



By Eddie Ash
HEAVY GOING IN THE BIG TEN
GAMES TOMORROW AND MONDAY

THIS week-end will give a splendid slant on the Big Ten basketball situation. . . . Five championship games are scheduled tomorrow which will throw all member teams into action. . . . The program: Indiana at Iowa, Purdue at Chicago, Ohio State at Northwestern, Illinois at Michigan, Minnesota at Wisconsin. . . . And on Monday: Indiana at Minnesota, Purdue at Illinois, Ohio State at Michigan, Chicago at Wisconsin, Northwestern at Iowa.

Since two games have been played, the 10 coming up will give the dopesters plenty of statistics to work over and figure out some deductions. . . . The chips are down in these battles and players and coaches are under heavy strain. . . . Thus far Northwestern downed Wisconsin in a mild upset and Indiana outlasted Illinois in an overtime thriller.

The basketball handicappers judged the Indiana-Illini affair as a toss-up and the contest proved them right since the teams were deadlocked at the end of regulation time.

ALL the experts are waiting to see how Purdue goes in its Big Ten opener at Chicago tomorrow. . . . Ward Lambert's nonstop team was the talk of the country during its preliminary campaign and is not likely to slow down now. . . . The Boiler-makers led the Big Ten in total points last year with 511 in 12 games. . . . They have not played since Dec. 29, but have been blistering the floor in practice and the word from Lafayette indicates the Old Gold and Black netters still are hitting the hoop from all angles.

Purdue won eight and lost four in the championship race last winter and Chicago dropped 12 in a row. . . . The Maroons are improved this season and proved it by winning three out of five prelim tussles.

JERRY STEINER, the sophomore sensation with Butler, is 20 years old today and he'll celebrate the occasion by taking his first train ride to Milwaukee, where the Bulldogs are booked to clash with the Marquette Hilltoppers tomorrow night. . . . The lad from Berne has had very little use for choo-choos since he could beat most of them on his own power in and around Adams County. . . . He was not installed as a regular with the Hilltoppers until the season was well under way, but picked up speed once he became a starter and is now out in front of his mates on points with a total of 63.

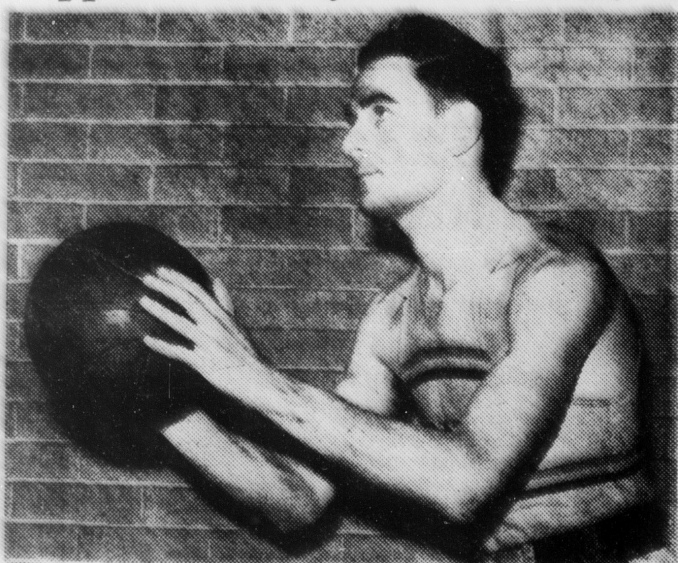
Steiner hurt his ankle during practice the other day and is a doubtful starter against the Hilltoppers in the Brewery City. . . . Iowa, the only team to defeat Butler so far, lost to Marquette, but Northwestern, conqueror of the Hilltoppers, was trounced by the Hinklemen. . . . Marquette has a squad of tall veterans and the Bulldogs will have to depend upon speed and accurate basket sniping.

HOOSIERDOM still has four college quintets in the undefeated class and all will go to the post in games tonight and tomorrow. . . . They are Purdue, Indiana Central, Earlham and Manchester. . . . Central tackles Kokomo Junior College at University Heights tonight, Earlham is at Wabash and tomorrow Manchester will go to bat against Valparaiso.

NOTRE DAME plays Pennsylvania in Philadelphia tomorrow and Canisius in Buffalo Monday. . . . Coach Keogan's five will return to the home floor on Saturday, Jan. 15, to meet the University of Kentucky Wildcats. . . . Keogan has been placed in a ticklish spot due to the loss of form by Johnny Molt, forward, and Paul Nowak, center. . . . Brilliant last season, the veterans did an about face this year and will be dropped as starters while the Irish coach experiments with a new lineup.

