the big conference game in that circuit. Texas Christian plays Tulsa. Texas takes on the Oklahoma Sooners and Texas A. and M. meets Centenary, one of last season's unbeaten.

Southern Methodist and Rice, both with ties against Louisiana State, meet in one of the outstanding games of the southwest. Rice, due to its unexpected victory over Purdue, is favored.

Army to Meet Drake

In the east Army entertains Drake in the highlight game of the day. Yale, stung by its Columbia defeat, will meet Pennsylvania at New Haven for the first time in ten years. Penn is likewise stung by the recollection of the 7-6 win scored by little Ursinus last week. Navy plays Maryland, Cornell and Syracuse collide at Ithaca, Harvard takes on a doubtful victim in Brown, while Dartmouth meets Maine in other eastern attractions. In New York, Columbia's Rose Bowl Lions will chew on Virginia Military institute, New York U. will take on what may prove a tartar in West Virginia Wesleyan and Manhattan plays Georgetown in Brooklyn.

Hildy to Pitch for A.C.'s at Richmond

Oral Hildebrand, pitcher with the Cleveland Indians, will be on the mound for the Kautsky A. C. of Indianapolis when they tangle with the Richmond Lincos nine at Richmond Sunday.

Johnny Riddle of the Indianapolis A. C. club will be Hildebrand's receiver. The Kautskys trimmed the Dayton (O.) league team at Dayton last Sunday.

Steve Larkin, attached to the Detroit Tigers, will hurl for the Lincos and Hurling will catch. The fracas will get under way at 2:30.

City H. S. Schedule Today

Manual vs. Shortridge, at Shortridge field.
Washington vs. Cathedral, at Washington field.
Broad Ripple vs. Southport, at Southport.
Tech vs. Muncie, at Muncie.
Park school vs. Plainfield, at Plainfield.
Crispus Attucks vs. Booker T. Washington of Terre Haute, at Attucks field.

CLEATED HOOVERS IN STATE'S EARLY SEASON CLASSIC



Don Elser, Notre Dame, Full Back

Sarpolis Gets Chance to Tame Bad Boy of Ring

Karl Counts on 'Flying Scissors' to Humble Mr. Davis on Mat at Armory Tuesday.

Karl (Doc) Sarpolis, exponent of the flying scissors, and one of the top-ranking huskies in the game, will pit his skill against Big Boy Davis in the main go bout on the Hercules A. C. all-heavyweight wrestling card next Tuesday night at the armory.

In bringing these two stars together, matchmaker Lloyd Carter figures he will have a "natural" to offer local fans. Davis, who scales 230, has gone undefeated in local rings. He sprung an upset here last Tuesday when he downed Jim McMillen.

Sarpolis, a 225-pounder, is rated one of the fastest of the "big fellows" in the heavyweight ranks. His chief style of offense is his flying scissors hold which he has demonstrated with success in a number of armory matches. He applied it on Billy Edwards of Dallas, Tex., here last Tuesday, in the near-record time of sixteen seconds.

Because of his rough and tumble style of performance, the burly Davis lacks popularity with armory fans. He is admired for his ability, but the praise stops there. Most fans would enjoy seeing him take a trouncing. His match next Tuesday night will be a real test, for Sarpolis will have the advantage of speed and cleverness, plus ability to use the "flying scissors."

LATE BASEBALL

The Bloomington Gables Cafe team defeated the Cloverdale Grays, 2 to 1, to take the edge in a three-game series. Lefty Hazel twirled a four-hit game for the winners. It was his twenty-third win in twenty-seven starts this season, and gave the team twenty-seven victories in thirty-three tries. The Gables boast top claim to the championship of south central Indiana.

Morrison and Fountaintown will resume their series at Fountaintown Sunday. Bill Thomas, formerly with the Indianapolis Indians, will pitch for Morrison and Winters will catch. Fountaintown will use Raerlich and Klein.

Clermont will play its last game of the season Sunday at 2 o'clock against the Indianapolis Water Company team. Bill Harlan, notice.

MILLER THROWS OLSON
ROCKFORD, Ill., Oct. 12.—Jim McMillen, 217 pounds, defeated Ole Olson, 225, Milwaukee, in a two-out-of-three-best wrestling match here last night.

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Benny Friedman attacks the theory that collegians play football mostly for the glory of dear old Siwash or What Have U. They are out there, declares Benny, for the coach. The former Michigan star says successful teams are those whose mentors have personality plus.



Jim Carter, Purdue, Half Back

IN the estimate of the majority of Hoosier grid fans, the early season gridiron classic is the annual Purdue-Notre Dame game to be played at South Bend tomorrow.

Both teams suffered stinging setbacks in their opening engagements last week against teams from Texas.

This is another week, however, and the eyes of both squads of

these top flight teams are focused upon the impending battle. So important is the fray that many experts say defeat by either team may spoil the entire remaining season for the loser.

As for color, the game will be filled with it. It will be the Irish, a team usually in the national limelight, against Purdue, annually one of the best machines in the Big Ten.

There will be a galaxy of fine pigskin warriors on the field. Don Elser of Gary, adjudged by many to be Indiana's finest prep school player in 1932 while full back on Horace Mann high, has battled his way back into the regular full back position on the Irish squad, the result of his performance against Texas last week.

For Purdue, Jim Carter of Indianapolis, the great ball totting and passing half back who "played his heart out" trying to defeat Rice last week, will be in the fray. Carter was one of the best half backs "on anybody's" gridiron last year.

DEAN BOYS TOIL FIVE INNINGS, TAKE \$2,500

By United Press
WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 12.—The Dean brothers, Paul and Jerome, moved on to Kansas City, Mo., today after collecting approximately \$2,500 for their work last night with the Wichita All-Stars.

The local team, aided by the Deans, who pitched five innings, won to 3. There were 9,000 fans. Dizzy pitched the first three innings and allowed one run. Paul pitched the fourth and fifth, with Diz playing in the outfield.

GRID SCORE OF 3 TO 2
FLORENCE, S. C., Oct. 12.—The Purple squad of Furman college took a close contest over the Wake Forest Deacons here yesterday, 3 to 2. King, Furman's right end, kicked a field goal in the first quarter, and the Wake Forest eleven scored a safety late in the final period.

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