

Who's Going to Stop Those Washington Hatchets? Is War Cry in Southern Indiana

Vincennes and Bloomington Again Loom in the Title Picture and Princeton May Surprise

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 29.—"Who's going to stop the Washington Hatchets?" is the cry resounding around the far-stretched confines of the Southern Indiana Athletic Conference, the S. I. A. C., as the 1940-41 firing gets underway.

Marion Crawley, Washington's popular coach, thought he had one for the books last March when he approached the Trestler tournaments with one of the classiest cage outfits since the golden days at Washington. But the Crawley craft sprung a leak on the tourney trip and Washington fans returned to Daviess County to await the coming of the new season.

And now they're linked solidly behind Crawley and his Hatchets again as they wade into the depths of the current basketball season. The Hatchets won the S.I.A.C. crown last year in a nip and tuck finish with the Alces of old Vincennes.

What More Could You Ask?

Mark Wakefield, Central High School's veteran mentor, thinks Washington is the team to watch in the conference and in the basketball finale in March. "They have size and experience," said Wakefield, who seems pretty well fixed along the same lines in his own ballwick.

Washington lost Klier, Arnold and Brunner by graduation but returning are Mangin, a hook shot artist; Grove, Riffey, a big boy who will work into Arnold's old post; DeJernett, third of the DeJernett family of basketball players; Winninger, a capable reserve last year, and Charles and Bill Harmon, who will be tough.

Washington, playing nine conference games, is away to a good start. Vincennes again will be a contender. Coach Woody Weir has six lettermen returning and expects to have them under full power within a week or two.

The Alces tripped Bicknell, 29 to 25, in dedicating a new gym and a new coach at Bicknell. The Bulldogs finished a dismal football season and hope to see their basketball charges develop as the season goes along. Matthew Walker is the new coach.

Sullivan Out of Race

Sullivan is out of the conference race because Coach Spike Kelly scheduled only five conference games. Six are necessary for title consideration. But the Arrows appear definitely under par.

New Albany, under the tutelage of Charlie McConnell, has only two lettermen, Mercheval and Schuler, returning and McConnell doesn't think he will act much of a figure in the early season finale. McConnell has a habit of bringing his team along in the late stages, however.

Jasper is a new member and has long been a hotbed of basketball in southern Indiana circles. Coffey O'Neill, who coached the Mongomery team to the state finals some years back, is again at the helm and he has started with a customary hurricane violence. O'Neill has four lettermen back from a team which fared well against conference teams last year.

Glen Bretz at Bloomington had

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