Molt hit the hoop for a marvelous average last winter and was picked as one of the snappiest forwards in the nation. . . . A basket-shooting slump, like a batting slump in baseball, is difficult to explain.

Opposes Kautskys Here Sunday



Herb Bonn (above), All-American player and captain of last season's Duquesne University basketball team, is to be at one of the guards for the Pittsburgh Hebrews, when the Easterners meet the local Kautsky A. C.'s at the Armory Sunday afternoon.

Amateur Basketball

Kingan & Co. dropped the Chevrolet Body quintet, 37 to 35, in the feature contest of last night's Manufacturing League play at Dearborn gym. In other games, Schwitzer-Cummins downed P. R. Mallory, 24 to 21, and E. C. Atkins dropped Texaco, 41 to 20.

An inter-city scrap between two Omar Baking Co. fives will be played tomorrow night at Dearborn gym. At 8:30 p. m., the Columbus O. Omars will meet the local Omar crew.

The standing and schedule of the Indianapolis Walther League, played on Sunday afternoons, is as follows:

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4:15—St. Paul's vs. St. John's

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1938

It Seems Unfair
A threatened 50 per cent rise in Brooklyn gas rates should cut seriously into the annual promises of the Dodge directors.

100 NAMED TO PLAY IN CITY NET TOURNEY

Blue Devils Meet Tech in First Round

Broad Ripple, Dark Horse, Draws Bye; Series Starts Jan. 14.

One hundred prep basketballers will carry the banners of the five local public high schools in the annual city series, to be played Jan. 14 and 15.

These 100—half varsity and half reserve players—were named in a list made public today. The tourney will be played at the Tech gym.

Following is the list of eligibles:

VARSITY PLAYERS
Broad Ripple—Bower, Burger, Carpenter, Dawson, Duncan, Knipe, Miller, Perkins, Scott and Taylor.
Manual—Hibner, Petroff, Robinson, Wyant, Phillips, Stevens, Snoddy, O'Neil, McCarthy and Hansing.
Shortridge—Alerdice, Breiner, Bruce, Burrin, Klampe, Moreland, Raber, Schlake, Stautz and Swinford.
Tech—Christian, Evans, Hickey, Higginbotham, Holland, Hook, Kramer, MacDonald and Reed.

Washington—Beasley, Bouke, Brunner, Carter, Dowden, Kersey, Leerkamp, McCallip and Meyer.

RESERVE PLAYERS
Broad Ripple—Christ, Cornelius, Dawson, Herrmann, Hyde, Meisner, Munkin, Powell, Scott and Tresser.
Manual—Timmons, Parks, Dersch, Hickey, Chapman, Robinson, Smith, Koch, Mueller and Williams.
Shortridge—Billings, Gage, Hardy, Hesler, Levinson, Mercer, Merrill, Miller, Stiver and Williams.

Tech—Bradford, Buddenbaum, Carroll, Engelking, Evans, Hayes, Howard, Kramer, Tolin and Von Sprackelton.

Washington—Adjeff, Coats, Dimanchoff, Dragan, Gerlich, Ginzey, Howard, Jones, Negley and Tullis.
The draw matched the two tourney favorites, Shortridge and Tech, in the first round of play. Broad Ripple, the dark horse in this year's event, drew a bye.

Washington opens its defense of the title won a year ago by playing Manual in the first game of varsity play.

Among the second teams, Broad Ripple and Manual's E. outfits inaugurate play at 7 p. m. Jan. 14. After the Manual-Shortridge tilt, the reserves of Washington and Washington meet.

Tech's second team drew a bye and will not play until 1 p. m. Jan. 15, then meeting the Broad Ripple-Manual winner.

The complete tourney schedule: Friday, Jan. 14
7 p. m.—Broad Ripple reserves vs. Manual reserves.

8 p. m.—Washington varsity vs. Manual varsity.

9 p. m.—Shortridge reserves vs. Washington reserves.

Saturday, Jan. 15
1 p. m.—Tech reserves vs. Broad Ripple-Manual winner.

2 p. m.—Tech varsity vs. Shortridge varsity.

3 p. m.—Broad Ripple varsity vs. Washington-Manual winner.

7:30 p. m.—Shortridge-Washington reserve winner vs. winner Saturday 1 p. m. game.

8:30 p. m.—Tech-Shortridge varsity winner vs. winner Saturday 3 p. m. game.

T. R. Smith of Lafayette and Tom Baker of Anderson are to be the officials.

Less Lively Ball Adopted by A. A.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 7.—The American Association has cast its lot with the National League and has adopted a less lively ball for the 1938 season. George M. Trautman, A. A. president, announced last night that Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Columbus and Louisville voted for the new ball, while Kansas City, St. Paul and Toledo voted to stick with the "rabbit" sphere.

"The new ball, known as No. 4, is of the same construction as the No. 3 (American League ball) with the same center, same yarn and same winding," President Trautman said.

"The difference comes in the leather cover, the new ball being 1-13/16 inch thick. It also has a five-strand thread seam, instead of four, with the result the seam is raised slightly. This gives the pitcher a somewhat better grip."

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Davis Receives All-America Award



One of the features of the recent All-Star game at San Francisco between the East and the West was the presentation of blankets to the players named by the All-American Board of Football of which Christy Walsh, center, is chairman. Shown with Walsh are Corby Davis, hard-hitting fullback of Indiana Uni-

Joe Wonders Why F. D. R. Shows Such Neglect of Downtrodden (?) Ballplayer

By JOE WILLIAMS
Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Mr. Roosevelt covered a lot of territory in his brisk workout on the economic field the other day but he didn't get around to saying anything about the downtrodden slaves of baseball and this was an unfortunate omission.

Joe DiMaggio already has denied that he has signed for such a paltry sum as \$25,000.

Any day now you will be reading in the sports pages how often these oppressed people are having the very juice of life squeezed out of their undernourished carcasses by the torments of the Ivory Tower, leaving them no alternative but to refuse their contracts and go back to the farm or the gas filling stations.

This is one of the economic miseries we have with us at all times, in prosperity, in depression and in recession, and since Mr. Roosevelt seems determined to get everything fixed up just peachy in this country, it is strange he has neglected to investigate this particular and peculiar problem.

Of course, it may be that some of the other problems in the social scheme are more pressing and that it is difficult for a humanitarian, even of Mr. Roosevelt's dimensions, to get twenty about some cloyer sicker who thinks he ought to have \$50,000 instead of \$40,000 a year for nudging a baseball into the stands.

I wouldn't know about that, but I do know there is nothing so important to the demon athletes as

their pay checks, and come this time of the year they begin to put on the pressure, making all sorts of silly threats as to what they will do with the remainder of their precious lives if they don't get their asking price.

These threats are seldom carried out for the simple reason that in the end the demon athletes must take what they are offered or stay out of baseball, a forbidding sort of situation which explains and probably justifies their loud talking and swaggering antics.

If they make good their threats and quit they are just through baseball. As every 10-year-old child knows baseball is the tightest monopoly in existence; an office worker, a sales manager or an automobile worker can quit in rebellion against what he considers unfair trade conditions and run a fair chance of doing just as well or better elsewhere, but a baseball player can't because when he quits organized baseball he quits the only kind of baseball there is.

This suggests tyranny in its most suffocating form until you consider that baseball by its very nature must be patterned along monopolistic lines to exist. The business would be reduced to complete chaos with no profit for anybody including the players if it were not for the stern contractual arrangements which practically weld the performer to the owner for life.

This is the phase of the business that is always attacked when the antitrusters start viewing with alarm, yet without it there can be no organized baseball. It seems plain enough that baseball as a monopoly could not have existed as

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Williamson Rates Irish And I. U. Among Top 24

By PAUL B. WILLIAMSON

THE Golden Bears of California, finishing their 1937 season by beating the powerful Crimson Tide of Alabama, 13 to 0, in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, stand out as the most consistent national collegiate champion for the year.

Not since 1934 has the Williamson System named a national champion, but the inter-sectional play during the season just closed leaves the Californians alone as the most consistent 1937 leader.

With the holiday games completed the leading 24 teams in the Williamson rating give the system an over-all consistency of 95.5 per cent. The 24 teams played in 194 games and in only seven did any one of them lose to a lower rated team; in only 20 did a lower rated opponent get a tie. In only two of the tie games did the opponents differ in ratings by more than five points. Of the final 24 leaders 14 were among the 15 leaders and the "dark horses" predicted by the Williamson System back in September.

Coach L. B. (Stub) Allison's Californians showed stupendous driving force and well-balanced co-operation in defeating the Alabamians. Inter-sectional play this season involved 44 games reported. That was out of a total of 2738 games predicted on and reported in which there were 244 upsets, 102 upsetting ties, 238 upsets predicted as possible, and 115 ties called as probable. That gave an over-all prediction efficiency for the System of 88.2 per cent, or practically 90 per cent disregarding ties. The System predicted as probable 53 per cent, or more than one-half of the season's 115 reported ties.

More than one out of seven of all the games predicted on and reported in the 1937 season were inter-sectional games. If assigning national ratings means anything it should be a sound and efficient gauge for inter-sectional play. Conversely, inter-sectional play should be strongly considered in arriving at national ratings.

The analysis should bring out the comparison of the football strength of the eight football provinces of the nation. But a true comparison cannot be arrived at by including in the comparative inter-sectional table every inter-sectional game played. Obviously all "pushovers" and "unequally matched" games should be eliminated.

That is done in the following table, which covered 337 games, including the small schools and eliminating the "breathers" or obvious "pushovers" in all sections. The table includes every fairly matched inter-sectional game played between every class of team. The percentage included ties on half-game-won and half-game-lost basis. No game involving a minor team was considered unless the opponent was in the same class; nor any involving a major team where the opponent was a minor or a decidedly off-year "name" team.

INTER-SECTIONAL FOOTBALL RECORD OF 1937 SEASON					
Section	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Percentage
1. Southwest	92	51	32	9	.601
2. Southeast	92	50	32	10	.598
3. Coast	48	25	19	4	.563
4. East	106	32	43	11	.542
5. Midwest	112	50	34	8	.542
6. South Atlantic	92	37	48	7	.440
7. Rockies	48	19	27	2	.417
8. Missouri Valley	84	25	32	7	.389

After the holiday games had cleared the smoke of battle the above table was very significant in helping the Williamson System arrive at its 24 "best" teams of the season. The following ratings were based on the seven most representative games for each team and include discounts and allowances for "unpredictable" factors, always considering hardness of schedule and gamesness reduced to national standards.

1. California	95.5	2. Harvard	91.5	3. Vanderbilt	84.5
4. Pittsburgh	83.5	5. Alabama	83.5	6. Holy Cross	83.5
7. Santa Clara	83.5	8. Dartmouth	83.5	9. Yale	83.5
10. Villanova	82.5	11. Auburn	82.5	12. Tennessee	82.5
13. Minnesota	81.5	14. Indiana	81.5	15. Stanford	81.5
16. Fordham	81.5	17. Notre Dame	81.5	18. Duke	81.5
19. L. S. U.	81.5	20. North Carolina	81.5	21. Georgia Tech	81.5
22. Michigan	81.5	23. Michigan State	81.5	24. Ohio State	81.5

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Basketball Scores

STATE COLLEGES

Evansville, 52; Indiana State, 32.

OTHER COLLEGES

Dayton, 35; Wittenberg, 35.

William Jewell, 40; Culver-Stocker, 27.

Wesleyan (Conn.), 50; Yale, 29.

Loyola (Chicago), 53; Utah, 28.

Waynesburg, 46; Salem Teachers, 25.

Lawrence Tech, 40; Calvin, 36.

Dartmouth, 60; Vermont, 32.

Carnegie Tech, 39; Geneva, 32.

Boston U., 57; New Hampshire, 51.

Texas Christian, 25; North Texas Teachers, 21.

Washington C., 38; Johns Hopkins, 32.

Randolph-Macon, 37; St. John's, 26.

Glennville Teachers, 77; High Point, 43.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Lowell, 26; Grant Park (Ill.), 22.

Book Steinborn On Mat Program

Wrestling's outstanding "strong man," the 225-pound Milo Steinborn, of Germany, will be in the semi-windup spot on the Armory mat card Tuesday night. Milo has not seen action here for several months. His opponent has not yet been named.

Matchmaker Lloyd Carter reports that an unusual amount of interest is being shown in the main event, which brings together two of the nation's best known light heavyweight stars, the tricky and clever Walter (Sneeze) Achin, 181, Chinese grappler, and the aggressive Billy Thom, 180, Indiana University wrestling instructor. Both are fast

and "know the ropes" and their ability is rated about even. Thom is recognized in some quarters as light heavyweight champion of the world.

Pete Peterson, 224, Minneapolis, also will be on the card.

U. S. TIRES TO CLASH WITH WASHINGTON

Dave DeJernett, former Washington, Ind., star, will lead the Washington All-Stars against the U. S. Tires netters at Pennay Gym tonight. The Washington club is unbeaten this year.

Following the Washington game, the Tiresmen will resume their competition in the Bush-Peele State League, going to Anderson Jan. 11 and Crawfordsville Jan. 15.

Preceding the Tires-Washington tilt, due to start at 9 p. m., will be two U. S. Tires A. A. games.

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